

Thankful for What I Can Do

Introduction:

Thanksgiving is coming up. And you'll probably be asked, "What are you thankful for?" Usually the answer to this question is list of what you have: family, food, etc. But have you ever thought about being thankful for what you can do? What are somethings you are thankful you can do? (Play football, dance, read comics, eat cookies?) We can also be thankful for what we can do for God.

The 4 parts of the Discipleship Pathway are Worship, Grow, Share, Serve. What are things we are thankful to do for each of these? For instance, reading your Bible or giving an offering.

Card Activity:

Gather a bunch of materials to make cards. Pick some people to send your "Thankful for You" cards to. This could be family or friends you haven't seen for a while, someone you've been praying for, or someone you don't know at a hospital.

One thing we can do is be creative. Make cards to share love with others this Thanksgiving.

Craft:

Make a batch of Thanksgiving Snack Mix.

THANKSGIVING SNACK MIX

Raisins: At first the pilgrims were hungry and didn't have all they needed. They withered.

Bugles: The Native Americans taught them lots about how to live in their new home. The cornucopia is used to symbolize all we have to be thankful for.

Pretzels: The pilgrims prayed to God at the first Thanksgiving. They thanked Him for their new friends and all they had.



Scripture:

(Can read while children color) Today we're going to read the passage of Jesus' last example of humble service to his disciples before he was betrayed. (Read John 13:1-11) What did Jesus do to serve his disciples? Why? (Read John 13:12-17) So why do we serve? It is a privilege to serve Christ, so thankfulness to be a disciple is a great way to honor God.

Movement:

Sing "If You're Happy and You Know It" but change the words to "If You're Thankful and You Know It".

Play Thanksgiving Pictionary from California Unpublished. (See next page)

Prayer:

Lord, please use our actions to show our thankfulness to you. Help us to humbly serve others and be thankful as we serve. Amen.

THANKSGIVING Pictionary

Pilgrim

Sweet Potatoes

Thankful

Setting the Table

Turkey

Grateful

Guests

Blessed

Corn

Gravy

Family

Pecan Pie

Fall

Pumpkin Pie

Dressing

Greenbean Casserole

Rolls

Feast

Meal

Fine China

Parade Float

Cousins

Cranberries

Autumn

Napkin

Deviled Eggs

Plymouth Rock

Blessings