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# Home Educator *Express*



Hello, THSC Friend,

Sometimes it's hard to remember to be thankful. I don't know about you, but homeschooling this past year was a bit complicated in light of so many changes going on in our society. It was a challenge to roll with those changes and to gauge how much to share with my children and how much to hold back due to their emotional maturity levels.

Yet, it is so important to not focus too much on what's going wrong and remember to focus on things that are full of light in life. Those things are what keep us going!

Paul encourages us in Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things."

That scripture shines a spotlight on any grumblings in my heart and helps pettiness to dissolve. When we decide to teach our children gratitude, they perk up. Annoyances with each other or petty antagonisms between siblings disappear. Gratitude automatically focuses us on God instead of ourselves.

***“Gratitude exclaims, very properly, How good of God to give me this.” -C.S. Lewis***

Remember that as parents, we set the mood of the house. Make it a point to show your kids how happy they make you by greeting them in the morning with a smile - truly from your heart - and I promise that the tone in your home will be lifted.

Here are some [printable gratitude letters](#) for your students - in two different age levels - to help get you started!

You also absolutely have to check out this free, lush watercolor [gratitude journal for kids](#). I’m about to go print one off for each of my children - and one for myself, too!

Thank you for reading,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Jessica Lovett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jessica" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Lovett".

Jessica Lovett  
THSC Lead Editor & Writer

*“I will praise the name of God in song and magnify Him with thanksgiving.”*  
*-Psalms 69:30 NASB*

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## Are All the Digital Devices in Your Home Protected?

There are many ways that the internet can brighten up the learning environment of a homeschool, like science project ideas and art lesson videos, for instance!

Unfortunately, there are also ways the internet can hurt your family if you don't take proper steps to protect your children. Even if your kids access something inappropriate accidentally, the emotional and spiritual damage can be severe and lasting.

In our previous article about [creating a safe internet environment](#), we talked about some advanced ways to step up your internet security. However, we recommend having more than one security net in place to make sure that the Pandora's box of the internet is kept securely under control in your home.

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# We'd love to send you our *Welcome to Homeschooling* ebook!

Our *Welcome to Homeschooling* ebook has been completely redesigned and updated with you in mind! Whether you're new to homeschooling or a seasoned pro, get some fresh inspiration about scheduling your day, banishing the blues, and celebrating your child's unique learning styles. There is even a translation of the ebook in Spanish.

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## Giving Tuesday

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## THSC Gala Video

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