



CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT

Back in the day before Pandora, Apple Music, and Spotify, if you wanted to hear the latest songs from your favorite artists, you had to tune into your local radio stations. DJs would take calls and interact with their listeners and play their requests. Every so often, instead of taking requests, DJs would take a “shout-out”—calls from listeners to call out and celebrate their friends and family.

It’s been a minute since I’ve heard a shout-out on the radio, but I see shout-outs all the time on social media. People post photos and messages tagged with their friends and co-workers to celebrate them and thank them for their care and contributions.

In November, we’d like to inspire kids to share gratitude in a big way—to let others know that they’re thankful.

We suggest using the megaphone symbol from the theme art, which we’ve paired with brick walls, bright paint colors, and a fun, whimsical graffiti style.

If you have the ability to use spray paint on your walls (or on plywood or faux brick panels), you can create a pop of color that will make a big impression.

Consider how you can add some strategic pieces to build a bright, fun city setting in your environment. It’ll create some dynamic visual interest as you encourage your kids to give “shout-outs” to the people who help them every day.

THE STAGE

If possible, you could spray-paint your stage walls, and then plan to repaint them when the month is over. Or you could use some plywood or faux brick panels (available at “big-box” hardware stores)—either as a solid backdrop, or as distinct pieces that you can move and switch out as the month progresses.

These boards or panels would look great covered in bright paint, to match the Bottom Line slides in particular. First, use a solid color for the background, then create a white spray paint “speech bubble” shape. Then add text with the Bottom Line for the day.

You might also want to add a megaphone shape like in the theme art, and the words “SHOUT OUT” in a prominent spot.

THE HOST

Your Host doesn’t need to play a character this month. He/she just needs to be extra-enthusiastic about giving

“shout-outs” and sharing gratitude!

THE WELCOME CENTER & HALLWAYS

If you have enough wood or faux brick panels, add some at your environment entrance as well—with “SHOUT OUT” painted in a similar graffiti style.

Consider placing a fun volunteer at the entrance with a megaphone who can give “shout-outs” to everyone who walks inside. Also, make a playlist of “thank you” songs and play it in the hallways all month long!

THEME FONTS

Sensei Medium (<https://bit.ly/2E0xegO>)

EPS file for title letters (<https://bit.ly/347zHR3>)

Alternative free title font: Zeppelin 2 Regular (<https://bit.ly/2Yqoc3R>)

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