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Did you know that practicing gratitude regularly has physical, psychological and social benefits? It's true! Think stronger immune systems, lower blood pressure, and more joy!

Cultivating an Attitude of Gratitude

Keep a gratitude journal

- Set aside time at the end of the day to write down 5 things you are grateful for.
 - Model this activity by creating your own journal along with your child.
 - Depending on the age, they could draw a picture or just write one word to describe what they
 are thankful for.
 - Aim to be specific and think of little things.
 - Ex: Time outside in the fresh air, extra time to read, or a favorite food for dinner

Start a family gratitude jar

- This can be done with spare change and then donated to a special cause or charity when full.
- You could also write down things you are grateful for specific to your family.
 - Think about small acts of kindness you witness or experience, and then write it down.
 - Take time to share what you've all written after the jar is full.

Write a thank you card

Help your child send a thank you card, drawing, or simple note of thanks to someone just for being in their life.

Volunteer

- Find a way to give back as a family.
 - This could be finding items to donate (a meal, canned food, gently used toys) or a place to help in person

Model and share your own gratitude

- Verbalize what you are grateful for in the moment and your child will begin to do the same.
 - Small gestures of helping others will do the same-think returning an extra shopping cart!

