The Great Gratitude Challenge: Thanking God for every good thing.

Nehemiah 8:13–18 (supporting: Leviticus 23:33–34)

DAY 1

Celebrate God's Goodness

Read Psalm 100:2

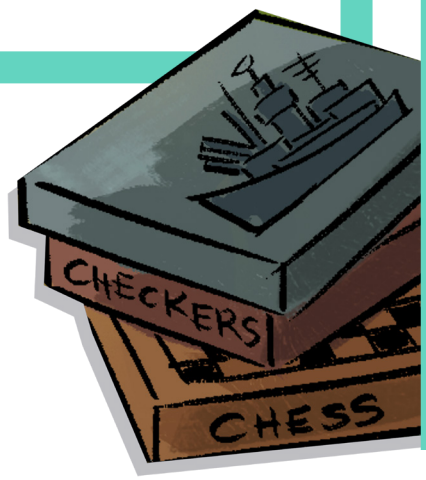
Did you know God loves celebrations? Think about birthdays, holidays, team victories, or family parties. Celebrations are fun because they help us remember something special.

God wanted His people to celebrate too. The Feast of Booths was a special time when they remembered how God had taken care of them in the wilderness. They stopped their normal routines and focused on God's goodness.

Sometimes we get so busy that we forget to celebrate what God has done. But taking time to thank Him brings joy to our hearts.

Celebration Countdown:

Set a timer for one minute. How many things can you name that God has done for you? Say them out loud as fast as you can!



DAY 2

Remember What God Has Done

Read Psalm 126:3

The people in Nehemiah's day had been through some hard times. They had worked hard rebuilding their city, and many years had passed since anyone celebrated the Feast of Booths the way God instructed.

When they finally took time to celebrate, they remembered all the ways God had helped them. Their joy grew because they stopped and looked back at God's faithfulness.

We can do that too. Sometimes the best way to feel thankful is to remember what God has already done.

Memory Map:

Along the path, draw or write three good things God has helped you with this year.



There's More! ⟶

DAY 3

Celebrate the Good Gifts

Read Ecclesiastes 3:13

God gives us many good gifts to enjoy. Family. Friends. Food. Laughter. Time together. The Feast of Booths included eating meals together, resting, and celebrating God's faithfulness.

Sometimes we think being thankful only means saying "thank you." But gratitude can also look like enjoying the good gifts God gives us and sharing them with others.

God wants us to slow down and notice His blessings.

Family Celebration Night:

Ask a parent if you can have a mini celebration tonight. It could be a game, a walk, or a special dessert. Before you begin, have everyone share one thing they are thankful to God for.



DAY 4

Joy Makes You Strong

Read Nehemiah 8:10

When the people heard God's Word, they first felt sad because they realized they had not been following Him. But Nehemiah told them something surprising: "The joy of the Lord makes you strong."

God did not want them to stay sad. He wanted them to celebrate His love, forgiveness, and faithfulness.

The same is true for us. When we remember how much God loves us and how He takes care of us, our hearts fill with joy. That joy gives us strength for each new day.

Joy Banner: Make a paper banner that says "God Is Good!" Decorate it with drawings of things you are thankful for and hang it somewhere you can see this week.

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for all the ways You care for me. Help me remember to celebrate Your goodness and share that joy with others. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Make time to celebrate God.

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