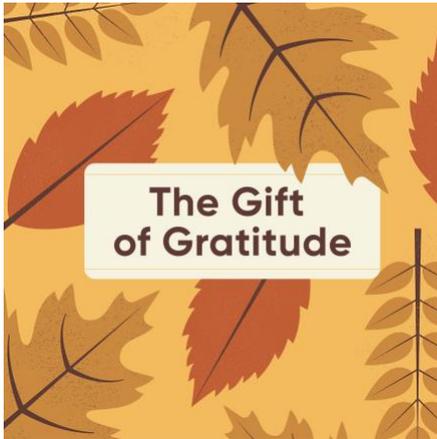


# PARENT PARTNER

## WEEKLY PLAN



### Week 2: Thanks, Prayers, Petitions

This week, we are taking stock of what we have in our days and in our prayers. Before we ask, we take into account everything God has given us. When we expand our view beyond our current moment, we usually find that there is a storehouse of goodness and gratitude. We overflow when we are being built up in Christ. It is in this heart posture that we ask, seek, and pray. As followers of Jesus, we should give thanks before we ask.

## PRAYER TIME

### THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE:

*This is the day the Lord has made; let's rejoice and be glad in it (Ps. 118:24 CSB).*

### THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER:

God, I remind myself that You have made today. Because it is your creation and you have put me here, I rejoice and will be glad. These are the things that I rejoice in today: \_\_\_\_\_.

# DRIVE TIME

## CONVERSATION

### PARENT PRE-READING:

*Colossians 2:6-7 CSB.*

*So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude.*

### CONVERSATION STARTER:

I was reading in Colossians 2 and it uses the phrase “overflowing with gratitude.” What normally stands in your way of having an attitude like this?

For me, it's \_\_\_\_\_.

# ACTIVITY TIME

### S'MORE THANKFULNESS

Who doesn't like a good s'more?

Graham cracker, toasty marshmallow, and a melty Hershey candy bar makes one great campfire snack. If your family is able to make a fire and enjoy the evening while making s'mores, we encourage that. If your family simply makes them over the stove or in the microwave, that is just as good.

As you enjoy a s'more together (or some other special treat), take time to simply tell your children how thankful you are for them. Express specific characteristics or stories in the past that have made you very thankful.



### **STARTING QUESTION**

Do you feel like there has been more worry or peace in our house lately?

### **DEEPENING QUESTION**

Why do you think that is?

### **READ THIS TOGETHER**

*Read Philippians 4:6-7 CSB*

*Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

### **SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

In this passage, it says that we should present our requests to God "through prayer and petition with thanksgiving."

How can our perspective of situations be changed when we come to God with thanksgiving?

What things do you think we should be praying for as a family?