

CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON1!  
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THANKS FOR EVERYTHING

Our lesson this week looks at David's thankful attitude through good and bad circumstances. I am going to describe some situations you might face in the course of your day. I want you to write down one or two words that express how you would feel or you can draw a picture of how your face would look when this situation happened.

Here is the first situation. Imagine you are back in school in the school cafeteria, and your shoe is untied. As you carry your lunch tray to your table, your shoelace gets caught and you trip. Your lunch tray goes flying!

Next situation. Your dog chews up your math homework that you just spent hours on. How would you feel? What would your face look like when you found out?

They just painted the hallway and you brush up against the fresh paint in your new, best shirt/blouse. How do you feel? What would your face look like?

You wake up late for school and hurry up and get dressed. When you get to school you notice your classmates are laughing at you. You look down and notice you are wearing two different shoes. How would you feel? What might your face look like?

Think about a time when you experienced a situation like the ones I just described. How did you respond? For the last few weeks we have been talking about David. He has certainly had his share of bad circumstances with King Saul chasing him all over Israel. Let's see if David reacted the same way we would.

As we begin our story let's review what we have learned so far. David was anointed king over Israel, but Saul, the first king is still on the throne and has been chasing David and trying to kill him. I am going to attach a map of the area to this lesson. See if you can find Mount Gilboa and Jerusalem. Many years passed after David was anointed as Israel's next king before he began his reign. Not too long before David was to become king, Saul and Jonathan were killed in battle.

Turn in your Bible to 2 Samuel 1:23-27.

How did David feel about the deaths of Jonathan and Saul? Does this surprise you? Why or why not?

David reigned first over the tribe of Judah in Hebron for seven years and over Israel another 33 years.

Read 2 Samuel 5:6-10.

Why did David choose the city of Jerusalem? What was the reason for David's success?

Read 2 Samuel 6:1-5, verse 16 and verses 20-22.

How would the presence of the ark in Jerusalem show David's thankfulness and trust in God?

David's wife, Michal, made fun of David for dancing in the procession. Restate what David answered in your own words.

David wrote a psalm or a song about the celebration in 1 Chronicles, chapter 16.

Read 1 Chronicles 16:6-11 and 34-36.

What does this psalm ask the worshiper to do?

Pick out the action words that show how we can worship God. What words are repeated the most? What does this tell you about worship?

David had many ups and downs in his life. But even in the best of times, David remembered his God and gave thanks to him.

In our Bible lesson we discovered that David expressed thankfulness in good and bad times on his way to the throne of Israel and celebrated before God when he brought the ark into Jerusalem. We are going to do some activities that help us explore what it means to be thankful. There are three activities. You can chose the ones you want or you can do all three.

If your Bible has a concordance I want you to look up the word **thanks**. A concordance is an alphabetical listing of words and phrases in the Bible and shows where they occur throughout the Bible. Look up some of the places **thanks** is found. What does the Bible say about being thankful?

Don't worry if you don't have a concordance, we can still take stock of our blessings. I want you to think about something you are thankful for and act it out without using words for your family. How does thinking about your blessings help you be thankful?

The last thing you can do is make a bookmark. Cut out a piece of cardstock paper in a 3" by 11" rectangle. Fold the rectangle in half and decorate the outside with the verse "**Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**" 1 Thessalonians 5:18. If you want, you can put small magnets on the inside at the end of the strip. When you use your bookmark, place it over the page and the magnets will hold it in place. If you don't have magnets, glue the ends together. When it is dry, you can place it in your book to mark your place.

When you see this verse, how does it help you be thankful in bad times?

We've read about the times when David gave thanks. We know a lot about David's thankfulness because he usually used a psalm to express his thanks to God. I am going to draw a "chart". In the first column I want you to write down the good or bad things that happened to you this past week. In the next column you can track things that happen to you this coming week. Each day keep a simple journal of your day. This will be a reminder to thank God in the good times and bad, just as we have been talking about in our lesson.

#### MY CALENDAR

For each day, list a good or bad thing that happened to you (or both). What were you thinking as each thing happened?		
	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
SUNDAY		
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		

We can always thank God that He is with us and that He knows us and sent Jesus for us. Let's close with a prayer.

Dear God we give you thanks in all circumstances and at all times. For this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus. Help us to remember to always remember to thank you is all we do and say. Keep us safe and healthy. Amen.