

Shout Out: Let 'em Know You're Thankful

Use this guide to help your family learn how
God wants us to be grateful.



**First, watch
this week's
video!**

Gratitude:
Letting others
know you see
how they've
helped you

Memory Verse

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the Lord, because
he is good. His
faithful love
continues forever.
Psalm 136:1, NIV

Bible Story

Give Thanks
No Matter
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1 Thessalonians 5:18

Bottom Line

You always have
something to be
grateful for.

Activity

T-H-A-N-K-S

WHAT YOU NEED:

No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

Tell your child that you're going to play a game. You'll both search throughout your home to find things that you're thankful for. Grab one item for each letter of the word "THANKS." (In other words, items that start with the letters T, H, A, N, K, and S.)

For example, you can find a tea bag because you're thankful for tea. Or a picture of Grandma Hazel because you're thankful for her.

You may want to write down the word "THANKS" so your child can remember the letters. You may also want to set a time limit—10 minutes or so—to find your items.

Once you've gathered your items of THANKS, share them with each other, explaining why you're thankful for each one.



Talk About the Bible Story

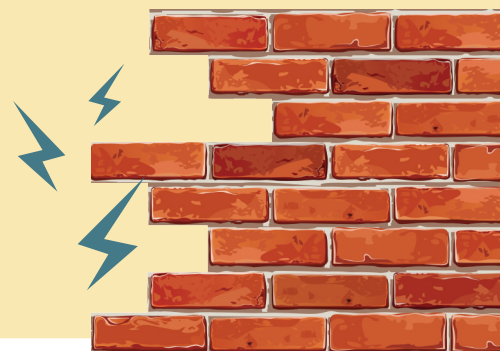
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Do you think we can be grateful even when we don't FEEL grateful? Why or why not? (*We can be grateful all the time because God loves us and takes care of us.*)

What's the best way to change an ungrateful attitude to a grateful one? (*Remember all that you have—family, home, food, etc.*)

Is there a time that you can remember feeling really grateful?

Parent: Share a story about a time when you were grateful or ungrateful.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, gratitude doesn't come easy to us, especially when we're having a bad day. We need Your help to remember that Your plans are always good. Instead of complaining about what's bad, help us choose to be grateful for all that is good. In Jesus' name, amen."

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Key Question

What are you
grateful for?

Activity

Gratitude List

WHAT YOU NEED:

Paper and pen (for both you and your child)

WHAT YOU DO:

Sit down with your child and give them a sheet of paper and a pen. Grab a set for yourself, too. Tell your child that you're both going to make a "gratitude list" of 10 things you're thankful for, in no particular order.

Make your list while your child does theirs. Then, switch papers and circle what you think your child would say are their top three things on their list, while they do the same on YOUR gratitude list. When you're both finished, share which three things each of you picked, and see if each of you guessed correctly!

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