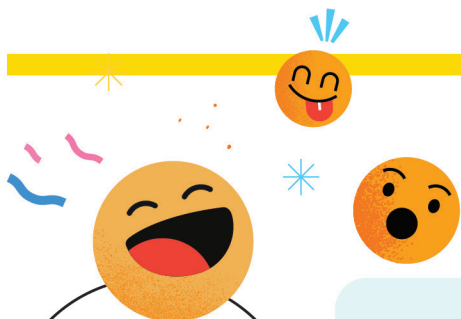


Shout Out: Who've you thanked today?



Use this guide to help your family learn about gratitude.

First, watch this week's video!

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

Memory Verse

"Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever."
Proverbs 10:9, NIV

Bible Story

David Dances
2 Samuel 6:12b-22a

Bottom Line

Celebrate what God has done.

Activity

Banner of Thanks

What You Need:

Posterboard (or several sheets of paper taped together), markers, other decorative craft supplies (optional), music or musical instrument(s)

What You Do:

Set out the paper, markers, and craft supplies. Invite your child to do an activity. Tell them you're going to make a "Banner of Thanks."

On the banner, work together with your child to write down or draw pictures of all the things you're thankful for.

When you're finished, have a thankfulness parade! Turn up some music or grab a musical instrument. Have your child lead the parade around your home—and don't forget to carry the Banner of Thanks!

After the parade, say, "A life with God is certainly worth celebrating! Not only can we thank God, but we can also tell people what God has done in our lives. We can even use our gifts and talents to thank God—like we did when we drew and decorated our banner!"

Talk About the Bible Story

Talk about some of the things you drew or wrote about on your Banner of Thanks.

Are there other reasons you can think of why we should be grateful to God?

In today's story, why was David grateful to God?
(Because the Israelites had brought the ark to Jerusalem)

What did David do to celebrate what God had done?
(He danced.)

How can we celebrate God every day? (Praying, singing worship songs, talking about what God has done in our lives)

Parent: Share about a time when you were so thankful for what God had done, you couldn't help but celebrate!

Prayer

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

"Dear God, there is so much to celebrate in our lives because of You. We're so grateful for everything You do for us—from the air in our lungs, to the important people in our lives, to the gifts and talents You've given us. Help us celebrate You for everything You've done and everything You continue to do. Thank You, most of all, for giving us Jesus as our Savior. That is something we can always celebrate! Amen."