

PARENT PARTNER

WEEKLY PLAN



Week 3: Gratitude Is A Gift

Gratitude is special, because it is a gift. Much like its counterpart joy, it exceeds circumstances and is understood through prayerful and faithful practice. We give gratitude and thanks not based on how we feel (which is sometimes not good), but because of God's constant faithfulness in our lives.

PRAYER TIME

THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE:

We ought to thank God always for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, since your faith is flourishing and the love each one of you has for one another is increasing (2 Thess. 1:3 CSB)

THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER:

God, thank You for working in the lives of those in my family and in my church. I give You praise for the good things and the difficult things, because I know that You are always at work in our lives. I praise You for those in my family and in my church family who are flourishing in their faith. Thank You for the people you've placed in my life.

DRIVE TIME

CONVERSATION

PARENT PRE-READING:

1 Thessalonians 5:18 CSB.

Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

CONVERSATION STARTER:

I was reading 1 Thessalonians 5 and it says to give thanks in everything. What is something that you are truly thankful for, but may not often express it? I am thankful for: _____.

ACTIVITY TIME

GIFT (OF GRATITUDE) CARDS

Hopefully your child has wonderful friends and/or other adult leaders that you believe are godly examples in their life.

When was the last time you thanked them for their friendship and the influence they have in your life and in the life of your child?

Write a quick note and get a small gift card just to say thank you. This can show your child that you appreciate their friends. It's not the amount of the gift, it's the thoughtfulness attached to the gift.



STARTING QUESTIONS

Has there been a difficult time or situation that has grown your love for Jesus and/or made you more like Jesus?

DEEPENING QUESTION

What was that like?

READ THIS TOGETHER

Read James 1:2-4

Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How do you think God wants us to see difficult times that may happen in our lives?

How have you seen God use difficulties in people's lives to help them grow and become more like Jesus?

How can we better support each other as a family when we are walking through something difficult?