

ENGLISH CORNER MENU

Learning English Through Discussion

THANKSGIVING

May 29 is the National Day of Thanksgiving. Many churches, communities and individuals will come together on this day to say thank you.

HOT TOPICS

1. Does your country have a national day of Thanksgiving? What do you do on this day? Why? (*Large group*)
2. In your living situation in Brisbane – share house, home stay. Who normally:
 - a. Cleans the toilet?
 - b. Cleans the bathroom?
 - c. Cleans dishes?
 - d. Cooks the dinner?
 - e.Who do you need to say thanks to? How can you say thanks? *Discuss in fours.....*
 - a. Write a note; Give a card; Say thanks; Give a small gift.....How do you say thanks...
 - b. Thanks a lot, thanks a million, really appreciate it, you're the best, ta, thanks heaps,
3. Being thankful does not come easily or naturally. It is hard to be thankful when we are tired, depressed or homesick. In the bible, there is a story about one man who was thankful. Break your group into threes to read the story together. You will need a **narrator**, **Man 1**, **Man 2** and **Jesus**.

Jesus and the Ten Lepers: *Luke 17:11-19. CEV*

Narrator: Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice!

Man 1: Jesus!

Man 2: Master!

Man 1: Have pity on us!

Jesus: Go, show yourselves to the priests.

Narrator: And as they went, they were cleansed (healed). One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back to Jesus, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was from the country of Samaria. Jesus asked the man:

Jesus: Why was this foreigner the only one who came back to thank God?

Narrator: Then Jesus told the man:

Jesus: You can get up and go. Your faith has made you well."

4. Nine men did not go back and say thank you? Why? One man did go back and say thank you Why?

5. In your life who has done something special for you? How have you thanked them? In pairs, discuss what you would you say to them.

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