



Theme: Gratitude Changes Attitude

Welcome everyone to our October *Messy Church at Home*. Thanksgiving will soon be here and our theme is showing an attitude of thankfulness everyday for all that God gives us. We appreciate the contributions of Pat McMillan, Meike Schroeder and Keegan Ogilvie from the Rock Solid Youth Group for sharing their time with us.

*Gratitude
is the best
Attitude*

THE STORY

told by Mieke Schroeder



We often forget to give thanks for what we have in life and only approach God when we want something. God reminds us about the importance of a positive attitude - *Always be happy; never stop praying. Give thanks whatever happens. That is what God wants for you in Christ Jesus (Thessalonians 5:16-18)*. Today, I am going to share some stories that might help us to understand the difference between a good attitude and a bad attitude and how focusing on a positive attitude will make your heart cheerier.

Now, when you're ready, click on my picture and let's get started!

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for your wonderful gifts to me, for the warm sun on my face, for my family and friends, for my health and safety. Please help those who need food, shelter and safety. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

RECIPE - Yummy Butter for Kids to Make

Keegan Ogilvie

You will need a clean glass jar with a lid, 1 - 2 cups of 35% whipping cream, ice water, a pinch of salt (optional), a piece of cheesecloth, a bowl and a strainer. [Click here](#) and Keegan will show you how to make your own butter to use at your Thanksgiving dinner!

CRAFT - A Dried Food Centrepiece for Thanksgiving

Pat McMillan

For today's [craft](#), you will need a medium-sized, clean glass jar, about one cup of dried popcorn kernels, dried green split peas and dried kidney beans, a battery-operated tealight candle and some ribbon or twine.

Click on these links for more Thanksgiving fun.

- [Thanksgiving Graces for Kids](#)
- [Thanksgiving Printables for Children](#)

SONG

You and your family can join Yancy and Friends singing [Lord I Thank You](#) by clicking on the name of the song.

GAME - Thankfulness Word Challenge

Around the dinner table, you can take up 'the first letter challenge' with each letter in the word THANKSGIVING (ie: I am Thankful for Togetherness, or Turkey or Toys.) Try not to say the same word someone has already said! Then move on with the next letter and so on.

This Thanksgiving, and every day, let's try to focus less on complaining about our small discomforts and more on praising God for what we are blessed with.

