

A REPORT ON THANKFULNESS

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Drama

SYNOPSIS: In the process of writing a report for her teacher, a young girl discovers the meaning of thankfulness.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: As the monologue begins, it may be helpful to make the reading somewhat slow and pronounced, but this device might wear thin by the end. Encourage your actress to maintain a healthy balance between reading and making eye contact with the audience.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 1F

TOPIC: Thankfulness

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Colossians 3:15, Psalm 100:4

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service

CHARACTERS:
GIRL

PROPS: A piece of paper

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: One wireless microphone

LIGHTING: General stage

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A REPORT ON THANKFULNESS *by Tim Bass*

Lights up on young girl. She reads:

GIRL: My writing assignment. By...me! Mrs. Donaldson said I should write a report on thankfulness. So this is my report on thankfulness. What is thankfulness? I don't know. I know what Thanksgiving is. Thanksgiving is the holiday where we watch the Macy's Parade and eat turkey. It is also the holiday where Uncle Al comes over to watch football with Dad and they both fall asleep in the living room while Mom and Aunt Cathy clean the kitchen. But that is Thanksgiving and not thankfulness. And this report is supposed to be about thankfulness. I had to ask my mom what thankfulness is. I was going to ask my dad but he was asleep in the living room. When I asked Mom what thankfulness was, she said I should look it up in the dictionary. Dad has a New Oxford American Dictionary in his office and so I went in there and looked it up. It said that thankfulness was expressing gratitude. Then I looked up gratitude. It said that gratitude was the quality of being thankful. Then I was still confused and so I went and woke up my dad and asked him what thankfulness was. At first he just rubbed his eyes and said "Is it over? Who won?" Then he told me that thankfulness was being thankful for things. He said he was thankful for me and for Mom and that the Cowboys were doing so well this year. So I guess what Mrs. Donaldson wants is for me to say what I am thankful for.

Well, I am thankful for my mom and my dad. And I am thankful for my best friend Emily who is still my best friend even after she told Bobby Farland that I thought he was cute and looked like Johnny Depp in Pirates of the Caribbean. I am thankful that the pilgrims landed here and ate turkey and corn with the Indians. Because if they didn't we wouldn't have Thanksgiving and then I couldn't be thankful for Thanksgiving. There are lots of other things that I am thankful for but I don't think making a list of things I am thankful for really lets people know what thankfulness is all about. I think that thankfulness is about helping people who need your help because you are thankful that they are on the planet with you. I think thankfulness is about telling your family that you love them every day because you are thankful that they tell you they love you every day. I think thankfulness is about being the very best person that you can be because God made you and you are thankful that he did. And I think thankfulness is about telling God that you are thankful about that.

Anyway, that is my report on thankfulness. I am thankful that Mrs. Donaldson asked me to write this report. I will be even more thankful if I get an A.

The end.