

K1 Race – THANKFULNESS – Week 4 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 4: We can be thankful for what God has done

Other Scriptures: Luke 17:11-19 (Jesus heals 10 lepers, 1 thankful)

Characters –

Ryan/Rori, little kid

Grandpa/ MawMaw (grandmother from week 1)

Props –

Pots

Fake cooked turkey

Oven/or space that you can pretend there’s an oven

Thankfulness Tree and blank tags to hang

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!
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Scene Opens and MawMaw/grandpa is standing at a kitchen counter or table onstage cooking or dressing table for dinner, knees giving them some trouble

MawMaw: Oh goodness, my old knees... Mighty sore they are. Been on my knees the past few weeks praying for my grandson/granddaughter, Ryan/Rori. That boy/girl...well...he wasn't too excited about Thanksgiving when I first got here, now was he/she. Praying that before we all go home he'll really come to understand know thankfulness is **a grateful heart that comes from trusting God.**

Ryan runs in carrying a big turkey in a pot.

Ryan: *(Super excited)* Mawmaaaaaw! I got it! I got the turkey. Here it comes.

Ryan trips and the turkey goes flying out of the pot across the stage. MawMaw hobbles after it. This can turn into a bit where they're trying to pick it up and it keeps slipping and missing the pot. Hopefully it gets the kids laughing.

Ryan: TIME OUT! *(MawMaw freezes reaching for the turkey; Ryan turns to crowd)* This is NOT going too well... This turkey just turned into a game of hot potato. TIME IN *(MawMaw unfreezes and gets the turkey on the pot as Ryan slams the lid)*

MawMaw: Whew! OK, well now that I got my workout in for the day, let's get that turkey in the oven! We cook it for 20 minutes a pound at 350 degrees, so we gotta get movin' if it's going to be ready in time for dinner tonight.

Ryan: I'm on it, MawMaw!

Ryan gets the turkey into the oven/or runs back stage to "put it in the oven" and then runs back in very excited.

MawMaw: Well, Ryan, you must be pretty hungry! You certainly seem excited about that turkey.

Ryan: I am excited, MawMaw, but not because I'm hungry! I'm excited because I'm FULL!

MawMaw: You're full? Ryan...did you sneak a piece of my pumpkin pie? Now that was supposed to be for tonight, young man!

Ryan: No, MawMaw, your pumpkin pie is safe and sound. I'm not full of pumpkin pie...I'm FULL of.....thankfulness!

MawMaw: You're full of thankfulness, really?!

Ryan: Yep MawMaw, that's right. My heart is full of thankfulness. A few weeks ago my heart was sad and grumpy. But after some time learning what it looks like to be thankful to God for who He is, who He created me to be, and even through the hard times... well, I've learned to trust God, and it's made me grateful.

MawMaw: *(looks up and closes her eyes and sighs)* Amen.

MawMaw takes a tag that says "Ryan" or "Rori" and puts it on the thankfulness tree.

Ryan: TIME OUT *(MawMaw freezes putting tag on tree)*. I wonder what she's putting on the tree??? Hmm...any guesses? Let's see! TIME IN *(MawMaw unfreezes)*. What does that say, MawMaw?

MawMaw: Why don't you come take a look?

Ryan: Okay let's see, it says... Ryan. Heeeeey, that's me! Thanks, MawMaw! But why'd you put me on the tree?

MawMaw: Well, Ryan...when I came to your house a few weeks ago, you were not looking forward to Thanksgiving, and you did NOT understand what thankfulness really was.

Ryan: You're right MawMaw...but now I really do! I know that **thankfulness is a grateful heart that comes from trusting God.**

MawMaw: That's right, and **I'm so thankful for what God has done**...so I wanted the last tag that I put on the Thankfulness Tree to have your name on it.

Ryan: But, why me?

MawMaw: Because Ryan, I have been praying for you these past few weeks. I have been asking God to teach your heart about thankfulness... and He has! So of course, now, **I want to thank God for what he has done** in your heart!

Ryan: Wow, MawMaw... You've been praying... for me?!

MawMaw: I sure have. And do you know what is funny?

Ryan: TIME OUT *(MawMaw freezes with mouth open like in mid-statement; Ryan looks at crowd)*. Ummm I can think of several funny things right now... like how we just wrestled a turkey into a pot... but, that's probably now what she's talking about... TIME IN *(MawMaw keeps talking like she was never frozen)*.

MawMaw: ...I have been praying all month that God would help you understand what thankfulness is all about...and then, to be thankful! And God was so faithful in answering my prayers for you...now MY heart is about as full of thankfulness as it could possibly be!

Ryan: Soooo...you put my name on the Thankfulness Tree...because **you are thankful for what God has done...** in me! Aw, MawMaw! I'm thankful too. I'm thankful to God to for changing my heart, I'm thankful for you because you prayed for me...and also...I'm thankful for that turkey because it smells really good! YUMMY!

MawMaw: Haha alright, well now let's check to make sure. *(Sniffs the air)* Yep, I think it's done.

Ryan runs to get turkey out of oven and puts it on a platter.

MawMaw: Why don't we try carrying this to the table together! It gave us a little trouble on the way in...we don't want it to fly away!

Ryan: Ok! Let's go celebrate TURKEY DAY!

Ryan and MawMaw hold the platter of turkey together and walk off the stage.

Ryan: TIME OUT *(turns to crowd)*. Hey, uh, thanks for hanging out with me these past few weeks. Things started out a little bumpy... didn't they? But I sure did learn a lot. I hope you did too. Now, I'm off to eat some green beans...because they're wrapped in BACON and covered in BROWN SUGAR. SUGAR!!! Vegetables that taste like a dessert? YES.... TIME IN! *(Runs off stage with MawMaw)*

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