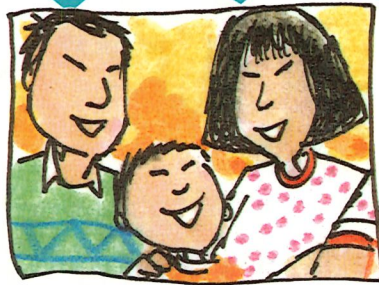


Family Page

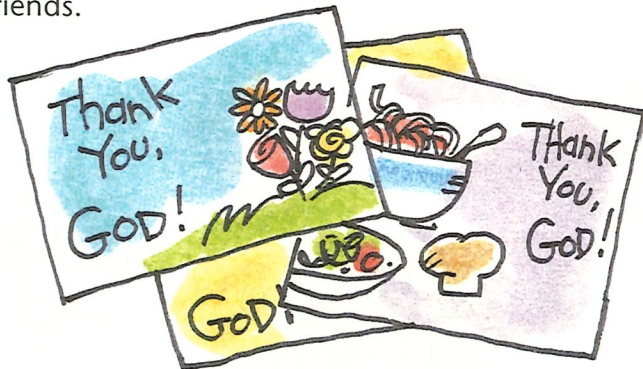
This week, your family will be celebrating "Notice and Thank God" week. In the gospel story of the ten lepers, two things are made quite clear — God cares deeply about us, and we do not always realize or appreciate this care. Here are some ideas to help you celebrate the week.



1 Take every opportunity to point out God's goodness to each member of the family as well as to the family as a whole.

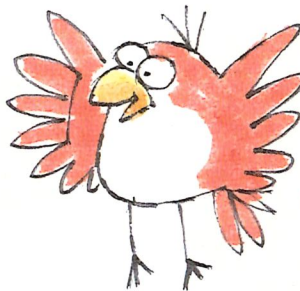
2 Begin to "notice" God from the time you step out the door in the morning. Thank God for making you healthy and strong enough to enjoy your day, to walk in the dry crackly leaves, to see the bright fall colors, and to hear the songs of the birds.

3 At the dinner table, thank God for the good food, for your family, and for your friends.



4 Each evening, list all the things you found to thank God for that day.

5 At the end of the week, make "Thank You, God" cards (see illustration). The cards can be decorated with pictures of God's gifts that you can draw or cut from magazines. Make as many cards as you want. Then decorate your walls with the cards to remind you every day of how good God is — and how much Jesus loves you.



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When Jesus cured the ten men, only one came back to thank him. Do you always remember to thank God for the wonderful things God does every day?



In this week's gospel story, ten very sick men call out to Jesus for help.

Jesus makes them better. He heals their hurting sores, and they all walk away, cured! Do you know what happens next? One man comes running back to say "Thank you, Lord." All the others forgot.

How sad and how unkind to forget to say thank you to Jesus and to God.

God is wonderful! Every day God helps people. God makes sick people better, sad people glad, and scared people brave.

God watches over you and gives you gifts. God makes you better, makes you glad, and keeps you safe!

Are you like the man in the story who came back to say "Thank you, Lord"? Or are you like the other nine who walked away without a word?

God does wonderful things for you. Remember to thank God every day!



PICTURE WORD SEARCH

Here are five pictures of things you can thank God for every day. Can you find their names in the magic square?

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