

4 Ways to Teach Thanks

In the Old Testament, a thank offering represented an act of thanksgiving for answered prayer and blessings given. It expressed a voluntary desire on the part of the offerer(s) to thank God. Usually, thank offerings were given in gratitude for deliverance from sickness (Psalm 107:20-22), trouble (Psalm 50:14-15), or death (Psalm 56:12-13).

God was honored by thank offerings (Psalm 50:23). Read Leviticus 7:11-14 for more information on thank offerings.

Because of Jesus, today we don't have to sacrifice thank offerings in the same way. When we pray, however, we should always remember to give thanks for His many blessings, in the midst of whatever circumstance we find ourselves (1 Thessalonians 5:18). It is always appropriate to honor God and thank Him when we are blessed!

What kinds of thank offerings could you make to the Lord as a family? Here are some ideas for you to try:

1. Give the Lord a thank offering of praise! Worship Him together with songs and read psalms that praise the Lord. Do this whenever God blesses your family in a special way—whether it's big or small. Let your kids help plan and participate in the worship time.

2. Share your gratefulness to God with others. Prepare a special meal when you have been blessed (someone is healed, a new baby arrives, a relative gets a new job, and so on). Invite others to join in your feast of thanksgiving, and focus on thanking God with Scriptures such as 1 Chronicles 16:8-10, Psalm 7:17, and 1 Corinthians 15:57. Have the kids make invitations and decorate your home with posters using some of the thanks verses.

3. When your family is sad or discouraged (especially your kids), throw a "Count Your Blessings" party. Get as creative as you want to with games and prizes. Give each family member a piece of paper and pencil, and set a timer—see who can come up with the most things to be thankful for in a specified time.

4. Try "thankfulness" charades or Pictionary. Have each person think of something he or she is thankful for and try to get the rest of the family to guess what it is by acting it out or drawing it. Take turns thanking God using sentence prayers for all of the things mentioned. Celebrate God's goodness with cake and ice cream!

Here are some other practical ways to show your thankfulness:

Give Him your time as a thank offering. Could you sacrifice a few hours to work as a family at a food pantry or serve food at a local rescue mission in thanks for God's abundance to you? Check with your church and community to find other ways you could serve as a family.

Donate food and clothing to the needy as a thank offering. As a family, you could clean out closets and make a special trip to a church or community agency to donate the items.



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November 3, 2019

We welcome you to all our services!

Sunday:	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Wednesday:	5:30 PM	Snacks & Devotion

Announcements

Tonight: Switch Tournament & Fellowship at 6:00 PM.

On Friday, November 8, there will be a fundraiser to help the Steve French family, as Steve battles cancer. This event will be held at The Lampo Building.

If you would like to help, with the event, please see Lana Henry. If you would like to help, with a financial contribution, please see Kevin Tomlin.

Next Sunday: Lighthouse Group at Wayne & Cathy's home.

Next Sunday: Ladies Night Out to hear Christian comedian Chonda Pierce @ Calvary Baptist Church, Joplin. Doors open 6:15pm and event starts at 7pm. Please see Kasey Wiley for information and group ticket pricing.

Don't forget to discuss Sunday School & Kids Church with your children!

This week we will be working on memorizing the pledges (Bible, Christian Flag). We will also be talking about Veterans Day and what that means to us.

Memory Verse: Luke 20:35-36

Thank you . . .

. . . to all that helped with the Fall Harvest Party and helped serve Meals on Wheels!

Steve French, a minister of the Gospel to children and adults for over 2 and a half decades and raised as a missionary kid, was diagnosed with an inoperable, aggressive prostate cancer at the beginning of this year (2019). After approximately 6 months of trying many suggestions of possible cures, spending a lot of money with no real answers, and MUCH prayer, God led them to CHIPSA hospital in Tijuana Mexico.

September 30th, Steve was admitted into CHIPSA hospital for 3 weeks of intensive treatments including the Gerson Therapy, Coley's, IPT, intravenous vitamin C-K3, and DC-Lak to name a few. He saw a 30% necrosis (death) in his cancer cells and are continuing many of these treatments while now at home.

He will need to travel back to Tijuana in January for a booster shot and further possible treatments. We are raising funds to cover his \$15,000 diagnosis, his January trip to Tijuana, his income while he is unable to work, and treatments including, but not limited to, the Gerson Therapy which includes a large amount of juicing and consuming organic fruits and vegetables.

Thank you for everyone that is walking this journey with them and joining in their fight! Their prayer is that you will be richly blessed and inspired to a healthy lifestyle!

Community-wide Fundraiser

Friday, Nov. 8, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Lampo Building, Neosho, MO

Steve French family



Mexican dinner ~ Silent Auction

Donations at the door, or send contributions to:

Gospel Lighthouse Church, P.O. Box 252, Neosho, MO 64850

~~Music provided by the Niswonger Family~~



We invite you to follow their cancer journey on FB @ niki and steve french

