



## Kids Community Group Guide

*Be thankful for all God has done for you.*

**Leader's Guide for groups occurring November 19<sup>th</sup> through November 25<sup>th</sup>**

### **Bible Lesson:**

What do you like the most about Thanksgiving? (The time off school, food, weather?) Do you have any Thanksgiving traditions? It is always nice to go around the table and have each person say what they are most thankful for this year. People often remember how thankful they are for their families and the love between them. Even though we know God is our father, somehow we forget that He loves us even more than our families ever could. The Bible contains many stories of how God reminded His people of His love. Abram had great faith in God, but he also forgot how much God loved him when things got tough. **Read Genesis 17:1-27.** God often changed the names of His followers to remind them of His great love and promises. Jesus also changed the names of His disciples and gave them ways to remember His love. Jesus showed them one way at the last meal they had together. **Read Mark 14:22-25.**

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What kind of covenant did God make with Abram?
2. Why did God change Abram's name to Abraham?
3. How did God say He would confirm this covenant to Abraham's descendants?
4. What did God expect of Abraham in return? (For younger children, you could just discuss Abraham's obedience to God.)
5. Why did God give Sarai the name Sarah?
6. How did God say He would bless Abraham and Sarah?
7. How did Jesus describe the bread He blessed?
8. How did Jesus say the wine could remind His followers of His love?
9. What do we need to do to experience the love of Jesus every day?
10. What will you do to show God how thankful you are for His love?

### **Power Verse:**

*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*  
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)