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# ***Thanksgiving Homeschool Activity Guide***

Thanksgiving is the perfect moment to pause and create learning that connects hearts. This guide gives you 15 interactive, low-prep activities for all ages.

*"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30*

# Welcome to Your CLH Thanksgiving Guide

*15 Interactive, Heart-Connecting Activities  
for a Meaningful Holiday Week*

## How to Use This Guide

Enjoy 15 hands-on, low-prep Thanksgiving activities designed for multi-age homeschool families.

Each section includes:

- A simple explanation
- Ideas for completing the challenge
- Hints and tips



# 1. Teach-the-Teacher

Children teach a mini-lesson on something they're grateful for. Instead of just saying "I'm grateful for my dog," encourage them to teach a mini-lesson about their dog (or topic) and why it's so valuable.



see next page for ideas



# Topic Ideas: Broadening the Scope of Gratitude



Focus Area	Specific Gratitude Topic	Mini-Lesson Idea
<b>Nature</b>	The Rain Cycle / Trees / Oceans	<b>Lesson:</b> "How Nature Helps Us." Teach the water cycle or explain the role of photosynthesis and how trees provide us with oxygen and shade.
<b>Technology</b>	My Tablet / Video Games / The Internet	<b>Lesson:</b> "A Day in the Life of My Favorite Tool." Teach how a circuit board works, or how to properly use a search engine (digital citizenship).
<b>Food</b>	Pizza / Apples / Grandma's Cookies	<b>Lesson:</b> "The Journey of Food." Teach where the main ingredients come from (e.g., wheat, dairy, fruit) and the science of why it tastes good.
<b>Pets/Animals</b>	My Dog/Cat/Hamster	<b>Lesson:</b> "Animal Care 101." Teach the basic needs (diet, habitat, exercise) of their pet and the responsibilities of ownership.
<b>Senses</b>	Music / Colors / Favorite Scents	<b>Lesson:</b> "The Science of My Sense." Teach how the ears hear (sound waves) or how the eyes see (light spectrum).



## **2. Mini-Lesson Formats**

The format they choose can help them structure their lesson and incorporate different learning styles.

### **A. The "How-To" Demonstration**

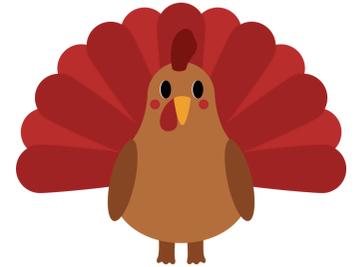
The Lesson: Teaching a process they are grateful for.

Examples:

Grateful for reading: Teach the "four steps to sounding out a new word."

Grateful for their favorite toy: Teach "how to properly assemble/care for this item."

Grateful for Mom/Dad's coffee: Teach "how to measure and brew a perfect cup of tea/cocoa."



### **B. The Visual Aid Presentation**

The Lesson: Creating a simple visual to explain their topic.

Examples:

Poster/Chart: "The Anatomy of a Hug" - labeling the emotional, physical, and chemical benefits of a hug.

Simple Drawing: "My Family Tree of Thankfulness" - pointing to each branch (person) and explaining one specific thing that person taught them.

Show-and-Tell: Displaying an object they are grateful for (e.g., a blanket) and explaining the history of the material (cotton, wool, etc.).

### **C. The "Expert Interview"**

The Lesson: Preparing 3-5 key facts and fielding questions from the "teacher" (the parent/instructor).

Preparation: The student writes down a "cheat sheet" of things they want the teacher to know about their grateful topic.

Example: Grateful for their shoes.

Fact 1: The different materials (rubber, leather, fabric).

Fact 2: Why good arch support is important.

Fact 3: How shoes have changed over time.

Student says: "My lesson is on shoes. Now, please ask me questions about them."

## **3. Setting the Guidelines**

To make this successful and manageable for the students, provide clear constraints:

Time Limit: 3-5 minutes maximum per student.

Required Visual: Must use at least one visual aid (drawing, object, small whiteboard, etc.).

Core Task: The lesson must answer the question: "What is this thing I'm grateful for, and why is it important?"

This structured approach ensures they have to research, organize, and present—all valuable skills disguised as a gratitude activity!



## 2. 🍁 Gratitude Mystery Hunt



Solve clues that reveal thankfulness items.

### Sample Clues

- 1. Thankful for Food:** Clue: “I’m warm and cozy and often filled with things that make your tummy happy. Look where dinner is cooked!” Answer: The oven — thankful for good meals.
- 2. Thankful for Family:** Clue: “You sit on me when you gather with the ones you love. I help keep everyone close.” Answer: The dining room table or chairs — thankful for family togetherness.
- 3. Thankful for God’s Word:** Clue: “I tell stories of faith and truth. You open me when you want to hear God speak.” Answer: The Bible — thankful for Scripture.
- 4. Thankful for Warmth:** Clue: “When the air gets chilly, I wrap around you like a hug.” Answer: A blanket — thankful for warmth and comfort.
- 5. Thankful for Shelter:** Clue: “I stand tall and strong above your head. Without me, rainy days would be quite wet!” Answer: The roof or a specific room — thankful for home.
- 6. Thankful for Clean Water:** Clue: “Turn me on and I pour something clear that you drink every day.” Answer: The faucet — thankful for water.
- 7. Thankful for Creativity:** Clue: “I’m full of colors and fun. You use me when you want to make something beautiful.” Answer: Art supplies — thankful for creativity.
- 8. Thankful for Nature:** Clue: “I sway in the breeze and change colors in fall. Step outside and find me standing tall.” Answer: A tree — thankful for God’s creation.
- 9. Thankful for Pets:** Clue: “I wag, purr, chirp, or squeak. I’m fuzzy or feathered — and I love to see you!” Answer: A pet’s favorite spot — thankful for animals.
- 10. Thankful for Learning:** Clue: “You open me up to discover new things. I’m full of stories, facts, and adventures.” Answer: A homeschool book — thankful for education.
- 11. Thankful for Friendship:** Clue: “I’m a place where cards, letters, or drawings from people who care about you might be kept.” Answer: A drawer, fridge door, or memory box — thankful for friends.
- 12. Thankful for Rest:** Clue: “At the end of the day, I’m where you lay your head.” Answer: A pillow or bed — thankful for rest.





## 3. Pumpkin Pie Science



Explore states of matter using pie filling.

Here are several Pumpkin Pie Science ideas that let students explore states of matter using pie filling (plus a few simple kitchen items).

### Activity 1: Solid or Liquid?

Scoop some pumpkin pie filling onto a plate.

Poke it gently. Then push it quickly.

Tilt the plate and watch what happens. What does it act like? A solid? A liquid? Both?

### Activity 2: Bake It Into a Solid

Spoon filling into a small cupcake liner.

Observe it before heating.

Bake with adult help.

Observe again after it cools. What changed?

### Activity 3: Evaporation Test

Spread a thin layer of filling on a plate.

Leave it for several hours. What changed as the water evaporated?

### Activity 4: Freeze & Melt

Compare frozen filling vs. room-temperature filling.

Watch the frozen one melt. How does it change as it warms up?





## 2. Student Lab Sheet



Use this page for one or all of the experiments.

Experiment Title: \_\_\_\_\_

### Question / Purpose

What are we trying to figure out?

Hypothesis (What I think will happen):

Materials Used:

Procedure (What I did):

Observations (What I saw, felt, smelled, or noticed):

Conclusion (What I learned about states of matter):

Parent Guide





### 3. Parent Guide



Use this quick-reference guide to explain the science behind each

#### Pumpkin Pie challenge.

##### *Activity 1: Solid or Liquid?*

*Pumpkin pie filling is a non-Newtonian fluid, meaning it behaves like both a solid and a liquid. Particle movement changes depending on the force applied.*

##### Activity 2: Bake It Into a Solid

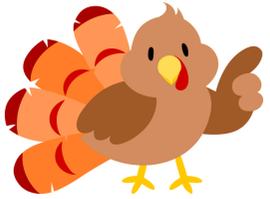
*Heating causes proteins to set and water to evaporate, turning the loose mixture into a firm solid. This is a liquid → solid change.*

##### Activity 3: Evaporation Test

*When left out, water molecules escape into the air. This is a liquid → gas change.*

##### Activity 4: Freeze & Melt

*Freezing slows down particle movement, turning the filling into a solid. Melting reverses it. This is a liquid ↔ solid change of state.*



## 4. Thanksgiving Interviews



Capture stories from older relatives/church members.

### ♥ **Thanksgiving Story Interview: Sample Questions for Kids to Ask**

1. *“What was Thanksgiving like when you were my age?”*  
*This helps kids hear traditions, foods, and memories from another generation.*
2. *“Who cooked the meal in your family, and what dish did you always look forward to?”*  
*Encourages storytelling about family roles, special recipes, and meaningful foods.*
3. *“Can you tell me about a time when you were especially thankful for something God did?”*  
*Connects gratitude to faith and God’s provision.*
4. *“What is one lesson or piece of wisdom you want kids today to remember?”*  
*Gives kids a chance to learn life wisdom from older believers.*
5. *“Who in your life has been a blessing to you, and why?”*  
*Opens the door for personal stories, relationships, and God’s faithfulness through people.*



# 5. Family Gratitude Documentary

## Thanksgiving Traditions & Thankfulness to Capture on Film

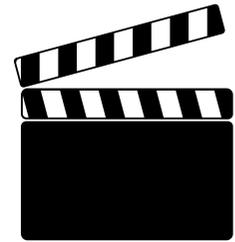
*Here are simple, meaningful, and homeschool-friendly ideas for filming Thanksgiving moments—perfect for creating a highlight reel, memory video, or social media clip set.*

### 1. Gratitude Interview Clips

Have kids ask family members:

- “What are you thankful for this year?”
- “What’s one blessing God gave you this year?”

Film short 5–10 second answers from each person



### 2. Cooking & Kitchen Moments

Capture the “behind-the-scenes”:

- Stirring pie filling
- Rolling out dough
- Basting the turkey
- Grandma finishing her famous dish
- Kids making place cards or decorations

Use close-ups for cozy, warm shots

### 3. Table Prayer

Film a few seconds of everyone bowing their heads as someone prays over the meal  
(A beautiful moment of shared faith.)



#### **4. The Big Reveal**

Record reactions when the food is set on the table:

- “Wow!” reactions
- Kids helping carry dishes
- The first slice of pumpkin pie

#### **5. Activity Moments**

Capture clips of:

- The Gratitude Mystery Hunt
- Pumpkin Pie Science “in action”
- Kids interviewing older relatives
- Board games or puzzles after dinner

#### **6. Outdoor Moments**

Film short clips of:

- A family walk after dinner
- Playing in leaves
- Tossing a football
- Kids exploring nature

These make great cutaway shots

#### **7. Memory Lane Clips**

Have older relatives:

- Tell a quick Thanksgiving memory
- Show an old family photo
- Share a favorite tradition

Film these close and warmly lit

#### **8. “Thanksgiving Confessional Booth”**

Set up a simple background with a fall blanket or wreath.

Invite people to sit and share:

- Something they’re thankful for
- Something God taught them this year

Kids love this!

#### **9. Funny Moments**

Capture natural, silly clips:

- Kids sneaking olives or rolls
- Cooking mishaps
- Family jokes
- Sibling giggles

These bring joy and authenticity

#### **10. Dessert Time**

Record:

- Cutting the pie
- Spoons diving into whipped cream
- Kids giving a “dessert review”

Short, cute, and perfect for highlight reels



## 6. Thanksgiving Escape Room

Use riddles and Bible verses to unlock the 'Freedom Feast Key'

Here are ready-to-use riddles + Bible-verse-based clues for a fun, family-friendly Thanksgiving Escape Room. Each clue leads to an object or location commonly found in a home or church classroom. You can mix and match.

### Thanksgiving Escape Room: Ideas For Riddle + Bible Verse Clues

#### **Goal: Unlock the Freedom Feast Key**

Children must solve each riddle + Bible verse clue to collect all hints that ultimately unlock the Freedom Feast Key—symbolizing gratitude, God’s provision, and the blessings we freely enjoy.

#### **1. Gratitude Starts Here**

##### **Riddle:**

“You read me to remember God’s goodness.  
My pages tell you why we always give thanks.”

##### **Bible Verse:**

Psalm 107:1 – “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good...”

##### **Answer:** The Bible

→ Hide the next clue inside or under a Bible.



## 2. Daily Bread

### Riddle:

“Warm and brown, I’m often passed around.  
I’m sliced and shared at the Thanksgiving feast.”

### Bible Verse:

John 6:35 – “I am the bread of life...”

**Answer:** Bread / Breadbox / Pantry

→ Hide the clue near bread.

## 3. A Thankful Heart

### Riddle:

“I beat without stopping, though you never hear me.  
I remind you to give thanks every day.”

### Bible Verse:

Colossians 3:15 – “...and be thankful.”

**Answer:** Heart symbol or decoration

→ Clue hidden behind a heart decoration or drawing.

## 4. Light of the World

### Riddle:

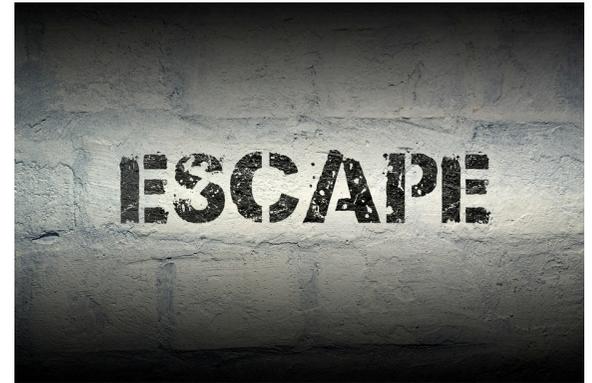
“I shine in darkness and glow in the night.  
People gather around my warmth and light.”

### Bible Verse:

Psalms 119:105 – “Your word is a lamp to my feet...”

**Answer:** Lamp or candle

→ Clue under a lamp or next to a candle.



## 5. From the Fields to Your Table

### Riddle:

“Orange and round, grown from the ground,  
I show up in pies when Thanksgiving comes around.”

### Bible Verse:

Psalm 67:6 – “The earth has yielded its harvest...”

**Answer:** Pumpkin

→ Hide clue near a pumpkin or pumpkin décor.

## 6. A Place of Rest

### Riddle:

“When your day is done and thanks have been said,  
You lay your thoughts upon my head.”

### Bible Verse:

Psalm 4:8 – “In peace I will lie down and sleep...”

**Answer:** Pillow

→ Clue tucked under a pillow.

## 7. Thankful Songs

### Riddle:

“You hear me when you worship,  
You hear me when you sing.  
I help your voice give praises  
To Christ, our risen King.”

### Bible Verse:

Psalm 100:2 – “...come into His presence with singing.”

**Answer:** Hymnal / speaker / music area

→ Hide clue with music books.



## 8. A Feast to Remember

### Riddle:

“I hold the food; I hold the feast.

Without me, the meal would be quite the beast!”

### Bible Verse:

Acts 2:46 – “They broke bread in their homes and ate together...”

**Answer:** Dining table

→ Tape the clue underneath the table.

## 9. Overflowing Cups

### Riddle:

“You fill me up when you’re thirsty.

I spill if I’m too full.

What am I, mentioned in a Psalm about blessings?”

### Bible Verse:

Psalm 23:5 – “My cup overflows.”

**Answer:** Cup / mug

→ Hide clue inside a clean cup or cabinet.

## 10. Final Challenge: The Freedom Feast Key

### Riddle:

“To finish your mission, your answer must say

What we celebrate on this holiday.”

### Bible Verse:

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “Give thanks in all circumstances...”

**Answer:** “Give Thanks”

→ This answer unlocks the Freedom Feast Key—the final symbol of gratitude, faith, and the blessings God gives us freely.

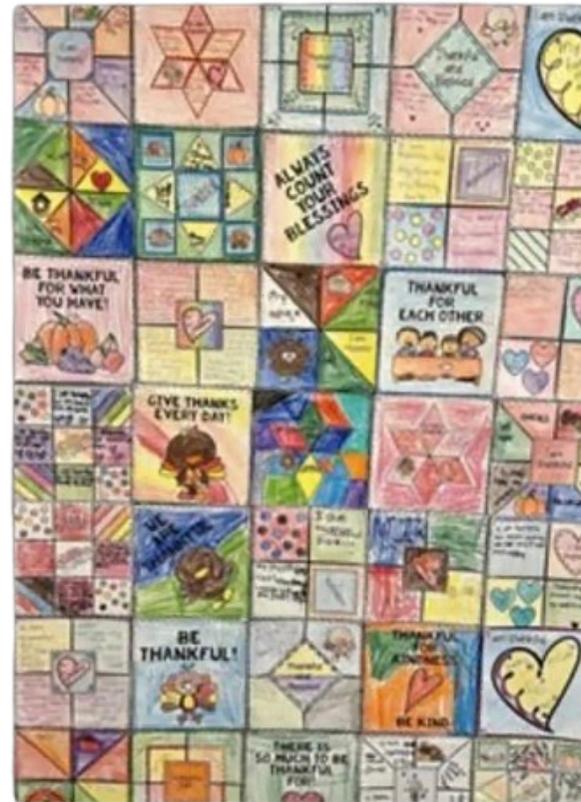




## 7. Gratitude Quilt Wall



Create Beautiful Paper Quilt Squares That Express Your Gratitude!  
Take a look at these examples of wall quilts that people have crafted:





## 8. Debate Circle

Debate fun holiday-themed questions



### Holiday-Themed Sample Debate Questions

1. Is turkey overrated, or is it the true star of Thanksgiving dinner?
2. Which is better: homemade pie or store-bought pie?
3. Should Christmas music be allowed before Thanksgiving?
4. Is the best part of Thanksgiving the food, the traditions, or the people?
5. Would you rather have a second Thanksgiving feast... or skip straight to Christmas cookies?

### Debate Rules

1. *Listen first.* Let the other person finish before you talk.
2. *Be kind.* Speak with respect—even when you disagree.
3. *Use reasons.* Give at least one reason for your opinion.
4. *Stay on topic.* Talk about the question, not the person.
5. *Take turns.* Everyone gets a chance to share.
6. *End with thanks.* Thank your partner or team for the discussion.

## 9. Thanksgiving Hour

Dive into a cornucopia of Thanksgiving-themed questions!

### Thanksgiving Genius Hour Sample Questions for Families

1. How did different cultures throughout history celebrate harvest time, and how does that compare to Thanksgiving today? *(Explore world traditions, harvest festivals, or ancient celebrations.)*
2. What foods were actually eaten at the first Thanksgiving—and how did they prepare them without modern tools? *(Kids can research historical food, try a simple recipe, or create a menu.)*
3. How have Thanksgiving traditions changed over the last 100 years? *(Families can interview relatives, look at old photos, or make a timeline.)*
4. What does “gratitude” do to the human brain and emotions? *(Explore science: dopamine, mental health benefits, gratitude journaling.)*
5. How can our family create a new Thanksgiving tradition that reflects our values and faith today? *(Brainstorm, design, and present a brand-new family tradition.)*

# 10. 🍁 Thanksgiving Nature Scavenger Hunt

## 🍁 Thanksgiving Nature Scavenger Hunt Devotional

**Theme:** “Give Thanks for God’s Creation”

**Scripture:** *“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.” — Psalm 24:1*

**Devotional Thought:** As you search for leaves, acorns, birds, pinecones, and all the little treasures outdoors, remember this: every part of creation is a reminder of God’s goodness.

- The colors of the leaves show His creativity.
- The sturdy trees show His strength.
- The tiny details—like the pattern on a feather or the shape of a seed—show His care for even the smallest things.
- And if God cares so much about every leaf and creature, how much more does He care about you?
- Today as you explore nature, pause to thank God for each item you find.
- Let every discovery be a reminder to say: “Thank You, Lord, for the world You made—and for loving us so much.”

**Prayer:**

“Father, thank You for Your beautiful creation.

Help us see Your goodness in every part of nature today.

Fill our hearts with gratitude for Your love and care.

Amen.”



# Thanksgiving Nature Scavenger Hunt Cards

## NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT



Leaf



Acorn



Bird



Pinecone



Twig



Rock



Flower



Feather



Mushroom

## NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT



Leaf



Acorn



Bird



Pinecone



Twig



Rock



Flower



Feather



Mushroom



# 11. Music Challenge

Rewrite a hymn with Thanksgiving themes



## Great Suggestions for a Thanksgiving Rewrite:

### 1. “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Perfect for themes of God’s daily provision, harvest blessings, and His unchanging care.

Rewrite idea: Add verses about God’s faithfulness through seasons, family blessings, and the harvest.

### 2. “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Easily adapted to focus on gratitude, blessings, and remembering God’s gifts.

Rewrite idea: Change lines to highlight thankfulness for God’s creation, family, and salvation.

### 3. “For the Beauty of the Earth”

This hymn is already close to a Thanksgiving theme and adapts naturally.

Rewrite idea: Emphasize autumn beauty, harvest gifts, and thankful praise.

### 4. “Count Your Blessings”

A classic that practically invites a gratitude rewrite.

Rewrite idea: Kids could rewrite verses listing modern, personal blessings.

### 5. “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)”

Short, simple, and universally known—perfect for a quick Thanksgiving variation.

Rewrite idea: Add a special Thanksgiving verse focusing on God’s provision and grace.



# 12. Real-Life Learning Day: Thanksgiving Meal Planning & Budgeting

## 1. Start With a Family Planning Meeting

Give kids a “real” role by letting them:

- Help decide the menu
- Suggest favorite dishes
- Assign who will cook what
- Identify dietary needs & preferences

MEETING

**Learning Skills:** Decision-making, communication, negotiation.

## 2. Set a Realistic Budget

Tell kids the Thanksgiving budget (example: \$75, \$100, or \$150).

Give them guidelines:

- Must include a main dish
- Must include at least 2 sides
- Must include one dessert
- Must include a beverage

BUDGET

**Learning Skills:** Financial literacy, basic economics, cost comparison.



### 3. Let Kids Research Prices

- Option A: Use grocery store flyers
- Option B: Use online store websites
- Option C: Pull up real receipts from previous years

Have kids write down:

- Item name
- Price
- Quantity needed
- Cost per serving

**Learning Skills:** Math, unit price, comparison shopping.

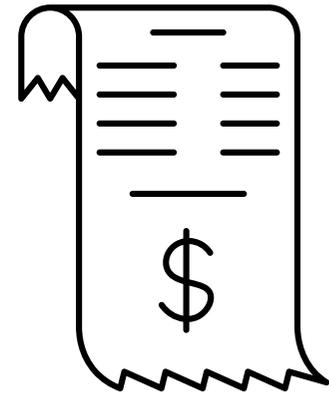


### 4. Make a Master Shopping List

Kids combine everyone's ideas into one master list with:

- Quantities
- Estimated costs
- Store locations
- "Must buy" vs. "Optional" items

**Learning Skills:** Organization, prioritization.



## 5. Build the Meal Plan

Have kids create:

- A recipe list
- A cooking schedule (what cooks first?)
- A prep timeline (what can be done the day before?)
- Optional: Create a visual meal map showing what goes on the table.

**Learning Skills:** Time management, sequencing, reading comprehension.



## 6. Run the Kitchen as a Team

- Let each child choose a job:
- Junior Chef (mixing, measuring, assembling)
- Recipe Manager (reads and checks steps)
- Kitchen Safety Officer
- Table Designer (decor, name cards, centerpieces)
- Dishwasher/Reset Manager

**Learning Skills:** Teamwork, responsibility, following instructions.



## 7. Add an Etiquette & Hosting Lesson

Teach:

- How to set the table
- How to serve guests
- How to greet family with kindness
- How to practice gratitude before the meal

**Learning Skills:** Social development, hospitality.



## 8. End With Reflection & Gratitude

Have kids answer:

- What was harder than expected?
- What helped you stay organized?
- What part of the meal are you most thankful for?
- How did working together feel?

**Learning Skills:** Personal growth, emotional intelligence, gratitude.



# 13. Herb Butter & Harvest Crafts



## Classic Thanksgiving Herb Butter Recipe

This recipe is simple, savory, and highlights the traditional herbs used in holiday cooking.

Quantity	Item	Notes
1 cup (2 sticks)	Unsalted Butter, softened	Crucial to be soft for easy mixing.
1 Tbsp	Fresh Sage, finely chopped	Gives that essential Thanksgiving flavor.
1 Tbsp	Fresh Rosemary, finely chopped	Adds a piney, fragrant note.
1 Tbsp	Fresh Thyme, leaves only	A subtle, earthy base herb.
1 tsp	Garlic Powder	Adds depth without the moisture of fresh garlic.
1/2 tsp	Salt (Kosher or Sea)	To taste, butter needs salt!
1/4 tsp	Black Pepper, freshly ground	For a little bite.
Optional:	Pinch of Lemon Zest	Brightens up the flavor profile.





## Instructions

1. **Prep the Butter:** Make sure your butter is truly softened (room temperature). If it's too hard, the herbs won't incorporate well.
2. **Combine Ingredients:** In a medium bowl, place the softened butter, chopped herbs (sage, rosemary, thyme), garlic powder, salt, pepper, and lemon zest (if using).
3. **Mix Well:** Using a fork or a rubber spatula, thoroughly mix all the ingredients until the herbs and seasonings are evenly distributed throughout the butter. You want it completely combined.
4. **Taste Test:** Give the butter a small taste and adjust the salt, pepper, or herbs to your liking.
5. **Shape and Chill (Optional):**
  - For a log: Lay out a sheet of parchment paper or plastic wrap. Scoop the butter mixture onto the paper and use the paper to roll it into a neat log shape (about 1 to 1.5 inches in diameter).
  - For a spread: Place the mixture into a small serving dish or ramekin.
6. **Refrigerate:** Chill the butter log or dish in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours until it is firm.

## Serving Suggestions



- Slice the chilled butter log into rounds and serve on a platter next to your Thanksgiving rolls or biscuits.
- Stir a spoonful into mashed potatoes or sweet potatoes for extra richness and flavor.
- Melt a portion and brush it over the turkey breast during the last hour of roasting for a beautiful crust.





# Pine Cone Craft



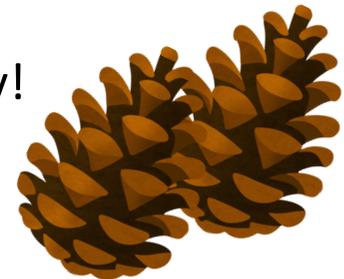
## Pine Cone Bird Feeders

This is a classic, easy, and beneficial craft for nature!

**Materials:** Pine cones, peanut butter (or sun butter/vegetable shortening), bird seed, string or wire.

### Instructions:

- Tie a piece of string or wire around the top of the pine cone (the narrow end) to create a hanger.
- Spread peanut butter all over the pine cone, pushing it into the crevices.
- Roll the peanut-battered cone in bird seed until it's completely covered.
- Hang it from a tree branch and watch the birds enjoy!



# 14. STEM TURKEY CHALLENGES

Hands-on engineering + Thanksgiving fun!



## 1. Turkey Balloon Racers

**STEM Focus:** Physics (air pressure, force, motion)

**Materials:** Balloons, straws, tape, string, paper or feathers

**Challenge:**

Build a “turkey” balloon racer. Decorate the balloon as a turkey, then see how far or how fast it travels along the string track.

**Goal:**

Whose turkey travels the farthest?

## 2. Feather Glide Challenge

**STEM Focus:** Aerodynamics, weight distribution

**Materials:** Paper, cardstock, pipe cleaners, feathers, tape, scissors

**Challenge:**

Design a “turkey glider” that can fly the farthest.

**Goal:**

Test different wing shapes or feather placements to improve distance.



#### 4. Gobble Gobble Catapult

**STEM Focus:** Simple machines (levers), trajectory

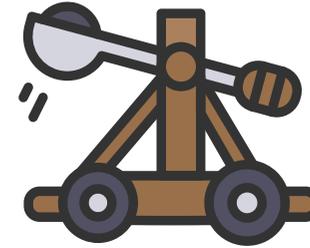
**Materials:** Popsicle sticks, rubber bands, plastic spoon, pom-poms (“turkey food”)

**Challenge:**

Build a mini catapult that can launch turkey food into a target area.

**Goal:**

Adjust height, angle, and force to improve accuracy.



#### 6. Turkey Towers

**STEM Focus:** Structural engineering

**Materials:** Toothpicks, mini marshmallows or clay

**Challenge:**

Build the tallest freestanding “Turkey Tower.”

Add a paper turkey on top—tower must hold the weight!

**Goal:**

Height + stability = win.



#### 5. Mayflower Rescue: Turkey Boat Challenge

**STEM Focus:** Buoyancy, design, experimentation

**Materials:** Foil, craft sticks, corks, clay, tape

**Challenge:**

Build a boat to carry turkey passengers (pennies).

**Goal:**

Which boat holds the most weight without sinking?



#### 7. Wind-Up Turkey Parade

**STEM Focus:** Mechanics, kinetic energy

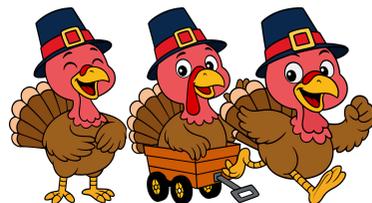
**Materials:** Rubber bands, cardboard wheels, skewers, boxes, markers

**Challenge:**

Create a wind-up turkey that walks or rolls when released.

**Goal:**

Get your turkey to travel in a straight line across the room.



## 8. Turkey Trap (Rube Goldberg Edition)

**STEM Focus:** Chain reactions, creativity, sequencing

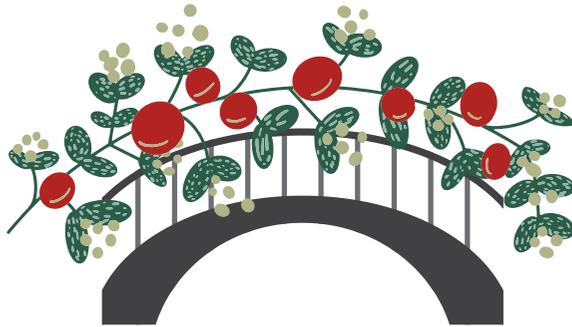
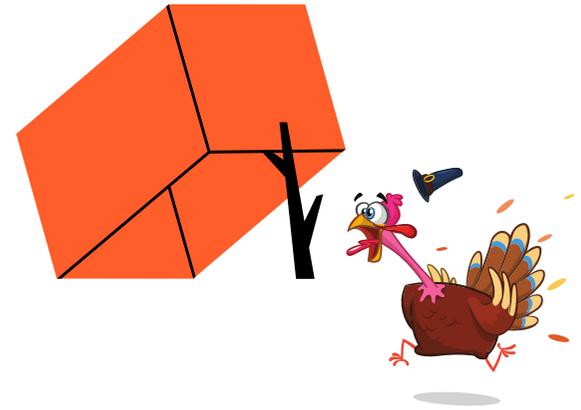
**Materials:** Any household supplies

**Challenge:**

Design a Rube Goldberg–style machine that would trap a turkey (safely & humorously).

**Goal:**

Machine must have at least 5 steps that lead to the final action.



## 9. Cranberry Bridge Challenge

**STEM Focus:** Engineering, weight testing

**Materials:** Toothpicks, cranberries

**Challenge:**

Build a bridge using only cranberries and toothpicks.

**Goal:**

See how many mini pumpkins or books it can hold.

## 10. Turkey Chute STEM Challenge

**STEM Focus:** Gravity, velocity, friction

**Materials:** Paper towel tubes, tape, cardboard, boxes

**Challenge:**

Build a chute or slide that gets a pom-pom turkey from the top to the bottom as slowly as possible.

**Goal:**

Longest descent wins.



# 15. 🦃 A Full Week of Thanksgiving Gratitude Themes

## Day 1 — Grateful for God's Creation

**Scripture:** *Psalms 24:1*

**Focus:** Noticing God's beauty in the world around us.

**Activities:**

- Nature walk + scavenger hunt
- Draw or photograph one thing in creation you're thankful for

**Gratitude Challenge:** Thank God for 5 things you see outdoors today.

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## Day 2 — Grateful for God's Provision

**Scripture:** *Philippians 4:19*

**Focus:** Recognizing God as the giver of every good gift.

**Activities:**

- Make a list of foods or items God has provided
- Cook or bake something simple together

**Gratitude Challenge:** Say "thank you" every time someone serves you today.

## Day 3 — Grateful for Family & Home

**Scripture:** *Joshua 24:15*

**Focus:** Appreciating our families and the blessing of home.

- **Activities:**
- Interview an older family member
- Create a "Family Tree of Thankfulness"

**Gratitude Challenge:** Write or draw a note to someone in your family.



## 17 Day 4 — Grateful for Community

**Scripture:** *Hebrews 10:24–25*

**Focus:** Celebrating church, friends, teachers, and helpers.

**Activities:**

- Make cards for church leaders, neighbors, or teachers
- Pray for people who serve your community

**Gratitude Challenge:** Encourage one person today with kind words.



## 17 Day 5 — Grateful for God’s Word

**Scripture:** *Psalms 119:105*

**Focus:** Remembering Scripture as God’s guide for our lives.

**Activities:**

- Memorize a short verse about thankfulness
- Decorate a verse card for the week

**Gratitude Challenge:** Share a Bible verse with someone in your family.

## 17 Day 6 — Grateful for God’s Protection & Care

**Scripture:** *Psalms 91:1–2*

**Focus:** Reflecting on God’s safety, comfort, and peace.

**Activities:**

- List 3 ways God has cared for your family this year
- Build a “blessing shelter” fort for younger kids

**Gratitude Challenge:** Thank God for one hard thing He helped you through.



## 17 Day 7 — A Day of Praise & Thanksgiving

**Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**Focus:** Giving thanks in all things.

**Activities:**

- Family worship time with thanksgiving songs
- Create a “Week of Gratitude” poster
- Share everyone’s favorite thankful moments

**Gratitude Challenge:** Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the entire week.

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May these activities help enrich your season  
and grow deeper family connections.  
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homeschool families!

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for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."  
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