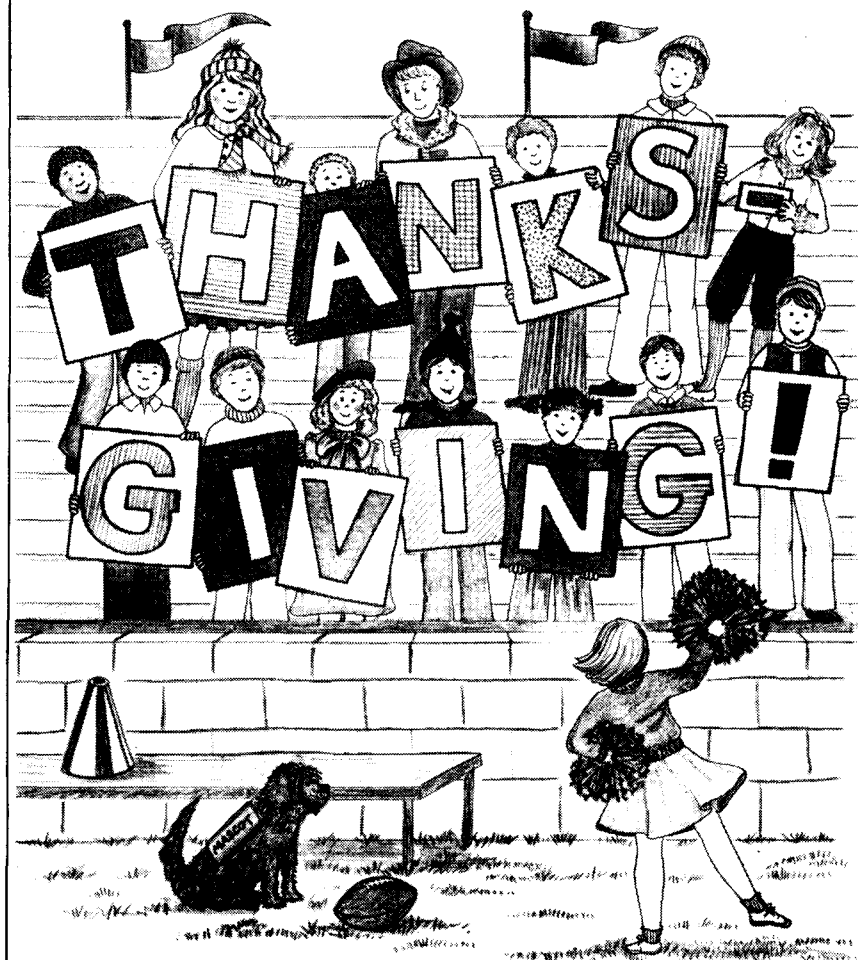


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# Thanksgiving



This year, on November 25, people all around the United States will celebrate Thanksgiving. The word Thanksgiving means “giving thanks.” On this day Americans will celebrate a day of thankfulness for our country and the many things God has given us.

God teaches us in His Word that Thanksgiving is not just one special day, but a whole way of life. It is good to be thankful for America, but most of all God wants us to be thankful for all the things that He has given us. Moment by moment God wants us to be thankful.

It is easy to be thankful when someone gives you a new bike or a pair of roller skates that you have been wanting. It is easy to be thankful when you learn that your dad and mom are going to take you to the zoo if you have been wanting to go. However, God desires that we be thankful all the time, even when we don’t always get the things we want to have or do the things we want to do. Psalms 92:1 says, “*It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High.*”

A thankful attitude is VERY important. Your attitude is the way you think. Whenever you are thankful in your thinking, you will always have a positive attitude. You will be blessed. Whenever you are not thankful in your thinking, you will become negative. You will not be glad for all the things God has given you.

Proverbs 23:7a says, “For as he [a person] thinketh in his heart, so *is* he.” In other words, if you are positive and thankful in your thinking, you will be blessed with yourself and ready to bless others.

The way we become most thankful is to know God’s Word and then to think about it throughout the day. God has given us so many wonderful things to be thankful for.

We can be thankful to God for His Word and also for the gift of holy spirit which He has given. In II Corinthians 9:15 Paul

said, "Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift." Once we confess Jesus as lord and believe God raised him from the dead, we receive holy spirit and God becomes our heavenly Father forever.

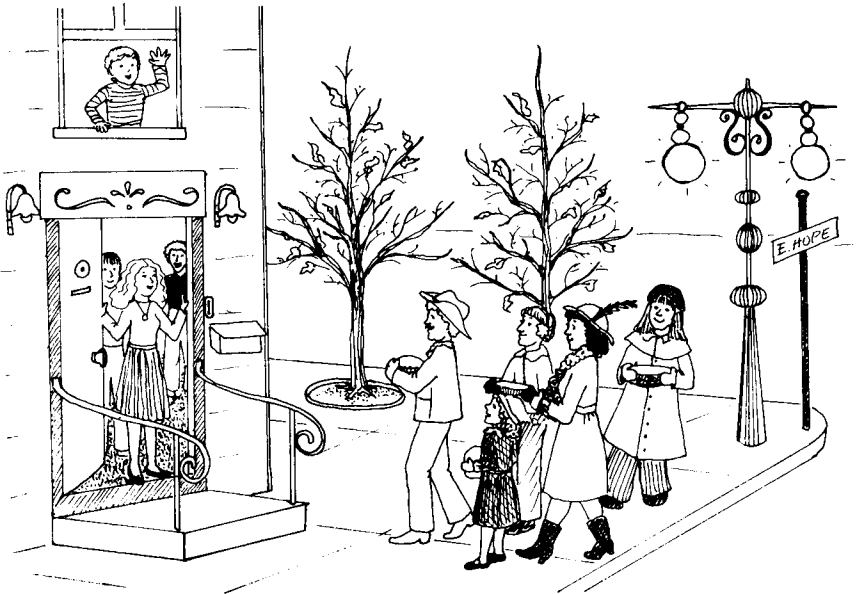
I Corinthians 15:57 teaches us to be thankful that we have the victory over death. When Christ returns one day, all of us who are born again will be gathered together with Christ to live with him forever. Once we are gathered together there will no longer be sickness, sorrow or death.

We are to be thankful to God for His goodness to us and for the things He has done. Psalms 107:8 says, "Oh that *men* would praise the Lord *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men."




God wants us to be thankful for other believers. The Apostle Paul was thankful for the believers of his time. In Philippians 1:3 he says, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you [the believers]."

Another thing we are to be thankful for is that we always have the victory (we are winners) as we trust God in every situation. II Corinthians 2:14a says, "Now thanks *be* unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ."


How blessed we are as we remember the many things God has given us. How thankful we are to be His children and to live victoriously!



# Picture Verse Fun

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, so is he.

**Proverbs 23:7**

Thanks  un God   
his  

**II Corinthians 9:15**

**Clues:**



= thinketh



= gift



= heart



= unspeakable

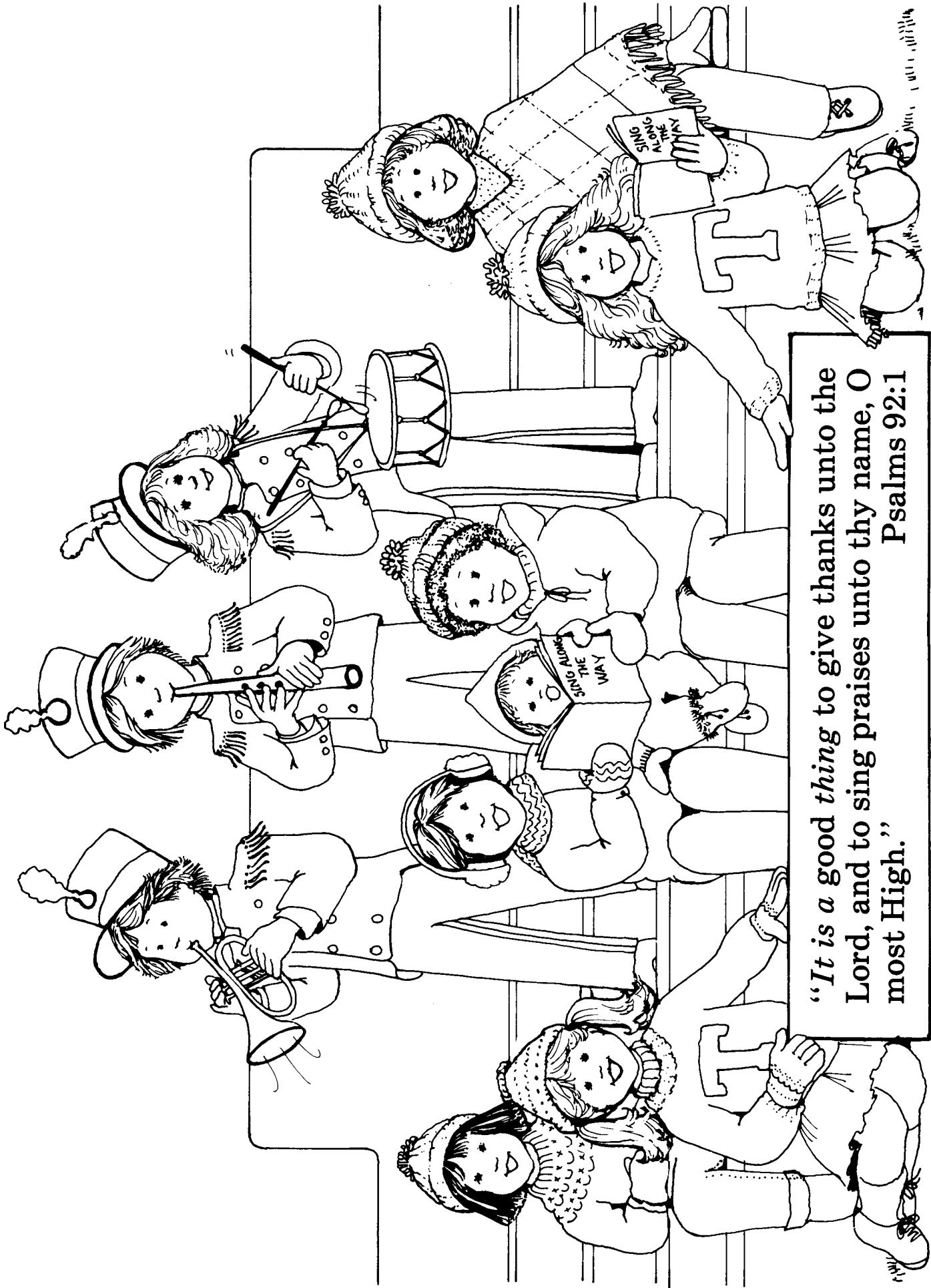


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# WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

1. This year, on November 25, Americans all around the country will celebrate “\_\_\_\_\_.”
  - a. Father’s Day
  - b. Pentecost
  - c. Thanksgiving
2. God teaches us in His Word that Thanksgiving is not just \_\_\_\_\_ special \_\_\_\_\_, but a whole way of life.
  - a. one, day
  - b. two, days
  - c. three, months
3. Whenever you are thankful in your thinking, you will always have a \_\_\_\_\_ attitude.
  - a. negative
  - b. positive
  - c. unhappy
4. The way we become most thankful is to know God’s Word and then to \_\_\_\_\_ about it throughout the day.
  - a. wonder
  - b. think
  - c. forget
5. Another thing we have to be thankful for is that we always have the victory (we are \_\_\_\_\_) as we trust God in every situation.
  - a. losers
  - b. players
  - c. winners





*"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High."* Psalms 92:1

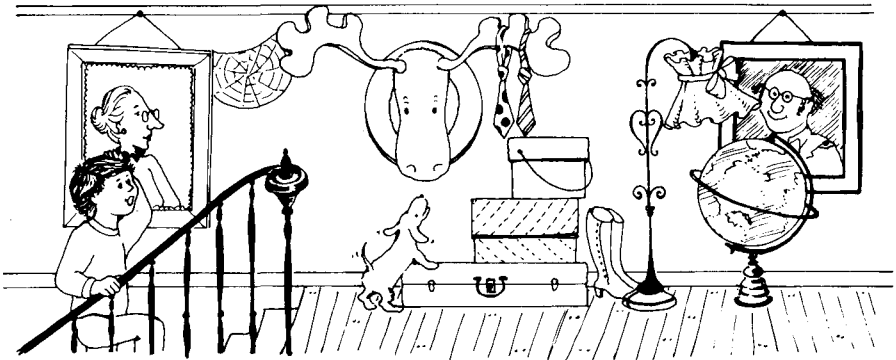
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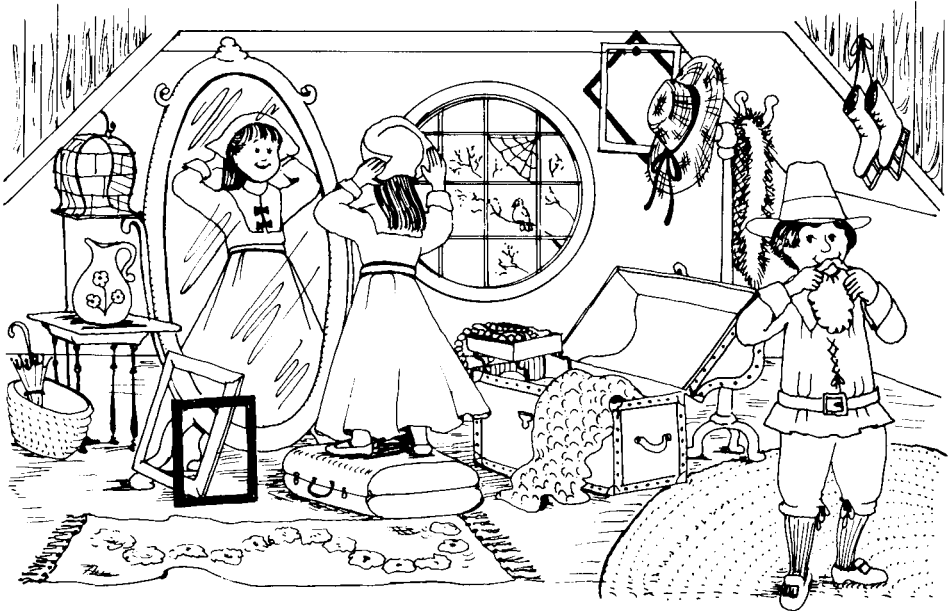
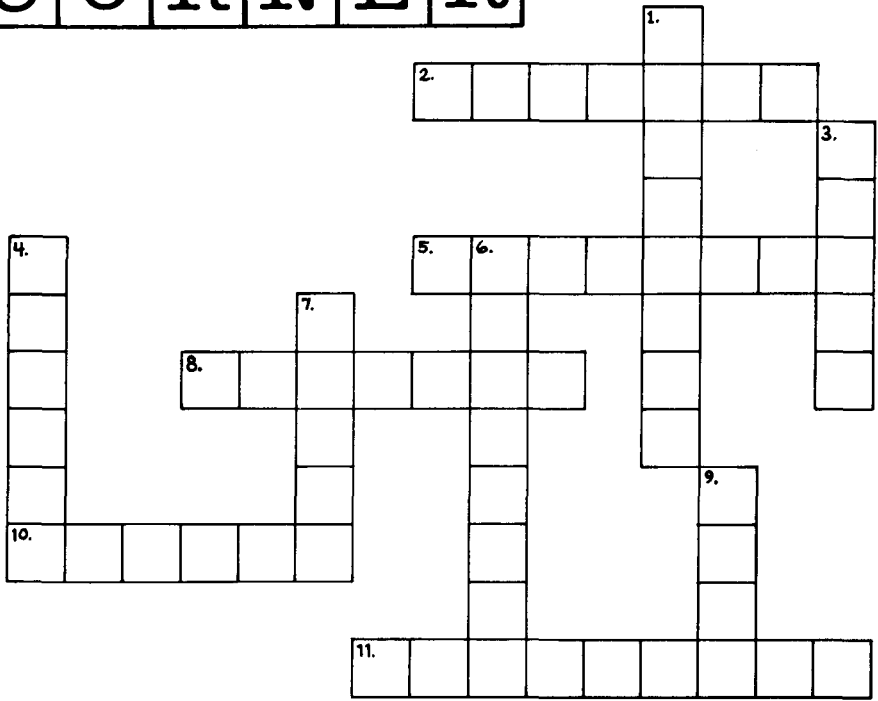
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5. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is the way you think.
8. God teaches us in His Word that Thanksgiving is not just one \_\_\_\_\_ day, but a whole way of life.
10. We can be thankful to God for His Word and also for the gift of holy \_\_\_\_\_ which He has given.
11. God wants us to be thankful for other \_\_\_\_\_.

## DOWN:

1. Whenever you are thankful in your thinking, you will always have a \_\_\_\_\_ attitude.
3. In other words, if you are positive and thankful in your thinking, you will be blessed with yourself and ready to \_\_\_\_\_ others.
4. II Corinthians 2:14a says, "Now thanks *be* unto God, which \_\_\_\_\_ causeth us to triumph in Christ."
6. It is good to be thankful for America, but most of all God wants us to be \_\_\_\_\_ for all the things that He has given us.
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# C O R N E R





# Parade Puzzle

The word Thanksgiving begins with the letter T. Circle the objects in the picture that begin with T.



# Thanksgiving List

What are you thankful for? You can make a list that will help you remember and you will have a thankful attitude.

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**ANSWERS:**

Picture Verse Fun  
 "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Proverbs 23:7  
 "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." II Corinthians 9:15  
 What's the Answer?  
 c., a., b., b., c.

Crossword Corner  
 Across  
 2. victory  
 5. attitude  
 8. special  
 10. spirit  
 11. believers  
 Down  
 1. positive  
 3. bless  
 4. always  
 6. thankful  
 7. heart  
 9. name  
 Parade puzzle  
 tee-pee, ten, tie, train, tricycle, trombone, trumpet, turkey, turtle

# In Everything Give Thanks

“In everything give thanks,” it says,  
As plainly as can be  
In God’s Word, the Bible  
That He gave to you and me.

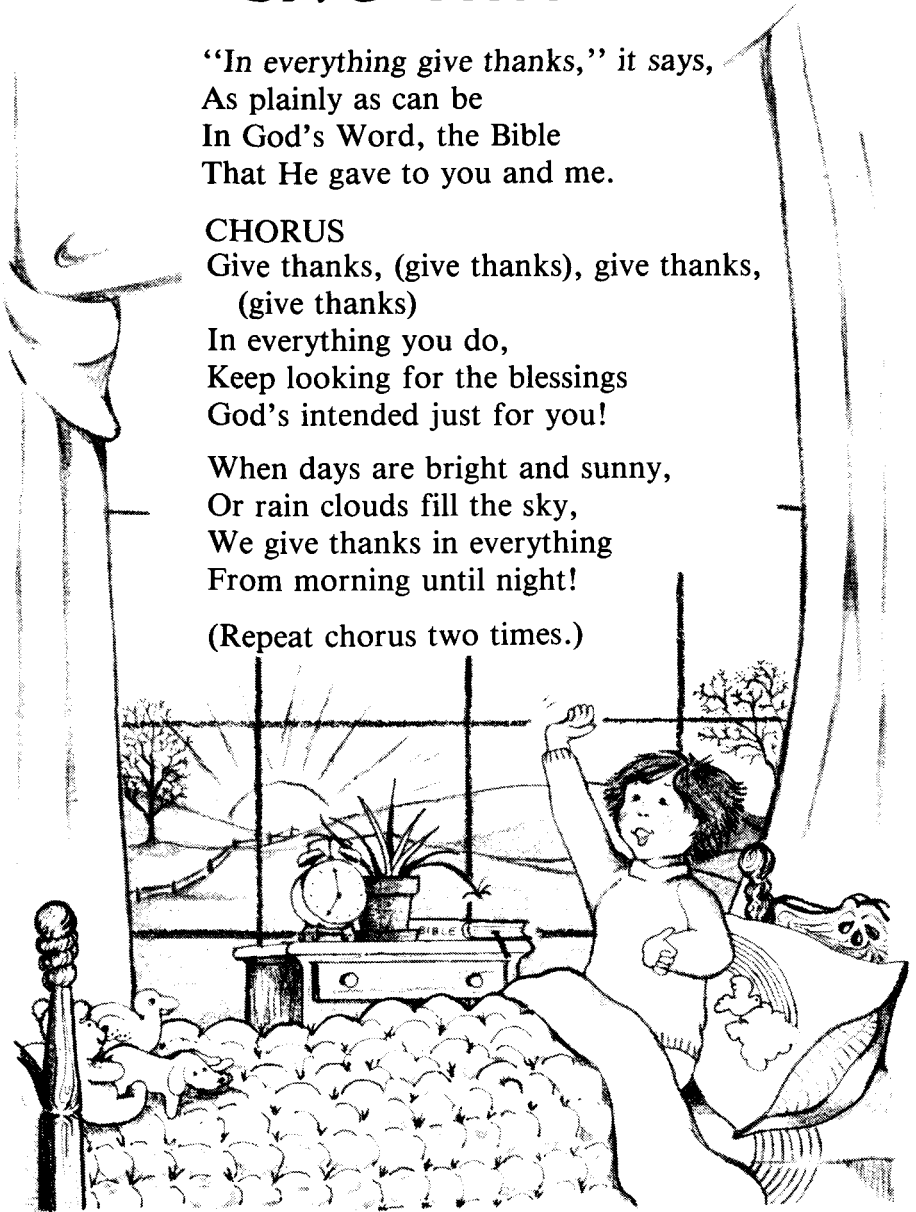
## CHORUS

Give thanks, (give thanks), give thanks,  
(give thanks)

In everything you do,  
Keep looking for the blessings  
God’s intended just for you!

When days are bright and sunny,  
Or rain clouds fill the sky,  
We give thanks in everything  
From morning until night!

(Repeat chorus two times.)



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