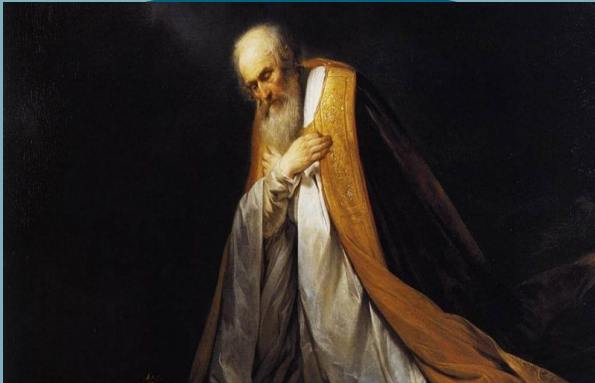


Giving Thanks

God calls for us to be thankful in all things, and we know that this can be hard to do. We acknowledge things to be grateful for in every assembly, and know that when we acknowledge and name our blessings, we are able to show gratitude in unexpected places.

Background Information

This term we will study Bible stories that show gratitude at times of stress, which can be surprising. There are many examples in the Bible of the importance of gratitude and thankfulness (Ephesians 5), even during times of suffering. The Lord wants us to have a spirit of gratitude in all we do and say. When we are grateful, we will have greater happiness and joy in our lives. We will begin to recognise the blessings of the Lord. This unit supports our view that Christians should live life in all its fullness.



Let them give thanks to the Lord for his faithful love and his wondrous works for all humanity. For He has satisfied the thirsty and filled the hungry with good things.

Psalm 107: 8-9

In this unit the children will...

Study the story of Daniel, who was able to give thanks despite the risk to his life.

Look at the story of Jonah, who was able to repent and thank God for saving him and giving him another chance.

The story of the loaves and fish, where Jesus gave thanks to God and fed everyone who came to listen to his teaching (Matthew 15)

Study the story of Jesus healing the leper (Luke 17).

The story of Mary, and Mary's Magnificat, sharing that with God, all things are possible.

Hear Psalm 150.

By the end of this unit....

All children can:

Identify things to be grateful for—family, friends, pets, gifts.

Say thank you, and think about how we behave.

Retell Bible stories that show thankfulness in times of stress or hardship.

Most children will:

Understand that sometimes it is hard to do the right thing.

Understand that by being thankful, we are working towards greater happiness and satisfaction in our lives.

Link the story of Daniel to doing the right thing.

Know that Christians believe that God wants us to have 'life in all it's fullness' (John 10:10)

Some children will:

Be able to use the stories and Bible verse to reflect upon their own actions.

Consider how they can demonstrate generosity and thankfulness despite adversity.

Start to explore the Psalms, which were often written (in places) of adversity and war.

Know that they can use the Bible for advice and guidance.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

Luke 1: 46-47



Useful Links

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