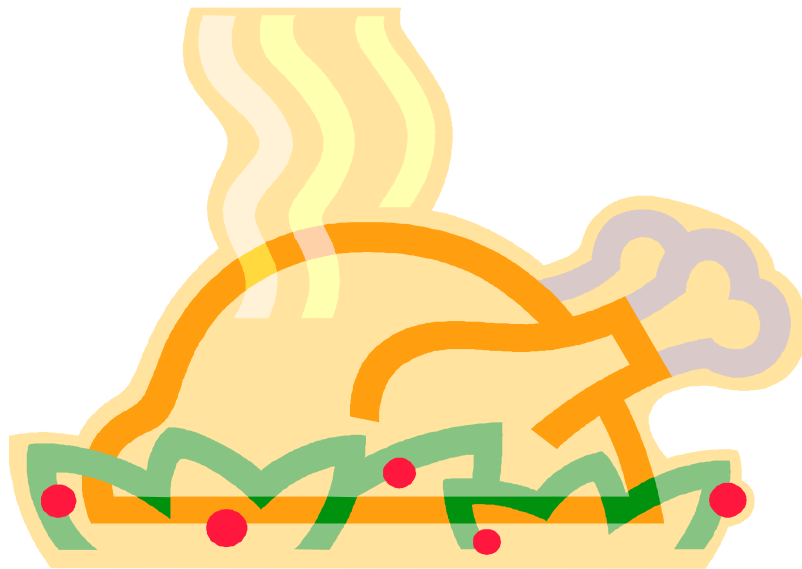




Thanksgiving





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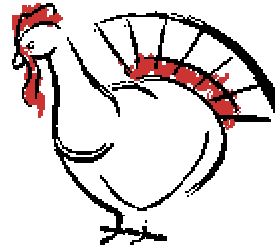
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Poems



Little Turkey in the Straw

Oh, there was a little
turkey
Who strutted through the
straw.
He lived in the barn
With his maw and paw.
But every October,
He thought it was a pity,
They sent him to visit
His cousins in the city.

“Gobble, gobble, gobble,”
He cried all day.
He did not want to go
away.
His folks said, “Go!
Before time’s wasted
Or you’ll spend
Thanksgiving day being
basted!”

And so the little turkey
Went off to see the town.
A little bit unhappy
With his tail feathers down.
His cousins took him
Trotting to their Pizza Hut
And now that little turkey is
a pizza nut.

Gobble, gobble, gobble
He eats, then sighs,
And orders up more pizza
pies.
He tells his cousins,
“Hey! This is living.
It’s the way all turkeys
Should spend Thanksgiving!”



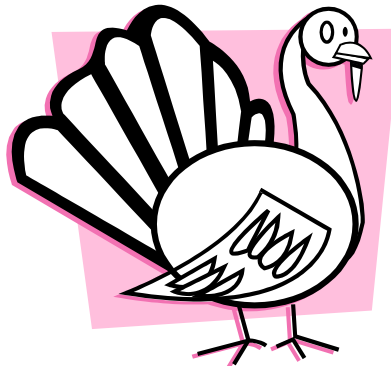


Turkey Warning

Tell me, Mr. Turkey
Don't you feel afraid
When you hear us talking
'Bout the plans we've made?

Can't you hear us telling
How we're going to eat
Cranberries and stuffing
With our turkey meat?

Turkey heed my warning:
Better fly away,
Or you will be sorry
On Thanksgiving Day.



Funny Bird

A turkey is a funny bird,
Its head goes wobble, wobble
All it knows is just one word,
"Gobble, gobble, gobble."





Games

Gratitude Grab Bag

You need to make up different cards for this game. Some will say 'Thanksgiving' and others will have a picture on them of things families may be thankful for. Each person takes a turn reaching into the bag and pulling out a card. If the card says 'Thanksgiving' the person should express something or someone they are thankful for. If they pull out a picture they show it to everyone and tell why we should be thankful for that item (food, clothes, trees, animals, etc). This game is especially fun for preschoolers.

Word Find

Use a Thanksgiving related word such as: Thanksgiving, Turkey, Family, Gratitude, etc; and find as many little words as possible before the timer runs out. You can mix up the letters to make words.

Example: Thanksgiving: giving, thanks, an, sank, Hank, hang, etc.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Players sit in a circle. The first player starts by saying, "At Thanksgiving dinner I like to eat turkey." The next player must repeat the first statement and add on what they would like for dinner. This continues all the way around the circle with each person. If a person makes a mistake they slide out of the circle and the game continues. The





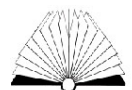
person left who can perfectly recite the Thanksgiving menu wins.

Grateful for Everyone

Put chairs in a circle with one less chair than there are players. One person says, “I’m grateful for people with blue eyes.” Everyone with blue eyes stands up and changes places. The caller tries to get a chair. The person left standing goes next.

Circle of Praise

Have participants write down one thing they are thankful for and then share with the rest of the group.





Crafts

Clip-on Turkeys

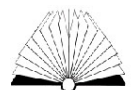
Here's a fun and relatively easy Thanksgiving craft project - clip-on turkeys. You can clip them to curtains, or whatever!

What You Need

- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yellow pipe cleaners
- Glue
- Wiggle eyes

How To Make It

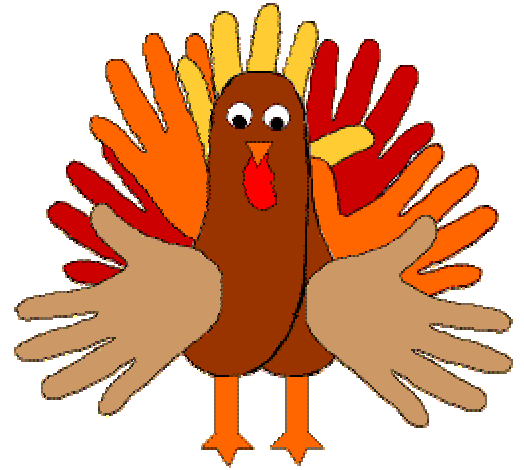
1. Make a turkey tail by tracing a child's hand, four fingers, no thumb (any color paper is fine.)
2. Then design a body shape to glue over top of this.
3. Glue wiggle eyes and a wattle; attach colorful feathers on top of the 'fingers' on turkey's back; cut legs out of yellow pipe cleaners (tape those on the back, glue won't hold them on.)
4. When finished, glue a wooden clothespin crosswise on the top.





Hands and Feet Turkey

Use cut-outs of a child's hands and feet to make this turkey decoration. Young children may need help tracing their hands and feet.

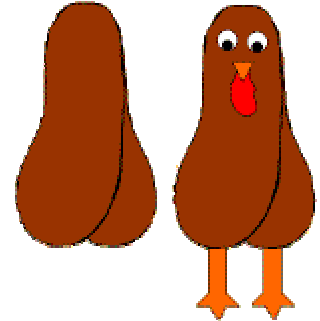


What You Need

- Construction paper in brown, tan, orange, red, yellow and white
- Scissors
- Glue
- Wiggle eyes, optional

How To Make It

1. Find a place to work, and protect it with a large sheet of paper.
2. Gather all your materials.
3. Read all the directions.

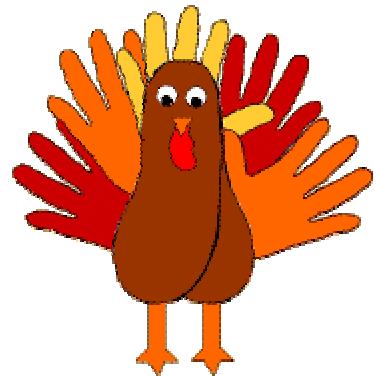


Directions

Making your Hand and Feet Turkey

Step 1 - Trace the child's hands and feet

- Trace two feet (with shoes on) on brown construction paper.
- Trace two hands on tan construction paper.
- Trace two hands on red construction paper.
- Trace two hands on orange construction paper.





- Trace one hand on yellow construction paper.

Step 2 - Cut out all the hand and feet tracings.

Step 3 - Make the Body

- Put the two feet tracings together to make the turkey body and head, matching the heels together, and spreading the bottoms apart as in the illustration.
- Glue the two pieces together.
- Cut two feet out of the orange scraps, and cut a diamond shape for the beak.
- Draw the eyes on white paper and cut them out, or use wiggle eyes.
- Make the wattle out of red construction paper.
- Glue them onto the body as shown.

Step 4 - Attach the tail

- Glue the red, orange, and yellow construction paper hands behind the brown body to make the tail.

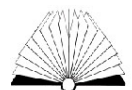
Step 5 - Wings

- Position the two tan hands to either side to make the turkey's wings and glue them in place.

You're Done!

Enjoy your decoration. Be sure to put the date and name of creator on the back, so that in future years you'll know when it was made and who made it.

Families can have fun making a whole flock of turkeys - and it can also be fun to make them from year to year to show how the child has grown.

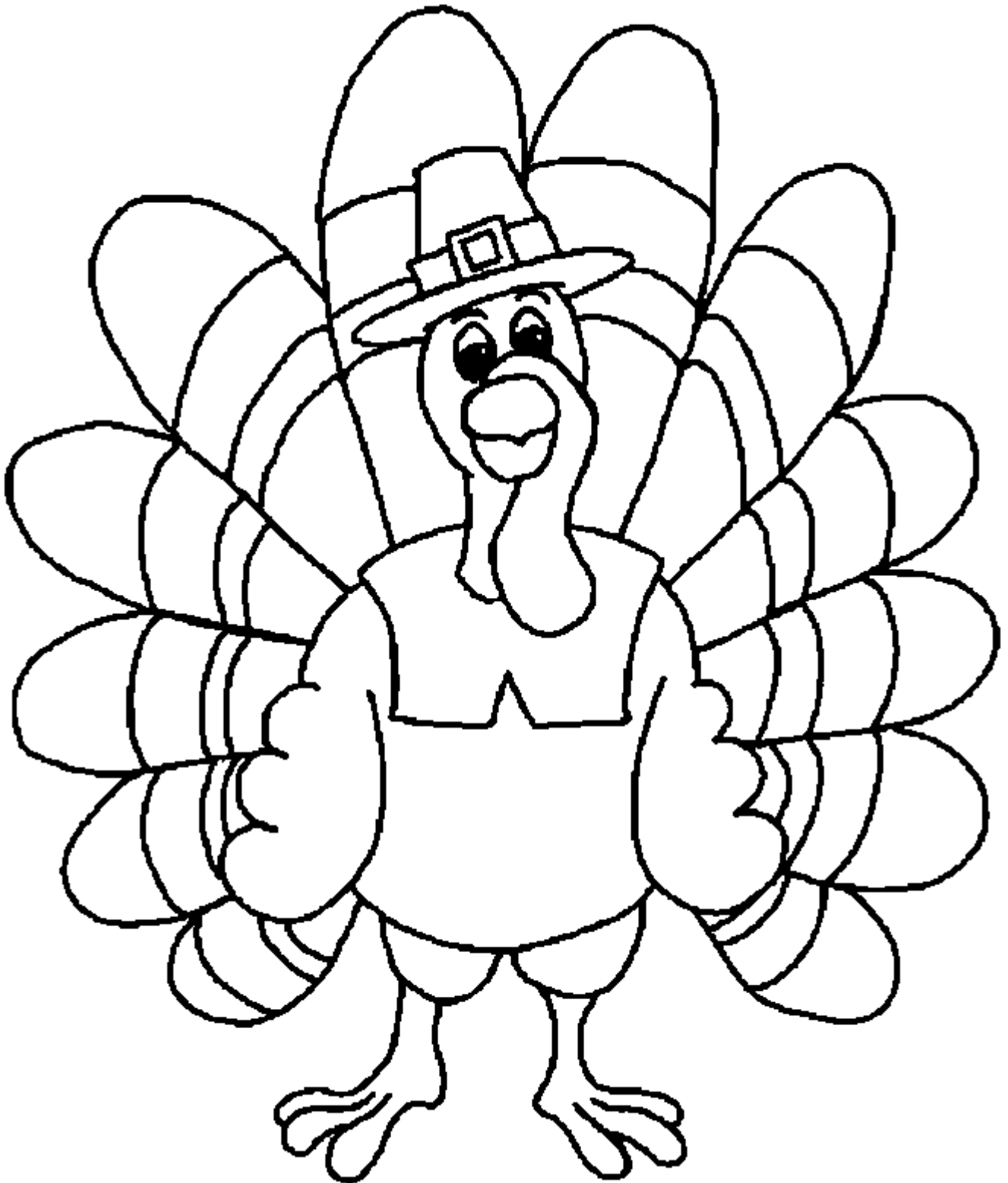




Celebrate Literacy in the NWT

Literacy Activities

Colour Me!





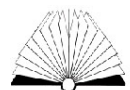
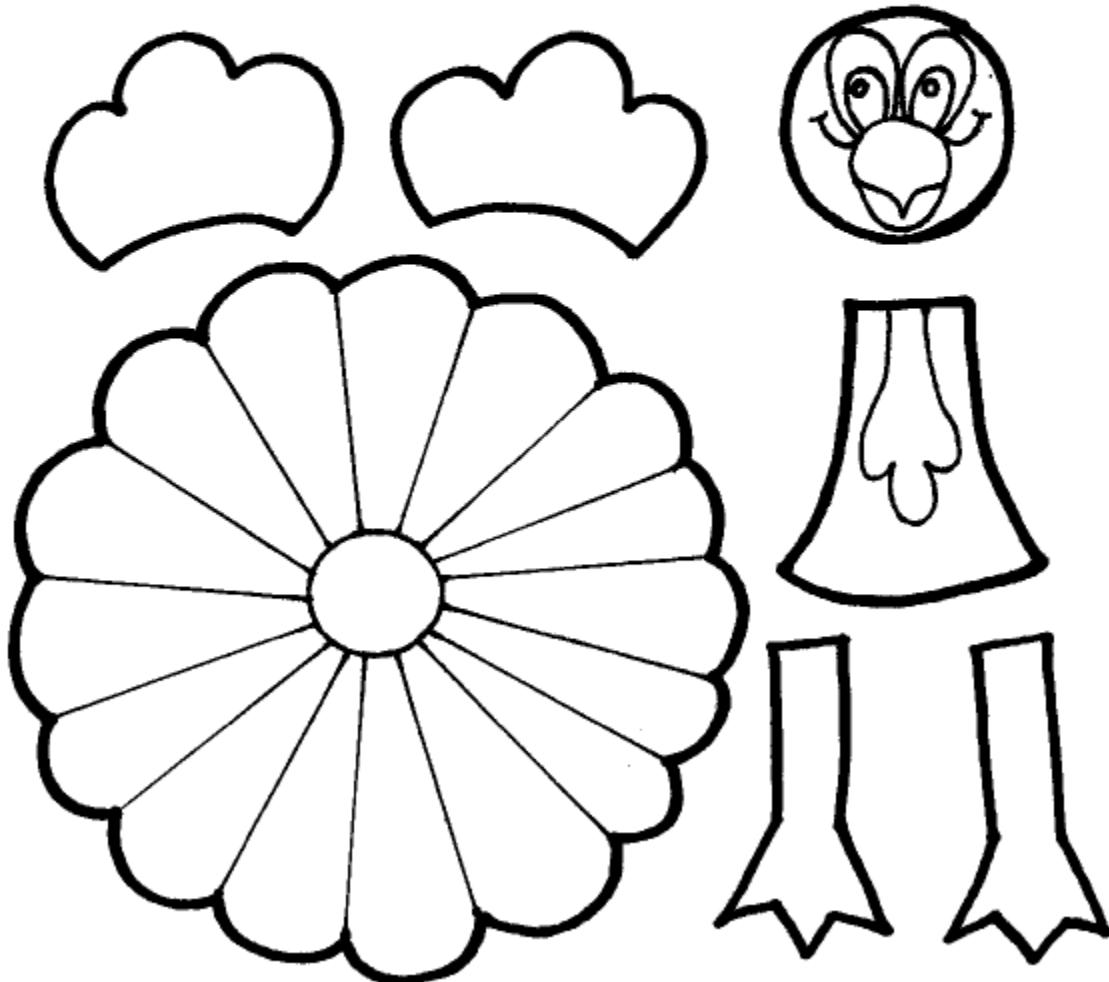
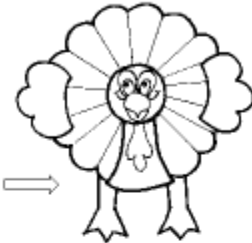
A Turkey to Color, Cut & Paste

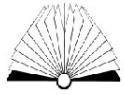
Directions:

1: Color the parts of the turkey below.

2. Cut out the parts on the dark lines.

3. Glue the parts together to make a turkey! →





Find the Food Words

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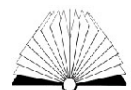
All these foods were at the first Thanksgiving

Pumpkin Turnip Radish

Squash Cabbage Corn

Cranberry Onion Beans

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Put the Turkeys Where They Belong





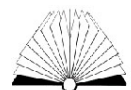
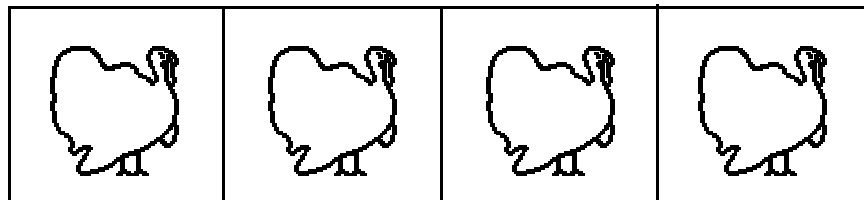






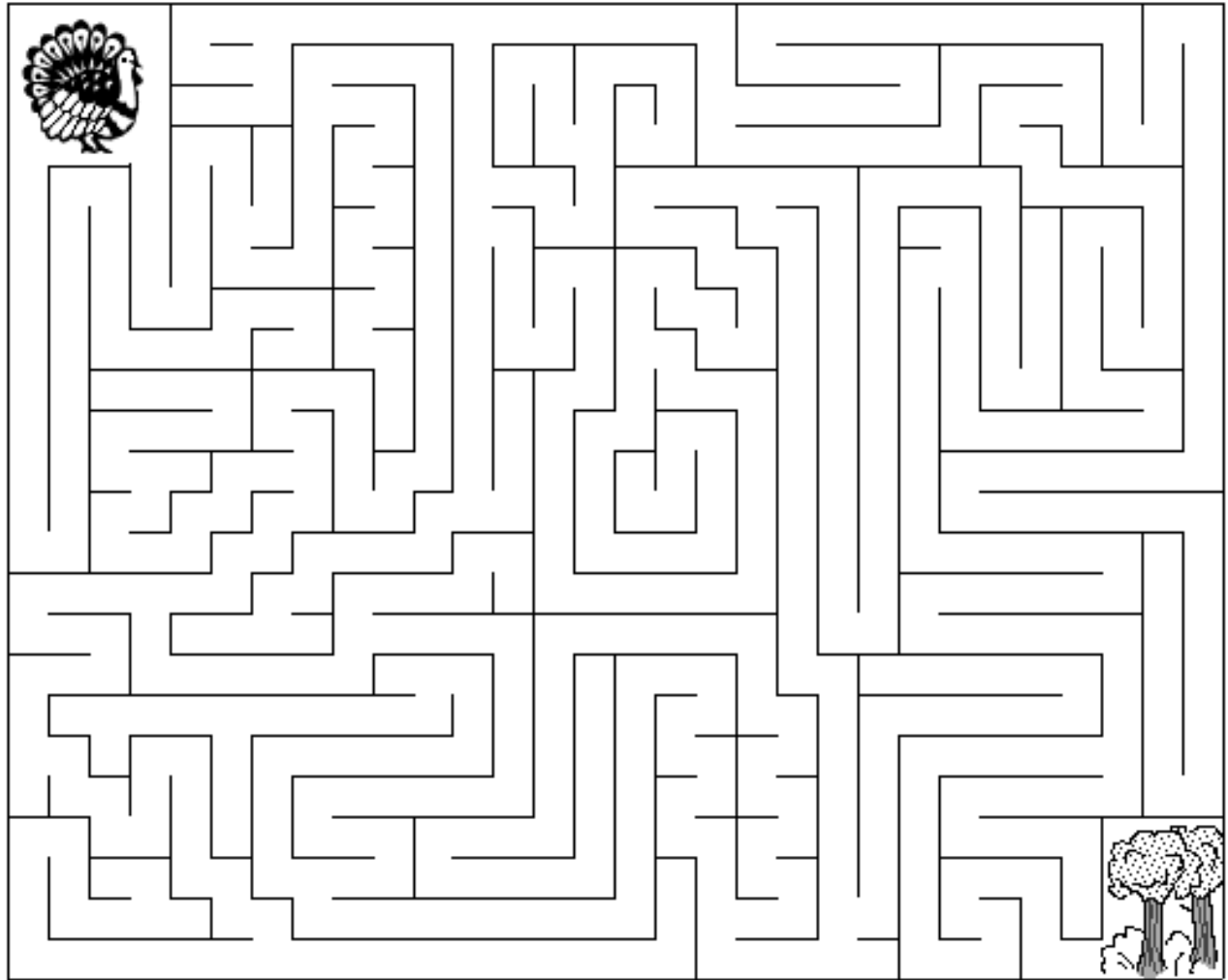
Cut these turkeys out and put them in the correct place.

Sry-Back Manor 1996





Turkey Maze



Help the turkey escape into the woods

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Grateful Certificate

Have participants fill out the following certificate or make a certificate of their own to thank someone who has done something special for them. They might thank a teacher, a brother or sister, their mother, or a neighbor. Encourage the participants to give their certificate to that special person.

Help participants write out their thanks.

To: _____	
I am grateful for	
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Thanks From: _____	

