



# HOUSE PARTY

**PARENT GUIDE**

November 22<sup>ND</sup>

## **Life App Definition**

Gratitude — letting others know you see how they've helped you

## **Main Idea**

Jesus told a parable about a few vineyard workers making comparisons with what others were getting paid. They became ungrateful for what they did receive and started complaining. In the end, they needed to adjust their attitude and be grateful. We pray that kids will see their own lives differently and discover all the ways they can show gratitude.

## **Memory Verse**

"Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever"  
(Psalm 136:1 NIRV).

## **Bottom Line**

Adjust your attitude.

## **Monthly Profession**

I will fulfill every purpose that God has for me because my steps are ordered by the Lord.

## **Small-Group Discussion**

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- Why was Jesus telling the story to His closest friends?
  - To show them what the kingdom of heaven is like
- What did the landowner need for his vineyard?
  - Workers
- How many times did the landowner go out to get workers?
  - He went out five times.
- What did the landowner promise to pay the first two workers?
  - He promised to pay them \$100.
- What did the landowner pay all the other workers?
  - He paid them \$100, too.

- What does Jesus' story teach us?
  - That God gives freely to everyone and that we should be thankful for what we have
- Should you compare what you have to what others have? Why not?
- What are some things you can be grateful for every day no matter what?
- What are you grateful for today?
- What should you focus on when life feels unfair?

## Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

### Supplies Needed

- "Gratitude Hunt" activity page (attached)
- Markers or pencils

### Activity

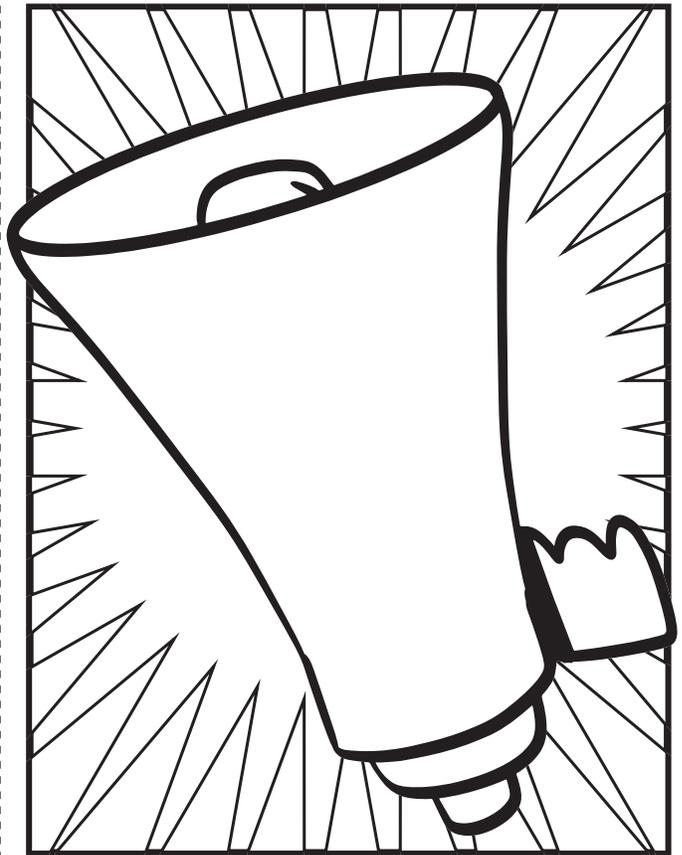
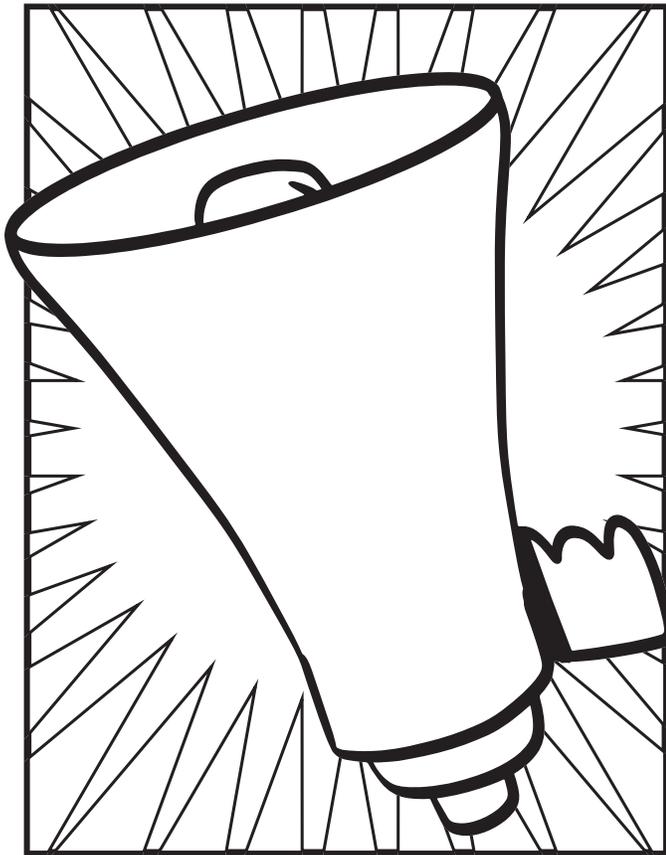
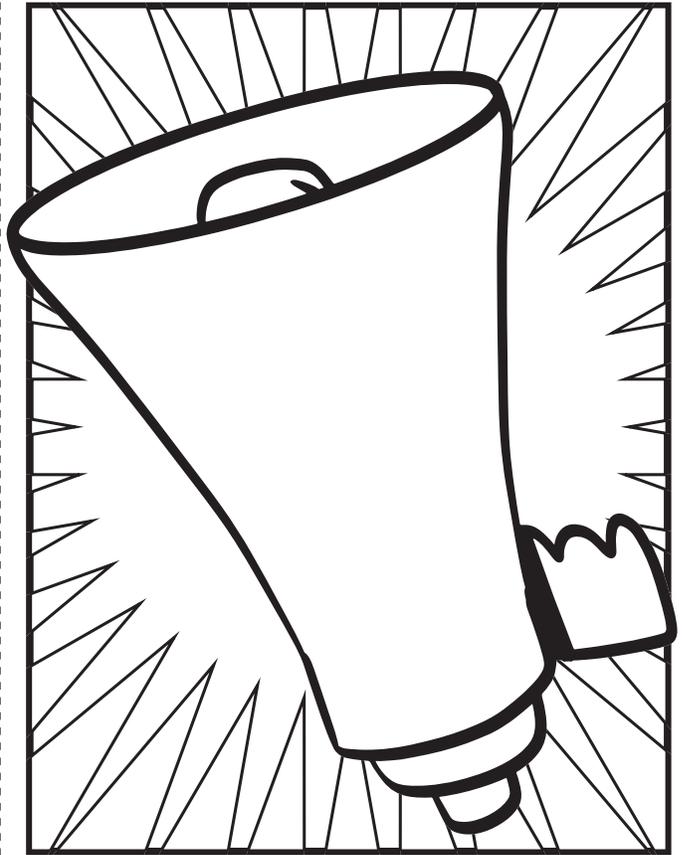
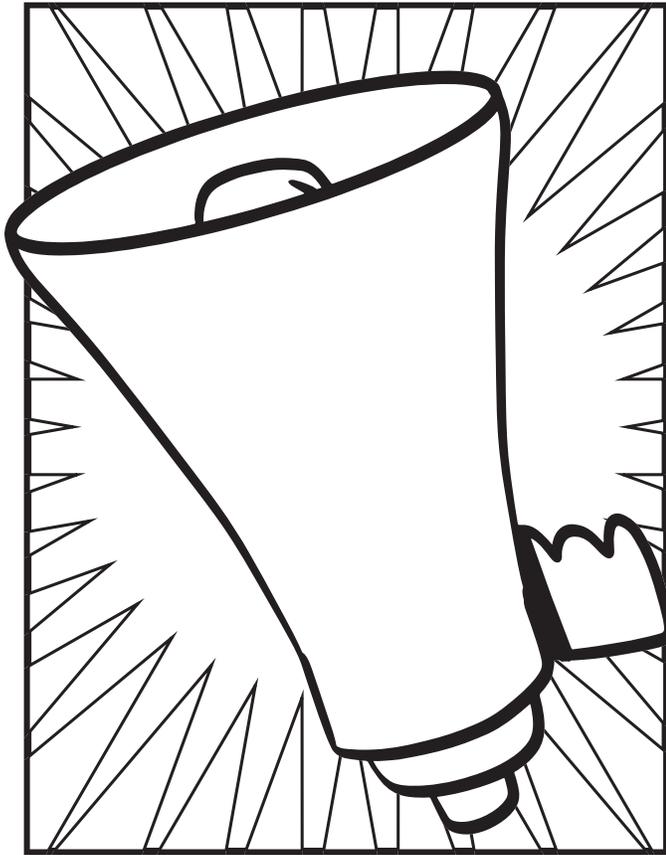
- Give each of your children a "Gratitude Hunt" activity page and a marker or pencil.
- Tell them they are going on a gratitude hunt. They will hunt for ways to be grateful in some situations where it is hard to be grateful.
- Ask your children to read the scenarios one at a time.
- Challenge them to find something they're grateful for in each situation and to write it in the space under each scenario.
- Remind your children that they may have to adjust their attitude to find gratitude.
- Give them a few minutes to think through each scenario and write down their ideas.
- After they have written down their ideas, read each scenario out loud and allow them to share the ways they found to be grateful on their gratitude hunt.
- Share with them that it can be hard to remember to adjust our attitude and be grateful for what we do have. It's especially hard to find something to be grateful for when things don't go the way we want, like when we're ready to go outside and a thunderstorm rolls in, or when someone gets something they don't really deserve.
- Encourage them to go on a gratitude hunt to adjust their attitude when they feel the need.
- Remind them that when they take time to adjust their attitude, they will always find something to be grateful for.

## **Prayer**

Take a few minutes to pray with your children. Ask God to help you all have an attitude of gratitude.

Dear God,

You are the BEST! You are so generous with us! You give us so many gifts, like our family, friends, and even Jesus. God, help us remember all we do have. When we feel like things aren't fair, help us to adjust our attitude and give thanks to You for what we do have. Amen.



**What to Do:**  
Print one for each kid.