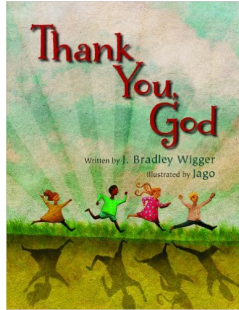
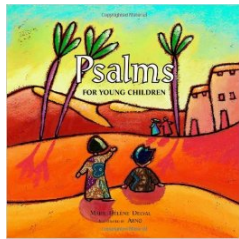


Read Me A Story - Gratitude

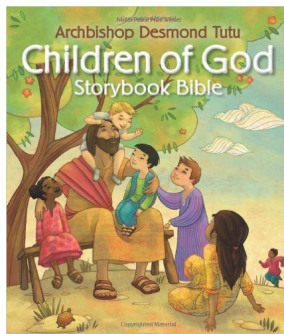
You will find the theme of gratitude throughout the Bible; there are also many delightful fables and storybooks that explore the theme of gratitude. Some of our favorites for gratitude are:



Thank You, God by J. Bradley Wigger, illustrated by Jago. You'll feel quite at home in this beautiful book – illustrations by the artist, Jago, grace the pages of the FISH site! Reading this book together will inspire you to be grateful for family, friends, food, shelter, nature and love.

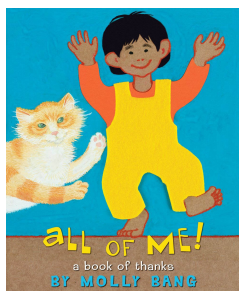


Psalms for Young Children by Marie-Hélène Delval and illustrated by Arno. Several of the psalms included in this beautiful book are Psalms of Thanksgiving (#'s 18, 32, 34, 100, 108 and 116). Enjoy the pictures: ask yourselves what you see, and what the singer is thankful for. There are several extra copies of this book at church.

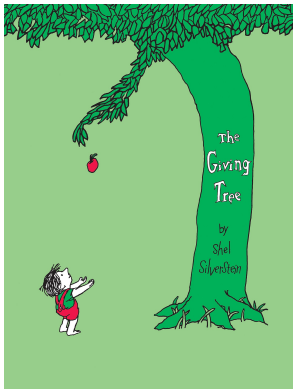


Children of God Storybook Bible by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Illustrated by various international artists, including Jago!

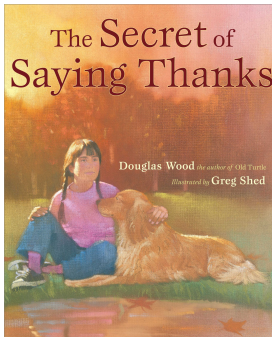
Of course, many Bible stories include God's people giving thanks. Each story in this children's bible concludes with a prayer from Bp. Tutu, that helps focus our response to the story.



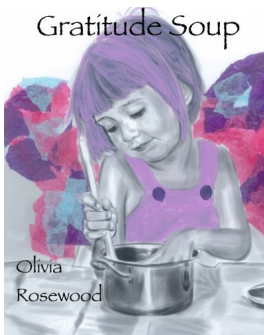
All of Me – A Book of Thanks by Molly Bang. A simple introduction to naming things we're thankful for, for preschoolers. Compare to Psalms 100 and 139 in Psalms for Young Children, above.



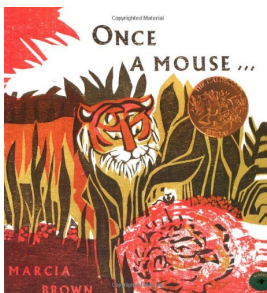
The Giving Tree, by Shel Silverstein. “Once there was a tree, and she loved a little boy ...” This tale is sad, yet hopeful. Why was the boy never really happy? Could it be because he was never really grateful for all that the tree had given him? Why does the tree continue to give? Make this classic a family holiday reading tradition! Pre-readers will enjoy hearing the story read to them, and older children just might not outgrow it.



The Secret of Saying Thanks, by Douglas Wood. Ages K – 3rd grade. “We don’t give thanks because we’re happy; we’re happy because we give thanks.” This is a step-by-step guide to training oneself in a habit of gratitude.



Gratitude Soup, by Olivia Rosewood. Ages preschool – 3rd grade. Violet the Purple Fairy learns how to make Gratitude Soup by thinking of all the things, people, places and experiences she’s thankful for, and putting them in an imaginary soup pot. An easy bridge to naming gratitude in the family setting.



Once a Mouse, by Marcia Brown. A challenging fable for 4th – 6th graders. As a mouse is changed into progressively more powerful animals by a hermit who wants to protect him, the mouse becomes vain; the faithful response is to see that everything we are and everything we have is a gift from God, and not of our own merit.

