



THANKFULNESS

This term our Collective Worship focus will be based on the value **THANKFULNESS**. We hope your family find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.



TALK TOGETHER

“Count your blessings” is an old saying, but it reminds us to be thankful and not take things for granted.

As a family you may like to talk about:

- Remembering to let other people know when you are thankful
- Not taking things for granted
- Practical ways of showing gratitude
- How it feels when someone thanks you



READ TOGETHER

Jesus was travelling along the dusty roads towards Jerusalem. At each village he was welcomed by people, happy to see him and listen to his teaching. But today, as he entered the village, he saw in the distance a small group standing apart from the crowd. They were calling out, “Jesus, Master, help us, please make us well.” These poor people had a disease called leprosy. They were terribly ill and no-one in the village wanted to go near them.

But Jesus didn't ignore them. He stood among them and prayed for them. As each of them went on his way they began to notice that their whole bodies were healing up. They were so excited that they immediately rushed off to share their good news. Well, nine of them did. The tenth turned and fell on his knees in front of Jesus and thanked him for what he had done.

“I healed ten people with leprosy today”, said Jesus to the man.

“Where are the others?” But then he smiled “Well at least you came back to say thank you!”



THINK TOGETHER

WORDS OF WISDOM

“God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say **THANK YOU?**”

FACINATING FACTS

Have you ever thought about how many people we have to thank for some of the everyday things that we take for granted? For example, the milk we drink.

Thank you for buying the milk.

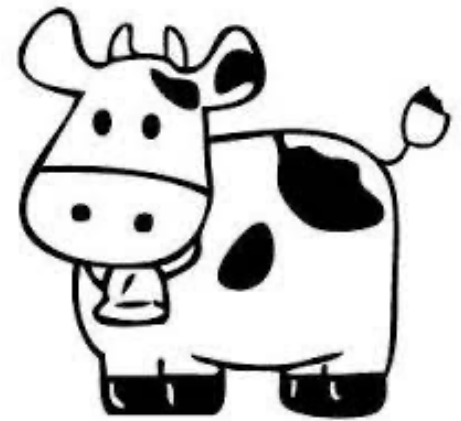
Thank you, supermarket workers, for stacking the shelves and operating the cash tills.

Thank you, lorry drivers, for bringing cartons of milk to the supermarket.

Thank you, workers, in the packaging factory.

Thank you milk tanker driver for collecting the milk from the farms and bringing it to the factory.

Thank you, farmers, for milking the cows.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

OTHER BOOKS TO EXPLORE

TITLE	AUTHOR
Bear Says Thanks	Karma Wilson
The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein
Here We Are	Oliver Jeffers
The Thank You Letter	Jane Cabrera
Thankful	Eileen Spinelli
Thanks a Million	Nikki Grimes
Thank You for the Little Things	Caryl Hart

Thank you chain

Think about how an everyday item reaches you:

Where does it come from? Who was involved in making it? Who should you thank?

Make a thank you chain and bring it to school to hang on display.