

AT HOME DISCUSSION

BE REAL, NOT FAKE: July 4th | Week 3

MAIN POINT AND BIBLE VERSE

I can be thankful when things are good—and when they're not.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIRV

Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.

1. **Who or what is something you are thankful for?**
2. **Who always has something to be thankful for?** Everyone who believes in Jesus

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **What do you think it means to be thankful?** Answers will vary.
2. **How do you think you can stay thankful if you don't have everything you want?**
Answers will vary.
3. **What things make it harder for you to be thankful?** Answers will vary. Ideas: Losing things you love, not getting what you want, bad things happen, etc.
4. **What are some things you can always be thankful for?** God made us; God is always good; God listens to us; we're friends with God when we follow Jesus; etc.
5. **In the Bible (Acts 16:22-34) how do you think Paul and Silas stayed thankful?**
Answers will vary.

ACTION STEP QUESTIONS

1. **What do you think will help you to be more thankful?** Answers will vary. Ideas: Thank God for what you have; remember what Jesus did; etc.
2. **When bad things happen, it's still important to talk about it. Who can you talk to?**
Answers will vary.

PRAY TOGETHER

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: *God, please remind us how good You are, even when we don't have everything. In Jesus' name, amen.*

