

HOME TEAM Play Card

Tree of Thankfulness

BEST USE

As a Thanksgiving tradition for the family

PURPOSE

To spend time with family and friends as a reminder of the many blessings the Lord has given us

ADVANCE PREPARATION

- Place a small plant or arrangement as a centerpiece on your table
- Cut leaf shapes out of construction paper or trace and cut out everyone's hand to make a special leaf
- Punch a whole in the paper and run a ribbon through it. Place the papers in a basket with pencils/crayons

PLAY ACTION

As each family member arrives for your Thanksgiving meal, ask them to write out what they are thankful for on a leaf. Younger children can draw a picture. Before you begin eating, attach each of the leaves to the centerpiece tree.

During the Thanksgiving meal, take turns allowing everyone at the table to share what they wrote or drew on their leaf.

Read Chronicles 29:13 together:

Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and
praise Your glorious name.

End your time together by asking the oldest member of the family to thank God for His abundance and the many blessings He has given your family.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- Start your Thanksgiving Tree at the beginning of the month or the beginning of the week before Thanksgiving. At the end of each day, have every member of the family write one thing or one person they are thankful for.
- Have everyone trace their hands to create your Thanksgiving leaves. After everyone has written down items to be thankful for, create a Thankful Wreath (attach leaves together in a circle or add to an existing wreath) to display in your home. It will be a great reminder of all God's blessings as it hangs for all to see.
- Cut a tree trunk and branches out of craft paper or construction paper and place on a prominent wall in your home. Use different colored stickie notes as the leaves of your Thankful Tree.