

# KIDS GROUP TIME LESSON 7.0 // PHILIPPIANS 2:14// LESSON OBJECTIVE: WE CAN CHOOSE TO BE THANKFUL.

7:15-7:40 WORSHIP

7:40-7:55 VERSE  
THINK

REVIEW previous verses, and current verse.

SAY "Today, we're going to meet two new friends,  
(hold up complaining/arguing popsicle mask)

This is Mister Grouchy Pants. Say hi to Mister Grouchy Pants.

(hold up thankful popsicle mask)

This is Miss Radiant Joy. Say hi to Miss Radiant Joy.

Do you think Mister Grouchy Pants has thankful things in his heart? (no)

Do you think Miss Radiant Joy has thankful things in her heart? (yes)

Don't we all have moments that we feel and act like Miss Radiant Joy???

AND we all have moments that we feel and act like Mister Grouchy Pants???

Last week we learned that, The things that come out of our mouths come from our (DOES ANYONE REMEMBER????) OUR HEART. (Matthew 15:18)

The things we SAY come from our heart. We THINK them, then we SAY them. So how do you think we can keep from complaining and arguing?  
(let them brainstorm)

We must think about thankful things when we want to complain or argue!

(Pick two volunteers to be a Mom and a kid and have them stand up front)  
Let's say you're really into playing your favorite thing...(Ask "kid" what their favorite thing to do is)

You're (your favorite thing) and your mom comes in and says....

Okay, it's time to get ready for bed, we have to get up early. Get your PJ's on, and brush your teeth, you need to get to bed.

{at this point, what are some ways the "kid" could respond?}

(let the kids give several sceneries)

If you choose to be thankful, what kinds of things would you think?

(let them brainstorm)

(ex. I got to do my favorite thing and even though I don't want to go to bed now, I'm thankful I got to "fav thing", I'm glad my mom cares and loves me and wants me to get rest and feel my best tomorrow, I'm thankful I have a warm bed to sleep in and toothpaste so I can keep my teeth healthy, etc etc)

So see how we can in THAT VERY MOMENT, CHOOSE to be thankful or choose to complain and argue? What do you think Jesus wants us to do in that moment? (let them answer, ex. Obey right away & be THANKFUL)

What's our new verse?

Do EVERYTHING without complaining or arguing. Philippians 2:14.

CRAFT We're each going to make a "Mister Grouchy Pants" and a "Miss Radiant Joy" but you can name them whatever you want. We're making these to remind you that you have the CHOICE to complain and argue or be thankful.

CRAFT SKIT \*\*\*2 leaders: Come up with a scenario for a skit. (One person will do nothing but complain and argue and the other person will be thankful no matter what. Every time the kids hear complaining/arguing have them hold up their "Mister Grouchy Pants" to identify it and every time they hear thankful things, have them hold up their "Miss Radiant Joy".

SAY We can CHOOSE to complain and argue or choose to be....(WHAT???)  
THANKFUL!

7:55-8:10 GAMES RELAYS: Form 2 teams and have them race to see who can build the new verse first. **\*Make sure you have a reader on each team and tell them ahead of time to BUILD EACH OTHER UP while playing the game.**  
(If you have extra time, you can also play the relay legos for the B verse, and/or hearts for the C verse)

8:10-8:20 CLEAN UP

8:20-8:30 SHARE & PRAY SHARE QUESTIONS: ALLOW THEM TO SHARE PRAYER REQUESTS ONE AT A TIME AND THEN ASK FOR SOMEONE TO PRAY FOR EACH REQUEST.

PRAY TO CLOSE: JESUS, HELP US TO BE THANKFUL FOR ALL THE AMAZING THINGS YOU'VE DONE FOR US. HELP US TO NOT COMPLAIN AND ARGUE WITH THE PEOPLE WE LOVE MOST. HELP US TO THINK THANKFUL THOUGHTS SO WE SAY THANKFUL THINGS AND USE OUR WORDS TO BUILD EACH OTHER UP. HELP US TO BE THANKFUL NO MATTER WHAT. AMEN.