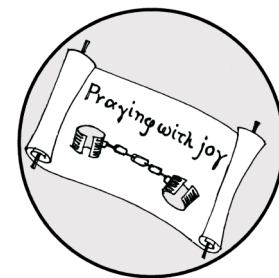


Lesson #4-33***Living with Love*****Philippians 1:1-18****Key Verse:**

I thank my God every time I remember you.
Philippians 1:3

The Point:

The proclamation of the gospel of Christ brings joy and thanksgiving even in difficult circumstances.

Unit Theme (April 29—May 20):

Living in Hope

Into the Story: Giving Thanks

Supplies

- † Index cards
- † Pens or pencils
- † Basket

Hand out three index cards to each participant and invite everyone to write the names of three people for whom they are grateful, one on each card. If children or others are present who cannot write, they can say their chosen names aloud and another participant can write them down. When all are finished, each person tells a short story about why one of the named people has made a difference in their life. If your group is too large to do this together, divide into smaller groups of four to six. After all have told one story, put all of the names into a basket for the closing prayer.

During a closing or other prayer, pass around the basket with index cards. Each person pulls out one card (it does not need to be theirs; in fact it is better if it is not) and says aloud, "Thank you God for [name]." After all the names have been read, say together, "Amen."



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