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More Bible verses about being thankful to God for what He has made:

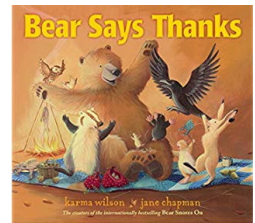
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James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

Write the things that God created that you are thankful for on the leaves.

Fiction Connection:

Bear Says Thanks
By Karma Wilson



When each of the bear's friends brings some food to share, bear takes the time to say, "thanks" to each one.



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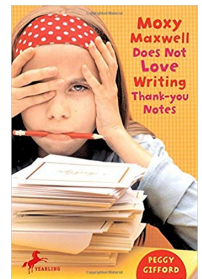
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Fiction Connection:

Moxy Maxwell Does Not Like Writing Thank You Notes
by Peggy Gifford



This book goes further than learning to be thankful for gifts. Moxy also learns to be thankful when things don't go her way.

Write out a prayer of thanks to God for five different things He has created.

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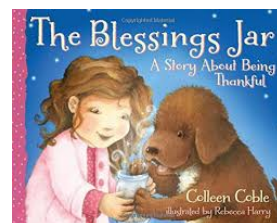
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Ephesians 1:15-19 - Paul was thankful for his friends

Fiction Connection:

The Blessings Jar
By Nikki Grimes



A grandmother shows how to overcome grumpiness by counting blessings and being thankful.

Circle the words.

THANKS

FOOD

GOD

MOM

DAD

E	J	T	G	Y	G	Q	P
D	V	S	H	O	L	M	H
D	V	L	D	A	L	Z	S
F	W	F	S	T	N	Q	Q
O	O	B	D	B	E	K	J
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Nonfiction Connection:

Giving Thanks: More than 100 Ways to Say Thank You
By Ellen Surrey



With detailed artwork, this book offers different ways for us to think about being thankful.

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SCHOOL

FOOD

GOD

FAMILY

FRIENDS

CHURCH

JESUS

S J J K G T H W T Q L R
J W N F H S G C L S X X
Z T A A G H C M R K I V
B V N X N P L V B U M O
D K F D R G X V R X H A
S L H A A M O V F D S C
N O O O F O O D R Y O L
D O T W S S Y L I M A F
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More Bible verses about being thankful to God for who He is:

1 Chronicles 16:34 "Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good!"

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Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Fiction Connection:

God Gave Us Thankful Hearts

By Lisa Tawn Bergen



The wolf's mother helps him to remember to be thankful for what he *does* have.

With the help of a parent or guardian, fill in the blanks on the back of the page.

What are you thankful for?

Name something you are thankful for that is green. _____

Name something you are thankful for that is orange. _____

Name something you are thankful for that is soft. _____

Name something you are thankful for that is really big. _____

Name something you are thankful for that is yummy. _____

Who are you thankful for?

Name someone you are thankful for that is far away. _____

Name someone you are thankful for that is in your house. _____

Name someone you are thankful for that is kind. _____

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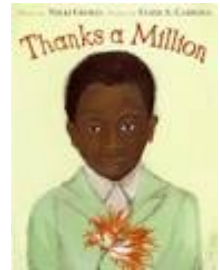
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Fiction Connection:

Thanks a Million
By Nikki Grimes

This book has a collection of poems about being thankful.



Fill in the blanks on the back of the page.

What are you thankful for?

Name something you are thankful for that is green. _____

Name something you are thankful for that is orange. _____

Name something you are thankful for that has a soft texture. _____

Name something you are thankful for that is larger than a car. _____

Name something you are thankful for that is delicious. _____

Name something you are thankful for that is hard to find. _____

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Name someone you are thankful for that is in the Bible. _____

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