

Connect with each other:

Hide a small toy in the room and have the kids take turns to go and find it.

Applications:

- *Sometimes looking for things can be easy and sometimes its hard!*
- *Have you ever looked for a toy and couldn't find it and then your mom walks in finds it where you already looked? (allow answers) It's almost like you were looking but not really seeing.*
- *It helps when you know what you are looking for.*

Our world is having a really bad hair day! We are seeing lots of problems...can you think of some (Allow answers / E.g. Covid 19 , climate changes , wars ..) But if we only see problems we might be not seeing something else.

Today we will learn one of the amazing things we should look for —no matter what's happening around you!

Connect with the word:

Let's read 1 Thess 5: 18 (Print the memory verse)

(Additional bible stories : Act16:22-29 Paul and Silas rejoicing in jail; Luke 17:11-18 Jesus heals 10 lepers)

1. Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

- ♦ What does All circumstances mean? (allow answers) = ALL situations
- ♦ Why do you think it is important that we know God wants us to give thanks? (allow answers)

(Optional life story: When I was younger and playing sports at school—and our team lost—I often felt like crying and walking away when the final whistle blew—but I didn't because my dad had told be—no matter what happens— you show good sportsmanship and thank your opponent for the game—even when I didn't feel like it. Winning our loosing I always had an opponent to thank)

*God also wants us to have a **thankful attitude** in good days or troubled days. Good times or hard times we always have a GOOD God to thank for many many blessings.*

*Just like you had to go into the room to find the toy we had hidden. We need to go into every situation and **look** for all the good things Jesus is doing in our day—SPOT THE THANKS!*

Memory Verse: -Print or write out the memory verse and decide as a family where to put it in the house for everyone to be reminded to Spot the things we can be thankful for.

Connect with God: (Prayer time pointers)

- Reflecting : (Gr R- 5) — see attachment
- Reflecting XP (gr 6,7)—see attachment
- Lead your children in praying today's bible truths :

Dear Jesus, Thank you that I can be thankful everyday ,in every situation. Forgive me for not always being thankful and even ungrateful. Thank you for all the wonderful blessings I receive. Amen

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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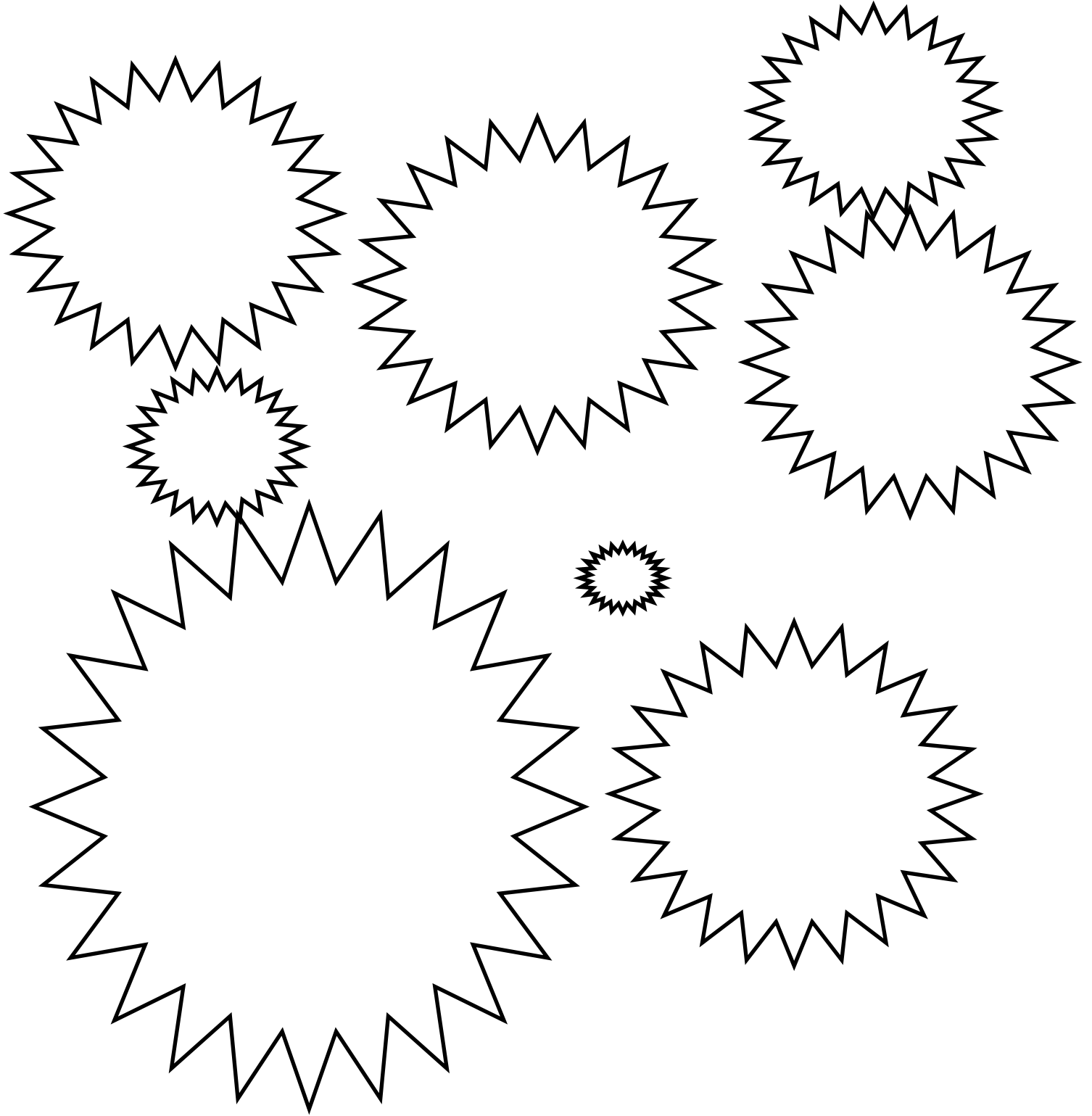


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Write or draw things you are thankful for today and use them as prayer points.
(Note to parent : You could ask them to name things in their room / in the kitchen/ in the garden etc.)

Skryf of teken dinge wat jy vandag vir God voor kan dankie sê en gebruik dit as julle bid.
(Nota aan ouers: jy kan jou kind vra om dinge op te noem in die slaapkamer / kombuis / buite in die tuin ens)

XP Group Notes (Grade 6,7)

Truth: God tells us to be thankful- always

Read 1 Thess 5:18

What truth can you find in this verse for your situation this week?



GOD SAYS

1.	I can thank God for.....
2.	I can thank God for.....
3.	I can thank God for...

Think of 3 situations you are facing that is hard / making you mad/ sad. Then think of something in that circumstance you can thank God for.

Take it into your week:

Thanking God will spill over into thanking people for their kindness to you. Wanneer ek vir God dankie sê sal dit oorspoel na mense in my lewe sodat ek vir hulle ook dankie sê.	Be the example in your family—say Thank you! Wees die voorbeeld in jou familie—sê Dankie
Read Ps 107:1 What is one thing we can always thank God for? Lees Ps 107:1 Wat is die een ding waarvoor ons altyd vir God kan dankie sê?	

SPOT THE THANKS! Open your eye to God's goodness and thank Him!

