

*A Freedom & Simplicity™
Thanksgiving Study*

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Introduction

Greetings from Me and My House,

This simple study for Thanksgiving lists several resources and activities you may enjoy. It is laid out as a biblically principled study, to help you see God Word applied in HisStory and your own life. You will, (if you follow our ideas,) Journal your study in a Book of Remembrance. We especially enjoy making a MyMini Book of Remembrance (lapbook) of our Thanksgiving studies.

Our favorite resource for learning how to make mini books for our MyMini Books of Remembrance is Dinah Zike's *The Big Book of Books* at dinah.com. If you don't know how to make lapbook mini-books, we highly recommend this book as the only resource you will need. There is also some info on the web, that may be able to get you started while you wait for your book to come in. Or better yet, find a friend to teach you.

Many of the older resources listed can be found both in print books, and in ebook format online for free. I have tried to give both options when I've been able to find them.

There are no "required" resources for this study. Choose whichever resources and activities work for your family. Use different ones next year. This is a topic to be revisited year by year, expanding our wisdom, understanding, and knowledge of Thanksgiving to God and of the Pilgrims who are a great example to us of it.

Also, don't feel you need to "finish" this study by Thanksgiving Day. You will no doubt want to know some of this before Thanksgiving, to better enjoy and celebrate the holiday. But this study can be done at any time. It can make a nice study beginning the week of Thanksgiving and continuing until Christmas. This is a time that can sometimes be hard to stay on track with continued studies anyhow, and isn't long enough for many other studies. This study will fit nicely in that time frame.

But also don't feel you must devote an entire month to this study. It could be a 2 week study, a 1 week study, or even a one day study - perhaps on

Thanksgiving Day itself, picking just short readings and simple activities. Make it whatever works for your family. Plan for more next year if you want.

You can start this study today! Although you may (and I hope you do) want to order some of the excellent resources we have suggested, you can get started with the free online resources immediately.

Enjoy!

For Me and My House ~ and God's glory alone,

Lisa @ Me and My House

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God's Word: on Thankfulness

God's Word has much to say about being thankful. That is where we begin our study.

Receive -

Read: Look up Scripture on being Thankful. Here's a few, use a concordance to find more.

2 Samuel 22:50

1 Chronicles 16:8, 34, 35

1 Chronicles 29:13

Psalms 18:49

Psalms 30:4, 12

Psalms 35:18

Psalms 75:1

Psalms 79:13

Psalms 92:1-2

Psalms 97:12

Psalms 105:1

Psalms 106:1, 47

Psalms 107:1

Psalms 118:1, 29

Psalms 119:62

Psalms 136:1-3, 26

Psalms 140:13

Ephesians 5:4

Ephesians 5:20

Philippians 4:6

Colossians 1:3, 12

Colossians 3:17

1 Thessalonians 1:2

1 Thessalonians 5:18

1 Timothy 2:1

Hebrews 13:15

Revelation 11:17

Record -

Journal: Copy, Memorize and Meditate on a few verses that are especially significant to you. (Read them in context, not just the isolated verses.) There are

some Journaling Pages for your Book of Remembrance at the end of this study that you can use to copy on. Be sure to use your best handwriting, and copy carefully. Check your work for proper spelling, capitalization, punctuation.

Ruminate: Reflect & Reason -

Think about it and discuss it: Think through the verses you read. Who are we to thank? Why? When? What for?

Relate & Release -

Journal: Write your thoughts on what the Bible says about Thankfulness. You can write one general paper or make a Thankfulness Journal, by writing a verse and your thoughts and action you can take on each page. These thoughts can be specifically about the verse you copy each day, or about Thankfulness in general. Do this in a on regular paper or the provided Journaling Pages for your Thanksgiving Book of Remembrance, or in a special Journal book or Composition notebook, or in “mini-books” for your MyMini Book of Remembrance. A “” may be a good choice for MyMini.

Journal: Notice how the Psalms are an expression of Thankfulness and Praise. Write your own Psalm or poem of Thanksgiving to God.

Further Study:

Study the Character Quality of Gratefulness and how you can apply it. Our favorite resources for this study are from iblp.org - Character Sketches Vol. 3, Gratefulness Character Booklet, Power for True Success, Achieving True Success. CharacterJournal.com is a good free online source for character studies (based much on the above resources.) <http://www.characterjournal.com/html/gratefulness.htm> You can see pictures of our Gratefulness MyMini Book of Remembrance here:

<http://frommeandmyhouse.com/blog-led/2007/03/05/a-peek-at-our-gratefulness-study/>

The Bible also tells us of Thanksgiving Feasts ordained of God, for the celebration of the gathering of the harvest of the crops that He has provided. If you'd like to do more research and study, learn about these feasts, particularly the Feast of Ingathering in the fall.