

Hello 2ND and 3RD Grade Parents!

OUR THEME FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS:



I'm very excited to focus on thankfulness this month! God is faithful, true and good. I have so much to be grateful for. Your family is one of the many blessings in my life, and I am so thankful for the honor of serving you and your child(ren).

Here is everything you need for your family HCKids at home activities. Just follow the directions on the Parent Guide (next page) for any of the things you and your child(ren) are interested in doing. Also included in this document is the link to the Bible Video. At the end of the document you will find the "God Time" pages for your child(ren) to be able to do a daily devotional throughout the week.

Please be sure to connect with NexGen through our monthly "Spiritual Discipleship Boxes". If you are unable to attend the monthly event, you can pick up your box at church or we can deliver it to your door. Just let me know what you'd like to do!

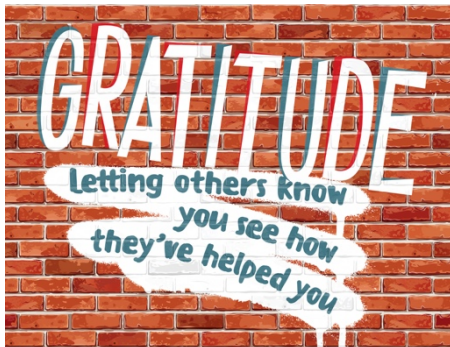
Praying you all are well, safe, growing in faith and thankfulness, and having fun during our time apart! Please reach out if you need anything at all.

Have a Great Month of Gratitude!

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NOVEMBER'S LIFE APPLICATION:



THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE:



TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE:



WEEK OF
November 1, 2020

Shout Out: Let 'em Know You're Thankful

PARENT GUIDE
Elementary



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.
Psalm 136:1, NIV

Bible Story

Give Thanks
No Matter
What Happens
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Bottom Line

You always have
something to be
grateful for.

Use this guide to help your family learn how
God wants us to be grateful.

Activity

T-H-A-N-K-S

WHAT YOU NEED:

No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

Tell your child that you're going to play a game. You'll both search throughout your home to find things that you're thankful for. Grab one item for each letter of the word "THANKS." (In other words, items that start with the letters T, H, A, N, K, and S.)

For example, you can find a tea bag because you're thankful for tea. Or a picture of Grandma Hazel because you're thankful for her.

You may want to write down the word "THANKS" so your child can remember the letters. You may also want to set a time limit—10 minutes or so—to find your items.

Once you've gathered your items of THANKS, share them with each other, explaining why you're thankful for each one.



Talk About the Bible Story

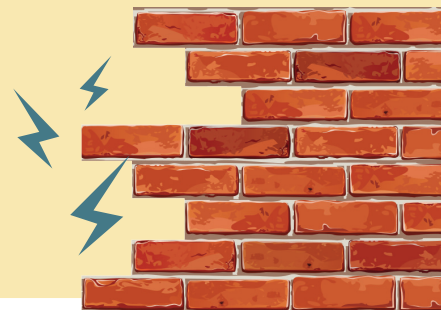
Describe a grateful person. Now describe an ungrateful person.

Do you think we can be grateful even when we don't FEEL grateful? Why or why not? *(We can be grateful all the time because God loves us and takes care of us.)*

What's the best way to change an ungrateful attitude to a grateful one? *(Remember all that you have—family, home, food, etc.)*

Is there a time that you can remember feeling really grateful?

Parent: Share a story about a time when you were grateful or ungrateful.



Prayer

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

"Dear God, gratitude doesn't come easy to us, especially when we're having a bad day. We need Your help to remember that Your plans are always good. Instead of complaining about what's bad, help us choose to be grateful for all that is good. In Jesus' name, amen."

Gratitude means letting others know
you see how they've helped you.



DAY 1

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Have you ever had a really bad day? A day where nothing seemed to go your way? We've all had days like that. But that doesn't mean we get a pass on gratitude. That's what this month is all about. Gratitude is letting others know you see how they've helped you.

Our verse today reminds us that you ALWAYS have something to be grateful for.

Ask your mom or dad for some duct tape or masking tape. Tear off a piece about six to eight inches long and fold it so the sticky sides are together. Write the words, *Give thanks no matter what*. Then fit it around your wrist to create a bracelet. **Every time you look at your bracelet this week, remember you always have something to be grateful for.**

DAY 2

Read 1 Chronicles 16:34

We always have something to be grateful for because God's love for us never changes. And it never ends. He is always good. He always loves. You can count on God to love you no matter what.

Right now, start a "Gratitude List" for the month. Grab a piece of paper and fold it or divide it into fifths. Write weekly headings for each section. (ex. Week 1) Inside the Week 1 section at the top, write down five things or draw five simple pictures of things you are grateful for. **Keep your page with your Bible so you can add to it each week.**

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something to be grateful for.

PARENT CUE

DAY 3

Read Colossians 3:15

Have you ever found a toy in your home that you forgot about? Maybe it became new all over again? Or you decided it was time to get rid of? When the “newness” wears off from a toy it’s easy to forget about how thankful you were when you first got it.

Dig to the bottom of your toy bin or the back of that closet. Pull out five things and spend some time being grateful for each one. Try to remember when you received it and who gave it to you. And if it’s something you’ve outgrown, consider donating it to someone that will use and enjoy it.

Spend some time asking God to help you focus on being grateful.

DAY 4

Read 2 Corinthians 4:14-15

There is some really good news in today’s verse. Because Jesus chose to die on the cross for all the wrong things we’ve done and because God raised Him back to life, when we trust Him, we are forgiven. Once you trust Jesus as your savior, you are His, always. Nothing can separate you from Him. Even when you mess up. Even when you face hard things. Even when it feels like the worst day ever.

Jesus loves you. He proved just how much when He faced the cross for you. So, one thing you can do in response is to be grateful. Because of what Jesus has done for you, you always have something to be grateful for.

To help you practice gratitude, write the words “Thank You, Jesus, for . . .” on a sticky note and stick it on your bathroom mirror. Every time you wash your hands or brush your teeth, read those words and fill in the blank as a way to say, “**Thank you.**”