

A Heart of Gratitude:

Ideas to Celebrate as a Family!



There are so many fun ideas to work on developing a heart of gratitude. We can encourage our families to look all around us for ways we see God working, how He blesses us every day, and all the different ways we are thankful to Him! Here are a few ideas to get you started...have fun! Oh, and it's ok if you don't start exactly on November 1, grin. Just jump in any time!

It's not about the exact idea, it's about developing a heart overflowing with gratitude!



Pumpkin Centerpiece!

Place a pumpkin in the center of your table and throughout the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, have everyone in your family use a sharpie marker to write on the pumpkin all the various ways each person is thankful!



Thankful Tree

Draw, or have your kids draw a tree on poster board in big paper. Cut out leaves. Each day, family members write what they are thankful for on the tree and watch the tree overflow with thankfulness!



Thankful Verses & Prompts for each day of November!

On Etsy, check out the “**Little great design co**” and look for their 30 days of Thankful printable set! You can download for \$6 and voila, there's a verse to read each day and a prompt that asks what you're thankful about on various topics... thankfulness for a family member, thankfulness for certain foods or activities and so on!

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Gratitude Jars

As a family, think about a few friends or family that you'd like to bless. Each day, jot notes of how you are thankful for them and/or verses and put them in the jar...then at the end of the month or on Thanksgiving, you can give them this gratitude jar!



Gratitude notes on bedrooms doors!

Jot notes for each member of your family [one word or one line] of how you are thankful for them each night. Tape the notes on the outside of their bedroom door after they've gone to bed. When they wake up each day, they will see a new note of how you are thankful for them! There's lots of ways you can mix this idea up... have siblings write thankful notes for each other and hide them and enjoy "finding" the hidden notes.



A simple list of 30 ways you are thankful...

Keep a list [and number it] of all the ways you are thankful. Write one list of 30...or see how many lists of 30 you can make during the month of November.



Thanksgiving Gratitude Dice Game

Look for "KreativeGamesCo" on Etsy for this \$3 downloadable "Thanksgiving Gratitude Dice Game"--a family game that prompts conversation on different ways you are grateful!

Have ideas not listed here? Feel free to share them so we can add them to our list for future! Email them to brown@lefc.net. Thanks!