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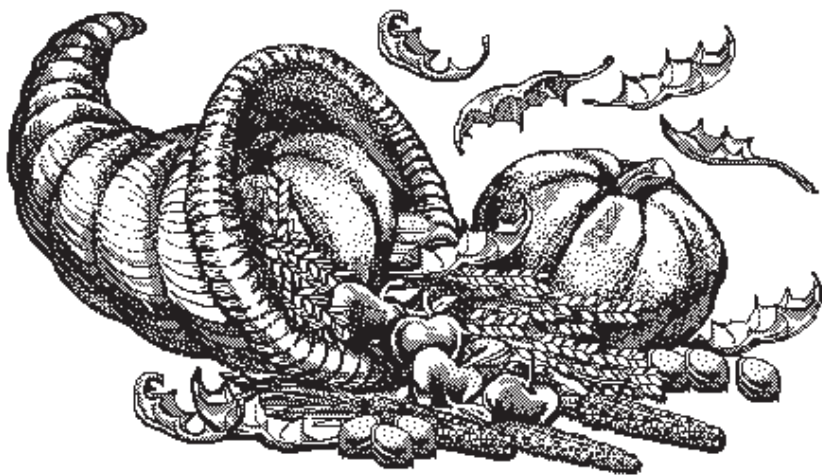
Thanksgiving in America 2010

fourth Thursday in November

five in a row holiday

Happy Thanksgiving

Five in a Row Fold & Learn : Thanksgiving in America



*Thanksgiving Day
Yummy Food
Then and Now!*

We can be so thankful for the bounty of food choices we have today. Our family celebrations often have many treats that we only enjoy at Thanksgiving time. It's interesting to know too, that the actual Pilgrim's fare didn't have crunchy onion topped green beans, marshmallow topped sweet potatoes, etc., but probably something more like the items listed below ...

Here's a list of foods that would have been available in 1621 to the pilgrims.

Seafood: fish, clams, lobster

Fowl: wild turkey, goose, duck, partridge

Meat: venison

Grain: wheat flour, indian corn

Veggies: pumpkin, peas, beans, onions, lettuce, radishes, carrots

Fruit: plums, grapes

Nuts: walnuts, chestnuts, acorns

Herbs and Seasonings: olive oil, leeks, dried currants, parsnips

Foods that we eat on Thanksgiving that the Pilgrims wouldn't have had.

Sweet Potatoes / white potatoes: not common enough to be on their menu.

Corn on the Cob: corn would have only been available as seed corn (dried out) during this season.

Cranberry Sauce: Cranberries might have been on the menu, but without sugar

Pumpkin Pie: possibly stewed pumpkin, but not pie (again because there wasn't sugar)

Milk: the Pilgrims didn't bring any cows over on the Mayflower.

Have your children ...

List beside the Pilgrim figure what your child's favorite food(s) would have been that the Pilgrims had in 1621 at the first Thanksgiving feast.



List beside the current day table what his favorite Thanksgiving foods are today.



Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade



History

In the 1920's many of Macy's department store employees were first-generation immigrants. Proud of their new American heritage, they wanted to celebrate the United States holiday of Thanksgiving with the type of festival their parents had loved in Europe.

In 1924, the inaugural parade (originally known as the Macy's Christmas Parade and later the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Christmas Parade.) was staged by the store. Employees and professional entertainers marched from 145th Street in Harlem to Macy's flagship store on 34th Street dressed in vibrant costumes. There were floats, professional bands and live animals borrowed from the Central Park Zoo. At the end of that first parade, as has been the case with every parade since, Santa Claus was welcomed into Herald Square. At this first parade, however, the Jolly Old Elf was enthroned on the Macy's balcony at the 34th Street store entrance, where he was then "crowned" "King of the Kiddies." With an audience of over a quarter of a million people, the parade was such a success that Macy's declared it would become an annual event.

Large animal-shaped balloons, produced by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio, replaced the live animals in 1927 when the Felix the Cat balloon made its debut. Felix was filled with air, but by the next year, helium was used to fill the expanding cast of balloons.

The parade was suspended 1942–1944 during World War II, owing to the need for rubber and helium in the war effort. The parade resumed in 1945 using the route that it followed until 2008. The parade became a permanent part of American culture after being prominently featured in the 1947 film, *Miracle on 34th Street*, which shows actual footage of the 1946 festivities. The event was first broadcast on network television in 1948. By this point the event, and Macy's sponsorship of it, were sufficiently well-known to give rise to the colloquialism "Macy's Day Parade".

Balloon inflation

The balloons for the parade are inflated the day before (Wednesday) on both sides of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. The balloons are split between 77th and 81st Streets between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue. The inflation team consists of various volunteers from Macy's as well as students from Stevens Institute of Technology, a local university in Hoboken, NJ where the balloons and floats are designed and built. Dubbed "Thanksgiving Eve Inflation Celebration", the inflation is open to the public the afternoon and night before the parade.

1st balloon - 1927: Felix the Cat

Most recent balloons - 2009: Pillsbury Doughboy, Mickey Mouse (4th version; "Sailor Mickey"), Ronald McDonald (3rd version), Spider-Man (2nd version)

Balloonicle and falloon Introductions

(A portmanteau (plural: portmanteaus or portmanteaux) or portmanteau word is a blend of two (or more) words or morphemes and their meanings into one new word.)

A falloon (a portmanteau of "float" and "balloon") is a float-based balloon.

A balloonicle (a portmanteau of "balloon" and "vehicle") is a self-powered balloon vehicle.

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Activities

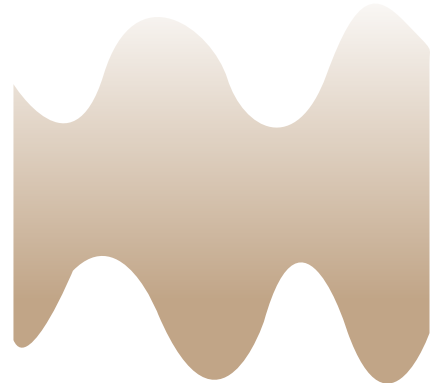
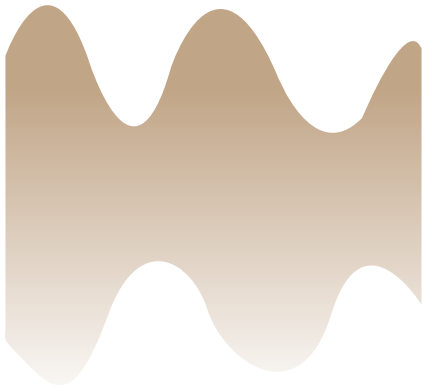
Have your student pick what balloon they would make for the parade. (Favorite cartoon character, FIAR book character or by subject; like space or gardening, etc.) Draw a picture or make a collage of the balloon, float, ballonicle or falloon they would make. If it's a cartoon character, after they're finished creating it, google it or watch the parade and see if there is actually one and what it looks like.



A fun book that is super silly and has a tie in to the Macy's Parade (balloons specifically, the last page, you'll have to look for it!) is, *I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie* by Alison Jackson.

Another fun activity is to order a large 36" or taller mylar character balloon (Buzz Lightyear, Clifford the Big Red Dog or Elmo, etc.) and after discussing or watching the parade, pull it out (you can attach multiple strings to make it more like the actual parade balloons) and have your child or children act out walking the balloon as if they were in the parade! Have fun!

An Imaginative Animal Thanksgiving



Imagine your favorite animals gathering together to have a Thanksgiving party of their own. What dish would each animal bring? Where would they meet? Beatrix Potter had a wonderfully imaginative mind when it came to animals and how they might interact and live. If you haven't read any of her books you should definitely find one and snuggle in with your students and enjoy her descriptive narrative of the animal's lives in her stories.

Have your student choose one or more of the animals listed below and make up a scenario of where the animal Thanksgiving would be held (in a tree, by a lake, etc.) and what food that animal would bring. They may need your help researching to find out what types of food each animal eats, before they can make up their dish. (For instance ... a squirrel might bring roasted acorns or mashed acorns or acorns au gratin, etc.)

Cut out the animal(s) chosen from below and paste onto a clean paper and then have your student draw, paint or collage an image of the location and dish that animal would bring to their Thanksgiving. Your student can enjoy this activity for one of the animals or all of them. Have fun and enjoy this fun and creative process.



squirrel



turtle



rabbit



robin



deer

Songs ...

We Gather Together :

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!



Over the River and Through the Woods :

Over the river, and through the wood,
To Grandfather's house we go;
The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh
through the white and drifted snow.
Over the river, and through the wood—
Oh, how the wind does blow!
It stings the toes and bites the nose
As over the ground we go.
Over the river, and through the wood,
To have a first-rate play.
Hear the bells ring, "Ting-a-ling-ding",
Hurrah for Thanksgiving Day!
Over the river, and through the wood

Trot fast, my dapple-gray!
Spring over the ground like a hunting-hound,
For this is Thanksgiving Day.
Over the river, and through the wood—
And straight through the barnyard gate,
We seem to go extremely slow,
It is so hard to wait!
Over the river, and through the wood—
Now Grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun! Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!

by Lydia Maria Child



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Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy Faithfulness is a wonderful song to sing with a grateful heart. As you sing it together while you cook, clean or set the table, have your child listen for the word "**harvest**" which is in the second stanza.

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Verse 2

Summer and winter, and springtime and **harvest**,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth.
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

For some fun and silly Thanksgiving songs to sing with your kids, check out ...
http://thanksgiving.123holiday.net/thanksgiving_kid_songs.html

Don't forget the more contemporary song, *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*. You can find the lyrics online. There are wonderful songs to fill your house with grateful singing this Thanksgiving!

Autumn Leaves

Down

down

down

Red

yellow

brown

Autumn leaves tumble down,

Autumn leaves crumble down,

Autumn leaves bumble down

Flaking and shaking,

Tumbledown leaves.

Skittery

Flittery

Rustle by

Hustle by

Crackle and crunch

In a snappety bunch.

Run and catch

Run and catch

Butterfly leaves

Sailboat leaves

Windstorm leaves.

Can you catch them?

Swoop,

Scoop,

Pile them up

In a stompy pile and

Jump

Jump

JUMP!

by - Eve Merriam



What a fun poem about leaves! As a thankful activity, have your student draw leaves and cut them out. You can use the stencils provided or draw them for the younger child or you can even gather real leaves (you'll have to use a permanent maker for the writing if you use real leaves) for this activity.

Have your student write each family members name on a leaf along with something that they are thankful for about that person. You can use these as place cards on your Thanksgiving day table or just enjoy them. An extension on this could be to create a family tree or Gratitude Tree (as mentioned in Five in a Row Holiday) using the leaves.



THANKSGIVING DAY FOOTBALL

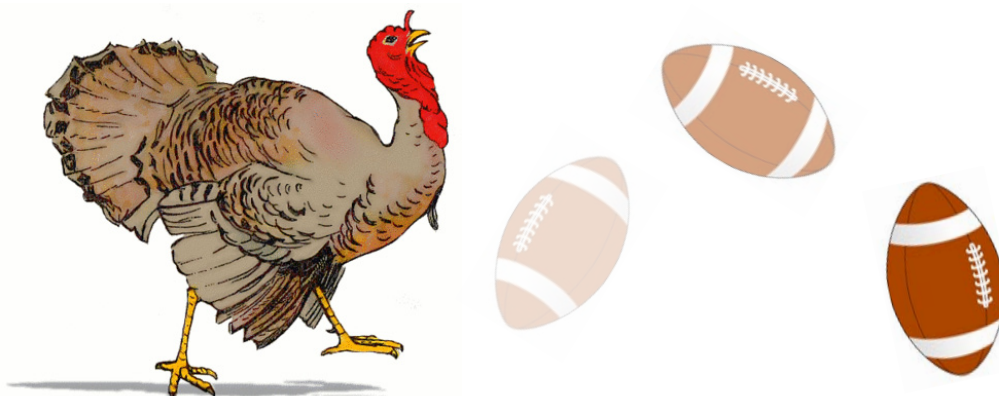


The men and boys of your family (and football loving women and girls) might enjoy learning the history of this Thanksgiving tradition enjoyed by some families.

The National Football League's Thanksgiving Classic is a series of games played during the Thanksgiving holiday in the United States. It has been a regular occurrence since the league's inception in 1920. Since 2006, three games are played every Thanksgiving. The first two are hosted by the Detroit Lions and the Dallas Cowboys, with one team from each conference playing either team on a rotating basis; a third game, with no fixed opponents, has been played annual since 2006.

This is an especially fun subject/activity for boys! Create a construction paper football field (with markers or collage, green paper white lines), then you or they can draw around your students hand and cut out the hand print and color it to create a turkey. Paste the turkey onto the football field. Your student can also cut and paste the above paragraph onto the field to remind them about this thanksgiving day tradition.

*Reference - All the Thanksgiving day football information above is from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia and can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving_day_football



Praise God from whom all blessings flow ...

Thanksgiving — An Attitude of Gratitude! Thanksgiving! Isn't it wonderful to have family times of gathering and giving heartfelt thanks to God for our many blessings?

Here is a discussion for you and your children as you prepare for Thanksgiving this year:

Are all blessings monetary? Can all blessings be bought with money? We do need food, clothing and shelter. It is important to have water to drink and nice to have sheets to sleep on, but what are other kinds of blessings that we receive every day?

How about the breath to breathe! Wow! Thank you, Lord.

Perhaps the choice to receive Jesus' salvation?
Yes! If we could only grasp more and more how amazingly wonderful that is! Thank you, Lord.

What about our family? Yes, even our brothers and sisters or friends...thank you, Lord.

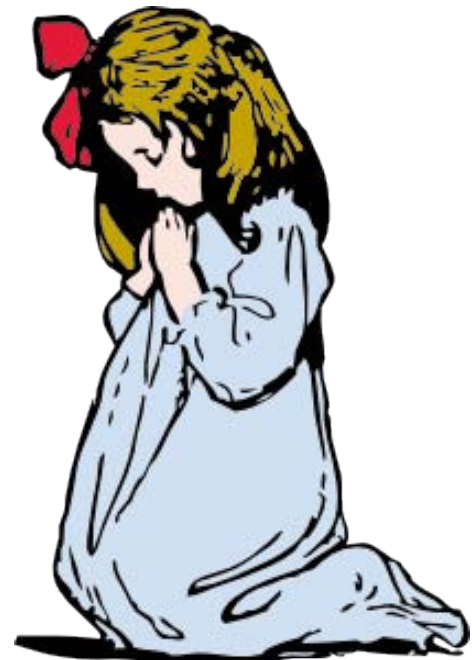
Then there is peace....ahhh...Thank you, Lord.

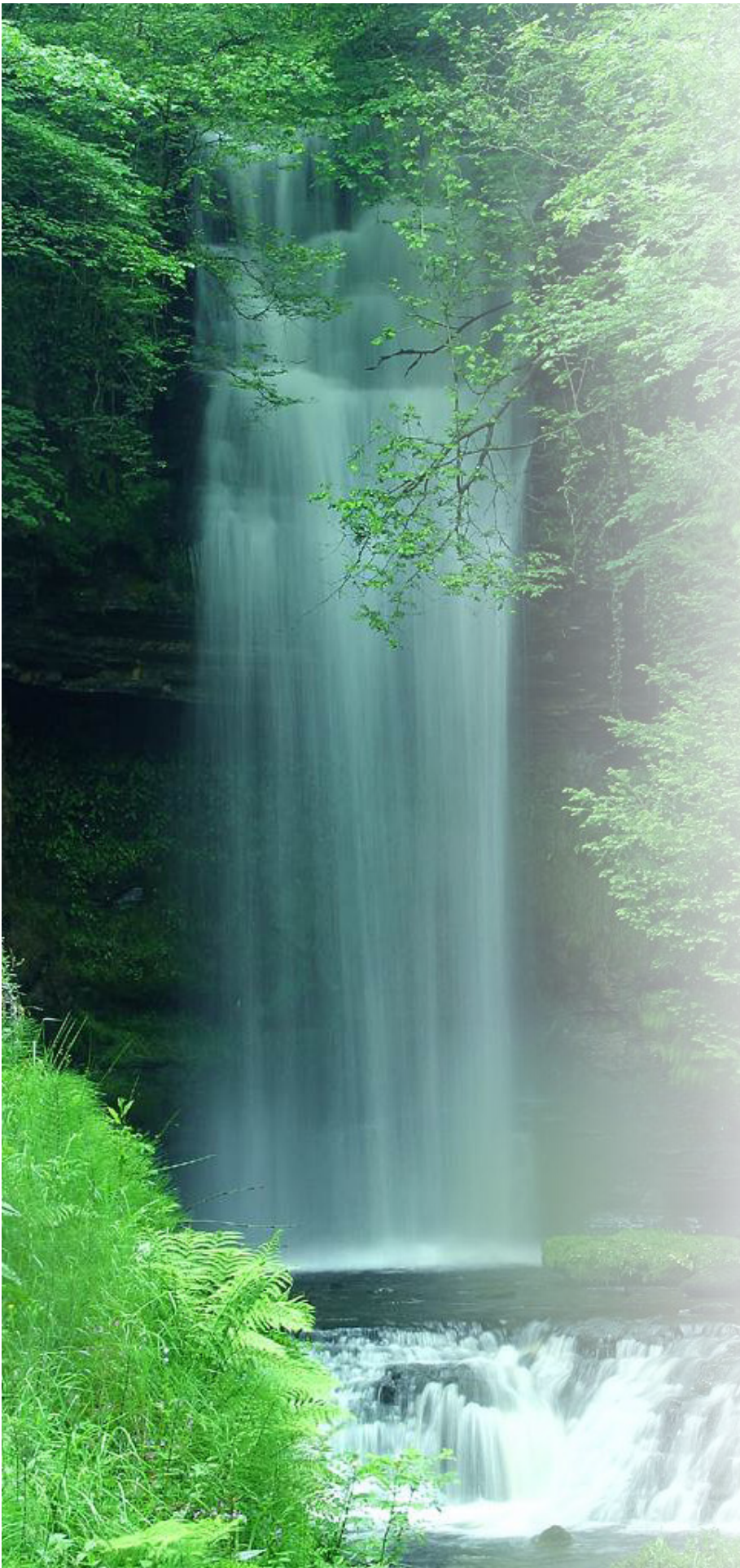
And joy.....Oh, Thank you so much!

There is the wonder of feeling loved. You can't pay for this and the Bible tells us over and over how very much the Lord loves us. His banner over us is love!

Then there is the joy of working with the Lord and seeing His power work for the people around us. Thank you, thank you!

Can you think of other blessings that you could add to this list?





Wow! After thinking through these ideas, you can easily see how important it is to our well-being and sense of contentment to remember often, how extraordinarily much we really have. Many of the best blessings aren't even able to be purchased.

So we can remember to give thanks to God when we get up, when we lie down, and often in between. Ask the Lord to remind you to model an attitude of gratitude and your children will daily know how blessed they really are.

Verses to enjoy! Look these up and ponder them in your heart.

Colossians 2:6-7 Rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith,...overflowing with thankfulness!

Heb. 12:28 therefore since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude to God

Col. 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you sing.... with gratitude in your heart to God



Harvest Season!

In helping your children to see that the Bible has a great deal to say about all aspects of their lives, it might be just the right time to look at some verses about the word "*harvest*."

Pick one or more verses to read and discuss during your holiday time and have your children listen for the word....*harvest*. The younger ones can raise their hands whenever they hear you say the word!

For instance: James 3:18 says that peacemakers who sow in peace, raise a **harvest** of righteousness.

Discuss with them the ideas of peace making, sowing in peace, and what righteousness is (right living with God and living like Him). Remember that sowing peace doesn't mean going along with those who do wrong, just to keep from making waves.

In James 5:4 you see the workers of the harvest crying out for wages that have not been paid, and the admonition not to treat people this way. In other words, in this time of harvest, you can discuss with your children how much the Lord desires us to be fair and just with those around us, and not to take advantage, cheat or steal from them. Beyond fair and just, our Lord is also so often generous! What a good thought for this season of Thanksgiving.

Proverbs 20:4 reminds us that an unwise person does not plant in sowing season, and so at **harvest** he looks and has nothing. But the wonderful companion verse to this is...

Heb. 12:11 which suggests that discipline will reap a **harvest** of rewards. Talk with your children about the difficulty of sticking to a task or good habit, and yet how glorious is the harvest. Just like beautiful pumpkins in the fall, there will be something good for their efforts!

There may be many things to add to our ideas of the word harvest. But here are some verses to consider that demonstrate that what God longs for most (and what He has used as a metaphor for "harvest") is that people would come to know Him, receive Him -- his work and love for them.

God sees the fields as people--people ready to know Him. And He sees this every day of the year. Harvest time to Him is all the time! And He desires that we continually ask for laborers to go and tell people who He is and what He is really like.

(John 4:35 which says the field are ripe for **harvest**, and Matt. 9:38 in which you hear Jesus called the "Lord of the **harvest**." Matt. 9:38 which asks for laborers to go into the **harvest**.)

So this year, spend some time alone, and with your children just asking the Lord about these verses and asking the Holy Spirit to clarify them and expand them for you. Then your heart for the **harvest** and His heart will beat as one! And your **harvest** time will take on ever increasing importance and meaning.

And remember His promise!

While the earth remains,
seed time and **harvest**,
and cold and heat, and summer
and winter, and day and night
shall not cease. Gen. 8:22





What is Your Harvest this Year?

Did you plant a garden this year? Did you tend it and water it and have your children seen a harvest of crops? Perhaps they have seen fields near their home be planted and harvested?

What about more personal harvests? Have you or your children ask the Lord to help with grace to grow in kindness, or for better controlling of emotions, or in having a greater hunger for His Word? Have you (or they) seen progress in these kinds of areas? Are there signs of growth that you could compliment your children on as a "harvest" for their good "sowing?"

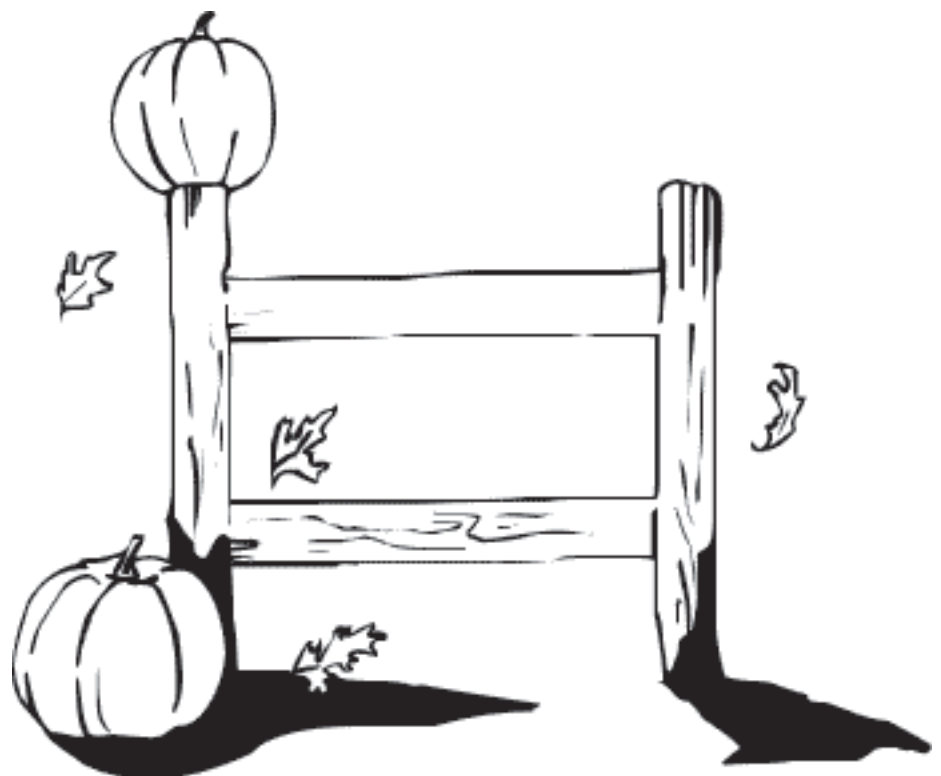
What about a family harvest? Has your family been prompted this year by the Lord to share His love with others? Are their new members in God's family that you know of this year as a result? Has your family shared with shelters, charities like Feed the Children, a missionary you know, or a neighbor, clothes for the homeless or suppling Bibles, etc., that could be thought of as your family harvest for this year?

So what is a harvest?

Well, a harvest is all the crops, carefully sown and tended and brought in for safe keeping.

A harvest is also personal and family growth in good values and deeds.

Pursuing, with the Lord's help, disciplines that have reaped a harvest of rewards.



And a “field ripe for harvest” is the people the Lord longs to gather to Himself—to love and care for and to keep safe.

As you talk about these things while you clean and cook and have family time during the Thanksgiving holidays you will help these ideas take root ---you may talk about them throughout the next year and who knows, with the Lord’s prompting and help, what harvest will be seen in your family next year!



Happy Thanksgiving!



What is Your Family's Harvest this Year?

Here are some decorated templates for each of your children to fill in and one for your family as a whole to list some of the things you feel you harvested this year.



The _____ family's
Harvest for _____ (year)



_____ (child's name)
Harvest for _____ (year)



_____ (child's name)
Harvest for _____ (year)

Reminiscing over Cranberry Thanksgiving ...



For the families that have previously rowed *Cranberry Thanksgiving* lessons in Five in a Row volume 1.



Have your child list how old he was when he first rowed it.



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Special memories that your child has of working on those lessons.

Does your child have a favorite illustration from *Cranberry Thanksgiving*? Like the silhouette picture, the eye peeking through the door picture or the picture of Maggie with her “seagull-legs” gathering firewood, etc.?

Did your family make Grandmother’s secret Cranberry Orange Bread recipe in a big yellow bowl? Write down your special memories of this ...

Read it again this Thanksgiving just for enjoyment if you’ve already rowed it! On this Thanksgiving be thankful for good stories and books like *Cranberry Thanksgiving*.



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Thanksgiving
and fall ideas,

**Wonderful Thanksgiving books to check out,
The Thanksgiving Door by Debbie Atwell
Thanks for Thanksgiving by Julie Markes**

check out the Thanksgiving 2007 Fold & Learn at
<http://www.fiarhq.com/fiveinarow.info/digitalfiarholidayfoldlearn.html>,

the Fall Nature Study at
<http://www.fiarhq.com/fiveinarow.info/digitalnaturestudies.html>

and the November portion of the Five in a Row Holiday manual at
<http://www.fiarhq.com/fiveinarow.info/digitalholiday.html>

...blessing and glory and wisdom and *thanksgiving*
and honor and power and might, be to our God forever
and ever... Revelation 7:12

Happy Thanksgiving
from your Five in a Row Family

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