



Growing FAITH at home

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Giving thanks



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CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. What's the best gift you have ever received?
2. What gifts have you received from God that you are thankful for?
3. How do you express your thankfulness to God?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

S	Luke 17:11-19	One leper gives thanks to God
M	Colossians 2:6-15	Overflowing with thankfulness
T	Deuteronomy 8:10-18	Remember the Lord your God
W	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving
T	1 Chronicles 16:1,7-36	King David gives thanks
F	Psalms 100	Enter his gates with thanksgiving
S	Psalms 66: 1-12	See what God has done

VERSE OF THE WEEK

*Come and see what our God has
done, what awesome miracles he
performs for people.*

PSALM 66:5



CREATIVE RESPONSE

When Jesus healed ten lepers, only one returned to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19). As God's people, we are called to count our blessings each day and give thanks to God.

Think together about people, events and experiences for which you can and should give thanks. Use this acrostic of the word THANKS to guide you.

Thank God for:

- a **T**hing provided;
- a **H**elp received;
- A**nother's company;
- an **eN**joyable moment;
- a **K**indness received;
- a **S**urprise enjoyed.

Finish your time of sharing by giving thanks in prayer.



ACTION RESPONSE

Only one of the ten lepers healed returned to give thanks to Jesus. There are many people who serve us in various ways in our communities – in schools, churches, community organisations, service industries – who receive little thanks for what they do.

Prepare a thank you card or gift (e.g. a plate of biscuits) to give to someone who serves your household in some way (e.g. policeman, school teacher). Give thanks to God for them in your prayers this week.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God of grace,
for food make us
thankful, for friends
make us joyful, and
for your service
make us faithful.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you
have given us so
much. Please give
us thankful hearts.
Amen.



BLESSING

May God show you
his kindness and
mercy and fill your
heart with thanks.