



A Time of Thanks - November 22

Parents: Have you ever heard the saying “change that attitude to gratitude”? Don’t we all need to hear that at one point or another? We’re going to visit Leviticus, found in the Old Testament, to take a look at how the Lord gave instructions to the Israelites about a special time—The Year of Jubilee. It was important then just as it is now to be intentional about sharing our thankfulness to God.

Read: [Leviticus 25:1-13; 54-55](#) The Lord said to Moses at Mount Sinai, 2 “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a sabbath to the Lord. 3 For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. 4 But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of sabbath rest, a sabbath to the Lord. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards. 5 Do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the grapes of your untended vines. The land is to have a year of rest. 6 Whatever the land yields during the sabbath year will be food for you—for yourself, your male and female servants, and the hired worker and temporary resident who live among you, 7 as well as for your livestock and the wild animals in your land. Whatever the land produces may be eaten. 8 “Count off seven sabbath years—seven times seven years—so that the seven sabbath years amount to a period of forty-nine years. 9 Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land. 10 Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each of you is to return to your family property and to your own clan. 11 The fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; do not sow and do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the untended vines. 12 For it is a jubilee and is to be holy for you; eat only what is taken directly from the fields. 13 “In this Year of Jubilee everyone is to return to their own property. 54 “Even if someone is not redeemed in any of these ways, they and their children are to be released in the Year of Jubilee, 55 for the Israelites belong to me as servants. They are my servants, whom I brought out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

Discuss: Do you know what the word sabbath means? *It’s a time of rest or break.* Why does it sound familiar? *The Ten Commandments say, remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day.*

What about the word jubilee? What do you think that means? *It can mean a special celebration. The jubilee that we just read about reminded the Israelites that the land really belonged to the Lord. Also, God’s people were meant to be free. When someone was in slavery they were freed during the Year of Jubilee.*

The jubilee was a time to give thanks to God for the land, freedom, and all the blessings He gave them. Since God continues to provide for us, how can we show our gratitude? *There are many ways such as praying at meals, obeying the Lord, praising the Lord for answered prayers, etc.*

Key Point: Thank You, God, for Everything

Thank You, God (Touch fingers to chin and bring fingers forward
then point up)

For Everything (Sweep open arms in front of body)



Family Activity: (Supplies needed: A mason jar, scissors, ribbon, fabric, 4 cotton balls) Have you ever written in a gratitude journal? Let's make a gratitude jar. Here's how it works. Your family can express what's on their hearts for the next several days by writing down the responses to phrases such as "I am thankful for ___ and " I show God I'm thankful by ____". If you received a craft packet, you'll find a label for the container and a leaf to write on to get started. Decorate the jar with ribbon/supplies on hand. After the responses have been collected, set a part a special time to read them together as a family.

Prayer: Dear God, We praise You for Your generosity. You give us everything we have! Forgive us when we act in a selfish way. Help us be overflowing with gratitude and show it in our words and actions. Thank You, Lord. Amen.

Next Steps: Memorize Psalm 9:1 - I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.



Fill in, cut out, and place in your Gratitude Jar.

I am thankful for: _____ _____ _____	I show God I'm thankful by: _____ _____ _____	I am able to help others by: _____ _____ _____	I am thankful I can: _____ _____ _____	I am thankful I get to: _____ _____ _____
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