

Hello 4<sup>TH</sup> and 5<sup>TH</sup> 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!

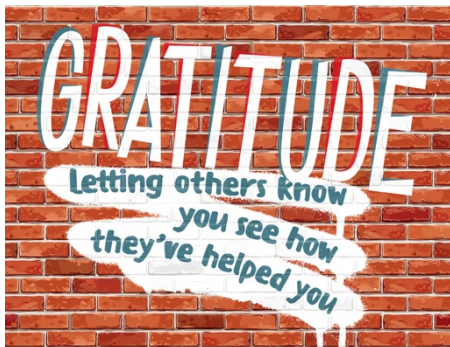
Praying you all are well, safe, growing in faith and thankfulness, and having fun during our time apart! Please reach out if you need anything at all.

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 8, 2020

# Shout Out: Let 'em Know You're Thankful

PARENT GUIDE  
Preteen

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

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

David Dances  
2 Samuel 6:12b-22a

### Key Question

What are creative  
ways to show  
gratitude?

## Activity

### Create Your Own Holiday

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

Paper and writing utensil

#### WHAT YOU DO:

Tell your child that the two of you are going to create your own holiday. Ask your child the following questions and write down their answers.

- What is the name of your holiday celebration?
- What does your holiday celebrate?
- What date is your holiday?
- What are the holiday's colors?
- What do people eat on your holiday?
- What do people do to celebrate on your holiday? Do they go anywhere? Do they wear anything special? Is there special music?

Say, "I think your holiday sounds awesome. Holidays are fun because they give us a reason to celebrate the things and people that are most important to us."

## Talk About the Bible Story

What would you say was important to David? (God, saying thanks, showing gratitude)

What do you think David might have been saying while he was dancing? ("Thank you, God! You are a good God! You are awesome, amazing, and wonderful!")

David's wife Michal was clearly not as excited as David when the ark was returned to Jerusalem. What makes some people more grateful than others? (The way they choose to see things)

What are some things we can celebrate about God no matter what is happening in our lives? (He loves us; He sent us Jesus; He hears us when we talk to Him.)

Parent: Share a few ways you celebrate God when times are good, and when times are not as good.

## Prayer

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

"Dear God, You are worthy of our greatest expression of gratitude and our most joyful celebration. We praise You for what You have done in the past, and we look forward to all You will do in the future. We thank You for sending us Jesus. We know that we always have something to celebrate when we follow Him. In Jesus' name, amen."

**Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.**



## Week 2



## Day 2

Read 2 Samuel 6:12-21

As you read 2 Samuel 6:12-21, circle all of the words and phrases that have to do with celebration and gratitude.

Look at the words you've underlined. You should see words like joy, danced, and leaping. Maybe you underlined the sentence about David giving away bread and raisin cakes. Even the part about David making sacrifices should be underlined! That might seem strange to us today, but during David's lifetime, people made sacrifices to God for several reasons, and one of them was to worship, praise, and thank God. We don't do those kinds of sacrifices today, but we can look for other creative ways to celebrate what God has done.

Go back and circle the words and phrases that are ways you might be able to celebrate God. Pick one today that you haven't done before and celebrate God in a creative way!



## Day 3

Sometimes you might pray sitting in a chair, standing in a circle with friends, or even kneeling by your bed. But you can pray anytime, anywhere, doing anything.

Today, take a few minutes to celebrate God for what He has done. Write 3-5 things here that God has done either in your life or the world around you.

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Thank God out loud for each thing you wrote down. After each thing you thank Him for, do something physical to celebrate. You can clap, jump up and down, raise your hands in the air, or even dab. You may feel a little silly, but remember it's just you and God, and David danced in front of a crowd!

## Day 4

Yesterday you showed gratitude to God by telling Him all the things you were thankful for that He has done.

Today, celebrate Him by telling others some of the things He has done.

Pick at least one of the ideas below to tell others some of the great things God has done!

- 1 When you bless your meal as a family at dinner, thank God out loud for all the ways He has provided for your family.
- 1 Tell a friend how thankful you are that God brought you into each other's lives.
- 1 Write a poem or song or prayer of gratitude and share it with others.

## Day 5

This week you've thought a lot about ways you can show gratitude to God.

Create an acrostic poem to remind yourself of some of the ways you can show gratitude to God. You can use whatever word you'd like, such as celebrate, thankful, gratitude, etc. (Note: the poem doesn't have to use the first letter of each line; see the examples below.)

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Hang your poem somewhere you will see it every day, and pick one creative way to show gratitude to God!

