

Fall Devotions Series

November Devotions



Our theme for fall is “I am thankful.” For the four weeks in November, we will look at Scripture, a theme and do an artistic activity. All that will be needed is some colors like crayons, markers, pencils or pens and something to write on like paper or even paper plates will work! We will be thinking about God’s constant, abiding, never-changing and unending love first. Then our loved ones, past, present and future. After that good choices that we have made, are making and will make. Finally, we will remember that all good things come from God. All Scripture verses come from the New Revised Standard Version. Prayers and Blessings, Wendy

I am thankful

November 5th Week—God’s constant, abiding, never-changing and unending love. God made us. God loves us, cares about us and knows us by name. God is love. Psalm 136:26 says, “O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.” God was before forever and will always be. I remember telling my son that God loved him the most. I wanted him to have that foundation. He could see me, but I wanted him to know about the One he could not see and that God loved him even more than I did. We sang “Jesus loves me” all the time. We talked about God all the time. We prayed all the time. When we got in the car, we asked God for a safe trip. We thanked God for our food when we ate. We thanked God for the ducks as we fed them. We thanked God for loving us all the time. When we heard a police car or an ambulance, we asked God to please be with those people. God, who we could not see, was a normal and natural part of our lives. God loves us all the time. God wants to be part of our lives all the time. My son is now grown. God loves him and he loves God. God is in his life. God loves us and wants to be in our lives. My morning prayer is to let God be in my life and to let others see God in me. Now, time for drawing. Use your colors to draw love in the middle of your paper or paper plate (a heart, sunshine or whatever). Then around the heart you might want to draw how you can share God’s love with those around you this week. Blessings,

friends.



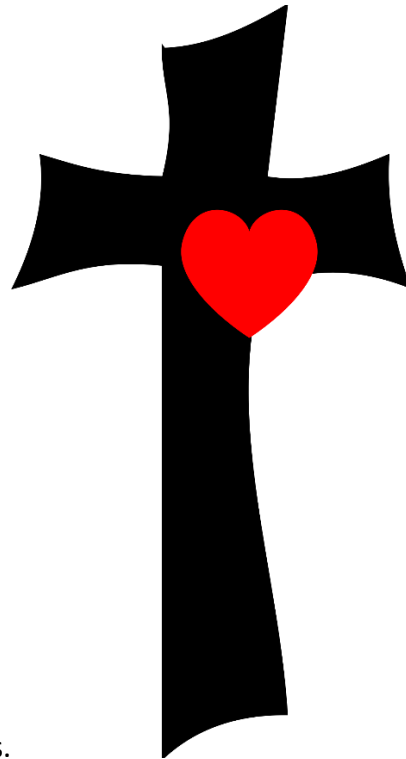
November 12th Week –Loved ones—Past, Present, Future. God gave us families. Ephesian 6:1-2 tell us, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother—this is the first commandment with a promise.” Thank You God for families, grandparents and legacies before us. Thank You for parents who love us and children who grow up much too quickly and have families of their own. Thank You for a past and a future. Thank You that You are always a part of all of it. Why not make a family portrait with your colors that you can frame? You can even make the frame with paper decorated with hearts or happy colors. God made each of us and gave us a special place to be in a family. Maybe there are even stories that can be told about fun times with family members. You could even have other family members join by coming to join you in person or by phone or computer. Children (and adults) love to hear their names when we pray. When you pray for your family and you say thank You to God, name each one of your family because God gave you each one. Where should your picture be placed? I hope you will choose a place of honor. God gave us God’s best; God gives us God’s best every day and the future is bright. A card is a beautiful love note to a family member far or near. Sometimes it is just a picture, but it can say many words. Maybe it could be a picture of your family sent to an extended family member (in the mail or on the computer). Blessings as you honor one



another and God.

November 19th Week—Good Choices. This is the week of Thanksgiving. President Franklin Roosevelt made Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November, but President Abraham Lincoln before him had said it was a national holiday. Both men chose to encourage the people of the United States to give thanks. Life is full of choices. Joshua told God’s people in the Old Testament (Joshua 24:15), “Choose this day whom you will serve; as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” When a family makes that kind of decision, it sets the tone for all of the rest of life’s decisions. We choose love. 1 John 4:19 says, “We love because God first loved us.” We choose to love others. John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the WORLD that God gave God’s only Son, so that EVERYONE who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (emphasis mine) We learn to make good choices from those around us. When we are children, our parents, other family members, teachers, Sunday School teachers and others who love us show us good choices. Everyone has an opportunity to practice good choices every day. It really all comes down to honoring God by loving God and loving people. This picture could be about how you

have been blessed or will be blessed to honor God by loving God and loving people this week. You know, you might just encourage a child, young person, adult or super adult to do the same.



Thank You, God, for choosing to love all of us.

November 26th Week—All good things come from God. Think about all the good things you have in life. Perhaps things is not the right word. Not material things, but everything that makes up your life. I heard on the news this week that the number one thing that people want for Christmas this year is good experiences rather than fancy gifts. We have so many good gifts in life. We have people who love us, happy, fulfilling lives, God who loves us unconditionally and many more things that cannot be wrapped. Draw the outside of a gift complete with a bow. Fill it with words or pictures of good things representing what you have. Each person in your family might think of different things/people/experiences. Talk about when these gifts/blessings came into your life. Maybe someone gave some of them to you or maybe you earned them. Take out your Bible and look at James 1:17 which says, “Every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father.” Really everything we are and have comes from God. God gave us life and gives us everything. What gift can we give to God daily? Jesus was asked about the Greatest Commandment. Do you remember what He said? Jesus said, we should Love God and Love People. Perhaps another picture would be good today. A gift could be drawn about what we want to give God every day. It could be a heart. On the inside could be written God and People. It could remind us every day to love God and People.

LOVE GOD AND LOVE PEOPLE

