

Small Group Leader Guide

November 29-Online

Today's Bible Story: I Could Not Ask for More (Lord's Supper / Last Supper) • 1
Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12

Today's Bottom Line: Get in the habit of being grateful.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever.* Psalm 136:1 (NirV)

Monthly Life App: Gratitude—Letting others know you see how they've helped you

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

What You Need:

- Paper, pen

What You Do:

- As kids join the meeting and get settled, engage them in conversation about the past week.
- If you choose, consider using one of the ice breakers or games on the “Virtual Small Group General Info” page.
- If you've chosen to watch the Bible story video presentation as a group, get that started once you've given latecomers a chance to join the meeting, and once the group feels settled.
- After the Bible story video, transition into the activity below.

Activity:

What You Do:

- Ask the kids to name some activities that are good habits. (*brushing your teeth, eating breakfast, praying at bedtime, reading the Bible, practicing piano, etc.*)
- Write each “good” habit on your paper. (Make sure the ideas you write can be easily acted out.)
- Ask the kids to name things that might be considered a bad habit. (*biting nails, talking with your mouth full of food, leaving your coat on the floor, picking your nose, etc.*)
- Write each “bad” habit down as well.
- Then lead kids in a game of “Habit Charades.”
 - Ask for a volunteer to go first.
 - Choose a habit for the first kid to act out. You can either send this kid a private message via the video chat app you're using (or via a text to their parent) or ask the rest of the group to turn their backs while you hold up the habits list and point to the habit you want the first kid to act out.
 - Once the kid knows which habit to act out, instruct them to make sure they can be seen clearly on the camera.
 - Then let them act out their habit.
 - Prompt the rest of the group to try to figure out which habit is being acted out, and to raise their hand when they think they know.
 - Call on the first kid who raised their hand, and let them guess the habit.
 - If they get it right, they get to be the next actor.
 - If they get it wrong, call on the next kid to guess.
 - Continue until each kid who wants a turn to act gets a chance to do so.

What You Say:

“How do habits get made? *(By doing the same thing over and over again)* If we need to **[Bottom Line] get in the habit of being grateful**, how should we do it? *(Make sure we say thank you for everything; always think about what we have to be grateful for; focus on what we DO have and not what we don't have)* Passover is a celebration of how God rescued His people, the Israelites, from Egypt and slavery. Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is a celebration of how God rescued us from sin and death. Communion is a way Jesus asks us to remember that He died on the cross to rescue us. Communion is a habit of gratitude celebrated by churches all over the world. It is important to celebrate communion and to **[Bottom Line] get in the habit of being grateful** for all He has done. When we remember that God sent Jesus to make a way for us to have a relationship with God that lasts forever, it helps us be grateful.”

Close your group in prayer:

“God, thank You so much! You have given us so much! And the most important gift You gave us is Jesus. Help us **[Bottom Line] get in the habit of being grateful** so we can remember what Jesus has done for us. And help us **[Bottom Line] get in the habit of being grateful** so we can recognize the good things You give us every day. You ROCK! Amen.”