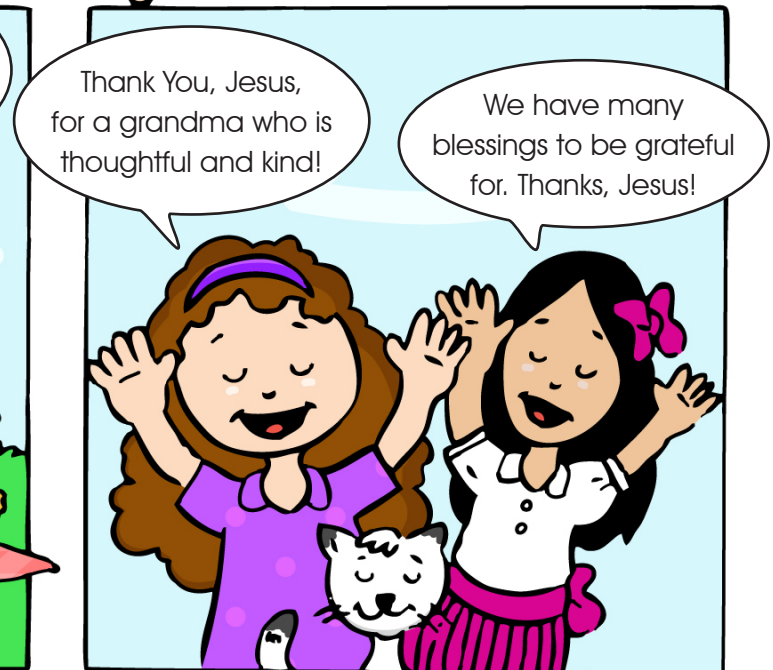


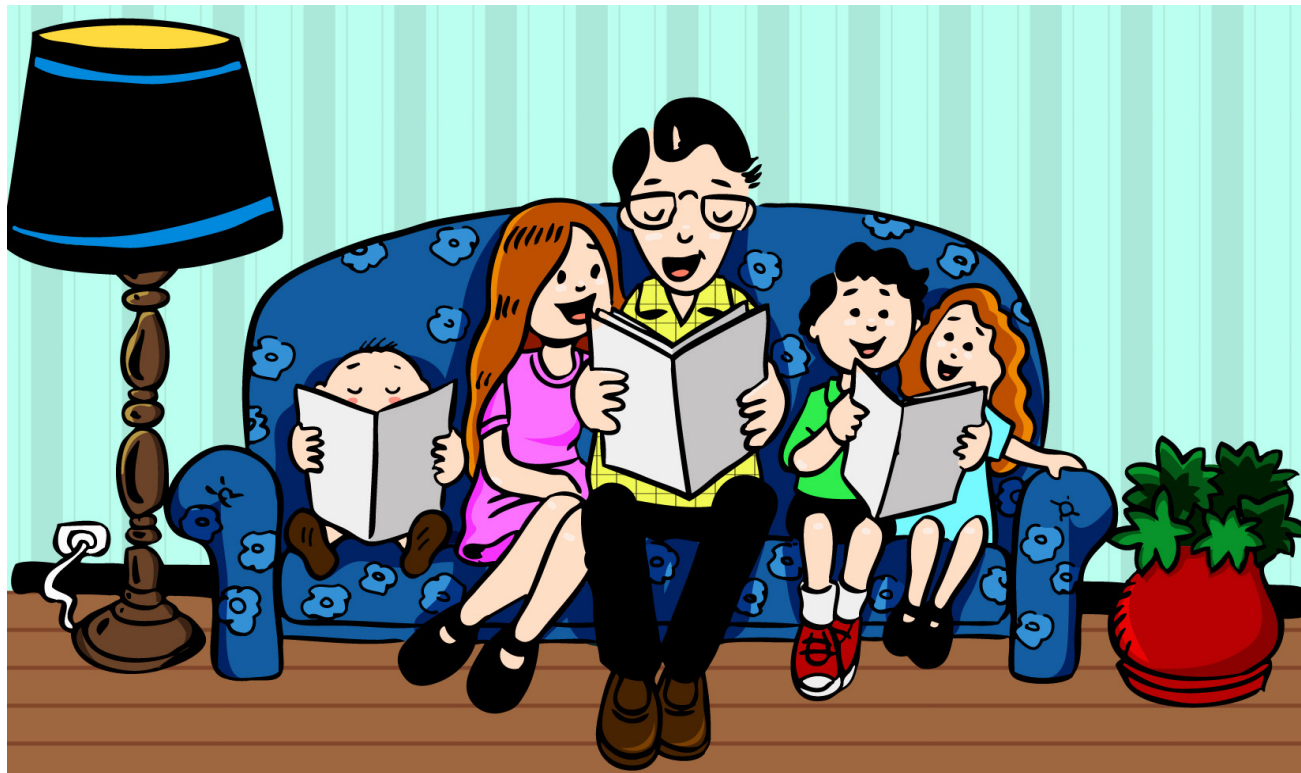
# SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE

HAVE YOU STOPPED TO THINK ABOUT THE MANY WAYS THAT YOU ARE BLESSED? THINK OF SOME OF THE THINGS THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY IN YOUR DAYS. THOSE ARE LIKE LITTLE GIFTS THAT MAKE YOUR HEART GLAD.

<sup>1</sup>PSALM 86:5 NLT



THERE ARE MANY WONDERFUL BIBLE STORIES OF THE POWER OF PRAISE. KING DAVID IS ONE EXAMPLE—HE LOVED TO PRAISE AND THANK GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS. KING DAVID WROTE MANY SONGS OF PRAISE, THANKING GOD FOR HIS LOVING CARE, MERCY, AND PROTECTION.



PRAISE GOD,  
FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;

PRAISE HIM,  
ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW;

PRAISE HIM ABOVE,  
YE HEAV'NLY HOST;

PRAISE FATHER, SON,  
AND HOLY GHOST.

—DOXOLOGY (1674),  
BY THOMAS KEN

GOD LIKES TO HEAR OUR PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING. OUR PRAISES ARE HOW WE CAN THANK GOD FOR THE MANY GOOD THINGS HE DOES FOR US.

THE BIBLE TELLS US TO "GIVE THANKS FOR EVERYTHING TO GOD."<sup>2</sup> IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WHAT WE THANK JESUS FOR IS BIG OR SMALL, WHEN WE EXPRESS OUR HAPPINESS THROUGH OUR PRAISES, WE ARE SHOWING OUR GRATITUDE FOR ALL GOD HAS DONE FOR US.

Jesus, we had a special birthday party! Thank You for the many friends we have.

We're so happy for all the gifts. Help us to be good stewards of all that we received.



SOMETIMES OUR DAYS ARE SO BUSY THAT WE FORGET TO THANK JESUS FOR THE BLESSINGS THAT FILL OUR DAYS. TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO THINK ABOUT SOME OF THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED TO YOU TODAY, AND LOOK FOR WAYS TO PRAISE GOD FOR THEM. THANKING JESUS THROUGH OUR PRAYERS MAKES OUR HEARTS FEEL GLAD.

And the shepherd said,  
"Thank You, God, for helping  
me find my lost sheep!"

Yay!



"WHATEVER IS GOOD AND  
PERFECT COMES DOWN TO  
US FROM GOD OUR FATHER"  
(JAMES 1:17 NLT).

