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Lesson 12 / November 22, 2026

A Slice of Gratitude

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for use as STEP 1

Lesson 12
Focus:
Give thanks to God for what He has done.

Lesson 12
Bible Basis:
2 Chronicles 5—7; 1 Kings 8:54-61

Lesson 12
Memory Verse:
"O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven or on earth—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way."
—2 Chronicles 6:14

Students will talk about giving thanks to God as they explore all the things God has done for us that are worthy of thanks.

Materials:
- Internet access

Not only do you have a few days off from school this week, but there is also a holiday to celebrate!

➢ **What are some of your Thanksgiving traditions?** (Answers will vary but may include: dinner at grandparents; serving dinner at a soup kitchen; shopping; traveling to see relatives; staying home and putting up a Christmas tree; going to a movie; baking pies with family; watching football; saying one thing he or she is thankful for; etc.)

One Thanksgiving tradition popular with many Americans is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Between 2–3 million spectators show up to watch the parade in person, and many more watch it on national television. Let's take a look.

Play the following video for your students [2:42; stop at 2:24]:
The History Behind the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFxn-GWOdbc

Although Thanksgiving has many fun traditions—including parades, food, and time spent with loved ones, the purpose of the day is to give thanks for our abundant blessings.

➢ **If you get together with family or friends, and if a prayer is shared, who usually says grace at your table before the big dinner? What things are included in that prayer?** (Answers will vary; your preteens may talk about thanking God for our food, family, and friends; bless the food itself; bless those who prepared the food; etc.)

➢ **How might you react if someone prays a really long prayer at your table this Thursday?** (Answers may vary.)

➢ **If you were the one who said grace, what might you thank God for?** (Answers will vary.)

As we approach a holiday designated for giving thanks, we are challenged to consider when and for what we give thanks. Our lesson today is about Solomon's prayer of thanks. Let's find out the kinds of things that were in Solomon's thanksgiving prayer.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Materials:
- Index cards
- Pens/pencils

If your class is meeting online, invite students to bring supplies with them to class.

Today we read that Solomon gave thanks to God for keeping His covenant and that there is no other god like our God.

➢ **What are some things about God that you are thankful for?** (Answers may vary; His love, power, compassion, guidance, creation, presence, etc.)

➢ **What are some things God has done for you personally that you are thankful for?** (Answers may vary; these answers may be personal or general ranging from salvation to answered prayer for someone in the family.)

Distribute supplies (or invite students to have them ready at home). Have students write today's focus on one side of their index cards: "Give thanks to God for what He has done." Encourage your students to write on the other side things that they normally don't think of or take time to thank God for. Give them a few minutes to think and write.

Gather the students together for prayer letting them refer to index cards as they go. Close your prayer time thanking God for being the one true God. Ask God to give us hearts of gratitude for the things we take for granted and for all that God does for us.

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