



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Oh, give thanks for he is good

Take Home Point:

We thank God for he is the giver of all our blessings.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Tell me what the popcorn reminded you of in your lesson today. (*Each piece of popcorn represented a blessing that the kids counted.*)

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Your child was sent home with a baggie filled with popcorn kernels. These are to be placed on the spoon of every family member at dinnertime. Ask each family member to thank God for one thing as they put the popcorn seed in a special blessing pile in the middle of the table. Your child also might share the Thanksgiving story of how the pilgrims were thankful to God and had a Thanksgiving feast with the American Indians.

READ THE BIBLE: During the "Talk About It" section, read selected passages from Psalm 103.

KEY VERSE: Psalm 107:1 *"Give thanks to the LORD because he is good, because his mercy endures forever."*

TALK ABOUT IT: Read Psalm 107:1 and ask: Why are we supposed to give thanks to God? (*Because he is good and his mercy endures forever.*) What does it mean, "His mercy endures forever? (*Mercy means that someone is kind to another who doesn't deserve it. We deserve punishment for our sin, but God shows us kindness instead by giving us Jesus. This kindness lasts forever, because we get to be with him in heaven forever.*) What blessings can you think of that last forever? (*Heaven, friendship with God, forgiveness, peace, being with your loved ones forever...*) When is the hardest time for you to give thanks? When is the easiest time to give thanks?

Read some selected passages from Psalm 103, and talk about blessings that last forever.

PRAYER POWER: Give thanks for both physical and spiritual blessings. Help your children see the importance of thanking God, who gives all blessings to them, as opposed to just feeling grateful. Also, encourage them to think of the things they could be thankful for even if they were going through a hard time.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

As a family, ask how you might think of others and serve them. This would be a wonderful way to express your thanksgiving to God. You might contribute to a local food pantry for the hungry or volunteer serving a Thanksgiving dinner. Perhaps you would like to bake pies or cookies, or maybe an entire meal and then deliver it to an elderly shut-in. What ideas can you come up with?

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