Saying Thank You: assembly script

At a glance

Story: The Midsummer Swap Party **For:** Reception and Key Stage 1 (ages 4–7) **Time:** 10–15 mins

You need: the PowerPoint. The same script is in its speaker notes. You don't need any props.

Links: Relationships and health education (primary): caring friendships; respectful, kind relationships. EYFS Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Building Relationships.

Good to know

Good for the end of the summer term, or midsummer (the longest day is around 21 June).

1. Welcome	Welcome, everybody. Today's assembly is about saying thank you. We're going to hear a story from Thistledown Lane called "The Midsummer Swap Party".
2. Think about it	Ask: Who would you like to say thank you to? Take a few answers. Say: saying thank you and sharing can make a whole day feel special. Let's go to a party on the lane.
3. The story, part 1	Read: It was midsummer on Thistledown Lane. Moss had a big idea. "A Swap Party!" he said. Everybody would bring something special to swap. Old Wren told the birds, and the birds told everybody else.
4. The story, part 2	Read: That evening, all the friends came to the Swap Shop. Skye brought a white pebble. Hazel brought some birch bark. Barnaby came with his spade.
5. The story, part 3	Read: Skye gave her pebble to Barnaby. Barnaby gave Skye a lump of mud! Pip brought back the glass drop. She did not want a swap. She just wanted to share it.
6. The story, part 4	Read: The wren cousins sang Sorrel a thank-you song. His fluffy fur had kept their babies warm.
7. The story, part 5	Read: There were games on the lane. But the sun did not go down. "Why isn't it getting dark?" asked Pip. "Because today is the longest day of the whole year," said Mam.
8. The story, part 6	Read: At last the sky turned a soft, deep blue. Tiny green lights glowed in the hedge. They were glow-worms! Moss's shelves were still full. But he had never felt so lucky.

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9. Talk together	Give children half a minute with a partner for each question, then take a few answers. 1. How did the wren cousins say thank you to Sorrel? Listen for: they sang him a thank-you song, because his fur had kept their babies warm. 2. Pip didn't want a swap. What did she want? Listen for: just to share the glass drop. 3. Moss's shelves were still full. Why do you think he felt so lucky? Listen for: all his friends had come and shared together.
10. Have a go	Turn to a partner and say, "Thank you for…" and finish it with something true. Then swap over.
11. Remember	Read it together, slowly. Ask the children to say it back to you.
12. Quiet moment	Invite everybody to sit still, close their eyes if they would like to, and think quietly for half a minute. You can add your own school's prayer or reflection here.
13. This week	Set the challenge for the week. Say thank you to somebody who doesn't expect it. You could ask in your next assembly who had a go.
14. Goodbye	Say goodbye. If you have time, watch the whole episode free at https://thistledownlane.co.uk/episode-the-midsummer-swap-party (no adverts, no sign-in and no tracking).

The lesson

What you share matters more than what you have.

If you have longer

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