



Diocese of Athabasca

Sunday School Lesson Plan – Sunday, October 12, 2025

Here's a Sunday School Lesson Plan for young children (ages 4–8) using the Revised Common Lectionary readings for October 12, 2025 – Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 28 (Year C), Bible Verses Jer 29:1, 4-7; Ps 66:1-11; 2 Tim 2:8-15; Lk 17:11-19

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Theme: Being Thankful and Faithful

Bible Verses:

- **Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7** – Seek the welfare of the city; work for the good of the community.
- **Psalms 66:1-11** – Shout for joy and praise God for His mighty works.
- **2 Timothy 2:8-15** – Remember Jesus, be faithful, and shine as God's workers.
- **Luke 17:11-19** – The story of the ten lepers; one returns to thank Jesus.

Age Group: 4–8 years

Duration: ~45–60 minutes

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer (5 min)

- Welcome children by name.
- Greet children warmly.
- Opening prayer example:

“Dear God, thank You for bringing us together today. Help us to listen to Your Word and remember to say thank You, to be kind, and to live in ways that make You happy. Amen.”

2. Bible Story (10–15 min)

Focus: Luke 17:11-19 – The Ten Lepers

- **Storytelling Tips:**
 - Use a children's Bible or simplified story:

“One day, Jesus was walking and met ten people who were very sick. Jesus healed them all, but only one came back to say thank you. Jesus was happy that this one remembered to be thankful.”

Story Summary:

1. Ten men who were very sick with leprosy called to Jesus for help.
2. Jesus healed them all.
3. Only one came back to say “Thank you.”
 - Use visuals: cut-out figures, felt board, or drawings.
 - Emphasize gratitude and faith.

Connection to Other Readings:

- **Jeremiah:** God wants us to work for the good of others.
 - **Psalms 66:** Praise God joyfully!
 - **2 Timothy:** Remember Jesus and be faithful.
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3. Discussion Questions (5–10 min)

- How did the one leper show he was thankful?
- How do you feel when someone says thank you to you?
- Can you think of a time you said thank you to God or someone else?
- Why is it important to say thank you to God?
- How can we work for the good of others like Jeremiah teaches?
- What does it mean to be faithful like in 2 Timothy?
- How can we show God we are thankful every day?

Tip: Encourage children to answer in their own words and share examples.

4. Memory Verse (5 minutes)

2 Timothy 2:15 (simplified for kids):

“Work hard and do your best, so that God is happy with what you do.”

- Practice repeating it together.
- Encourage children to act it out with motions: “Work hard” (pretend to lift), “do your best” (point to self), “God is happy” (hands on heart).

5. Activity / Craft (10–15 min)

Option 1: Thankful Hands Craft

- Materials: construction paper, scissors, markers/crayons.
- Each child traces their hand on paper and writes or draws something they are thankful for on each finger.
- Display in the classroom as a “Thankful Wall.”

Option 2: Gratitude Chain

- Cut strips of paper.
 - Children write or draw one thing they are thankful for on each strip.
 - Connect strips to make a chain to hang around the room.
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6. Song Suggestions (5–10 minutes)

- **“This is the Day”** – celebrating God’s goodness.
 - **“Give Thanks to the Lord”** – simple repetition and easy motions.
 - **“Jesus Loves Me”** – a reminder of God’s love and blessings.
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7. Snack (5–10 min)

- Idea: “Thankful Treats” – small fruit pieces, crackers, or mini muffins.
 - Encourage children to say a short prayer of thanks before eating.
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8. Game (10 min)

Game: “Thank You Tag”

- One child is “Jesus” and stands in the center.
- Others pretend to be the lepers.
- When tagged by “Jesus,” children say something they are thankful for before returning to the starting line.
- Helps children remember the story and practice gratitude in a fun way.

9. Closing Prayer and Song (5 min)

- **Prayer:**

“Dear God, thank You for all the blessings we have. Help us to always remember to be thankful and to live faithfully. Amen.”

OR

“Dear God, thank You for always taking care of us. Help us to remember to say thank You to You and to others every day. Help us to be kind, loving, and helpful. Amen.”

- **Song Suggestion:** “This Little Light of Mine” or a simple “Thank You, God” song.

10. Optional Take-Home Activity

- Draw a picture of one thing you are thankful for this week.
- Encourage children to share it with their family and say a prayer of thanks together.

11. Colouring Page

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