

## NEW GLASSES FOR BRADY

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*Script may be performed by puppets or by children.*

AIM: To encourage children to develop a thankful heart.

CHARACTERS: Two children--one grumpy, one cheerful.

PROPS: A pair of glasses; books or backpacks, optional.

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(Both puppets enter from left while talking--may be carrying books, or wearing backpacks. Sally is wearing the glasses.)

Brady: School was terrible today!

Sally: Why?

Brady: (Very upset.) There were peas in the soup at lunch; the teacher gave us tons of homework; and even the basketball was flat at recess!

Sally: (Shakes head.) You had a pretty rough day!

Brady: And tonight it's my turn to help with dishes. (Sigh.)

Sally: It won't take long. (Pause. Look straight at him.) Brady, you haven't noticed my new glasses yet.

(Both puppets stop walking and he looks at her carefully.)

Brady: I noticed, but I think glasses look dumb.

Sally: (Proudly.) They make me look sophisticated, and I think they're wonderful!

Brady: How come you're always happy about everything?

Sally: Because I try to be thankful for everything.

Brady: But everything always goes wrong for me! There's nothing to be thankful for.

Sally: There's always something to be thankful. You just have to look for it.

Brady: How about homework?

Sally: It helps us learn more.

Brady: Washing dishes?

Sally: Well, I'm thankful we have food to put on the plates, which is what makes them need washing . . . and that Mom cooks it for us . . . and for water to the wash dishes . . .

Brady: O.K, O.K., I get it.

Sally: It's all in the way you see things. You can complain, or you can be thankful.

Brady: How could I be thankful when the ball was flat today?

Sally: You fixed it with that little pump, didn't you?

Brady: Yeah.

Sally: Then, be thankful you didn't have to use your mouth!

Brady: Oh, Sally!

Sally: Brady, I think you need a pair of new glasses, too.

Brady: But my eyes are perfect!

Sally: Oh, these should go on the inside--on your heart.

Brady: Glasses on your heart? That's crazy!

Sally: All you ever see are things to complain about. I wish you had a special pair of glasses that would make you see things to be thankful for.

Brady: I guess I could try to see things like you do.

Sally: It would be like having that special pair of glasses, and things would look better to you.

Brady: (Looks carefully at her.) You know, Sally, you're new glasses don't really look dumb. I think I actually like you those glasses.

Sally: And I'm going to like you in your new glasses, too!

(Both they nod to each other in agreement and exit to right.)

THE END

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Teacher, follow the puppet show with the reading of I Thessalonians 5:18, Colossians 3:15, Psalm 107:1. Let the class name things for which it is hard to be thankful. Close in prayer asking God to help each one develop a thankful heart.

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