

“Grateful Garland” Sunday School Craft

Help teach kids to count their blessings with this simple paper-chain gratitude craft that’s great for Thanksgiving or anytime you’re teaching thankfulness.

Supplies Needed:

- **Construction Paper (multiple colors):** For the paper-chain links
- **Scissors:** Adult help recommended for preschoolers
- **Glue Stick or Tape:** To connect the links (staples optional with adult supervision)
- **Markers or Crayons:** For writing gratitude words
- **Optional:** Hole punch + yarn (to hang), stickers, fall leaf cutouts, glitter glue



Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Prep the Paper Strips

- Cut construction paper into strips.
 - **Suggested size:** about **1 inch x 8 inches** (or use pre-cut classroom strips).
- Give each child **5–10 strips** in assorted colors.

2. Choose a Gratitude Theme

- Pick one theme to keep the craft focused (and easy for little learners). Examples:
 - **People:** Jesus, Family, Church, Friends, Teachers
 - **Blessings:** Home, Food, Health, Bible, Prayer
 - **Character/Heart:** Joy, Hope, Kindness, Peace, Love

3. Write What They are Thankful For... on Each Strip

- On each strip, have kids write **one thankful word** (or draw a picture for non-writers).
 - Example words like your template: **Jesus • Family • Church • Friends**
- For preschoolers: offer a **word bank** on the board and let them copy.

Classroom Tip: If handwriting is tough, you can **pre-write words** lightly in pencil and let kids trace.

4. Make the First Link

- Take the first strip and form it into a circle (overlap the ends).
- Glue/tape the ends together to create the **first chain link**.

5. Build the Garland Chain

- Slide the next strip **through** the first link.
- Loop it into a circle and glue/tape.
- Repeat until all strips are connected into a long, colorful garland.



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