

November: A Month of Thanksgiving

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I have decided to focus on **November as a month of Thanksgiving**. I have just taped this verse to my bathroom mirror from 1 Thessalonians 5:18:

"...be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus."

This will help me keep my focus on thankfulness for the month.

I have collated together a bunch of ideas which you could use to put in a **worship box for families** to do at home around the theme of thanksgiving, or you can **use them in Children's Ministry** or as **part of your main service**.

1. Create a **blessings jar**: you could put a jar, a label or other stickers or decorations and a ribbon into your worship box for them to create one at home.

[Blessings Jar](#)



2. **Games** to play at home. This children's pastor has collated **10 games around a thanksgiving theme**. You could add into your worship box a bag of Smarties, the letters of the word THANKSGIVING written on card, a small ball, a mini whiteboard and white board marker that they can use for some of the games suggested. I have listed the games on a word document or you can watch Nathan here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QONZALNRsHw>

[Thanksgiving Games](#)

3. **Ideas for families** on how to grow grateful kids - this could be laminated as a **poster** for them to keep at home. See the '5 Ways' posters at the link below.

<https://dwell.faithaliveresources.org/home.html>

4. **Grateful praying, eating and walking** - you could add a small bag of popcorn to your worship box for the popcorn prayer suggestion as well as a copy of this sheet.

[Grateful](#) Praying sheet

5. Add some tealight candles and a party blower to your worship box for two of the activities from **Celebrating Thanksgiving as Christians**. Encourage families to host a thanksgiving dinner one evening toward the end of November, either inviting another family for dinner, hosting an outdoor dinner with another bubble or celebrating in style with their own family.

[CelebratingThanksgivingasChristians](#) sheet

6. You could laminate the **thanksgiving verse/poster** for families to put up at home.

I pray that November will be a blessed month for you as you focus on the all the things we have to be thankful for.

[ThanksgivingPoster](#)

