



GROUP LESSON

KIDS COMMUNITY GROUP LESSON (GIVE GOD THANKS FOR ALL HE DOES FOR YOU!)

Leader's Guide for groups occurring November 21st to November 27th

Bible Lesson:

Describe your family's Thanksgiving traditions? What do you like to eat? Does everyone tell what they are most thankful for?

*The Israelites were slaves in Egypt for over 400 years. God sent Moses to rescue them and bring them to the land He promised them. Even though God never left the Israelites during the 40 years they wandered the desert and as Moses taught them to follow God's laws, the Israelites still turned away and sinned against God. When they realized how much they needed God's laws, they celebrated how thankful they were at the Feast of the Tabernacles. **Read Nehemiah 8.***

Discussion Questions:

- Why did the Israelites gather at the Water Gate?
- Who was Ezra? What did the people want him to do?
- What did the people do when Ezra opened the book and praised the Lord?
- What did the Levites do with God's Law?
- Why did Nehemiah, Ezra, and the Levites tell the people not to be sad?
- Since they said it was a holy day, what did they tell the Israelites to do?
- What did the people do during the Feast of the Booths?
- What did Ezra continue to do throughout all these celebrations?
- This Thanksgiving, how can you thank God for His word and all that He has done for you?

Memory Verse:

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name".
– Psalm 100:4