

NOTE TO PARENTS from Ps Luke Aiasecca

Thank you for the privilege of ministering to your family through Kidmania Online. Today's Kidmania Online episode was **ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE**.

This parent info sheet can be used by you at home to support your Kidmania experience **WITH** your children and help them to get the most out of it.

The 'main ideas' section of this parent info sheet has been designed especially for you to enter into meaningful discussion with your children.

To help your children really share what is in their hearts and minds with you, and so YOU can actively build faith and wisdom into them, when it comes to the 'Ask' points, take care to not rush them... give them time to think and respond and really show them you are listening and that you understand.

We are here to support you! If you have any questions you would like to discuss please contact your location Kidmania co-ordinator or email me at luke.aiasecca@enjoy.church
God bless you!

Family Ice Breaker - I Spy

This is a fun way to introduce what you will be talking about as a family.

In today's episode we did surprise interviews with some people in our streaming production teams at Enjoy Church. We asked the surprise question: 'What are you grateful for?'

You might like to do your own version of this interview

OR you might like to play a version of 'I Spy'

(This is to find out the kind of things we focus on when we think of being thankful. Choose the sentence option that matches your whole family's abilities to be able to participate fully.)

I spy, with my little eye, something I am thankful for, that:

- * begins with the letter ...
- * is the color ...
- * helps me to ...

Whatever you do, have FUN!

Today's Scripture References

Read, repeat & recite the memory verses (now and at mealtimes this week)

1 Chronicles 16:34

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His faithful love endures (lasts) forever.

James 1:17

Every good and generous act, and perfect gift, comes down from the Father who created all the lights in the heavens. He is always the same and never makes dark shadows by changing.

Psalms 34:3

O magnify the LORD with me, let us lift up His name together.

The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

Topic introduction & Discussion:

Ask: Has anyone ever said THANK YOU to you?

If YES – ask: What was the situation? How did you feel when THEY said THANK YOU? Did you then want to do more or less to be helpful/bless them? Do you think God likes to hear you say thank you to Him? Do you think He would like to bless you more?

Ask: Have you ever said THANK YOU to someone else?

If YES – ask: What was the situation? How did you feel when YOU said THANK YOU? Do you feel good when you say thank you to God?

Ask: Have you ever found it hard to be thankful for something that is really good BECAUSE you were worried or upset about something? [this is not about having good manners, but about having the ability to enjoy good things and be grateful for them when everything else is not OK]

If YES – ask: what was the situation? What do you think would have happened if you had focused on (paid the most attention to) the good thing? What do you think would have happened if you paid more attention to (focused more on) God than on your worry?

[invite your child to share, and share with them as appropriate - something that you found hard to appreciate due to worry / disappointment / a problem and how you dealt with that through focusing on the Word, being in prayer, asking a wise friend or leader or parent for help with the problem, and focusing on the good thing and expressing thanksgiving to God and people]

Memory Verse challenge:

[turn the page over to the **Today's Scripture References** section]

Family activity (object lesson):

Magnify everything - go out into the garden or around the house, either with a magnifying glass or a phone with a camera app / magnifying glass app and notice the difference between seeing things with your natural eyes and then with the help of the magnifying tool. Notice the difference. Then read the scripture verses with and without magnification.

Make a list - make a list of the things, people, and experiences you as a family are grateful/thankful for. You might include lessons learned from difficult times. You may also write a list of some things you are not so happy about. If you do, ensure it is a shorter list, that the writing you use is smaller, and be sure to NOTICE with them that there is more to be grateful for that to worry about.

Magnify the good and the God - Review THANKFUL LIST using the magnifying tool and when you are done, ask your kids how they feel. Then, ask them if they were remembering the list of problems while they were reading the THANKFUL LIST.

Let's pray!

Dear Heavenly Father... We thank You that all good things come from You. We thank You for all the things on our THANKFUL LIST like [list a few things] and that we can trust you to help us with our other list too. We thank You for all the good that we will see You do, for us and in us ...in Jesus' Name, Amen!

