

How to develop a heart of THANKFULNESS

in your kids

7 Strategic Things You Can Do Right Now

TEACH YOUR KIDS TO TITHE

Don't give your kids money for the offering. Teach them to tithe from "their money." Tithing is saying "Thank You" to God.



NO IS A GOOD BOUNDARY WORD

Learn to say "No" to your kids. It teaches them where you end and they begin. You need to say "No" more that you say "Yes".



DO NOT BE MANIPULATED



This may be a surprise to you, but kids are master manipulators. If your child is throwing a fit to get something, don't give in. Stand your ground.

TEACH YOUR KIDS HOW TO SAVE

You don't have to give your child everything they want. Teach them how to work and **save up** for something big. This gives your kids a sense of control and they will learn how to value the things they do have.



VOLUNTEER

Choose a food pantry or other charity to volunteer at as a family. Discuss what you are doing and why. As your kids get older let them choose a cause.



SERVE OTHERS

When children learn how to serve others at church and through mission projects, it teaches them that their purpose in life is to meet the needs of others.



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



We can make a difference, no matter how big or small, by our act of kindness to someone. This is something any child can do. They can dream up some great ways to be kind, but here are a few examples:

- Be kind and say something nice someone – intentionally
- Do a chore without being asked
- Ask someone who is sitting alone to play or talk
- For the "crafty" kid: make Thank You cards to give to others
- Give something to someone just because you know it will brighten their day (and expect nothing in return)
- Do a fundraiser (ex: lemonade stand) and donate funds to a cause or charity to help others