

Theme: Thanksgiving

This document contains all of the activities for the theme “Thanksgiving” for the age group “Littles.”

Have fun!

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All activities require adult supervision!

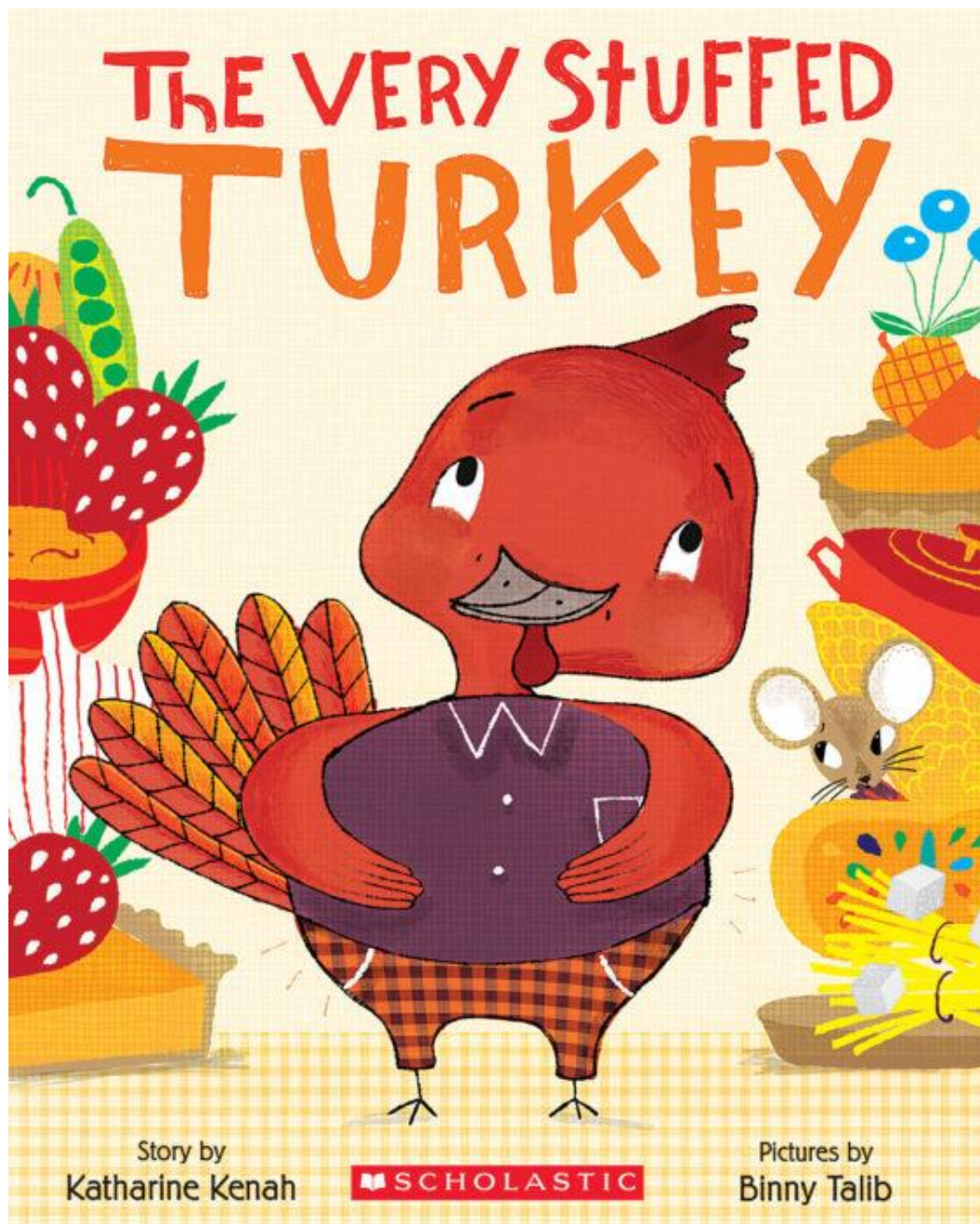
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Book Suggestion

(We highly recommend checking your local library for this book, however if you cannot find it-please see link on our “Theme extras” web page to purchase if desired or find another book that showcases Thanksgiving-We suggest using the same book for two weeks as this really helps children gain reading comprehension of the book! *You do not need to read the entire story all at once. Some children have a difficult time concentrating for an entire story, it is totally okay to portion on the story over a few reading sessions!



Song Suggestion:

Gobble Gobble

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Gobble, Gobble, Gobble

Says the Turkey

Gobble, Gobble, Gobble

You can't catch me!

Gobble, Gobble, Gobble

I'll run and run

Gobble, Gobble, Gobble

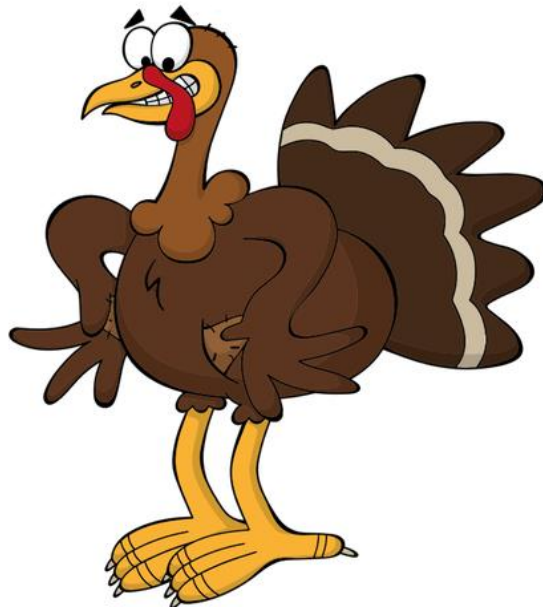
Oh, this is fun!

Gobble, Gobble, Gobble

Don't you see

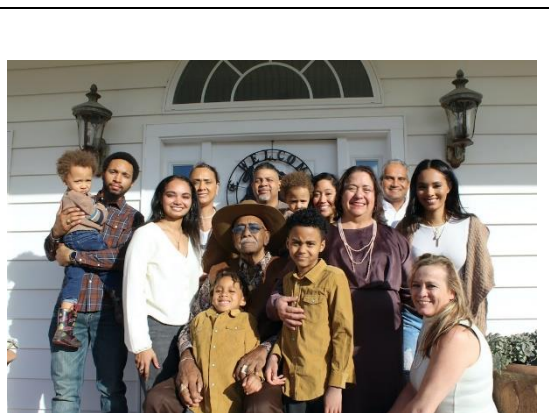
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I'm a sneaky Turkey!

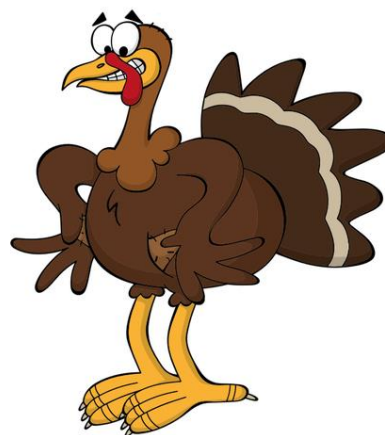


Simple Vocabulary Words

These are optional vocabulary cards to show your child before reading the story to help with understanding. It is also a great idea to point out the words while reading the book!



FAMILY



TURKEY



THANKFUL



EAT

Art Project:

Turkey Napkin Ring

What you need for this activity:

- *Feathers
- *Yellow, Red construction paper (scraps are perfect)
- *Googly eyes
- *Toilet paper roll (empty)
- *Child-safe scissors
- *Non-toxic Squeeze Glue

Directions:

- *For this activity your child(ren) will create a turkey napkin ring
- *To begin, cut the roll into thirds.
- *Glue the feathers onto the back side of the ring, we recommend about four feathers. Let dry!
- *Glue on the googly eyes (front side of roll)
- *Cut out the beak using the yellow paper and glue on
- *Cut out the Turkey's wattle (red hanging thing) – we suggest a triangle but any oblong shape will work too and glue on under the beak.
- *You have a turkey napkin ring!



Fine Motor Activity:

Feather sticking

What you need for this activity:

- *Feathers
- *Playdough OR large piece of Styrofoam

Directions:

- * This activity will allow your child to build up their fine motor muscles!
- *There are two ways to do this activity:
Option 1: Playdough (preferred method)
*Ask your child(ren) to form the playdough into a ball.
*Have them press feathers into the ball (pokey end) to form a “turkey!”

Option 2: Styrofoam

- *For this option, (if you can), place the image of the turkey on a large piece of Styrofoam, then ask your child(ren) to press feathers into the top.

OR

Simply have them press the feathers into the Styrofoam (no image needed)



Math Activity:

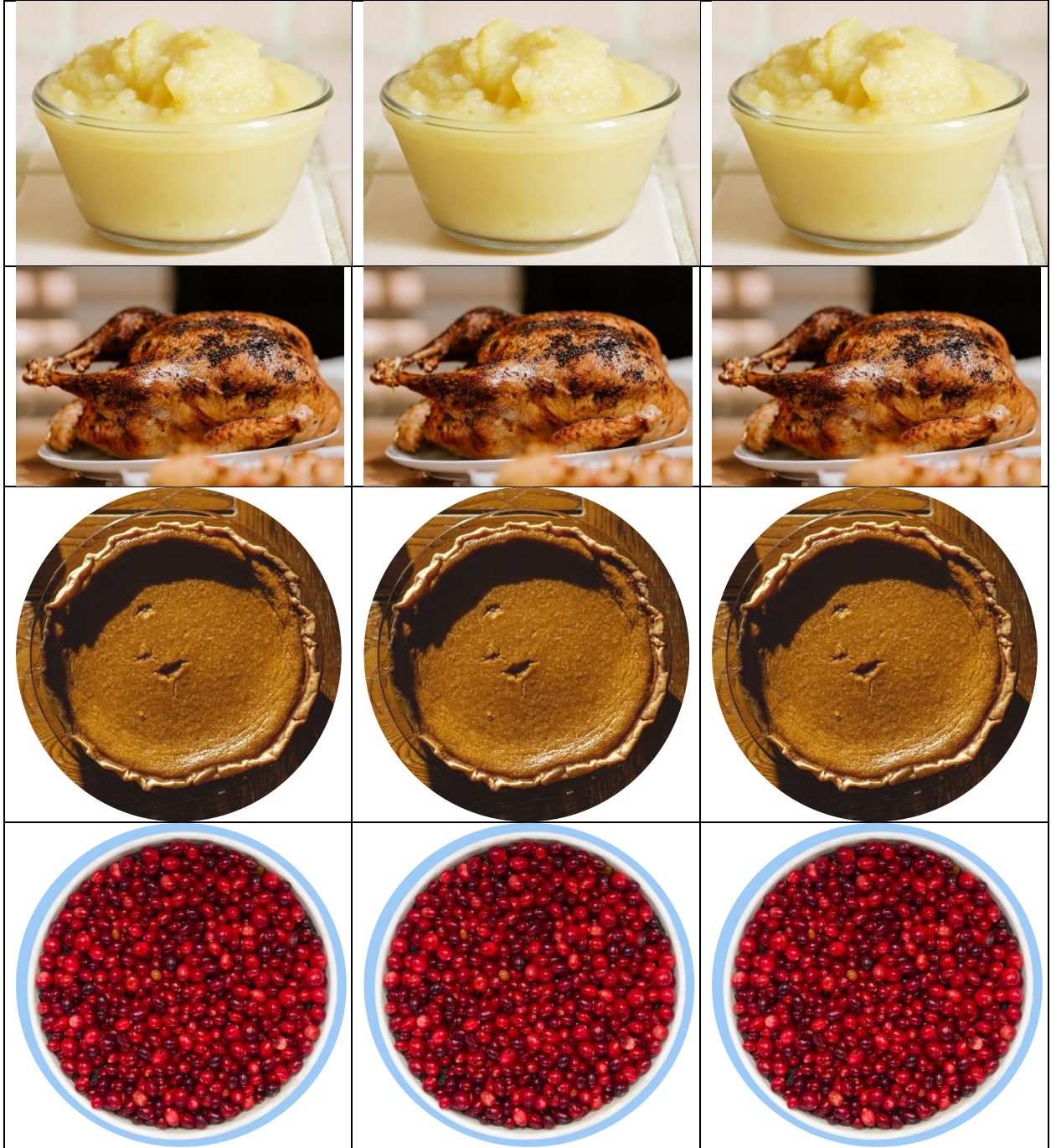
A lot or not!

What you need for this activity:

- *Pretend food (optional): potato, turkey, cranberries (or other food these are just Thanksgiving options)
- *Food print-outs
- *Plastic plates

Directions:

- *Your child(ren) will work on their understanding of a lot vs. not a lot in this pretend play Thanksgiving activity!
- *Children should be in groups of two for this activity.
- *If you have pretend food set that out, if not, set out the print-out food.
- *One child sits with their plate and the other “giver” asks “do you want a lot or not a lot of...”
- *The seated child answers with either a lot or not a lot of that item.
- *The giver then gives that item according to what the seated child asks.
- **This is just a simple way for children to practice their understanding of a lot vs. not a lot and a good way for them to self-correct.



Language Activity:

Name Turkey

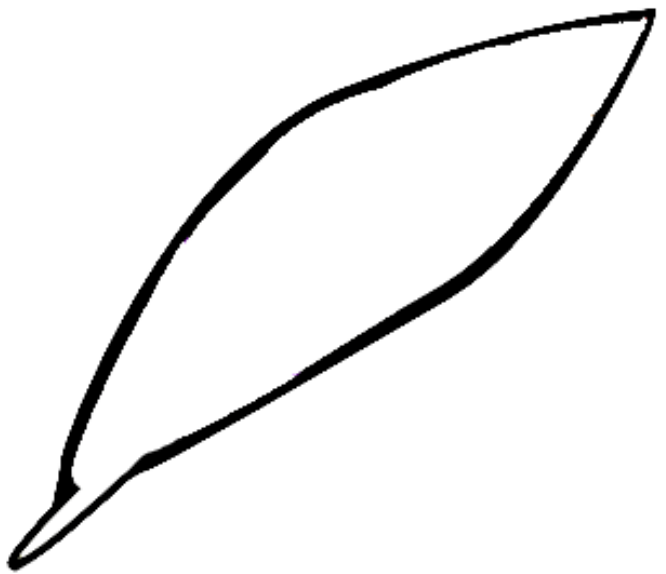
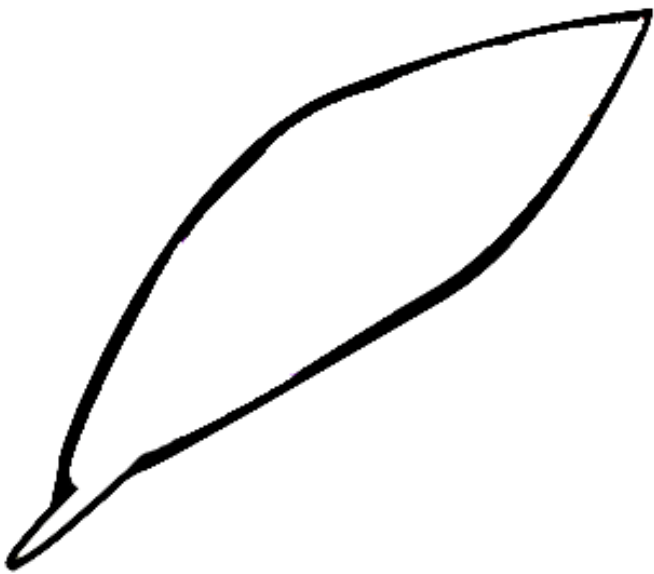
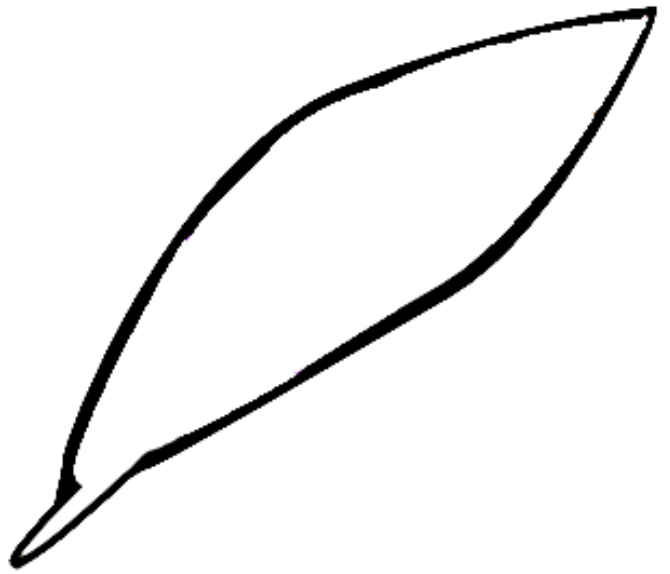
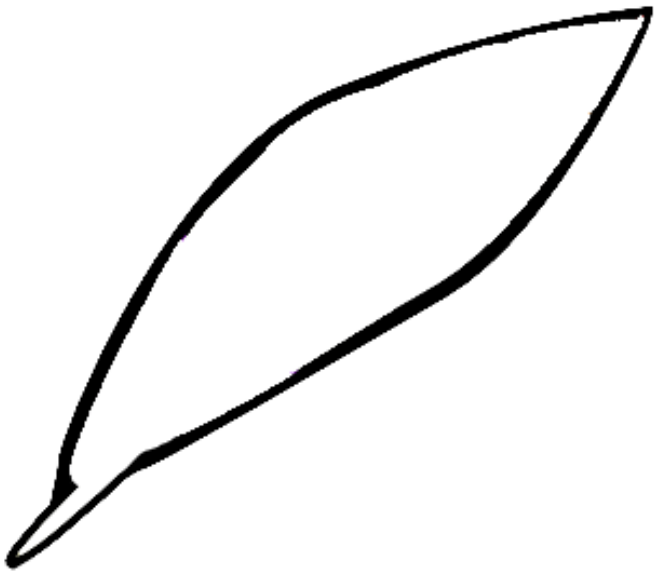
What you need for this activity:

- *Turkey Outline (Same as the one from fine motor activity – easy to reuse!)
- *Letter Feathers

Directions:

- *This language activity will allow your child(ren) to work on writing their name!
- *Print off the turkey image and feathers.
- *Let your child(ren) color in their feathers.
- *Either write the letters for them, have them trace letters, or ask them to write their letters on their own if they are able.
- *Then, glue the feathers on in the correct order to create their “Turkey Name!”





Science Activity:

So many potatoes

What you need for this activity:

*Various types of potatoes: you do not need all this is just an idea of some!

- Sweet potato
- Russet Potato
- Red potato
- Fingerling potato
- Purple potato

*Knife for cutting the potato: *adult portion!!*

*Potato Recording sheet (optional)

Directions:

*For this science activity your child(ren) will work on their ability to make assumptions and record observations!

*To start, gather various potatoes – as stated above you certainly don't need to provide *all* of them but we do recommend a few varieties (or else there isn't much to record).

*Tell your child(ren) the names of each potato and let them observe. Depending on the age of your child(ren) either write for them, have them trace the words you write, or tell them how to write the words.

They should think about:

- the color of the potato
- the texture of the potato
- the smell of the potato

Then: ask them what they think the *inside* of the potato looks like. This is where they will work on their assumptions: i.e., perhaps they *assume* a red potato is in-fact red on the inside etc.

*****ADULT PORTION*****: cut the potato open and show your child(ren), ask them what they notice. Were their assumptions correct?

**The final step (if you so choose and are able to) is to cook the potatoes and see what they notice about how the potatoes taste different! Which one is their favorite, least favorite?

Potato Observations

Name of potato and drawing				
Color of potato				
Other observations: texture, smell				
What color do you think the inside is?				
What color the inside actually is				

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