

THANKSGIVING CIRCLE

These thank you's, given and received, will warm up a cold winter day.

This activity must be handled delicately; joking will ruin it. First, read aloud Philippians 1:3-6. If you have a large group, have teenagers sit in circles of 10 to 20. If you have a small group, form one circle.

Round 1—Have kids each tell about one thing for which they're thankful.

Round 2—Have them each name one person in the group they're thankful for, and why.

Round 3—Have the group say three things they're thankful for about *each* group member. Here's how to do it: Begin the round by choosing one person to receive the thank you's. Have kids raise their hands if they'd like to say why they're thankful for that person. Once hands are up, the person you choose should call on three people to speak.* Tell the person who's receiving the comments to simply say "thank you" after each person speaks.

**Often there are more than three hands raised, but limit comments to three for each person. This prevents comparison. Encourage those who didn't get selected to tell people their comments after the activity.*