


# THANK YOU LORD

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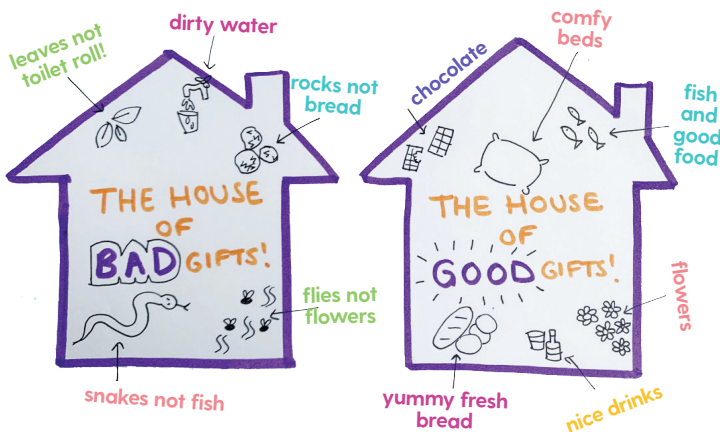


 **SING!** Sing *Thank You Lord* together.

## TRY THIS

Ask a family member to read Matthew 7 v 7-11.

There's a brilliant line in the song that echoes what Jesus says in this passage: **'We want to say thank you God... 'cause all you give is good!'** God is a perfect parent to us, and He loves to give us good things (the NIV uses the words 'good gifts'). Try the activity below to explore what Jesus talked about.



Draw two house shapes on a piece of paper and label them 'The House Of Bad Gifts' and 'The House Of Good Gifts'. Now get your imaginations working! **Draw or write some of the things you would find in these houses,** starting with what Jesus said. It's a chance to think creatively, get a bit silly and stretch your imagination!

## WOW & WONDER

God loves each one of us, His gifts are always good and we can ask Him for anything we need. What good gifts has God given to you? **Spend a few minutes thinking about what God is like** and what His good gifts show us about Him.

## TALK IT OVER

Take another look at Matthew 7 v 7-11. **Use these questions to help explore Jesus' teaching:**

1. In these verses, Jesus is teaching about how we interact and talk with God, which we call 'prayer'. **What can we learn about prayer** from what He says?
2. What does this passage teach us about God? Think about both Jesus himself, and what He says about God the Father.
3. Answers to prayer aren't always straightforward. Can you think of a time when God answered your prayers? **Can you think of a time when your prayers weren't answered in the way that you hoped?** Can you think of any other examples from the Bible that help us understand prayer a bit more?

## KEEP GOING

A good parent knows how to give good gifts. So does a good friend! **Surprise a friend or family member** with a good gift this week. Even something small like stickers, sweets or a home-made card will brighten their day!

## REMEMBER THIS

**Matthew 7 v 7**

*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.*

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