

# Thanksgiving, the USA, & the Church



Read: *Thanksgiving, the USA, & the Church (CBCG)*

What do you know about Thanksgiving & the USA? Complete the table below with what you think you know now & things you may wonder about. At the end of this study, complete the area with things you have learned.

What I Know	What I Wonder	What I Learned

Who controls the world behind the scenes?

\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

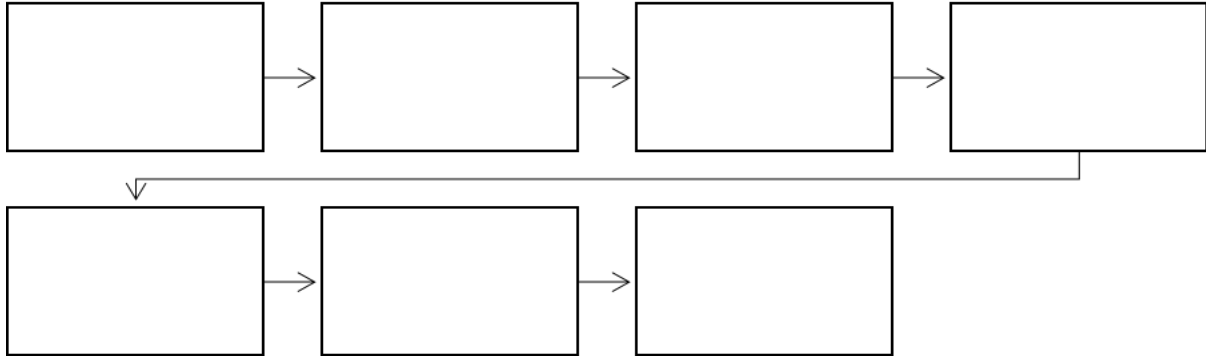
Instead of relying on God, what has America done?

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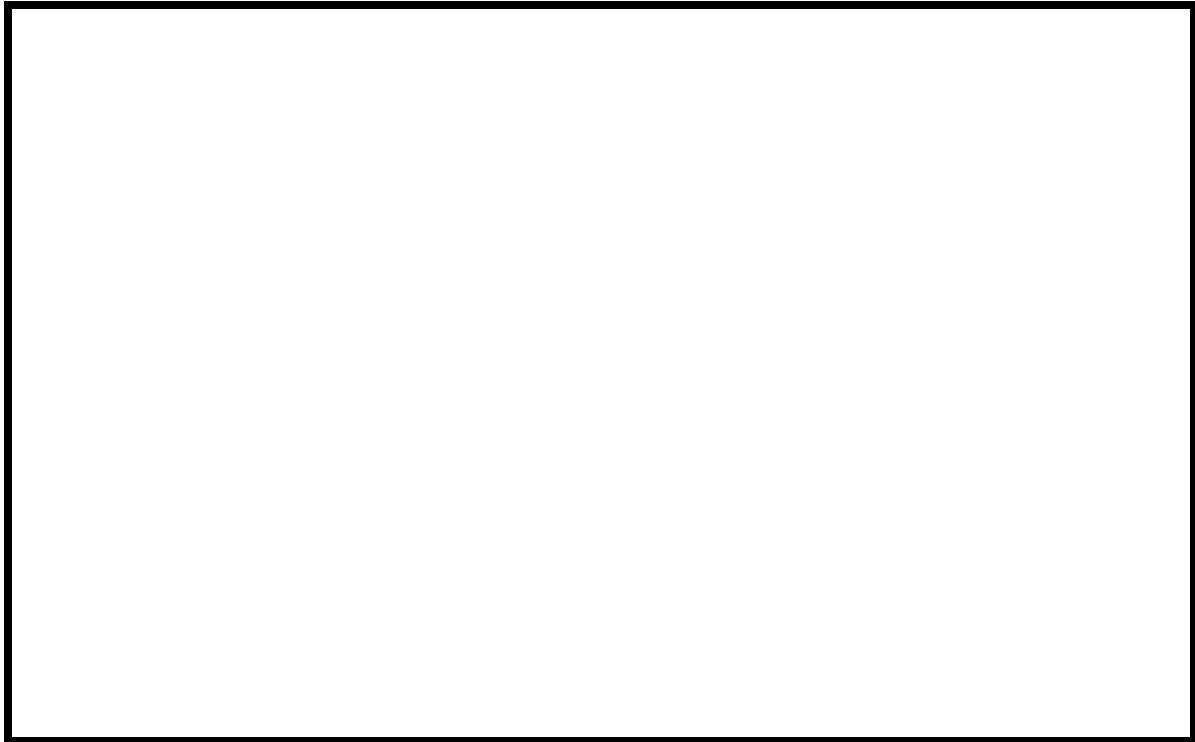


## Lesson of King Nebuchadnezzar

Read Daniel 4. Complete the flow map of main events that taught King Nebuchadnezzar to praise & fear God in a spirit of gratitude & humility.



Draw a picture of one of the events in the king's experience.





## Joseph's Blessing

America's blessing started with the blessings of God given to Joseph. Two of his sons, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ received the bulk of this blessing. They later became the countries that are know as \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ today.

These blessings were prophesied in the book of \_\_\_\_\_.



## True or False?

- \_\_\_ God doesn't speak to non-believers in dreams.
- \_\_\_ God deals with the nations of men as well as with individuals.
- \_\_\_ God's Word can change the attitudes & hearts of those who are not converted as well as the converted.
- \_\_\_ God can use evil men to bring about His plan.
- \_\_\_ America was closer to God when it was formed than it is now.
- \_\_\_ God sends blessing & cursing based on obedience.



## America's Beginning

Who lived in America when the colonists first arrived? \_\_\_\_\_

What date did they first arrive in Virginia? \_\_\_\_\_

Why were they punished by losing their land? \_\_\_\_\_

**How did the colonists feel upon arriving in Virginia?**

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**How did they express their feelings to God?**

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**Draw a picture of the first Thanksgiving Feast.**



**True or False?**

- The North American Indians were Christians.**
- The first laws of the settlers in America were based on the Bible.**
- Where there is no repentance, corruption decreases.**
- Abraham Lincoln encouraged repentance, prayer, & fasting.**
- The first Americans feared God & relied on Him for guidance.**
- The first Bible was printed in America.**



## Proclamations of the Founding Fathers

Skim the proclamations of America's founding fathers on pages 5-7. Think of 5 words that describe their relationships with God.

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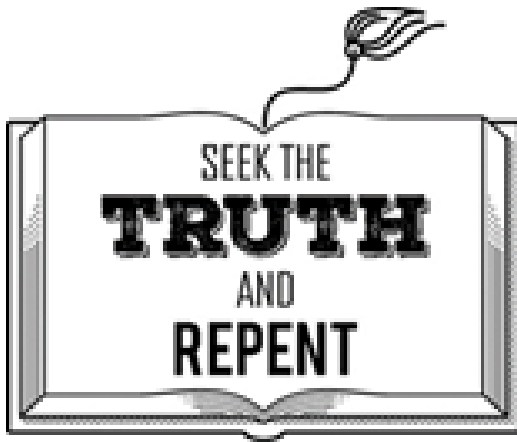
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What does this message have to do with Thanksgiving?

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## The Founding of a Nation

Read Psalm 127:1-3. How does this explain the commitment of the founding fathers to God?

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What does this passage mean for your life?

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What is the everlasting lesson we are to learn in this passage? (p. 8)

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## Thanksgiving

N S R O R E D U T I T A R G C  
Z O E D E S N B S B K Q L H L  
R Z I C P U E S L X P N A O Y  
R M C T N R R Y V E K G W U B  
G Q I E U A A G X Z S H A L F  
H N X J W T T Y C J J S B A M  
U W I I N Q I N E E L B I B Z  
M B D R E M S T E R R T D N J  
I S K D A N Z R S P H K I Q G  
L W B O T E W G E N E V N O J  
I M T G U W F J V H O R G F H  
T T T F R E E D O M T C N B E  
Y V Q I W E S C O S G A U E R  
B N T S J I W H N G C C F Y N  
V W A M E R I C A L T A J P N

CONSTITUTION  
BIBLE  
FATHERS  
GOD  
PRAYER  
BLESSING  
AMERICA  
REPENTANCE  
FREEDOM  
HUMILITY  
LAWABIDING  
GODFEARING  
FAITH  
GRATITUDE





## A Lesson from the Israelites

America was a sort of promised land. The Israelites were also sent to a land of promise. What did God warn the Israelites about before they entered the promised land?

The people were to...

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If not, God warned that they would become \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

The proclamations of the founding fathers describe a very different attitude about God and America than what is seen in this country today. How is it different? \_\_\_\_\_

As we read the proclamations of the America's founding fathers, we should... (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> repent as a nation    | <input type="checkbox"/> repent as an individual        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> feel proud of America | <input type="checkbox"/> examine America's behaviors    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> examine your own life | <input type="checkbox"/> pray for American leaders      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fast for America      | <input type="checkbox"/> brag about America's successes |





## Giving Thanks

Psalm \_\_\_\_\_ describes how Thanksgiving should be. Read it & list 5 words or phrases that should how Thanksgiving should be:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Which Holy Day will be like a continuous Thanksgiving?

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Those who wrote the US Constitution knew that in order for it to be effective, “we the people” would need to fulfill 2 things:

1. Agree to be \_\_\_\_\_-abiding citizens.
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ - fearing in all things.



## True or False?

\_\_\_ Our founding fathers read & understood the Bible.

\_\_\_ Our hearts, minds, & attitudes do not impact God’s actions – He has already decided what He will do.

\_\_\_ America’s founding fathers looked to God for direction.

\_\_\_ America still depends on God to fight their battles & wars.





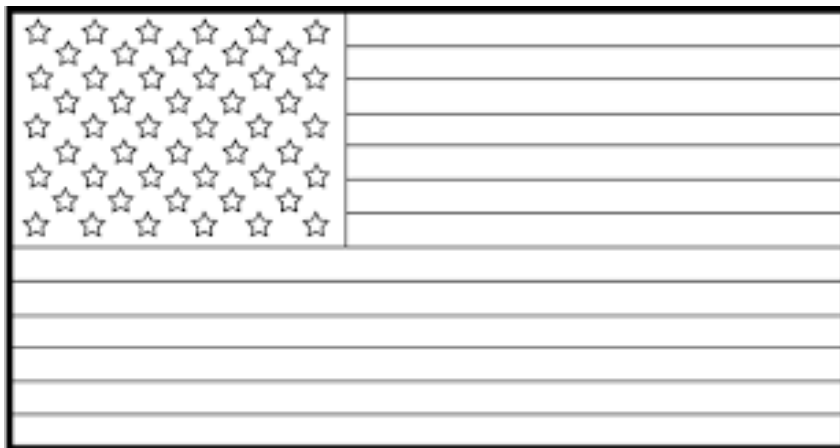
## How Has America Changed?

The words in the box below describe America. Place the words in the correct flag to describe how America has changed as a result of moving away from God & His Word.

### America with the Bible



### America without the Bible



### Word Bank

grateful	narcissistic	selfish	steadfast	prideful
uncivilized	disciplined	moral	arrogant	lawless
competitive	collaborative	immoral	generous	humble



### What Now?

**What must Christians in the United States do to help this country come back to God?**

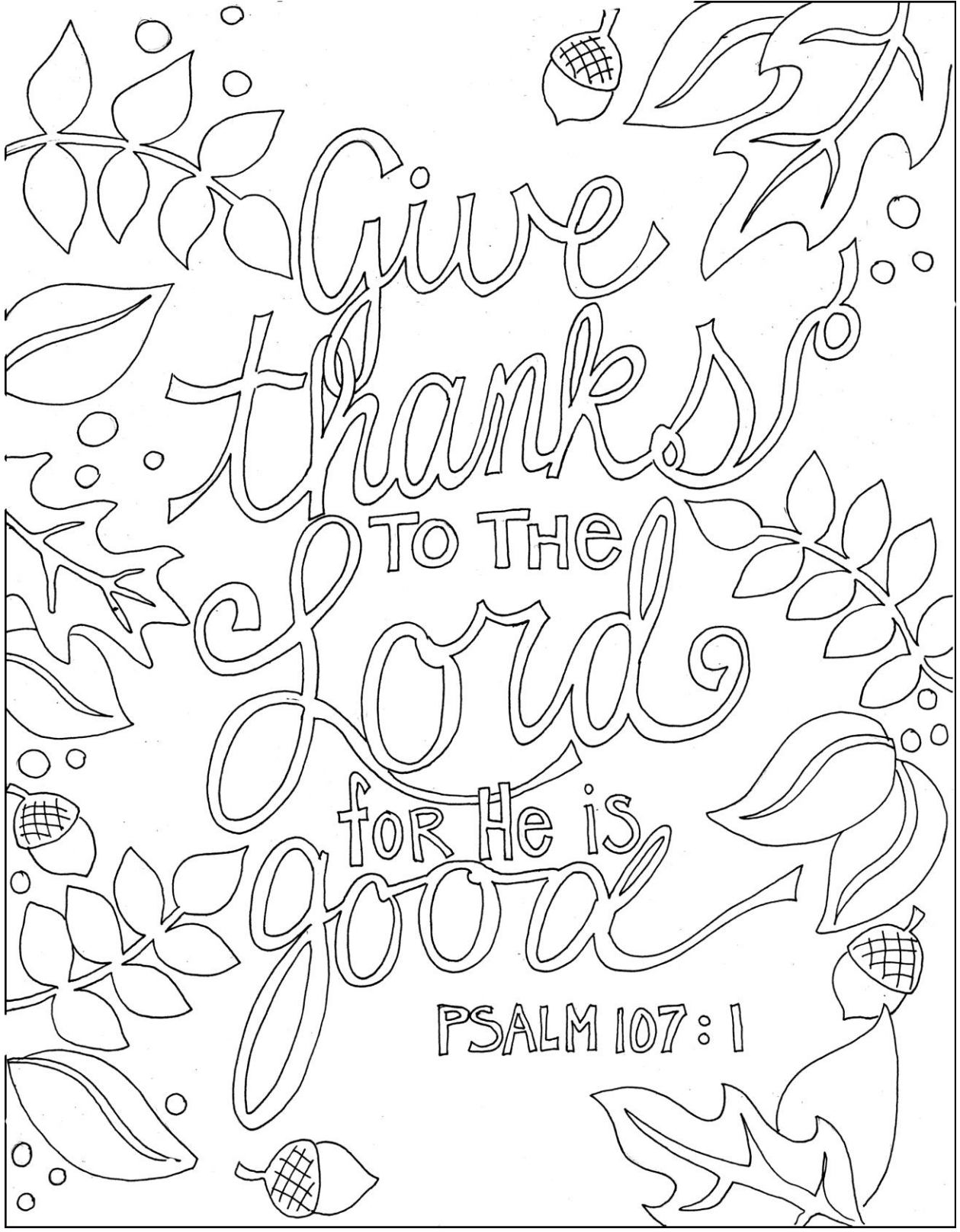
1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_



### Your Response to God

**Be sure to complete the table on page 1 with what you learned.  
Write a prayer for the United State in the speech bubble below.**

A large rectangular speech bubble with a pointed bottom center. The interior of the bubble is filled with ten horizontal lines for writing a prayer.



Give  
thanks  
TO THE  
Lord  
for He is  
good

PSALM 107:1