Thanksgiving activities for kids

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The best Thanksgiving activities for kids are the ones that fit the day: coloring and a small recipe before dinner, jokes and trivia at the table, and games and a family game night after. Every page here is free to print or play, with no sign-up.

Everything for Thanksgiving, in one place

- Activity: Thanksgiving coloring pages · When: Any time · What a child does: Color a turkey, a pie or a thankful jar on screen, or print them for the table.
- Activity: Thanksgiving recipes for kids · When: Before dinner · What a child does: Make a side or a snack, with a grown-up on the hot and sharp jobs.
- Activity: Turkey cookies · When: Before dinner · What a child does: Follow a step-by-step recipe with Crumb.
- Activity: Pumpkin pie cups · When: Before dinner · What a child does: Layer a pie in a cup. No oven for the child's part.
- Activity: Thanksgiving games for kids · When: At the table and after · What a child does: Play word and guessing games at the table, then move around after dinner.
- Activity: Thanksgiving trivia · When: At the table · What a child does: Answer ten questions for their age, together.
- Activity: Family game night games · When: After dinner · What a child does: Play charades, trivia and paper games, a child keeping score.
- Activity: Thanksgiving jokes · When: At the table · What a child does: Tell a joke to the whole table.
- Activity: Thanksgiving stories · When: Wind down · What a child does: Read a story about family, kindness or food.
- Activity: Thanksgiving worksheets · When: A quiet hour · What a child does: Print bingo, a word search or a maze.
- Activity: Thanksgiving classroom games · When: At school · What a child does: Play no-prep games with the whole class.

A Thanksgiving day, in order

- Time: Morning · Try: Brain breaks while the kitchen gets busy
- Time: Before dinner · Try: Turkey toast or cranberry sauce with a grown-up
- Time: At the table · Try: Thanksgiving jokes, then trivia
- Time: After dinner · Try: Thanksgiving games, then family game night games
- Time: Wind down · Try: Coloring, then a short bedtime story

Thanksgiving in the United States is on the fourth Thursday of November: Thursday,

November 26, 2026. The four-day weekend has its own plan on things to do over Thanksgiving weekend. Everything here is free through the end of 2027, with no ads, no sign-up and nothing to download.

Questions parents ask

What can kids do at Thanksgiving?

Color, cook a small dish, play table games, tell jokes, answer trivia and do puzzles. The table above sorts eleven free things by when in the day they fit.

What are good Thanksgiving activities for toddlers?

Coloring with big simple pictures, Turkey, Turkey, Gobble and Parade Follow the Leader, and no-bake recipes.

What can kids do while the grown-ups cook?

A worksheet, a coloring page, a story or a Rainy Day Box card. Nothing needs a grown-up's hands.

Is any of this only for the United States?

Thanksgiving here means the American holiday. Visitors from other countries see a friendly note, with a link to something for everyone.

Free at peabody.kids/holidays/thanksgiving/activities