

# LESSON PLAN

**TITLE:** Thanksgiving

**TEXT:** Psalms 33:1-9; 100:1-5

**MEMORY VERSE:** See Lesson sheet

**KEY SCRIPTURE:** It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High. ~ Psalm 92:1

**TEACHERS, Note:**

- Focus on the Thanksgiving theme most suitable to your class. The Pilgrim and Indian story of the first Thanksgiving in our land may be used. Jesus blessed them and they thanked Him!
- Really, Thanksgiving should be in our heart each day of the year -- not just one special day.

**MAIN OBJECTIVE:**

- Being thankful. Jesus is the reason we are so blessed. By giving Him our heart, we are showing Him we are thankful that He died and rose again to make us ready for Heaven.

**APPLICATION TO DAILY LIVING:**

- When you wake up in the morning -- thank Jesus for rest and safe keeping. Say thank you for your food, and when you go to bed thank Him for watching over you all day long. Saying thank you to Jesus makes Him happy and all those who do nice things for us like to hear thank you too.

**TEACHING AIDS:**

- Paper heart -- to show you can be thankful and each can give his/her heart to Jesus
- Draw a blank face, then add eyes, ears, mouth, nose. Thank Jesus for each as you add to the face. Don't forget to mention hands and feet!
- Pilgrim doll with Pilgrim hat. Indian doll with headband.
- Turkey with each feather depicting something to be thankful for.
- Snack or treat to share with class.
- Have the children look around the department and note the things they see to thank Jesus for: Bible, friends, chair or bench to sit on, class area, happy songs to sing about Jesus, Who loves them!
- Mirror (Thank You, Jesus, for making me).
- Band-aids (Jesus makes "owies" all better).
- Happy heart -- no sin spots (Jesus' gift to us).
- Pictures of:
  - Bible, church and Sunday school

Home, family and friends  
Food -- cows (milk) chickens (eggs)  
Clothing  
Sunshine, raindrops, rivers and streams  
Flowers, trees and grass  
Toys and play areas (parks)

**NOTES:**