

Thanksgiving Walk

God's Grace to Us

Today's Reading: Psalm 95:1-7

Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. Psalm 95:2

Faith Walk

As you take a walk around your neighborhood, seek things for which to thank God. When you find something, stop and say a quick prayer of thanks.

Faith Talk

- ✧ What are the things you are most thankful for in your life?
- ✧ How are all things a gift from God?
- ✧ In the Bible verses, what is the psalmist thankful for?
- ✧ How can you show more thankfulness in your lives?
- ✧ Ask the Lord to give you hearts of thankfulness.

Follow-up Activities

- ✦ Write a family psalm of thanksgiving and use it at your Thanksgiving meal.
- ✦ Write the words "We are thankful for ..." on a large sheet of paper and tape it on the wall near your family altar. As family members think of things for which they are thankful, write or draw them on the banner.
- ✦ Make name cards for your Thanksgiving celebration. Fold index cards in half. On one side write the names of guests and decorate with Thanksgiving stickers. On the other side write, "Something I am thankful for is ..." At your Thanksgiving feast place pencils and name cards at each spot. Give everyone

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time to finish the sentence. Before starting the meal, pray a Thanksgiving prayer, then go around the table and have each person read their card.

- ✦ Sing a favorite Thanksgiving hymn.
- ✦ Make a circle. Have each family member throw a beanbag in the air as they say what they are thankful for. Then catch the beanbag and pass it to the next person.

Our Response to God's Grace

Dear Father, Abundant Giver,

You have blessed us with many gifts. For this we thank You. We ask You for yet one more gift—the gift of a thankful heart. In the abundance of Christ's love we pray. Amen.

Ponderings

- ☞ "Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel!" (Zephaniah 3:14a). Lift up an offering of Thanksgiving with your voice;—pray, sing, praise, and witness God's goodness in your life. Shout it aloud!
- ☞ "Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem!" (Zephaniah 3:14b). What blessings does your heart have to be thankful for? Lift them up to the Lord by offering Him a thankful heart.
- ☞ "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship" (Romans 12:1). Lift up an offering of thanksgiving with your body; live a life pleasing to God, extend God's blessings to others by serving them, fold your hands in prayer and lift and clap your hands in praise. Let all that you do with your body be a gift of thanksgiving for what God has done for you, through Jesus.
- ☞ "From what you have, take an offering for the LORD" (Exodus 35:5a). "All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the LORD has commanded" (Exodus 35:10). Lift up an offering of thanksgiving with your time, talents, and treasures.