

# A Thanksgiving To Remember

*Deuteronomy 6:4-7 is a great reminder of our role as the primary spiritual leaders of our children's lives. Our desire is to consistently equip you with tools to help you disciple your kids. Below you will find a simple family devotional, a fun game and an activity your family could easily incorporate this Thanksgiving. Our prayer is that you would take this tool and use it to be intentional so your whole family can have a Thanksgiving to Remember.*

## Family Devotional

**:: The Thankful Leper ::**

### Engage:

**Give Thanks** – Go around the table and have each person share the great things God has done for your family. After each person finishes, have the whole family shout aloud, "Thank you Jesus!"

### Receive:

**God's Word** – Read Luke 17:11-19

### Discuss -

- What happened in the story?
- How do you think Jesus felt when the lepers left?
- How do you think Jesus felt when one leper returned?
- Why isn't it always easy to show thankfulness?
- What kinds of things should we be thankful for?

### Respond:

**Listen** – One way to respond to this message is through listening. Talk to God and ask Him to remind you of one thing He wants you to be thankful for today. In 1 Samuel 7, Samuel took a stone and used it as a way to remember how God helped deliver the Israelites from the Philistines. *Find a rock in the yard and write the one thing God spoke on it. Together, place these rocks in a pile where your family can see them so you can remember to have a thankful heart.*



## Game:

**Thankfulness Charades or Pictionary** - Engaging your kids in a game is a great way to speak their love language, either game will help them to have a thankful heart. Choose the option that fits best for your kid's ages – or even do them both! Thankfulness Charades is easy, simply have one person at a time act out something he or she is thankful for, and have the other members of the family guess. Thankfulness Pictionary requires something to write on. Have one member of the family draw a picture of something he or she is thankful for, and like above, have the other members of the family guess.

## Activity:

**Engage the whole clan** - Set aside a time during the day, maybe at a mealtime, with any extended family or friends you spend Thanksgiving with. Take this time and encourage each person by sharing why you're thankful for them. You might also consider initiating a time for everyone in the family to share what they're thankful for.

## Prayer:

### Thanksgiving Day Prayer

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

*Psalm 107:1*

Dear God, We thank you on Thanksgiving Day. Thank you for all you have done for us. Thank you for Jesus. Thank you for a beautiful world to live in. Thank you for family and friends. Thank you for taking care of us each day. Thank you for our many blessings. Amen.

## Want more happiness and joy?

Learn to freely express your thankfulness, especially to our Lord God who creates, loves and redeems us, and has given us the tremendous gift of His Son, Jesus. Rejoice always!