

THANKFULNESS - Week 2 Skit

Definition: A grateful heart that comes from trusting God.

Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT) “Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.”

Week 2 – We can be thankful for who God created us to be

Other Scriptures: Exodus 4 (Moses doubts himself)

Characters:

Uncle/Aunt Mo (goofy looking inventor. Pencil in the ear, big glasses, etc)
Ryan/Rori (little kid)

Props:

Thankful tree (tree in pot)
Tag to hang on tree
Chairs and Table for Ryan/Rori and Aunt/Uncle Mo to sit at
Inventor stuff (plans, tools, flashlight etc...we want Uncle Mo to be a mess)

At Home Suggestions:

- Choose an area in or around your house for the stage. This month, one of the main characters talks to the audience a lot. Don't have an audience? No sweat! Build your own audience with stuffed animals!

Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are intended to do or how they are intended to act) are written in *ITALICS*.
- Most of the characters for this month can be played by a boy or a girl! So cast roles according to your family!

SFX: lights down, We Are Family

Ryan/Rori is sitting at the table with his/her head down

Ryan/Rori: Oh hi, guys. Sorry I was just taking a little nap (*yawning*) I'm not sleeping very well since I had to give up my room... speaking of, MawMaw is taking a nap in there right now. Sigh... Anyways, here I am. Just a couple more days until Thanksgiving. I'm trying to think of

some other things to add to the Thankfulness Tree. It seemed easy when MawMaw was here helping me...she's REEEEEEEAALY thankful for like...everything... But, I'm just no good at this. I'm just a kid. I don't have that much stuff to be thankful for. (CRASH) What was that? (CRASH) Oh I know. Aunt/Uncle Mo must be here. (CRASH; Ryan calls offstage) You okay there, Uncle Mo?

Uncle Mo: (*from off stage*) Oh sure, little buddy! I am just fine. (Crash)

Ryan: My uncle Mo. He's ummm... well, he's interesting. (Crash) Here he comes. Hi, Uncle Mo...

Uncle Mo: (*clatters onto the stage with a bunch of junk which he keeps dropping*) Hey there little buddy...

Ryan: TIME OUT (*Uncle Mo freezes in place in some funny way; Ryan addresses the audience*) So you know, Uncle Mo is some kind of famous inventor. It's true. He invents all sorts of things, and they write about his inventions on the Internet. He's always working on something. Last Thanksgiving, he invented a vacuum cleaner with a remote control and he let me use it...And well it was hard to control and I got it a little too close to the dinner table and way too close to the turkey and well...that was the end of Thanksgiving dinner last year. We ended up having to order pizza. Whoopsie. Anyway.... TIME IN.

Uncle Mo: (*Unfreezes and picks up like he's finishing his last phrase*) How ya doing?

Ryan: Oh, I'm okay.

Uncle Mo: Just okay? Are you kidding me? Just a few more days until Thanksgiving. Do we have a lot to be thankful for or what??

Ryan: Yeah, I guess.

Uncle Mo: You guess? You guess? You guess? Ryan, there are tons of things to be Thankful for. First of all, we can always be THANKFUL FOR WHO GOD IS!

Ryan: I *am* thankful for who God is. See I put it on the Thankfulness tree with MawMaw.

Uncle Mo: Oh yeah. You did. See, there you go. So, what else can you add to the Thankfulness tree?

Ryan: That's the thing. MawMaw is napping and without her help, I can't think of anything else to be thankful for.

Uncle Mo: (*sits down at the table*) Well, let's see.... Hey, I know one! You can be THANKFUL FOR WHO GOD CREATED YOU TO BE!

Ryan: What was that?

Uncle Mo: You can be THANKFUL FOR WHO GOD CREATED YOU TO BE.

Ryan: TIME OUT! (*Uncle Mo freezes; Ryan looks at audience*) What?? Sure, Uncle Mo can be thankful for who God created HIM to be because God made him a famous inventor... but me? I'm just a kid. TIME IN (*Uncle Mo unfreezes*) But... I'm not famous and I've never invented anything like you, Uncle Mo. I am not especially good at anything either. I don't even know what I want to be when I grow up.

Uncle Mo: Oh Ryan, you don't have to be famous or even especially good at anything to be THANKFUL FOR WHO GOD CREATED YOU TO BE!

Ryan: I don't?

Uncle Mo: No! Take Moses for example...

Ryan: Moses? Uncle Mo...Moses is actually pretty famous. I mean...pretty much everyone has heard of Moses.

Uncle Mo: Well sure... they have *now*, but not at first.

Ryan: What do you mean?

Uncle Mo: Well God chose Moses to lead his people out of slavery, but it was going to be a hard job and Moses didn't think he could do it. God told Moses that He would be with him but... Moses was afraid.

Ryan: Why was he afraid?

Uncle Mo: Well, he was afraid for a lot of reasons, but one reason was because God wanted him to go speak to the Israelites, and then the pharaoh of Egypt. But Moses told God that he was not good with words and that sometimes his tongue got all tied up in knots and his words came out wrong.

Ryan: Really? That happens to me sometimes too!

Uncle Mo: Here's the thing, Ryan. God knew exactly who Moses was. God created Moses. He knew that Moses got his words mixed up sometimes and He still chose to use Moses to lead his people out of slavery. In Ephesians 2:10, God's Word tell us that we are God's 'masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.'

Ryan: I'm God's *masterpiece*? Even though I'm just a kid and I have no idea what I want to be when I grow up?

Uncle Mo: Yes, even still, you are God's masterpiece. He made you on purpose, with purpose, and He never makes mistakes. He loves you so much, Ryan. Even more than I love you!

Ryan: Well, I guess that means He loves me a lot so... that makes me kinda thankful for who God created me to be.

Uncle Mo: Looks like you have something else to add to the Thankfulness Tree.

Ryan adds the finish line card to the tree.

Ryan: Well, what should we do now?

Uncle Mo: I'll tell you what?! I just invented a remote-control light bulb changer. Why don't we go try it out?

Ryan: TIME OUT (*Uncle Mo freezes; Ryan looks at crowd*) And maybe this time I'll keep it away from Mom's turkey... TIME IN (*Uncle MO unfreezes*) Awesome! Let's do it!

Uncle Mo: Great! And this year...let's keep it away from your mom's turkey!

Ryan: (*Ryan flashes a grin to the crowd*) Yeah...good idea.

Exit/Lights out SFX: We Are Family