

## THANKSGIVING LETTER

by Tim Bass

**GENRE:** Drama

**SYNOPSIS:** To remind the audience to be thankful for blessings we tend to take for granted.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 1

**TOPIC:** Family, Thankfulness

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Phiippians 4:19-20

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Thanksgiving Service, Worship Service

**CHARACTERS:** Sarah—Age 8 or 9

**PROPS:** 1) Table  
2) Chair  
3) Paper  
4) Pen  
5) Envelope  
6) A glass of milk  
7) Several cookies

**COSTUMES:** Contemporary dress, appropriate to character

**SOUND:** Voiceover recording

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** Sarah's grandmother's home

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### Director's Tip:

The grammatical errors in the script are intentional—this is the way Sarah speaks. When recording the voiceover, make sure it is slow and intentional. The monologue may seem short on paper, but it is actually fairly lengthy when recorded by a child. Work with the young actress playing Sarah on line delivery before you record her voiceover. Help her to break the script into sections so the voiceover sounds like we're "hearing" her write the letter. It should sound conversational in tone, not like she's reading. This can be a difficult task for a young actress. Next, work with her on staging. She should be listening to the voiceover as if these were her current thoughts while she's going through the motions of writing the letter. It might even be helpful for her to actually write as she hears herself narrate. The audience should experience the wonderment and innocence of childhood—Sarah is not weepy, but truly thankful—so the ending catches them off-guard.

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*Scene opens with lights up on SARAH, a young girl sitting at a table. She has a glass of milk, some cookies, a piece of paper and a pencil. As she writes a letter, we hear what she is writing via prerecorded voiceover. All grammatical errors are intentional and should be recorded as written.*

**Sarah:** *(Voiceover)*

Dear Mommy,

Grandma said that next week is Thanksgiving. She said that Thanksgiving is one of the best times in the whole year because we get to say thank you for everything we have.

I asked her what I could say thank you for and she said that when she was just a little girl like me she would spell the word Thanksgiving and try to think of something to be thankful for that starts with every letter. So I am going to do that, okay?

T. T is for ... Thanksgiving! H is for hot dogs because they are my favorite food except for pizza. A is for Aunt Linda who lets me eat ice cream every time I go to her house. N is for my nose. Grandma said it is cute like a button. K is for Katie, my best friend in the whole wide world. S is for Sunday school that I like to go to on Sunday. G is for Grandma. She is the best grandma and really likes me living with her. I is for ... I can't think of anything to say that starts with I and there are two of them in Thanksgiving. But if anything starts with an I, I am thankful that it does.

I am thankful for V because it starts VeggieTales. They are my favorite thing to watch. I wish you could watch them with me. You would like Larry. He is a cucumber. N is for nighttime.