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for Elementary

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Lesson 10

I Love You

*“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.”*

Psalm 107:1

We spend years training our kids to express appreciation! Starting when they are toddlers we prompt with, “What do you say?” If they don’t say it, we say it for them! But as they grow older, they begin to independently say, “Thank you.” This happens earlier with some than others! But I’ve been thrilled that during their late teenage years, my kids frequently say, “Thanks!” for something specific as well as for “all the things you have done for me.” It melts my parent heart to hear their gratitude—partly because what I’ve given should be acknowledged but more than that, because I love my kids so much! Their mature response to our relationship is very fulfilling! Imagine how much more God delights in us when we are quick to say, “Thank you!” to Him!

Try This:

When we show love to others, we’re also showing our gratitude to God for His love to us. He is the one who “fills our love bucket,” as I tell my kids. Help your kids understand this connection! When they are kind, loving, or generous say, **When you’re kind like that, it’s a way you tell God, “Thanks God, for loving me.” You’re showing that God’s love has filled up your “love bucket” so that you have love to give others!** And when my kids come up against other kids who are crabby or cruel, I remind them, **That’s probably someone who doesn’t have God’s love inside; their love bucket’s probably pretty empty.** This often prompts my kids to think of ways to help those kids and pray for them, too—and then watch God do something amazing!