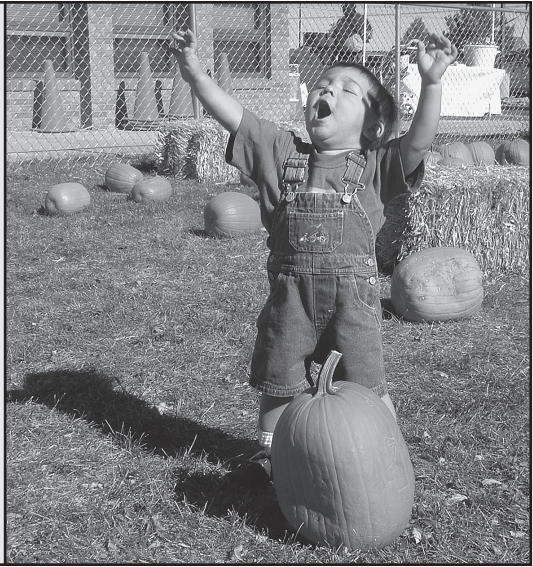


Let Us Give Thanks!

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*“In every thing give
thanks: for this is the
will of God in Christ Jesus
concerning you.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:18



Preparation: Decorate the worship area and lunch tables for Thanksgiving with autumn colours and centerpieces.

Song: SASB 923/TB 147 *At Harvest Time*

Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 136

Chorus: *Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart*

Devotional:

Thanksgiving Day is when we as a nation thank God for His goodness toward us. What are you thankful for?

Thanksgiving is the outward expression of an inner feeling of gratitude. In Canada October is Thanksgiving month — it is the time of harvest and the month when many who normally take things for granted are reminded of the need to

be grateful. Thanksgiving is a holiday to share with family and friends and to give thanks. A time to count blessings and “*forget not all His benefits.*” (Psalm 103:2. NKJV) Thinking about life’s blessings is also a great way to lift spirits and see the brighter side of life.

Thanksgiving does not have to be only tradition, nor simply about food, or even the harvest, but a celebration that includes giving thanks for the many blessings in of life.

Are we really thankful? Do we stop to contemplate the bountiful provision that God provides for us. It is our privilege to give thanks to God for keeping His promise to our forefathers centuries ago that “*For as long as Earth lasts, planting and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never stop.*” Genesis 8:22. God’s bounty is proof enough of His faithfulness.

God sends His blessings to us daily so we should feel obligated to show our gratitude on a daily basis. As the chorus of a well sung song says

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but a celebration that includes giving thanks***



Directions:

Heat oven to 375°F (190°C) and line baking sheet with parchment paper.

Peel and cut potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots and beets into 1/2-inch cubes. Place in large bowl, add remaining ingredients and mix well. Place in a single layer on prepared baking sheet.

Bake 40-45 minutes or until vegetables are slightly browned and can be easily pierced with a fork.

Note: Any variety of root vegetables, such as turnips, parsnips, rutabagas, potatoes, carrots, sweet potatoes, yams or beets, can be used in any combination. Use more or less as desired.

Thanksgiving Anagram

Unscramble the Hidden Word (boxed letters)

“count your blessings, name them one by one”. Do you? It would be a good exercise (and maybe a surprising one!) to make a list of all the things we are thankful for, it may even take more than one sheet of paper! Are we *truly* grateful?

As you share Thanksgiving with your family and friends take time to thank God for all of His daily blessings and benefits.

Roasted Fall Root Vegetables

To enjoy with your Thanksgiving dinner!

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cooking Time: 45 minutes

Makes: 6-8 servings

Ingredients:

- 1/2 lb potatoes
- 1/2 lb sweet potatoes
- 1/2 lb carrots
- 1/2 lb beets
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried thyme
- salt and pepper to taste

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(maize)

f f g i n s t u _____
(stuffing)

g i i l m p r s _____
(pilgrims)

a h k n s t _____
(thanks)

i k m n p p u _____
(pumpkin)

c k o o _____
(cook)

a f i l m y _____
(family)

c n r o _____
(corn)

d e i n r n _____
(dinner)

a e f t s _____
(feast)

a e h r s t v _____
(harvest)

a h q u s s _____
(squash)

Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.

If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings.

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Thanksgiving Word Search

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AUTUMN
BOUNTIFUL
CELEBRATE
CORNUCOPIA
DINNER
FAMILY
FEAST
GATHERING
HARVEST
HAM
HOLIDAY
OCTOBER
OVEREATING
PUMPKIN PIE
SECOND MONDAY
STUFFING
THANKSGIVING
TURKEY
WEEKEND
WISHBONE