

The Attitude of Gratitude



1. **Open with prayer.** Ask the Lord to show us what we need to be grateful for.

2. **Share the Gratefulness definition:** "Expressing my appreciation to God and others, for 1.) what I have, b.) what I have received and c.) how they have blessed me."

3. Family Bible Story: The Grateful Leper (Luke 17:11-19)

- Ask: *Who in the Bible expressed gratefulness and thanking to Jesus for healing him of a terrible disease?*

- *Sword Drill Luke 17:11*

- *Read the story together.*

- *Point Out:*

1) *Leprosy was a terrible skin disease. People with leprosy had infected sores all over their body and some times on their clothes.*

2) *Leprosy was contagious and repulsive. So lepers had to live isolated lives away from their friends and family in leper colonies.*

3) *There was no known human cure for leprosy. So there was no hope for a leper.*

4) *Ten lepers met Jesus as He entered a village.*

5) *They knew that Jesus could heal them.*

6) *Jesus cleansed all ten of the lepers and told them to go show themselves to the priest. The priest was the only person who could officially say a leper was cleansed and could re-enter the community.*

7) *Sadly only one, when he saw that he was healed, returned and thanked Jesus.*

8) *Because of this leper's faith in Jesus, he was healed.*

9) *Let us purpose to be like the one grateful leper, and give thanks and glory to God for His goodness and His son Jesus who died to heal us from the "leprosy of sin".*



4. Thanksgiving Day Facts.

- *There was not a National Day of Thanksgiving recognized throughout the United States for many years. Some recognized and observed a day while others did not.*

- *In 1830 New York declared an official state Thanksgiving holiday. Other northern states followed it's example.*

- *Virginia was the **first southern state** to adopt a Thanksgiving Day in 1855.*

- *In 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving and praise.*

- *In 1941 Congress ruled the fourth Thursday of November would now be a federally recognized holiday.*



6. Memory Verse for the Week: Colossians 3:17 (See Memory Sheet)

- Don't forget to review and chart your progress!



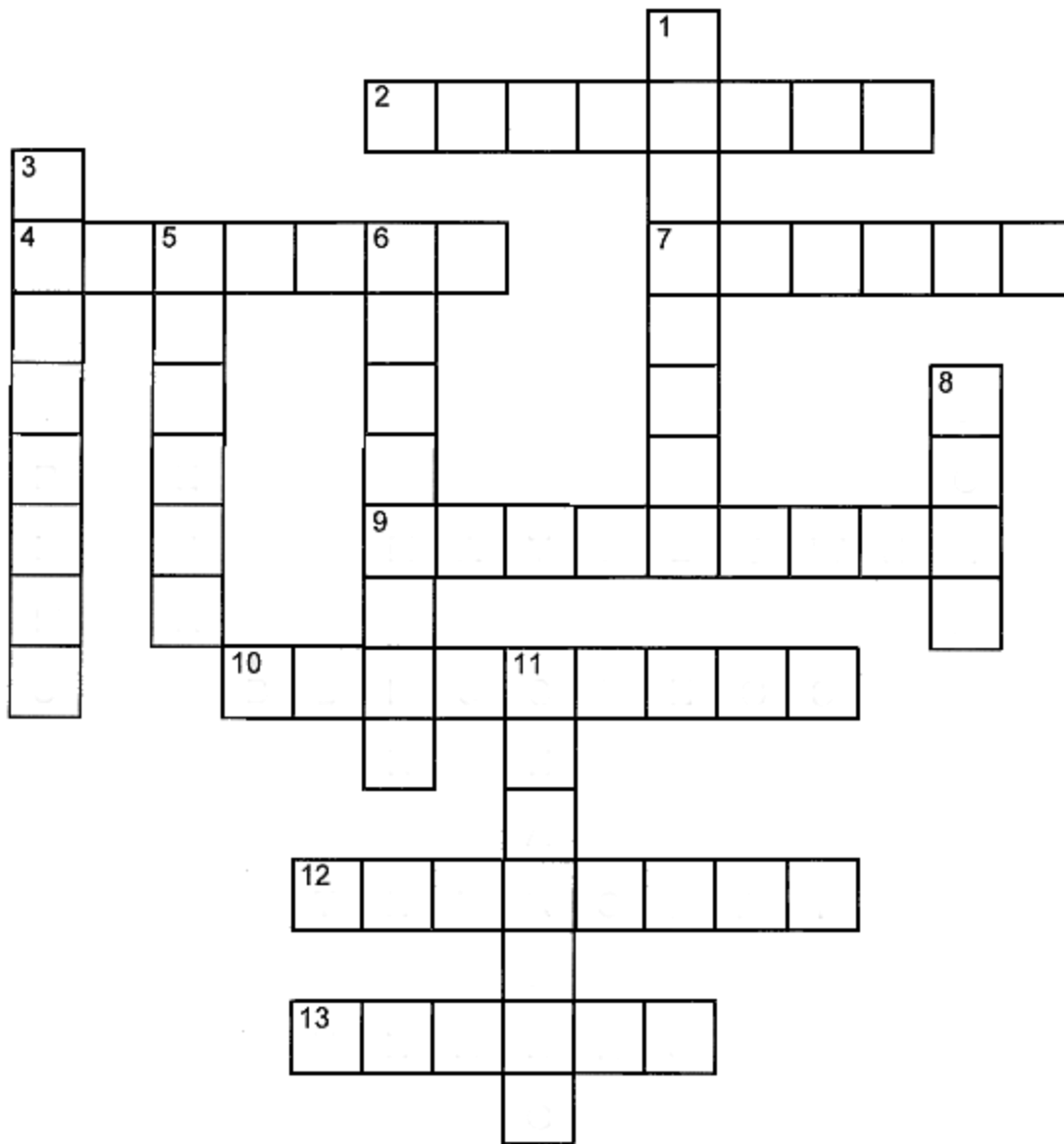
7. Other optional items to add.

- Sing a couple of choruses or songs (God is So Good, Thank you Lord for Saving My Soul, Give Thanks, Count Your Blessings, etc.)

- Spend time coloring the Memory Sheet and other coloring sheets together.

- Work the **Thanksgiving Crossword** together. (Solution. Across: 2 Plymouth, 4 Indians, 7 Turkey,

9 Mayflower, 10 Blessings, 12 Thursday, 13 Thanks. Down: 1 Football, 3. Pilgrims, 5 Dinner, 6 November, 8 Corn, 11 Sharing)



Across

- 2 Pilgrim landing rock
- 4 Shared feast with Pilgrims
- 7 Holiday bird
- 9 Ship settlers came over on
- 10 Bounties
- 12. Holiday Day of week
- 13 "Thank you" shortened

Down

- 1 Sport enjoyed on this holiday
- 3 Settlers came on Mayflower
- 5 Meal
- 6 Thanksgiving month
- 8 Vegetable at first Thanksgiving
- 11 Give some of what you have