Things to do over Thanksgiving weekend with kids

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For the four-day Thanksgiving weekend, give each day one job: cook and play table games on Thursday, move and make things on Friday, go out and hold a game night on Saturday, and slow down on Sunday with a puzzle and a story. Every page linked here is free.

The four days, one at a time

- Day: Thursday, November 26 · The plan: Thanksgiving: something small to cook, then table games and a quiet finish. · Pages: Thanksgiving activities · games
- Day: Friday, November 27 · The plan: A day off school: move first, then make something, then one long project. · Pages: Exercises at home · Rainy Day Box
- Day: Saturday, November 28 · The plan: Out in the morning, a game night in the evening. · Pages: Weekend activities · Family game night games
- Day: Sunday, November 29 · The plan: Slow day: leftovers, a puzzle, and a story before the school week. · Pages: Activity Book · Short bedtime stories

Ideas by kind of day

- If the day is…: Full of cousins · Try: Charades and family game night games
- If the day is…: Cold and gray · Try: Rainy Day Box and indoor activities
- If the day is…: Quiet · Try: Coloring and worksheets
- If the day is…: A cooking day · Try: Thanksgiving recipes and the Kitchen
- If the day is…: On the road · Try: Activities for kids on a road trip

This is the plan for the United States' Thanksgiving weekend, Thursday, November 26 to Sunday, November 29, 2026. Many schools are closed on the Friday, and some on the days around it. Everything here is free through the end of 2027, with no ads, no sign-up and nothing to download.

Questions parents ask

What can we do with kids over the long weekend?

Give each day one job: cook on Thursday, move on Friday, go out and play a game on Saturday, slow down on Sunday. The table has pages for each.

What do we do on the day after Thanksgiving?

Start with exercises at home, then a Rainy Day Box project. If it is a school day off, this is the long free morning.

How do we keep the kids busy with relatives visiting?

Games the whole room can play: charades, trivia and board games.

Are these free?

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