Family Faith Corner: A Thankful Heart

Theme Scripture: Psalm 107:1 — “Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!”
Thankful Tree

Week 1: Our Thankful Tree

Activity: Draw a large tree on a piece of paper. Cut out several paper leaves. Each family member writes something they are thankful for on a leaf and adds it to the tree. See how full you can make your tree by the end of the week!
Talk About It: Sometimes we get so focused on what we don't have that we forget all the blessings God has given us.
Bible Verse: James 1:17
Prayer: Thank God for the blessings He has placed in your life.

Week 2: Thank Someone Special

Activity: Have each family member choose someone who has made a difference in their life. Make them a thankyou card, draw them a picture, or write a note telling them why they are special.
Deliver or mail the cards.
Talk About It: God places special people in our lives to encourage us, help us, and show us His love. We should take time to let them know how much they mean to us
Bible Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:11
Prayer: Thank God for the people He has placed in your life.

Week 3: The Thankfulness Jar

Activity: Find a jar or container and decorate it together. Throughout the week, have each family member write down something they are thankful for on a small piece of paper and place it in the jar. At the end of the week, gather together and read the notes aloud.
Talk About It: Sometimes we need reminders of just how good God has been to us. Remembering His goodness helps us have thankful hearts.
Bible Verse: Psalm 103:2
Prayer: Thank God for His goodness and for the many ways He cares for your family.

Week 4: Share Your Thankfulness

Activity: As a family, choose someone you can bless this week. Make cookies for a neighbor, visit someone who may be lonely, help someone with a chore, or put together a small care package. Do something to show someone God's love.

Talk About It: We have so much to be thankful for. One of the best ways to show our thankfulness to God is by sharing His love with others.

Bible Verse: Hebrews 13:16

Prayer: Ask God to help your family find ways to bless others and share His love.

Family Challenge: Make Thankfulness a Habit!

At the dinner table each night this month, have everyone share two things:

1. One thing they are thankful God has done for them.
2. One person they are thankful God has placed in their life.

Remember, a thankful heart doesn't just recognize blessings; it looks for ways to bless others!

Parent Reminder: Your children learn thankfulness by watching you. Let them hear you say thank you to God, to your spouse, and to the people around you. One of the greatest lessons we can teach our children is to live with grateful hearts.