



Thanksgiving timeline

When my daughter was in elementary school, she and my husband made place cards for our Thanksgiving table. My husband wrote each name in calligraphy, and my daughter, in her careful but wobbly cursive, added a Scripture.

Before we ate our Thanksgiving feast, each person at the table shared a reason he or she was grateful and then wrote the sentiment and the date on the back of the card. The next year we used those same cards, writing another reason to be thankful under the first one. We continued in this same way as the years went by.

The cards became sort of a Thanksgiving timeline. It's fun to remember the year my daughter was grateful for her new goldfish or when I gave thanks for my first author byline. The cards have sparked many wonderful conversations.

And when a family member had died during the previous year, we had another point of thanksgiving: a record of that person's gratitude to God and His faithfulness.

—Lori Williams

