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# ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

## CHARACTER TRAIT: THANKFULNESS

## **DEFINITION**:

A grateful heart that comes from trusting God

## MEMORY VERSE:

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT** 

FINISH LINE: We can be thankful for who God created us to be

#### READ: EXODUS 4:1-17

#### WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

- Look back at Exodus 3. What did God want Moses to do? (God wanted Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt.)
- What was Moses worried about? (The people would not believe him and think he was lying.)
- 3. What three signs did God give Moses to prove that He was with him and the Israelites? (*His staff* became a snake, his hand was diseased and then healed, and God said water from the Nile would turn into blood.)
- 4. Was Moses thankful for who God created him to be? How can you tell? (He did not think he was a good speaker. He thought he would mess up his message.)
- 5. How did God respond to Moses' doubt? (God reminded him that He made Moses exactly how He wanted him to be.)

#### WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (INTERPRETATION)

- Look at Exodus 4:1-9. How do you think you might respond if you saw these signs? What would they tell you about God?
- 2. How did God continue to give Moses what He needed in order to complete his job? (God said Moses' brother Aaron would go with him and speak for him to the people.)
- 3. What was the most important thing Moses had with him when he went back to Egypt? (Moses had God with him!)

#### WHY DOES IT MATTER? (APPLICATION)

- When you struggle with not liking something God created about you, what are some things you might be doubting are true about God? (You might be doubting that God is good or that He never makes mistakes or that He knows what is best.)
- 2. What can you remind yourself is true about God if this happens? (God loves you more than you can ever know. He has an amazing plan for your life. He is perfect, good, and never makes mistakes.)