

THANKSGIVING

OBJECTIVE: To be thankful for people who help or serve us.

OPENING PRAYER:

SONG: Mister Turkey Fat and Gay
Thank Thee For The World So Sweet

LESSON: Ginger Is Grateful (figures included)

STORY: The First Thanksgiving

ACTIVITY: Play the "Picture Game"

Game rules: Divide into two groups and take turns calling on a person from each side to come up and choose two squares. Turn the squares over, if they pair; one a question, the other the right answer to the question, then remove them from the board and expose that part of the picture underneath. If they do not make a pair, then turn them back over and call on someone from the other side.

The winners are the side that gets the most questions and answers correct, so the picture underneath is displayed.

REFRESHMENTS: Make popcorn together

CLOSING PRAYER:

TO DO AHEAD: Color and laminate the pictures to the story and game. Laminate and cut out the question and answer squares. With the words face down randomly tape them over the picture.

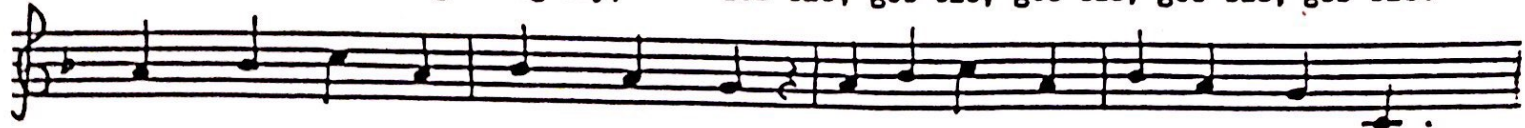
MISTER TURKEY FAT AND GAY



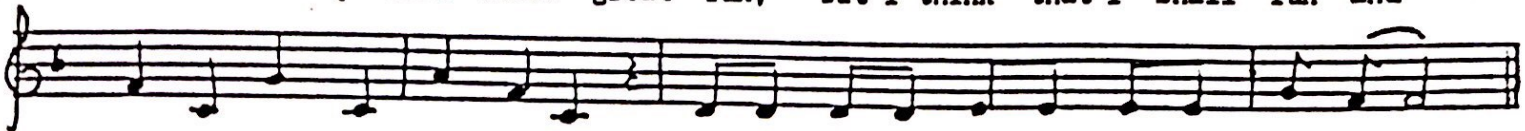
Said Mister Tur-key fat and gay, "Gob-ble, gob-ble, gob-ble, gob-ble, gob-ble. It



soon will be thanks-giv-ing day, Gob-ble, gob-ble, gob-ble, gob-ble, gob-ble.



Folks all say that means great fun, but I think that I shall run and



hide un-til that day is done. Gob-ble, gob-ble, gob-ble, gob-ble, gob-ble."

Said Mister Turkey fat and gay,
(Spread fingers of one hand like turkey tail and rock hand from side to side)

Gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble.
(Form fingers and thumb to look like a beak and open and close them)

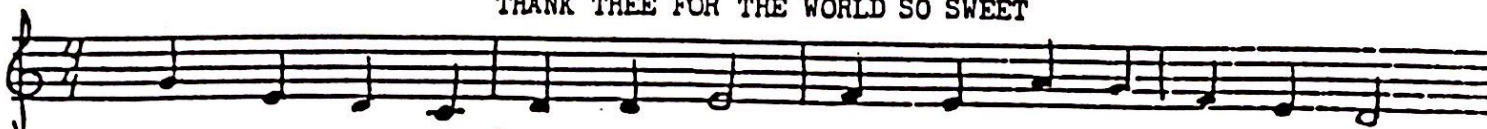
It soon will be Thanksgiving Day. Gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble.
(Actions the same as first two lines)

Folks all say that means great fun,
(Put one hand out in front, palm up, then other hand)

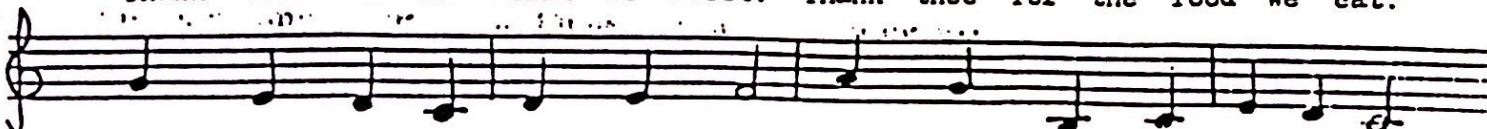
But I think that I shall run and hide
(Quickly put both hands behind back)

until that day is done. Gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble.
(Repeat actions as for the other gobbles)

THANK THEE FOR THE WORLD SO SWEET



Thank thee for the world so sweet. Thank thee for the food we eat.



Thank thee for the birds that sing. Thank thee, God, for ev'-ry-thing.

GINGER IS GRATEFUL by Avon Allen Compton
Flannel figures by Terry Ann Compton

It was Thanksgiving Day and 1. GINGER had just finished eating a big Thanksgiving dinner. "That was the best Thanksgiving dinner I've ever had," said Ginger as she patted her full tummy. "I don't know what I liked the best. The 2. TURKEY was so yummy and the cranberry sauce so good, but I think I liked the 3. PUMPKIN PIE best of all. I know what I will do. I'll make the day brighter by finding out who made that pie, and to them I'll say a special THANK YOU!"

So Ginger skipped out to the kitchen and said to 4. MOTHER: "Thank you, Mother, for the lovely dinner you prepared. And I especially liked the pumpkin pie." "Well," said Mother with a smile, "It is nice to be thanked now and then and I'm glad you enjoyed the dinner. But I can't take all the credit. This year I didn't have time to make the pies so you will want to thank the baker man too."

So with a hop, skip and a jump Ginger went down the street to the Bakery Shop. 5. THE BAKER MAN beamed all over when Ginger thanked him. "I especially liked the whipped cream on the top," she added. "Well now, I did work a long time mixing the pie crust and making the fillings, but it's worth it when some nice little girl comes along and thanks me. But I can't take all the credit. You will want to thank the farmer for the 6. BIG ORANGE PUMPKINS and that whipped cream you liked so much came from Bossy Cow."

And again Ginger went with a hop, skip and a jump to the farm where she met 7. FARMER JONES. "I've come to thank you for a number of things." said Ginger. And as she told him how much she had enjoyed the turkey and how good the pumpkin pie was, with the yummy whipped cream on top Farmer Jones' face brightened up. And with a twinkle in his eye Farmer Jones replied: "Well now, I have worked hard to raise a good crop of turkeys this year and the pumpkins had to be watered every day, but I know it was all worth it when a thoughtful little girl comes to say thank you. But I can't take all the credit. Bossy Cow does her best to furnish us with good milk and cream. I'm glad you've come to say thanks to her too."

So Ginger skipped down the lane to the barn and found brown and white 8. BOSSY COW chewing her cud. "Thank you, Bossy, for the delicious cream you gave to me that tasted so yummy on my pumpkin pie." And as if Bossy understood she leaned her head toward Ginger and gave a loud MOOO. Then she started eating the hay again. Farmer Jones spoke up: "Old Bossy Cow does love her hay and green grass. Which reminds me to tell you that all the credit can't go to her. You'll have to thank the sun up there and the rain when it comes. You see, I can't grow a thing on the farm without their help."

Ginger thought a minute, then waved goodbye and started back home. She knew that the sun and the rain would not hear her, but she knew who sent the raindrops and she knew who made the sun. That night when she 9. WAS GETTING READY FOR BED she decided to say a special thank you. And it sounded like this:

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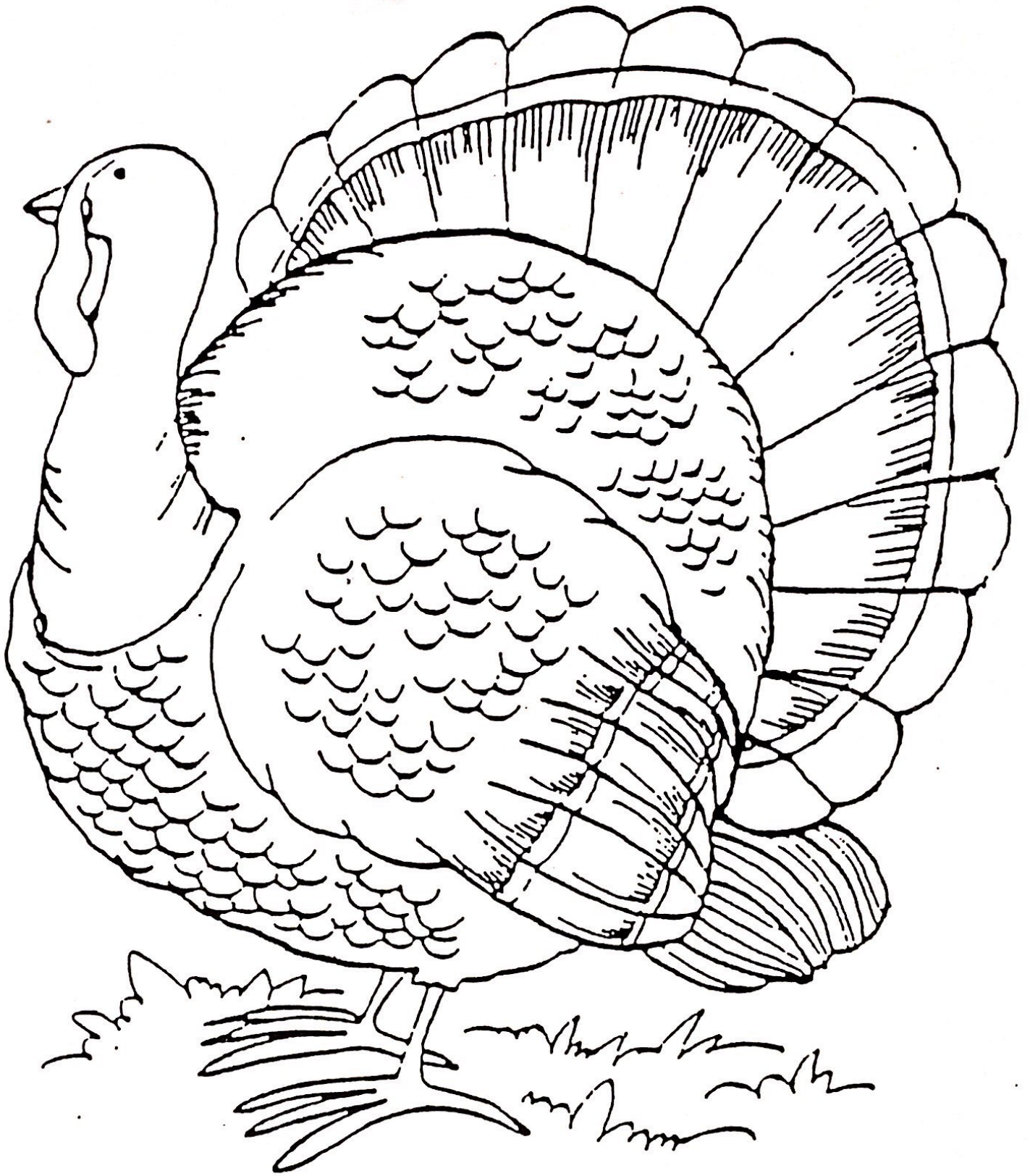
"Thank you for the sun and rain,
Thank you for the fields of grain,

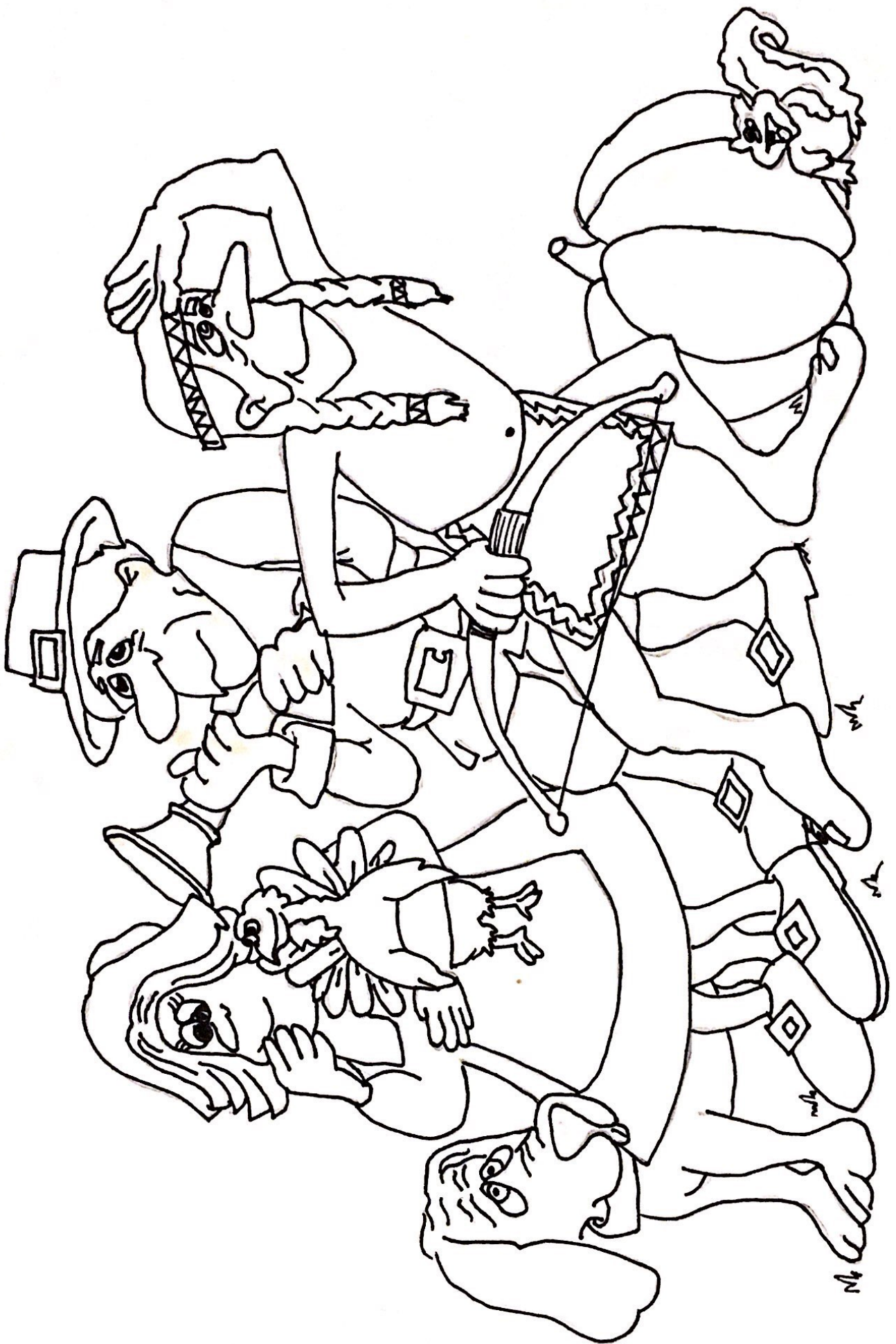
For Farmer Jones who works his farm
For Bessie Cow in her red barn.

And thank you for the things we eat;
For Mr. Baker's pies so sweet.
And thank you for my Daddy dear
Who works for me throughout the year.

And thanks for Mother, kind and true
For all the things she helps to do.
Thank you, God, I want to say,

For making this a special day." And as Ginger dropped off to sleep she
sighed: "It makes everyone happy to be thanked. I'll try to make every day a
thank you day." And she fell asleep with a happy smile on her face.





The First Thanksgiving

Many Many years ago some people who called themselves Pilgrims left England to find a new home. Pilgrims were people who went to far away places for religious reasons. These Pilgrims wanted to have their own churches . But the King of England would not let them have their own churches. He wanted them to go to his church.

The Pilgrims knew about a new land far across the ocean. It was called America. The Pilgrims got on a ship named the Mayflower and sailed for America. The Mayflower had sails. The wind blowing on the sails made the ship go. The trip across the ocean seemed to take a very long time. The ship was very crowded. There were 102 people besides the sailors. There were 31 children. It was very cold and many people got sick. At last the Pilgrims could see land. They were very happy.

They called the place where they landed Plymouth. They had to live on the ship for many more days while the men cut down trees and built houses. The weather was cold and there was not enough food.. Many of the people got sick and only half of them lived until spring came.

One day an Indian came to Plymouth. His name was Samoset. He could say some English words. Samoset brought other Indians to meet the Pilgrims. He brought Massasoit, the chief of the Indians. The governor of Plymouth and Chief Massasoit agreed that the Indians and the Pilgrims would be friends and help each other.

With Chief Massasoit came Squanto. Squanto had been to England with some sailors. He could talk English. Squanto lived with the Pilgrims. Squanto was a good friend. He showed the Pilgrims where to fish and how to plant corn. He told them to plant the corn seeds with dead fish. The fish made the soil better so that the corn grew well.

The Indian corn was very important. The seed the Pilgrims brought from England did not grow well. They made bread out of corn. When spring came the Mayflower left to go back to England. Not one of the Pilgrims went back. They were brave people. They wanted to stay and work hard. When Fall came, things were better . The Pilgrims had homes. They had all the food they could eat. Governor Bradford said.--We should thank God for all these things. They decided to have a feast and invite their Indian friends.

On Thanksgiving day they went to church and thanked God for all their blessings, then they went home to feast. The pilgrims and Indians sat down at long tables. There were 90 Indians. There was enough food for everybody. They had deer, turkeys, geese, ducks, fish, and clams. They had corn, beans, squash, pumpkins, plums, grapes, nuts, cranberries, and corn cakes. After dinner they had games and fun. The Indians had such a good time they stayed for three days.

It is a long time since the Pilgrims thanked God for helping them in a new country. Their new country is now the United States of America. Americans in many states have held Thanksgiving every fall since the time of the Pilgrims. President Abraham Lincoln set a special day for Thanksgiving and said it should be held each year all over the country. Now every year the fourth Thursday in November is Thanksgiving Day.

<p>What was the name of their ship?</p>	<p>When spring came, the Pilgrims...</p>	<p>The Indians.</p>	<p>What did the Indians bring to eat?</p>
<p>Why did the Pilgrims come to America?</p>	<p>The Indians taught the Pilgrims how to?</p>	<p>The Mayflower.</p>	<p>Who did the Pilgrims invite to their feast?</p>
<p>Harvested the fruits and vegetables they grew.</p>	<p>To be able to worship as they pleased.</p>	<p>When fall came, the Pilgrims?</p>	<p>Where did the Pilgrims come from?</p>
<p>Turkeys.</p>	<p>Plowed the land and planted new seed.</p>	<p>Hunt for food.</p>	<p>England.</p>

