

# **Thankful Family Activities**

## **Create a Chain Reaction**

*Make a "Thank you, God!" chain. Gather scissors, stickers, pencils, crayons, glue and construction paper. Cut the paper in strips and ask your kids to think about the things they are grateful for. Have them write or draw these things on the strips, then connect them to form a chain and hang it in a place where it will remind your family of being grateful to God.*

## **Make a Blessing Basket**

*Place a pretty fall basket containing a pencil and pad in an easy-to-reach location. Throughout the month, encourage family members to jot down ways God has blessed them. Younger children can draw or cut out pictures from magazines. Read these together and give thanks each day or set aside some time for reading the blessings on Thanksgiving Day.*

## **Questions for the Dinner Table**

*Think of 3 things you are thankful for. Then ask the following question: "If I could keep only the gifts I've thanked God for today, what would I have?" Ask younger children: "What do you want to thank God for today?" Encourage all at the table to thank God daily for our many gifts.*

## **Create Scripture-themed Place Cards**

*Have the children make one place card for each place setting on the Thanksgiving table. On one side, write names of guests and family; on the other, type a Scripture verse about being thankful. Let each person read his or her verse before the blessing. Some Scripture verses about gratitude:*

*Psalm 107:1 "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"*

*Colossians 2:6 "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."*

*Ephesians 1:16 "I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers."*

*Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful."*

*Acts 24:3 "In every way and everywhere we accept this with all gratitude."*