Need to Know:

Take Time to Say Thanks!

Bible Story:

Ten Men are Healed

Luke 17:11-19

Materials:

- **Bible Story Page**
  - **Beard**
  - **Toilet Paper**
  - **Bibles**
- **Filler Guide**

Get Their Attention! (3 minutes)

Materials: *None*

INTRODUCE yourself, and then say:

> ***Hey there everyone! I'm really thankful that you are all here today. I want to take some time today to tell you thanks for being in my group. Church is way more fun with all of you here!***
>
> ***We all forget to take time to say thanks for things. Let's share our names and something that we have never taken the time to say thank you for.*** (Ex: gifts, food, freedom, God's love, church, etc.)

INTRODUCE them to what we are learning today:

> ***It's easy for us to be really excited about what we're going to do next, but it's important for us to take time to say thanks. We should take time to tell Jesus thanks for all the things He gives us and does for us!***
>
> ***That's what we need to know today! Take Time to Say Thanks!***

Bible Story (7 min)

Materials: Bible Story Page, Beard, Toilet Paper, Bibles

READ and **FOLLOW** the instructions on the **Bible Story Page**.

After the story, **ASK:**

> 1. ***How many of the men came back to say thank you to Jesus?*** (One of them)
> 2. ***Does Jesus want us to say thanks for the things He gives us?*** (Yes)
> 3. ***What are some things Jesus does for you that you can thank Him for?*** (Loving you when you make mistakes, giving you a fun church, family, friends, clothes, shoes, water, food, toys, keeps you safe and healthy, etc.)
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> ***In 1 Thessalonians*** *("Thess-uh-lone-ee-uns")* ***5:18, God says, "In everything give thanks." This reminds us to say thanks for everything we have! Sometimes, that means stopping what we are doing to take time to say thanks!***
>
> ***And that's what we need to know today: Take Time to Say Thanks!***

ASK kids to close their eyes & bow their heads. Model prayer for kids by **PRAYING:**

> ***Dear God, thank you for all the amazing things you've given us! Help us remember to take time to say thanks! We love you, amen!***

Application Activity Summary:

Kids will roll a die to decide whether to draw something they are thankful for in their house, school, church, or family. Kids will review why it's important to take time to say thanks!

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Questions:

1. ***Why is it important to say thanks?*** (Jesus wants us to, it makes people feel loved and appreciated, it's kind)

Application Activity (7 min)

Materials: Coloring Sheets, Crayons, Die, Thankful Sheet

1. Give each child a blank sheet. Place crayons in the middle of the circle.

2. Allow kids to take turns rolling a die.

3. Read the sentences on the Thankful Sheet for each number rolled.

4. Continue until each child has had a turn.

5. Then SAY:

Are you thankful for each of those things? (Yes)

What can you do to say thanks for those things?

So what do we need to know today? Take Time to Say Thanks!

Wrap It Up (3 min)

Materials: Filler Guide

ASK the questions on the left, and then **USE** **Filler Guide** to keep kids engaged in small group.

PRACTICE MEMORY VERSE!