## What am I thankful for?

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As the season of giving and time of thankfulness approaches rapidly, we graciously approach one with our hearts filled with gratitude to give thanks. We thank for the gift known as family. Family is a sacred thing, often a shield protecting us from the world around us—the shield heavy, yet loving and authoritative. With love in mind, we can trust that every good thing and bad thing that occurs is a part of a plan. A plan: whether it is the leaves changing colors from green to orange and yellow, or the air around us cooling and nipping at our skin when we are outdoors, is the perfect plan. The ever-lasting plan decided for us, leaves our autumn hearts happy. The reminiscing of our fond memories with loved ones during this season makes us think of love. It also reminds us of the sacrifices made for us. The sacrifices a family will make for each other may be blinding but ultimately binds them together. The bonds of a family are unbreakable. The plan in which we could not partake without our household members. So, we give thanks for having created us and for placing us with our beloved families.