

# Molly's Magical Thankfulness Jar

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Molly the Mouse woke up the day before Thanksgiving feeling extra happy. She scurried outside and found a small empty jar sitting under a tree. It sparkled in the sunlight.



"What a pretty jar!" she said, picking it up.

Just then, Old Chip the Chipmunk appeared. "Ahh, you've found the Thankfulness Jar," he said with a wink.

"If you fill it with things you're grateful for, something magical will happen tomorrow."

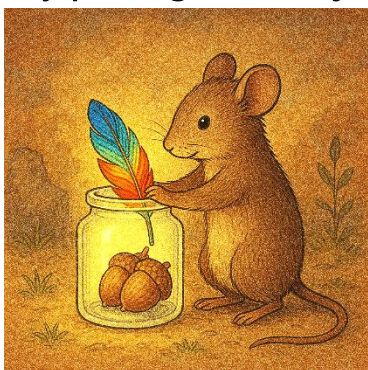
Molly's eyes grew wide. "Magic? Really?"

"Really," Chip said. "But only if the things come from your heart."

So Molly hurried off to gather her treasures.

First, she found a shiny acorn.

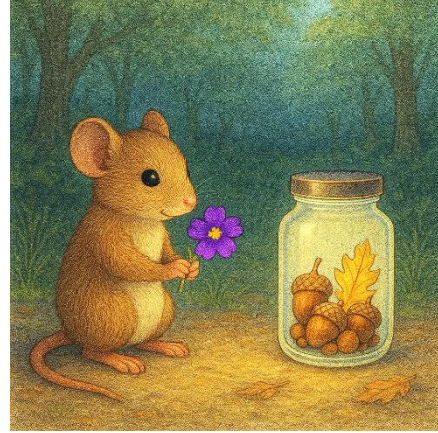
"This reminds me I always have food," she said, gently placing it in the jar.



Next, she found a soft feather.

"I'm thankful for warm nests," she whispered.

Then she picked a tiny purple flower. "I'm thankful for beautiful things."



Last, she collected a golden leaf.  
"I'm thankful for friends to share the seasons with."

Molly placed the lid on the jar and set it beside her bed.

That night, she dreamed of glowing lights and happy faces.

When she woke up on Thanksgiving morning, she gasped — the jar was shining! Soft, warm light poured out of it like sunshine in a bottle.



"It worked!" Molly squeaked.

She carried the glowing jar to the big forest feast. All the animals gathered around her, eyes glittering with amazement.



"It's beautiful!" said Robin the bird.

"It feels warm inside," whispered Squirrel.

"What does it mean?" asked tiny Bunny.

Molly held the jar close. "It means gratitude is magical. When we remember what we're thankful for, it lights up the world."

All the animals smiled. And as they shared their Thanksgiving meal, the magical jar glowed brightly in the center of the table — a warm reminder that even the smallest creature has something wonderful to be thankful for.

