



**BOOK TITLE:** Thank You, World  
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**SUMMARY OF BOOK:** *Thank You, World* is about eight children from different countries (United States, Mexico, Bolivia, France, Mali, Saudi Arabia, India, and China) and the similarities that bring them together. They each give thanks and enjoy nature, swings, mothers, and nighttime. This book teaches children that although there are many different cultures, we are not as different from each other as we may think.

**\*BEFORE READING** (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

- Try questions such as these: think this book might be about?
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| 1. Looking at the front cover, what do you | 2. What are you thankful for? |
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**DURING READING** (ask these questions):

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| 1. Which pictures show the ways you would enjoy things?                      | watering the flowers? What do you think about that now? |
| 2. Have you ever thanked the breeze for lifting up your kite or the rain for | 3. What would you thank your mommy for?                 |
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**AFTER READING** (activity to extend book experience):

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| 1. Have your child draw what he or she is thankful for.  | they do?  |
| 2. Discuss the different cultures represented in the book. Does your family do some things similar to what | 3. Take a walk around the house and through the neighborhood or village and pick things that you and your child are thankful for. |

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