



### **BIBLE STORY:**

**LUKE 10:25-37**

A Samaritan is the only one who stops to help a hurt man left on the side of a road.

### **SAY THIS:**

Who are you thankful for?  
I am thankful for  
people who help me.

**BASIC TRUTH:** God made me.

**DO THIS:**



**MORNING TIME**

When you go into your child's room this month, say, "Good morning! I'm so thankful I get to see your sweet face every morning."



## DRIVE TIME

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As you drive, take turns with your child saying, "I am thankful for . . ." and then name a person you are thankful for. See if you can keep naming people until you get where you're going.



## CUDDLE TIME

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Cuddle up with your child this month and pray, "Dear God, thank You for [child's name]. Thank You for the way he/she [list special things about your child]. Thank You for all the people who are helping him/her become who You made him/her to be. like [grandparents, teachers, friends, etc.]. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."



## BATH TIME

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While bathing your child, add some plastic toy food items and a sponge to the bath water. Encourage your child to wash the food items while naming them. Talk about how thankful we are for the people who help give us food like farmers, truck drivers, and grocery store clerks.

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By Liz Hansen

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Before we had children, a friend once told us, “Kids simultaneously ruin your life and make it awesome.” Now, as the parents of a one-year-old and a three-year-old, we ruefully refer to this comment on a regular basis. It’s the truth of our story right now.

We love our kids. We love our life. And we are exhausted.

Every day, every hour, every minute, the highs are high and the lows bottom out. One second, they’re bear hugging and giggling. Then we attempt lunch and the underweight 3-year-old refuses to take a single bite, while the hangry 18-month-old hurls everything off his tray—and then howls to get it back. And as I pull out the broom for the 17th time, I try not to think how many more days, pre-loaded with three meals each, will roll around before this phase is over.

We’re so deep in this story it’s nearly impossible to step outside it for a moment of perspective. Each day someone reminds me that my boys will be graduating high school before I can blink. I know it. But that’s not what I need to hear right now . . .

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