

CHRISTIAN THANKSGIVING RESOURCES FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

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Thanksgiving is my family's favorite holiday. Well, okay, it's my favorite holiday. My kids would definitely put Christmas at the top of their lists. I just love gathering with family and friends to share a big meal. I enjoy spending the day roasting the turkey and making my famous corn casserole. As we sit down to enjoy the feast, I'm struck with how much I have to be thankful for: a happy and healthy family and God meeting all our needs. But Thanksgiving is more than that. It's not just what I'm grateful for or even what my family is thankful for; Thanksgiving is *also* about giving thanks to God *all together* as a community. How do we, as parents, model for our children what it means to have thankful hearts as individuals and as part of a wider community?



The *Kids Corner* resources listed below can help you do just that. You will also find a few resources from our sister programs at ReFrame Ministries, such as *Today*, *Family Fire*, and the ReFrame Prayer Ministry.

KC DEVOTIONS ABOUT THANKFULNESS

Thanksgiving Prayers - We don't only have to thank God for the big things. The little things matter to him, too.

Daily Gratitude - By thanking God regularly, we are reminded of his goodness and can rejoice and be glad.

Showing Thankfulness - Giving thanks when bad things happen is hard, but it's about thanking God for being with you, even when things are hard.

<u>An Attitude of Gratitude</u> - Psalms is full of poetry and songs expressing strong feelings, like fear, joy, and anger. In many psalms, the writers express the life-changing emotion of gratitude.

KC PARENT BLOGS ABOUT TEACHING THANKFULNESS

<u>Teaching Thankfulness</u> - Giving thanks in all circumstances can be challenging, but our children can grow in gratitude to God by practicing thankfulness.

Sharing Thanksgiving Prayers - It's not always easy to remember to thank God for everything, but here are some ideas to help you do so better.

<u>Teaching Our Kids to Be Thankful</u> - It's easy to give thanks when children are happy and things are going well. But it isn't easy to give thanks when our kids feel sad, grumpy, or confused.

ALSO FROM KC

<u>Turkey Rocket</u> - A *Liz and Friends* Episode - On Thanksgiving Day, the whole town comes out to celebrate and be thankful, but Liz and the gang encounter some tough challenges and hard times. Can they be thankful regardless of their circumstances?

<u>Attitude of Gratitude</u> - A *Liz and Friends* Episode - Lucille's article deadline is quickly approaching! What can she possibly write for the next edition of the Terrene Gazette?

FROM FAMILY FIRE

<u>Teaching Our Children to Thank God</u> - Gratitude might not come naturally to us, but thankfulness is a prayerful way of experiencing the joy of God's peace with us in Christ.

<u>Thanksgiving Table Cards</u> - Whether you are gathering large or small this Thanksgiving, we hope these cards will help create an atmosphere of thankfulness.

FROM TODAY

<u>7 Thanksgiving Devotions</u> - Seven devotions to help your family reflect on God's deep and varied grace. Use them to guide your family as you walk through this season of thanks.

FROM THE REFRAME PRAYER MINISTRY

<u>5 Prayers for Thanksgiving</u> - In all the fellowship, football, and food, we can lose sight of the Giver. Here are five prayers for Thanksgiving to center our hearts on the God who gives us abundant life.

Kids Corner is a place for your children to discover their places in God's big story and learn how God calls them to live out their Christian faith every day! Subscribe to receive weekly *Kids Corner* children's devotions in your email (see below). And don't miss the fun with our classic <u>"Liz & Friends"</u> podcast or our <u>"Kids in</u> Action" videos to see the amazing things kids are doing for God's kingdom right now.

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