

K1 RACE - THANKFULNESS - Week 1 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 1 (11/4-5) - We can be thankful for who God is

Other Scriptures: Exodus 3, Matthew 16:13-16

Characters:

MawMaw (grandmother) white wig, old dress, apron, tights, tennis shoes, camera around her neck
Ryan/Rori (little kid)

Props:

Thankful tree (tree in pot)
Tag to hang on tree
Marker
Chair for Ryan/Rori to sit on
Book for Ryan/Rori to be reading
Camera for MawMaw

SFX: lights down, We Are Family

Ryan/Rori sitting on stage, reading as lights come up

Ryan/Rori: *(looks out at audience)* Well...I guess you already know. It’s here. The holidays are coming. We are officially in the month of November, and that means Thanksgiving is on its way. Now, for some of you, that might be exciting. But for me, it is anything but. Thanksgiving just means I have to clean up my room extra nice for my grandparents to sleep in my bed. That puts me in a sleeping bag on the floor. All kinds of people I see once a year keep saying how big I am, they pinch my cheeks, and the worst – big, sloppy kisses. Thanksgiving is nothing I’m thankful for.

MawMaw comes on stage, humming, carrying Thankful tree (humorous, having a hard time with it)

Ryan: Time out! *(MawMaw freezes mid act, Ryan turns to audience)* See, there’s my MawMaw now. I sure do love her, but she is always up to something. What in the world is she doing with that dead tree inside? Let’s find out. Time in! *(MawMaw immediately picks up what she was doing before freezing)* Hey, MawMaw...can I help you with that?

MawMaw: Oh Ryan, that'd be lovely. Thank you. (*put tree center stage*) My goodness, you sure are getting big! Here, smile, (*takes picture*)

SFX: FLASH LIGHTS

Ryan: Whoa! Aww man, I think I blinked. MawMaw, what's this tree thing?

MawMaw: You don't remember the Thankful tree?

Ryan: No ma'am...sure don't. Why is there a dead tree inside?

MawMaw: This isn't just any tree. This is the Thankful Tree. It is a way for us to remember all of the things we are thankful for. You take this here tag, then you write something you are thankful for on it, and then hang it on one of the branches.

Ryan: Oh, okay...

MawMaw: Everybody in the family can write on a tag, then we get to see all of the things we are all thankful for. The branches sure do fill up fast!

Ryan: Sounds fun, I guess.

MawMaw: It is! Let's do the first tag together. We can think of something that we are both thankful for. Hmm...(touching brain)

Ryan: Time out! (MawMaw freezes; Ryan turns to audience) Oh man...I was just telling yall that I'm not thankful this time of year. Now MawMaw and I have to agree to something we are BOTH thankful for. This is gonna be tough. Time in! (MawMaw unfreezes, still tapping brain thinking) Okay...what about a Wii or Nintendo DS or Iphone or iPad?

MawMaw: What Ryan? I'm not sure what those things are.

Ryan: They are games I like to play.

MawMaw: I love games. What about pinochle or checkers

Ryan: Nah...let's keep thinking.

MawMaw: Well, Thanksgiving is a time of delicious food. Maybe fruit cake!

Ryan: Yuck!

MawMaw: Brussel sprouts?

Ryan: Yuckier!

MawMaw: I've got it! The One we are all thankful for is God!

Ryan: Well...Yes, I guess we are all thankful for God.

MawMaw: You guess? Ryan, God is trustworthy. He is good and He loves us. That is definitely something to be thankful for.

Ryan: Yeah...

MawMaw: All good things come from Him.

Ryan: Yeah, you're right MawMaw. God is someone we can be thankful for. But...you just said a lot... how can we write ALL of that on a tag?

MawMaw: Hmm... how about this? We'll write down that "**We can be thankful for WHO GOD IS**". *(writes it)*

Ryan: We can be thankful for who God is... yes! That's perfect! *(hang it on the tree)*

MawMaw: OH wait! Let me get your picture *(taking picture)*

SFX: FLASH LIGHTS

Ryan: Whoa *(blinking)* That's a bright flash

MawMaw: I sure do love this time of year!

Ryan: You do?

MawMaw: Oh yeah, God's Word tells us that we can be thankful in ALL circumstances, so Thanksgiving is as good a time as any. You know, Ryan, thankfulness is a grateful heart that comes from trusting God.

Ryan: A grateful heart that comes from trusting God... you're right, MawMaw. It does seem like there are some things to be thankful for! Here, let's see if we can take a selfie.

MawMaw: How do you do that?

Ryan: I'll show you. *(hold camera out)*

SFX: Camera shutter

MawMaw: Well, now how about that... and no bright flash either. Alright, now let's go see who else wants to add a tag to the Thankful tree! *(starts to head off stage)*

Ryan: Time out! *(MawMaw freezes; Ryan turns to audience)* I might have spoken too fast. Thanksgiving looks like it might not be so bad after all. Time in! *(MawMaw unfreezes and keeps walking off stage)* Wait for me, MawMaw!

SFX: lights fade, We Are Family