



Thank you for accessing the resources for Kids Branch @ Home. We hope your children enjoyed today's video and that you have some great discussions this week about what it means to be thankful.

Bible Story – A Thanksgiving Lesson: The Apostles are Persecuted (Acts 5:17-42)

Parent Recap: It's easy to be thankful when you're with family in a nice home, smelling the turkey in the oven, but would you be feeling thankful if you were put in jail for talking about Jesus? The faith of the early believers should inspire us to be thankful in all circumstances, knowing no matter what our situation God is with us.

Main Point: Kids will learn that we can be thankful in good times and bad.

Discussion Questions

- Why were the apostles put in jail?
- What happened when the apostles were put in jail?
- What did the high council do when they heard the believers were free and preaching about Jesus?
- What did the Christians do when the high council told them to stop preaching about Jesus?
- Why did the believers continue to preach even after the high council warned them to stop?
- Why did the Christians remain thankful to God even after being imprisoned and beaten?
- What has Jesus done for us that we should always be thankful for?
- How can we have thankful hearts on our bad days?
- What is one thing you are especially thankful for this year?

Activities

Thankful Squares

- Pass a roll of toilet paper around the circle and let everyone take as many or as few squares as they want. For every square they take, they must say something they are thankful for.

Throughout the Week

- As a family take time to write notes of thanks to someone or some people you are thankful for.

Pray Together

Ask God to help your family to be thankful no matter what kind of day they are having or what circumstances they might be facing.

Memorize a Bible Verse

"I will thank the Lord at all times. My lips will always praise him" (Psalm 34:1)