



LESSON

30

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP TIME

Thankful Heart: Being Grateful for What You Have and the Help You Are Given

Objective: Students learned that being grateful for what you have helps us to become more like Jesus.

Bible Verse: Psalm 107:1 *"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever."* (NIV)

Bible Story: Jesus is Thankful Lazarus is Raised from the Dead (John 11:1-44)

Action Steps:

1. Bible Time: As a family, read *Jesus is Thankful Lazarus is Raised from the Dead*, and discuss how Jesus was thankful BEFORE the miracle happened because He knew God was going to heal Lazarus. Discuss how your family can be thankful that God has a good plan, even when you can't see what His plan looks like right away.

2. Scripture Memory: Practice singing or reciting the memory verse each day as a family.

3. Practice: Take time to do some thankful prayers with your children this week maybe on the way to school or while eating breakfast in the morning. Go around and have each family member tell God three things they are thankful for to start your day. Also, remind your children to have a thankful heart throughout the week: when situations come up to practice saying "thank you" to people, such as when given a meal to eat, a gift, or help. **Place stickers or checkmarks next to THANKFUL on your Character Trait Sticker Chart every time you catch your children displaying a thankful heart.**

4. Model: Be intentional about thanking your family members and talking about your gratitude for God and how He has provided or helped you through different things. Children will pick up character traits more easily when they see a good model from parents! ☺