

# Thanksgiving Joys

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As you gather for your Thanksgiving meal with family and friends, give thanks for the past year.

**For**  
Young Family

**Season**  
Fall

## Needed

THANKSgiving worksheet (see last page); crayons, markers, or colored pencils; scissors; tape or glue sticks; 1 poster board or large piece of plain paper.

## Prepare in Advance

Make one copy of the THANKSgiving worksheet for each person who will be at your Thanksgiving meal.

## Activity Plan

1. Before you serve your Thanksgiving meal, gather around the table and give each person a copy of the THANKSgiving worksheet. Ask each person to draw or write six things for which they are grateful. Each item of thanks should begin with or include one of the letters T-H-A-N-K-S. As needed, help each other think of things for each letter.

2. After everyone has finished, choose someone to begin the prayer of thanks by saying aloud the following words:

*Gracious God, we gather to give thanks for the many blessings of the past year. Hear our prayers of thanks this day. (Have each person list his or her THANKS from the worksheet.) Amen.*

3. After the meal, have younger family members cut apart the letter strips from everyone's worksheets and arrange them in a collage on a piece of poster board or plain paper. Encourage them to make pictures of some of the things mentioned. Display your collage near the place your family usually eats meals.

# THANKSgiving

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