



Family Devotional: Trusting God on the Mountaintops

Based on: 1 Kings 8 & Luke 17:11–19

Theme: Worshiping and trusting God when things are going well

Opening Thought

When we go through hard times, it's easy to remember to pray. But what about when everything's going well? When we're healthy, joyful, and surrounded by blessings—it's just as important to stay close to God. The mountaintop is a time to praise Him, stay humble, and remember that *He* is the one who brought us there.

Scripture Readings (Pick one or both to read aloud as a family)

1 Kings 8:23 (NIV)

“O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.”

Luke 17:15–16 (NIV)

“One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him—and he was a Samaritan.”

Family Discussion Questions

1. What's a “mountaintop moment” your family has experienced—big or small?
 2. Why do you think we sometimes forget to thank God when things are going well?
 3. How did Solomon respond to his mountaintop moment in 1 Kings 8?
 4. What stood out to you about the one leper who came back to thank Jesus?
 5. What are some practical ways we can show gratitude to God this week?
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Family Prayer

Leader (Parent or Older Sibling):

God, thank You for the good things in our lives. Help us to remember that every blessing comes from You. When we are on the mountaintop—when we're happy and everything seems right—help



us to stay humble, grateful, and full of praise. Keep us rooted in You and teach us to use our blessings to bless others.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Activity: Gratitude Mountain

Supplies:

- A piece of paper for each person
- Crayons or markers

Instructions:

1. Draw a big mountain on your paper.
2. At the top of the mountain, write or draw a “mountaintop moment” — something good God has done for you.
3. Along the path leading up, write or draw little moments of obedience, prayer, or faith that helped you get there.
4. Share your drawing with the family and say one thing you’re thankful to God for today.

Weekly Challenge

- **Each day this week**, say one prayer of thanks before bed that focuses *only* on praising God—not asking for anything.
- **Bonus Challenge:** Do something kind for someone else to *pass on* a blessing God gave you.

Memory Verse

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”