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Thankful Traditions

Simple and Meaningful Ways to Make Thanksgiving Special for the Whole Family



Blessing Tablecloth

Cover the table with kraft paper and markers. Have everyone write their blessings, favorite memories and things they're thankful for.



Thankful Pumpkin

Use a white pumpkin and markers. Pass it around and have everyone write something they're thankful for.



Family Blessing Jar

Have everyone write a blessing on a slip of paper. Read them aloud together after dinner.



Thanksgiving Time Capsule

Write down favorite memories from this year, seal them in a box, and open it next Thanksgiving.



Thankful for You

Have everyone write something they love or appreciate about the person sitting beside them.



Family Recipe Exchange

Have each family member bring a favorite recipe to share. It's a great way to keep family favorites going for generations.



Family Prayer Circle

Before the meal, let each family member share a blessing, then say grace together.



Grandparents' Story Time

Let the grandparents share memories of Thanksgiving when they were younger. It's a special way to keep family history alive.

Make Memories • Give Thanks • Celebrate Family

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Thanksgiving Family Games

Fun and Easy Games to Bring Everyone Together for a Memorable Thanksgiving!

Turkey Bowling



Stack cups like turkeys and knock them down with a ball!

Pin the Feather on the Turkey



A fun twist on a classic game!

Thanksgiving Family Feud



Survey-style questions about Thanksgiving food, traditions and more!

Turkey Egg Hunt



Hide plastic eggs filled with candy, coins or silly notes!

Thanksgiving Bingo



Use pictures of Thanksgiving foods and fall favorites!

Guess How Many?



Fill a jar with candy corn (or your favorite treat) and have everyone guess the number!

Turkey Waddle Race



Race to the finish line with a balloon held between your knees!

Thanksgiving Charades



Act out Thanksgiving foods, activities and traditions!

Don't Say "Turkey"



Everyone starts with three clothespins. If you catch someone saying "turkey," you get one of theirs!

Family Trivia



See who knows the most about your family and Thanksgiving!

Gratitude Dice Game



Roll the dice and share a person, memory or blessing you're thankful for!

Build a Cookie Turkey



Use cookies, frosting and candy to create your own turkey!

Games for All Ages • Easy • Fun • Family Friendly

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Thanksgiving Kids Crafts

Fun, Simple and Creative Crafts to Keep the Kids Busy and Thankful!

Handprint Turkeys



Trace little hands, cut and glue to make a fun turkey!

Decorate a Pilgrim Hat



Make a paper hat and decorate it with stickers, leaves and more!

Thankful Paper Chain



Write something you're thankful for on each link and connect them!

Thankful Tree



Use branches in a jar and hang thankful leaves on the tree!

Thanksgiving Coloring Placemats



Print or draw simple placemats to color at the table!

Build a Cookie Turkey



Use cookies, frosting and candy to create a sweet turkey!

Popsicle Stick Turkey



Glue craft sticks together and add feathers, eyes and a beak!

Pinecone Turkeys



Turn a pinecone into a cute little turkey with felt or paper!

Corn Kernel Art



Make a corn ear using glued kernels and paper leaves!

Paper Plate Turkey



A simple and fun craft using a paper plate!

Thankful Turkey Card



Make a card and write or draw what you're thankful for!

Nature Turkey



Gather leaves from outside and create a one-of-a-kind turkey!

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Making Family Memories

Simple and Meaningful Ideas to Bring Your Family Closer This Thanksgiving!

Recreate an Old Family Photo



Find a favorite family photo and recreate it together!

Grandparents' Story Time



Let the grandparents share their Thanksgiving memories from when they were younger.

Family Recipe Exchange



Have everyone bring a favorite recipe to share and take home.

Thanksgiving Photo Booth



Set up a simple photo booth with fun props like turkey hats, pilgrim hats and funny signs!

Leftover Station



Set out take-home containers with a handwritten Thanksgiving message for each family.

Bless Someone Else



Make Thanksgiving cards for neighbors, nursing home residents or someone spending the holiday alone.

Family Time Capsule



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Thankful for You



Have each family member write something they love or appreciate about another family member.

Family Prayer Circle



Before the meal, gather as a family to share a blessing, then say grace together.

Faith • Family • Gratitude • Lasting Memories