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Esther and Emmett – Being so Especially Thankful!

Esther: Hi Emmett. Thank you for being my friend.

Emmett: Hi Esther. You're welcome... and thank you for being 'my' friend.

Esther: I'm thankful that you have such neat hair.

Emmett: ...really!...well, you've got neat hair too, really neat red hair.

Esther: And I'm thankful that the trees are in their bright fall colours.

Emmett: Yeah, they sure are bright, some of them.

Esther: And I'm thankful that there are teachers and nurses, and doctors, and car mechanics and...

Emmett: Uh, Esther...

Esther: and I'm thankful for orange juice and popcorn and...

Emmett: I'd be thankful if I could just ask you something...please.

Esther: Of course. Thank you for politely telling me that you'd like to ask me something.

Emmett: You're welcome. Um, have you noticed that you're saying 'thankful' a lot...a whole lot...like all the time?

Esther: Thank you for noticing. Yes, I know that I am saying 'thankful' a lot. This is Thanksgiving weekend.

Emmett: Oh, I get it...Thanks...giving weekend. So you are giving thanks by naming things for which you are thankful.

Esther: Thank you for understanding.

Emmett: You're welcome...and thank you, for thanking me for thinking that you are giving thanks every time you say you are thankful for something.

Esther: And thank you for thanking me for thanking you...

Emmett: You know...we could just go on and on and on with saying thank you...and please don't thank me for saying that!!

Esther: Than...oops! Yes, you're right. We could just go on and on and on...but I think that sometimes we don't spend enough time be thankful.

Emmett: Isn't that why we have a Thanksgiving holiday?

Esther: Yes, at Thanksgiving people do think about what they are thankful for...but I think it would be good if we all thought about being thankful every day.

Emmett: That's a great idea. Thanks for thinking of it....so...what should we talk about now? (hums)

Esther: Well, why don't we name some more things for which we are thankful? I've already said some, so how about you take a turn Emmett?

Emmett: Me...sure...well, let's think...I'm thankful for...pizza!

Esther: That's good. What else?

Emmett: What else...well...well...wait, wait...I know...oh, this is good!

Esther: What is it?

Emmett: I am thankful for all those funny stories that Jesus told.

Esther: You mean the parables?

Emmett: Yeah...all those funny stories about lost sheep, and lost coins...people sure seem to have been always losing things back then...and stories about sons who might or might not do their chores, and slaves who owed the king lots of money, and wedding guests who don't show up...all those funny stories!

Esther: That is good. Why are you thankful for those stories?

Emmett: Wait, I have to say why I'm thankful?

Esther: Well, I'd like to know.

Emmett: Okay...well...I guess I'm thankful for those stories because they are so odd that they make me think about God...and when I think about God...I think about Jesus...

Esther: And when you think about Jesus...?

Emmett: I think about how he fed all those hungry people, and how he liked having the children running around him, and how he liked looking at flowers...and how he told everyone that God loved them.

Esther: God loves us...I'm thankful that God loves us.

Emmett: Do you think that's what all those funny stories are about...that God loves us...

Esther: Yes...and that we should love God and love one another.

Emmett: God loves us...I'm thankful for that too...and for pizza!

Esther: I'm thankful that God created a world in which we can be thankful...so...
"Thanks be to God." ... AMEN

Emmett: Amen