

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT: **THANKFULNESS**

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 3:1-15

FINISH LINE: We can be thankful for who God is

ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

SUPPLIES: 10-15 index cards or pieces of paper, a pen or marker

SET UP: Write 2-3 words from this month's memory verse, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, on each index card. Hide the cards around the room before starting the game.

DIRECTIONS: Tell your kids that the words to this month's memory verse are hidden all around the room, like hidden treasure. Challenge them to see how quickly they can find the cards. Once they have found them, bring them together and unscramble them. After you have laid them out in order, read the verse all together. You can keep practicing by scrambling the words a few times and see if they can put the verse in order faster each time! Save these cards and use them to practice all month long.

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**

ACTIVITY 2: LESSON REVIEW

SUPPLIES: Bible

DIRECTIONS: Take a look at what we learn about God from this story and why we can be thankful for who He is. We are going to read a truth about God and your goal is to figure out where in the story we can learn that about God. Read the bold truth about God and see if you can figure out where we can learn this in the story. If you need a clue, look to see what verse it is in. Use this as the interpretation part of the discussion guide.

- **God is miraculous** (Verse 2 – bush didn't burn up)
- **God is personal and knows all about us** (Verse 4 – God called Moses by name)
- **God sees everything** (Verse 4, 7 – He saw His people in Egypt and Moses in the wilderness)
- **God is holy and perfect** (Verse 5 – God said that where He is, is holy ground)
- **God never changes** (Verse 6, 15 – He is the same God that knew Moses' ancestors)
- **God always hears us** (Verse 7 – He heard the cry of His people)
- **God is kind and compassionate** (Verse 8-10 – God was coming to save His people)
- **God is good, has a plan, and is in control** (Verse 8-10, 12, 15 – He knew He was going to use Moses)
- **God is a rescuer and protector** (Verse 8 – He was going to rescue His people from slavery)
- **God is all-powerful** (Verse 10 – God was going to defeat the most powerful country in the world, Egypt)
- **God is everywhere and will always be with us** (Verse 12 – God promised to be with Moses)
- **God is faithful and always keeps His promises** (Verse 12 – God promised Moses he would bring the Israelites out of slavery, and they would worship Him on the mountain... and that's what happened)
- **God is eternal/forever** (Verse 15 – God said His name lasts forever)