

Dear Parent



During the next few weeks, your child will be learning about being thankful to God and to other people. Here are the Bible stories we will be using:

- ❖ The Lost Sheep (*Luke 15:3-7*)
- ❖ One Man Is Thankful (*Luke 17:11-19*)
- ❖ Jesus Is Thankful (*Luke 22:7-19*)
- ❖ Thank You, God, for Jesus (*Luke 19:29-38*)
- ❖ Breakfast with Jesus (*based on John 18-21*)

Your child will be participating in these lessons on thankfulness by singing thank-You songs to God, saying thanks to God and other people, saying the Bible words, "We thank God" (*2 Thessalonians 1:3, NIV*), and in many other ways.

You can reinforce these lessons at home by doing some of the following:

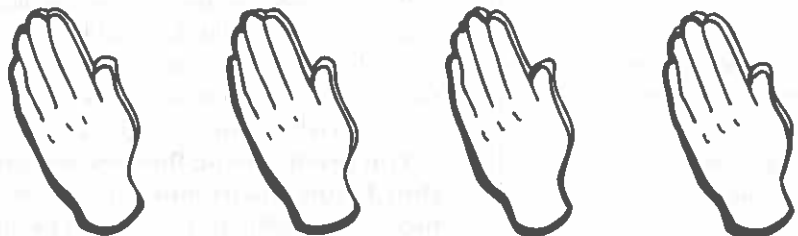
- Watch for opportunities to say thank you to your child for nice things he does for you and others. Also, don't forget to let your child hear you say thank you to others often. Your example is the best way for your child to learn.
- Encourage your child to say thank you to others often, even for small things.
- As you and your child are outside and looking at some of the things God made, don't forget to spontaneously pray, "Thank You, God, for the pretty flowers You made." Invite your child to say a prayer of thanks to God too.
- You may want to visit a zoo or petting zoo with your child. Look at and talk about the fascinating animals God made. Ask your child what his favorite animal is and ask him to thank God for making that animal.
- Let your child say a prayer before meals often. Help her with words as needed, but don't expect her prayer to be "perfect." God must love to hear children pray using their own words of thanks!
- Use this song and rhyme to remind your child to thank God:

Thank You, God

(Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It")

Thank You, God, for *Jesus who loves us. (*Clap hands and repeat.*)
Thank You, God, for *Jesus. Thank You, God, for *Jesus.
Thank You, God, for *Jesus who loves us. (*Clap hands.*)
*People; mommies; daddies, etc.

Your child's teacher,



We Thank God

We thank God (*fold hands*) for Jesus,
Who loves us (*hug self*), it is true.
We thank God (*fold hands*) for people,
Who love (*hug self*) both me and you (*point to self and another*).
We thank God (*fold hands*) for good food,
That we can chew and chew (*pretend to chew*).
We thank God (*fold hands*) for all these things
(*spread arms*).
We say thanks to You! (*Say together, "Thank You God!"*)