

Thanksgiving Dinner Place Cards

Before the meal, place cards are made with each person's name on the front of a folded card that is blank on the inside. Additional decorations or meaning of the name may be used to make each one special. After the meal, while people are still seated, the place cards are passed around and everyone writes one sentence expressing thankfulness for each person except their own. After all the writing is done, a leader reads the writing on each card (covering the name) and the group tries to guess who the card belongs to. This creates not only great affirmation for one another, but lots of fun, especially for the children.

The Discipleship Box

A cardboard box is decorated with words of discipleship ("Follow His Word," "Change My Heart," "The _____ Family Discipleship Box," etc.). A slot is cut out in the top big enough to slip index cards or note paper through. Show the box to all members of the household (request visitors can be included too) and put it in a special place. Anyone may write about (or draw a picture of) what they have done or working on to become better disciples of Jesus. ("let my brother have the last cupcake," "helped a kid being bullied at school," etc) Then choose a special day, (1st Sunday of the month, last Friday) to open the box. The cards are passed out to be read. Everyone is given the opportunity to guess who wrote it and when. Close the time together by thanking God for his blessings, especially His Son, the model of discipleship.