



Thanksgiving Activities and Games for the Family

***Note to Families: Happy Thanksgiving Families!! Here are some fun activities to do with your family as we celebrate together and give thanks to the Lord for all His blessings.*

Activity #1: Thankful Trees

Supplies: brown, red, yellow, orange construction paper or regular paper, glue or glue sticks, markers, and crayons

Instructions:

1. Draw a simple tree outline on the piece of brown construction paper and write "I'm thankful for..." at the top. Do one for each person in the family or one for the family all together.
2. Cut simple leaf shapes out of the other colors of construction paper (Enough for everyone to have a few!)
3. Gather the family together and talk about thankfulness.
4. Then you or your kids can write on the leaves things they are thankful for and glue them to the tree.

Activity #2: Turkey Relay Race

Supplies: Inflatable turkey (can find on Amazon) or a balloon (blow up to be size of a small turkey!)

Instructions:

First divide your family into teams. You'll need one inflatable turkey or balloon per team. Set a starting line and an object that the teams must walk to and then return to the starting line.

The first member of the team steps to the start line and places the inflatable turkey between their legs. Then they must waddle with the turkey between their legs to the object and return to the start line where they then give the turkey to the next player. During the Turkey Waddle they must keep the turkey between their legs and cannot touch it using their hands. If the turkey falls during their turn they must return to the start line and start over. First team to have all the players complete the task successfully wins!

Variation – Individual Play

Not enough players for a relay? Then create an obstacle course inside or out and time who can complete the obstacle course the fastest with the inflatable turkey or balloon between their legs.

Fastest time wins.

Activity #3: Thankful Banner

Supplies: Pretty paper cut into pennants; string, ribbon or twine for banner, letter stickers, markers, glue or glue sticks

Instructions:

Write one letter on each of the pennants for the word T-H-A-N-K-F-U-L.

Decorate the pennants however you like and write on the back of the pennants things your family is thankful for. Then glue each pennant around the twine to create a banner. Hang banner somewhere you will see it often.

After completing, read Ephesians 5:20 and discuss the following questions:

- Is it easy to remember to be thankful ALWAYS?
- Do you ever forget to be thankful to God? What about to your mom/dad/sister/brother/teacher/friend?
- What kinds of things do you forget sometimes?
- What helps you to remember them?
- Does anyone ever remind you to be thankful?
- Where can you put this banner to remind you to be grateful?

Activity #4: Activity Sheet

Instructions: Download and print the activity sheet from website. Have fun coloring and doing different activities!