



This challenge will help your child explore gratitude and how collections can tell stories about what matters to us.

Watch:

PBS Kids: Carl the Collector: Gratitude and Pet Rock Collection



As you watch, notice how Carl shows gratitude in big and small ways. Also notice how his pet rock collection connects to feelings of gratitude, and friendship. After watching the video, talk about what you noticed:

- Who/what did Carl and Sheldon appreciate in their walk through the neighborhood?
- Why are the pet rocks special to Carl?
- How does Carl show gratitude for his collection?

Do:

Now it's your turn to create a pet rock collection and practice gratitude, just like Carl!

- Go on a rock hunt around your neighborhood (with a trusted adult).
- Choose 3–5 rocks that look or feel interesting to you.
- Give each rock a name and, if you'd like, decorate them with markers or paint.
- Create a “thank-you” story for each rock.

Chat:

After making your pet rock collection, take a few minutes to talk together:

- How did it feel to slow down and notice small details?
- What are some other things you feel thankful for?



Want more?

Play Carl The Collector Thank U Maker Game on PBS KIDS.

