



Worship Session 12

Thankful Pie

Bible Story: The Israelites Cross the Jordan River (Joshua 3:1–4:24)

Worship Theme: We can thank God for what he does.

PREPARATION: Tie a large, cloth napkin around Theo's neck.

(Theo enters with napkin around neck.)

Leader: You look all ready for Thanksgiving dinner, Theo.

Theo: I sure am! Wowser! You should see what my grandma makes for us! I can just taste those gravy bones and flavored doggie biscuits.

Leader: It sounds like you're a thankful puppy. What should we do when we're thankful for something, Theo?

Theo: Well, I guess we should say thank you.

Leader: And how do we say thank you to God?

Theo: Umm... Oh! We pray! We can pray and tell God how much we like stuff.

Leader: Exactly! Why don't we pray right now and thank God?

Theo: Here? In front of everybody?

Leader: You'll do fine. Just tell God what you're thankful for.

Theo: Then here it goes. *(Bows head.)* Dear God... *(Looks up at Leader.)* Is that an OK way to start?

Leader: Perfect. Go ahead.

Theo: *(Clears throat.)* Dear God, we're all here talking about stuff we're thankful for. *(Pauses.)* So, God, I just wanted to tell you that I'm thankful for food. All kinds of good food. *(Looks up at Leader.)* Is that OK?

Leader: You're doing fine. Keep going. Tell God what else you're thankful for.

Theo: I'm thankful for my family. I'm thankful for my friends, like Becky Beagle and Cousin Phil, even though Cousin Phil sort of bugs me sometimes. Oops! *(Looks at Leader.)* I probably shouldn't say that, should I?

Leader: It's fine, but why don't you stick to the things you're glad about for now.

Theo: *(Bows head.)* Um, sorry, God. Where was I? Oh! And I'm thankful for my pet turtle. And for spiders that are cool to look at with a magnifying glass. *(Looks at Leader.)* Is it OK to be thankful for dumb little things like that?

Leader: God is happy when we're thankful for anything. If something makes you glad, it's wonderful to tell God you like it.

Theo: I thought maybe it had to be big stuff like not being sick or going to church.

Leader: Big things are good, too.

Theo: I have a couple of those now. I better add 'em. *(Bows head.)* OK. God, it's me again. And I'm thankful that you take care of me and love me, even though I'm not always the best dog in the world. And I'm thankful for Jesus dying for people's sins. I wonder if he knew how many there'd be? Well, anyway, I'm thankful for everything 'cause you made all of it and I think it's all cool. In Jesus' name, amen. *(Looks at Leader.)* How's that?

Leader: Perfect, Theo. You can never go wrong when you're giving God praise.

Theo: I'm going to ask my mom if I can say the prayer at Thanksgiving dinner!

Leader: What a good idea!

