

# November

# Thankfulness



**Thankfulness shows the goodness of the Lord.**

**Thankfulness looks upward.**

**Start the day with a thankful heart.**

## **Valuable Verses**

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1 NIV

"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done."  
1 Chronicles 16:8 NIV

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."  
Psalm 100:4 NIV

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV

## **A Word of Encouragement**

We should be thankful regardless of circumstances even in the midst of hard times. No matter what we face, we can express our thanksgiving to the God who is there, who is powerful, and who is our advocate even on our most difficult days. When Scripture tells us to be thankful in everything, it isn't merely a suggestion. We are instructed to give thanks.

As we move into the Thanksgiving season, remember the goodness of the Lord even more. Instead of thinking about what is on our holiday wish list, we should pause to give thanks for what God has done. Our thankfulness should be rooted in God's character, not our material blessings. The gift of salvation alone gives enough reason to be filled with gratitude and thankfulness.

## **Get the Conversation Going**

**Take a moment to discuss these questions as a family:**

- What are the things that you are thankful for today?
- What are some things that you are thankful for even when going through tough times or circumstances?
- What, from this year, do you feel most grateful for?
- What are some ways our family can show others that we are thankful for them?

Be sure to check the monthly activity page for age-appropriate ideas related to thankfulness.