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## What are you thankful for this year

One of the greatest gifts that God has given us in life is the gift of family. To my family Thanksgiving means to gather together to enjoy His bounty of love and food and expressing gratitude for each blessing He has given us. Family is your source of support. They've seen you go through all of life's ups and downs, and they'll stay by your side and help you face everything life throws your way. You wouldn't be where you are right now without them. Not only are you grateful for them , but they are grateful for you . You are their blessing .

For example, I am thankful for my family because they help me make big decisions and support me . In fifth grade middle school applications were opening and all the lotteries were happening. When I went to the Middle Village Prep lottery (the school I wanted to go to ) I sat there waiting nervously until they would call my name that I got accepted. One by one they started calling out names, some of them I did not know and some were my friends. By the time they called out the last name I was hopeless and I knew that I would have to wait to get accepted or I would not get accepted at all. My family comforted me saying everything was going to be fine which i thought was not true but i knew they could not control it. My mom told me I also got into another middle school I wanted to go to. I spent that night overthinking the situation . The next day I went to school very miserable . Kids were laughing at me calling me names and everything since I was the only person that did not get in from my old school. My parents comforted me by saying positive things about me. This made me feel way better. Over the summer I forgot about it and eventually my parents told me that I got accepted. I was very thankful that I got accepted and that my parents hoped the best for me. Now I had a big decision to make either to go to MVP or to another school. My family gave me advice to go to MVP because it was closer and a lot of people from my old school we're going there. She supported me in any decision I made. I chose to go to MVP because my mom insisted so, now I am happy in this school.

Another reason why I am thankful for my family is because they supported me while I was getting bullied . For example once in fifth grade kids were bullying me

because I did not have tik tok .They were whispering and talking about me. Day after day it went on and on.I got depressed and did not want to go to school. My mom decided she was enough and told me to stand up for myself and make my voice count . I decided to stand up for myself because it was hurting my feelings so much and I could no longer let people bully people for what I have so I told them that if I was bothering them they should go to another table and deal with it themselves . From that moment on I stood up for myself and did not let other people come up to me and hurt my feelings that easily because I was not going to let that slide . I learned that real friends don't like you for what you have but for how you are . I learned from my family how to be more independent which is a life skill i am thankful to have .

Now, here's why you should be thankful/ grateful for your family not only for what they give you but their presence in your life and how they motivate and impact you in hard times .