

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

*For the Busy Moms*

## Traveling to the origins of Thanksgiving

When we think of the Thanksgiving story, most of us recall the historic American Thanksgiving from the year 1621. This Thanksgiving celebration was held at the Plymouth Plantation where the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Native Americans shared an autumn feast and celebrated for three days after their harvest. That feast is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held in America each November.

Today, in the United States, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

## Family Activities

1. Prepare your Thanksgiving dinner together as a family. Give the kids some simple tasks to do so they feel like they are included in the preparation. Depending on the age of your kids, some tasks could include: helping mash the potatoes, baking apple or pumpkin pie (or helping slice a store bought version), preparing the green beans, and setting the table.
2. Read the full history of Thanksgiving at the History Channel website: <https://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving>. Kids—dress up as the people who celebrated the first Thanksgiving and act out the story of the first Thanksgiving for your family!
3. Let your kids enjoy the fun-filled activities in this Thanksgiving packet!
4. Check out [HikingBingo.com](http://HikingBingo.com) and enjoy some outdoor time this Thanksgiving!



## Thanksgiving Word Scramble

1. keyrut \_\_\_\_\_

2. ksanth \_\_\_\_\_

3. tanvie \_\_\_\_\_

4. grislipm \_\_\_\_\_

5. pototase \_\_\_\_\_

6. bervation \_\_\_\_\_

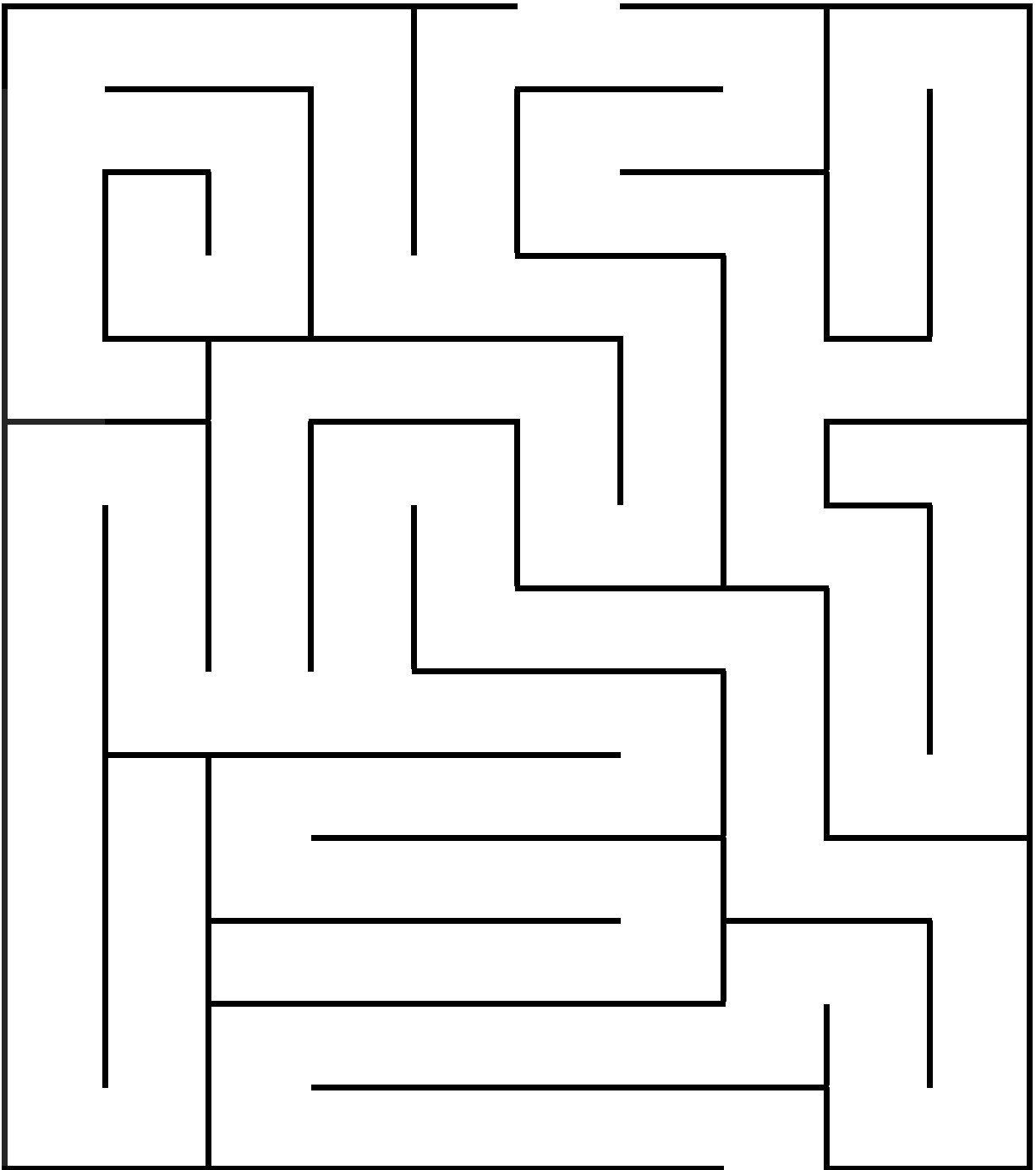
7. onlocsist \_\_\_\_\_

8. mouplyth \_\_\_\_\_

7. Colonists, 8. Plymouth

# Thanksgiving Maze

Start



Finish

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# Thanksgiving Word Search



P	L	Y	M	O	U	T	H	P	T
Q	I	T	U	R	K	E	Y	P	H
H	R	E	H	T	Y	P	S	O	U
A	D	F	G	A	H	J	Z	T	R
R	W	Q	V	K	N	B	N	A	S
V	M	F	R	T	M	K	N	T	D
E	Z	A	C	H	X	B	S	O	A
S	L	M	C	O	S	D	B	E	Y
T	P	I	L	G	R	I	M	S	P
C	O	L	O	N	Y	N	H	Q	T
M	A	Y	F	L	O	W	E	R	H

Thanks

Turkey

Pilgrims

Potatoes

Plymouth

Harvest

Mayflower

Colony

Thursday

Corn

Family

Pie