

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY GUIDE—November 20, 2016**  
**“#THX Remember and Respond”**

***Deuteronomy 26:1-11(New International Version)***

When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for His Name and say to the priest in office at the time, “I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: “My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that You, Lord, have given me.” Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before Him. Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

1. Review scripture.
  - a. What was happening at this point in the Israelites history?
  - b. What did God want the Israelites to do? Why?
  - c. What is meant by offering up some of the “firstfruits”? Why would it have been so difficult for them to do this?
  - d. After they completed this command, what were they to do next? Why?
2. Review sermon theme: *“Thanksgiving is an expression of trust and evangelism.”*
  - a. Describe the first Thanksgiving. How is it different? How is it the same?
  - b. Discuss: *“God gives us more than we need, so that we can give back to Him! He is not against us having wealth; He is against us being consumed by it.”*
  - c. What is the connection between gratitude (recognizing) and trust (believing)?
  - d. Discuss: *“Happiness is not about getting what you want, it’s wanting what you already have.”*
  - e. How can we live out “The Great Commandment” for Thanksgiving?
  - f. What is the significance of #THX?
3. *“Thanksgiving is about trust and sharing. We remember what God has done for us already, and trust that He is not going to stop giving to us. We also show our gratitude by inviting others into the family.”*
  - a. How are you going to give thanks this week?
  - b. Who is going to give thanks to God because of you?