

# Thankful Tree

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Name what you're most thankful for as you create a seasonal decoration for your home.

**For**  
Young Family

**Season**  
Fall

## Needed

Thanksgiving Scriptures worksheet (see last page), plain paper, brown construction paper or brown paper grocery bag, scissors, tape, pencils, washable markers

## Prepare in Advance

Make a copy of the Thanksgiving Scriptures worksheet for each family member.

## Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin:

*God, thank you for giving us so much—food, clothing, home, friends, family, schools, jobs. Amen.*

2. Ask each person to use a pencil to trace his or her hands on plain paper. Have each person cut out his or her paper hands. Help younger children if they have difficulty handling scissors.
3. On one paper hand, have each person write his or her name in the palm of the hand and write one thing she or she is thankful for on each finger and thumb. Help younger children by printing words lightly in pencil for them to trace. On the other paper hand, use markers to draw some things for which you give thanks.
4. Work together to cut a tree trunk from brown construction paper or a paper grocery bag. Tape the trunk to your refrigerator or another prominent place in your home.
5. Have each person tape his or her paper hands to the brown paper trunk, arranging them as if they were leaves. Ask each person to tell about one thing for which he or she is thankful and why.
6. Give each person a copy of the Thanksgiving Scriptures worksheet. Have each family member choose a scripture to read aloud choose one or two verses to read in unison.
7. End by giving God a cheer of thanks and a round of applause.

# Thanksgiving Scriptures

## **Psalm 118:24**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## **Ephesians 5:20**

Give thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Psalm 136:1**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

## **Colossians 3:17**

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **Ephesians 1:16**

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

## **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

## **Psalm 100:1-5**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!  
Know that the Lord, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!  
For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

## **Colossians 3:15**

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

