NOVEMBER 24 THANKFUL

Objective:

To teach children the importance of being thankful and expressing gratitude to God and others.

Scripture Focus:

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV):

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Lesson Outline:

1. Welcome & Introduction (5-7 minutes)

Begin by asking the children:

- "What are you thankful for today?"
- Encourage them to share something they're grateful for, whether it's family, food, friends, or toys.

2. Bible Story: The 10 Lepers (Luke 17:11-19) (10 minutes)

Share the story of how Jesus healed 10 lepers, but only one returned to thank Him. Emphasize the importance of gratitude and how God loves it when we remember to say "thank you."

• **Key Point:** Sometimes, we forget to be thankful, but God wants us to remember to thank Him and others for all the blessings we have.

3. Discussion Questions (5-7 minutes):

- Why do you think the other nine didn't come back to say thank you?
- How do you feel when someone says thank you to you?
- How can we show God that we are thankful?

4. Memory Verse Practice (5 minutes):

Teach the children 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Use hand motions or actions to make it interactive and help them memorize it.

