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Read, Talk and Play from Cradle to Kindergarten

CREATE a Thankful Tree!

As we keep the celebration of Thanksgiving going all month long, it is a great opportunity to **TALK** about being grateful for the people and things in our lives. **PLAY** with your little one by making a **Thankful Tree!** Don't keep the fun to yourself... get your family and friends involved, too.

Materials Needed:

- Construction paper - fall colors, or get creative with your own combination!
- Scissors
- Scotch tape

Make a Thankful Tree:

1. Create a trunk and branches for your tree. You can keep it simple using straight lines, or add some personality to your tree.
2. Tape your tree trunk and branches to the wall, door or appliance of your choice!
3. Create "leaves" using construction paper! Your leaves may take on the shape of actual leaves. You may choose to trace the hands of family members for your leaves. Or, keep it simple and use shapes like circles, hearts and squares that may be simpler to cut.
4. Talk with your child about who or what they are thankful for, write it on a leaf, then add the leaf to your tree. Repeat this process until your tree is filled with leaves of thankfulness from your child and any family members and friends who have joined the fun.
5. **READ** the leaves on your thankful tree with your little one throughout the month. Remember, having a perfect tree is not the goal. Instead, it is an opportunity to **READ**, **TALK** and **PLAY** as you spend time together!

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