



# I CAN SAY 'THANK YOU'



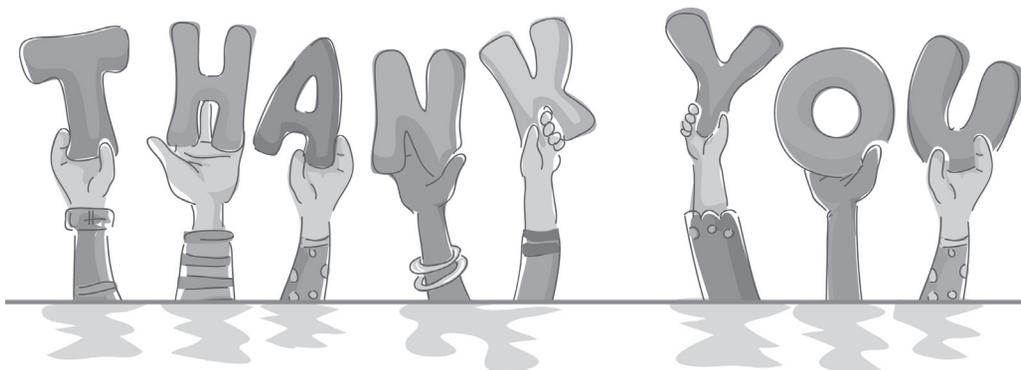
## PREPARATION

- + Service Sheet outline or slide presentation with songs, prayers...
- + Soft ball for passing
- + Small thank you gifts for those in attendance, eg small chocolate bar
- + Thank You Cards:
  - ▶ folded card
  - ▶ stickers or pictures from magazines
  - ▶ glue
  - ▶ pens/crayons
- + Lollipop Flowers:
  - ▶ lollipops – spherical ones
  - ▶ cupcake papers – small and large
  - ▶ green leaf shapes cut from card
  - ▶ sticky tape
- + A variety of musical instruments

## INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

I wonder how many times a day we say 'Thank you?' As soon as a baby begins to speak, we encourage them to say 'Ta!' Saying 'Thank you' is not only good manners, but is also a simple way of showing that we appreciate what is being done for us or being given to us.

We have special days in our calendar when we specifically take time to say 'thank you': such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, Harvest Festival. Today we want to help the children understand that it is important always to remember to say 'thank you' – not only to people but to God too.



## WELCOME SONG

Welcome Song – select from the Song Bank

## BIBLE READING/THOUGHT

Ask the families if they can think of some words/phrases that we use to say 'Thank you' – eg Ta, Thanks, Thanks very much, Much obliged, Cheers...

Or what about in a different language? *Merci* (French), *Gracias* (Spanish), *Danke* (German)...



It is very important that we always remember to say 'Thank you' whenever anyone helps us or does something for us, and also whenever we are given anything.

God has given us a beautiful world to live in, and also our family and friends. Each day we are blessed with many good things and we need to say 'Thank you' to God for everything that he gives us.

What would you like to thank God for today?

'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!'

PSALM 118:1 NLT

## THEME SONG

### 'Thank You, Lord'

*Tune: 'Thank you Lord for this fine day'*

Thank you, Lord, for this fine day,  
Thank you, Lord, for this fine day,  
Thank you, Lord, for this fine day,  
Right where we are!

Thank you, Lord, for family...

Thank you, Lord, for food to eat...

Thank you, Lord, for everything...

## PRAYER

I thank God with my fingers,	<i>(Wiggle your fingers)</i>
I thank God with my toes,	<i>(Wiggle your toes)</i>
I thank God with my eyes and mouth,	<i>(Blink eyes and wiggle mouths)</i>
I thank God with my nose.	<i>(Wiggle or touch nose)</i>
I thank God that he loves me,	<i>(Cross arms on chest)</i>
I thank God that he cares,	<i>(Give yourself a hug)</i>
I thank God that he listens	<i>(Cup hand to ear)</i>
And always hears my prayers.	<i>(Put hands together)</i>
Amen.	



## ACTIVITY/GAMES

1. Thank You Cards
  - ▶ Get the children to make a Thank You card by decorating it with stickers or pictures from magazines.
  - ▶ Ask them who they would like to say 'Thank you' to and help them write the card.
2. Lollipop Flowers
  - ▶ Gently push the lollipop stick through a small cupcake paper and fasten with sticky tape. Then add a larger cupcake paper the same way.
  - ▶ Write 'Thank You' on the green leaf shapes cut from card and attach to the stick.
  - ▶ Encourage the children to give this away to say 'thank you' to someone.
3. For other ideas see: [www.pinterest.com/AFMYorkshire/thank-you-crafts-activities](http://www.pinterest.com/AFMYorkshire/thank-you-crafts-activities)
4. Sit in a circle and pass around a soft ball. As each child holds the ball, ask them to think of one thing that they would like to say 'thank you' for. This could also be used as the prayer time.

## INSTRUMENT SONGS

Select from the Song Bank

### ADDITIONAL SONGS

- ♪ 'Thank you for the world so sweet'
- ♪ SASB 394 'Thank you for every new good morning'

## CLOSING

Closing Song or Prayer – select from resources

Tell everyone that you want to say a special 'Thank you' for coming today and give out a small gift of sweets or chocolates to each person.

