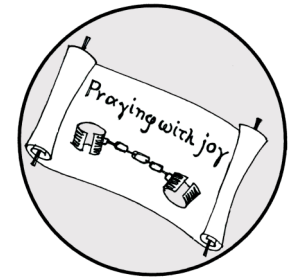




Lesson #4-35

THE CHURCH IN PHILIPPI

Philippians 1:1-18a

**Key Verse:**

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

The Point:

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

Unit Theme (May 15—June 5)

Living in Hope

MURAL OF THANKFULNESS

Create a mural of thankfulness.

Supplies:

- † Mural paper or large sheet of paper
- † Markers
- † Optional: tape

Preparation:

1. Set up one or more places for worshippers to add names to several sheets of mural paper either by taping them to the wall or setting them on tables.

Instructions:

1. **Paul says that he thanks God every time he remembers the Philippians.**
2. **Take a moment to share with those around you about a person or people who**

have been an encouragement to you, just as Paul encouraged the Philippians. What did the person do that was encouraging? How did it make a difference?

3. Allow worshippers time to share.
4. **These are people for which we thank God every time we remember them. We can also give thanks and pray for special and important people in our own lives.**
5. **Come forward as you are ready and write the names or initials of people you thank God for on the large sheets of paper. As you write their name, say a prayer for that person and thank God that they have been in your life.**
6. This activity can also be easily adapted to contexts outside of worship.