

# Theme: Thanksgiving/Gratitude

Age: 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Song	Let's Be Thankful	Let's Be Thankful	I Am Thankful	I Am Thankful	I Am Thankful	Special Trip to help deliver goodies to others (friends, family, neighbors, a veteran, the local fire station, or police station)
Art	Cornucopia Paper Craft	Pinwheel of Thanks	Gratitude Placemats	Pictures to Send Away	3D Mobile	
Science	Fishing for Compliments	We are Thankful for Firefighters	We are Thankful for Police	We are Thankful for Doctors & Nurses	We are Thankful for Servicemen and Women & Their Families	
Math	Gratitude Paper Chain	Thankful Hands	Thank You Bread	Macaroni Necklaces	Gratitude Memory Game	
Language	Dictate a Thank You Note	Family and Friends Gratitude Book	Please and Thank You Game	Thankful Tree	Thank You Fruit Basket	
Snack	Berry Yogurt Parfait	Harvest Mini-Pizzas	Carmel Apples	Mini Pumpkin Pies	Popcorn Balls	

## Materials:

Crayons or Markers  
 Construction Paper (various colors)  
 9" x 12" Piece of Construction Paper  
 Construction Paper (red, white, blue)  
 Pictures of Friends & Family (optional)  
 2 Lunch-Size Paper Sacks (or small containers)  
 1 Lunch-Size Paper Sack (or small basket)  
 Container (non-breakable vase)  
 Pebbles or Rocks (optional)  
 Address of a Friend or Family Member  
 Safety Scissors (if your child will help cut)  
 Cardstock or Cardboard (optional)  
 6 or 7 assorted pieces of fruit (apples, pears, oranges/mandarins)  
 2 3/4-3 Cups All Purpose Flour  
 Clear Contact Paper  
 Tape  
 Small Branches  
 Glue or Glue Stick  
 Stapler  
 Pen or Pencil  
 Push Pin  
 Unsharpened Pencil  
 Old Magazines (optional)  
 Hole Punch  
 Postage  
 Metal Paper Clips  
 Small Stick  
 Magnet  
 Toilet Paper Roll  
 Envelope  
 Glitter (optional)  
 Loaf Pan  
 Ziploc Baggies  
 Rubbing Alcohol  
 Liquid Food Coloring  
 Pasta  
 Paper Plate  
 1 Pkg. Yeast  
 1 Tbsp. Sugar  
 1 Tbsp. Butter  
 1 tsp. Salt  
 String  
 String or Ribbon  
 String or Yarn

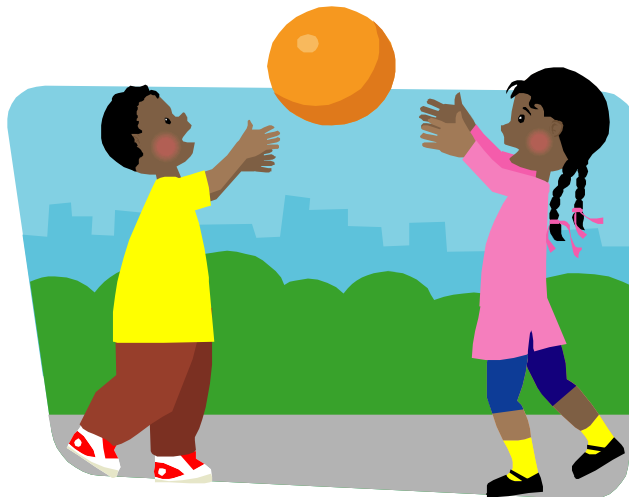
## Snack Ingredients:

1 Cup White Corn Syrup  
 1 Cup Sugar  
 1 3 oz. pkg. Gelatin (any flavor)  
 9 Cups Popped Popcorn  
 Pumpkin Pie Filling for 9" Pie  
 2 9" Pie Crusts  
 4" Round Bowl or Cookie Cutter  
 Muffin Tin  
 Whipped Cream  
 1 Tube Refrigerated Biscuit Dough  
 1/2 Cup Pizza/Spaghetti Sauce  
 1 Cup Shredded Mozzarella Cheese  
 Toppings: Pepperoni, Olives, Bell Peppers, left over veggies  
 6 Apples  
 1 14 oz. pkg. Caramels  
 6 Wooden Craft Sticks or Popsicle Sticks  
 2 Tbsp. Milk  
 1/2 Cup Assorted Berries  
 1 8 oz. cont. Yogurt  
 3 Tbsp. Granola  
 Clear Plastic Cup

# Let's Be Thankful

(Sung To: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Let's be thankful for this day  
For our friends and our play  
Let's be thankful; let's be glad  
For our food and the things we have  
Let's give thanks for you and me  
And our home and family.



# I am Thankful

Sung to: "Row, row, row your boat"

I'm thankful for my friends and  
my family.

I'm thankful for the food I eat  
I'm happy to be me!



# Pinwheel of Thanks

## **Materials:**

Pinwheel Template

Push Pin

Unsharpened Pencil

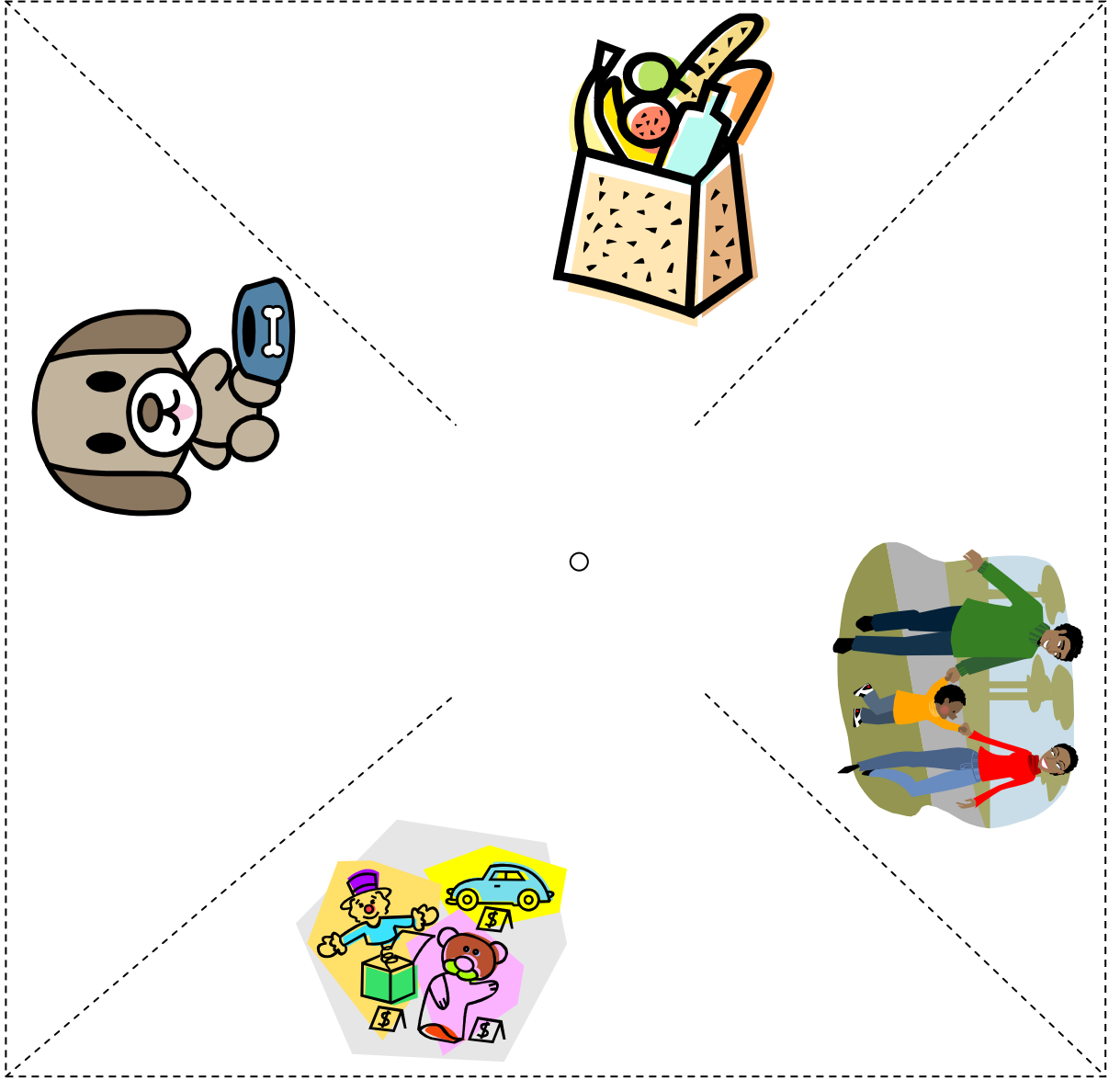
## **Directions:**

Print and cut out pinwheel.

Show your child how to carefully bend each corner into the center and attach the push pin through the center circle and into the eraser of the unsharpened pencil. Leave enough room for the pinwheel to rotate around the pin.

Experiment with your pinwheel!





# Pictures to Send Away

## **Materials:**

Address of a friend or family member (If I don't look this up ahead of time, it never actually gets mailed!)

Envelope to fit the picture

Postage

Picture Template (or you can draw "free-style!")

<http://coloring.ws/thanksgiving.html>

Crayons, Markers, or Water Color Paints



## **Directions:**

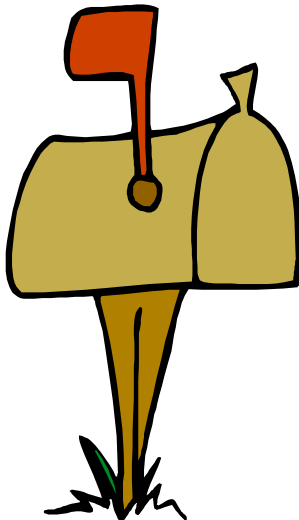
Encourage your child to draw, color or paint a picture.

Let dry if necessary.

Show your child how you address and stamp the envelope.

Take your child with you to mail the letter.

Talk about the friend or relative who will receive their wonderful picture and how happy they will be to see it!



# Gratitude Placemats

## **Materials:**

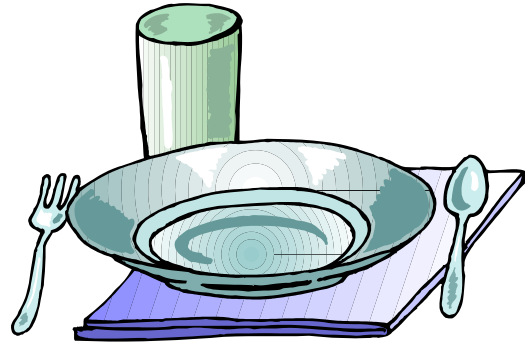
9" x 12" Piece of Construction Paper

Clear Contact Paper

Old Magazines or Templates

Safety Scissors

Glue or Glue Stick



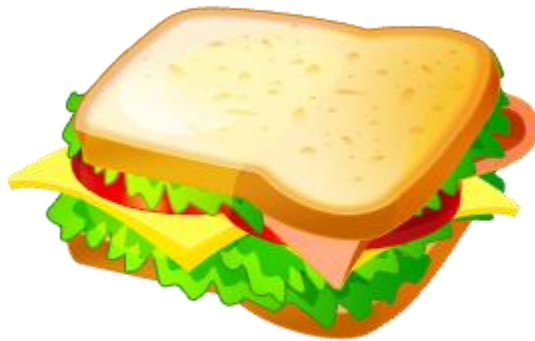
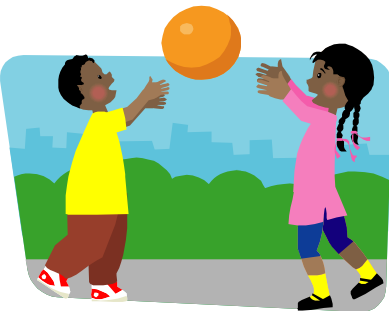
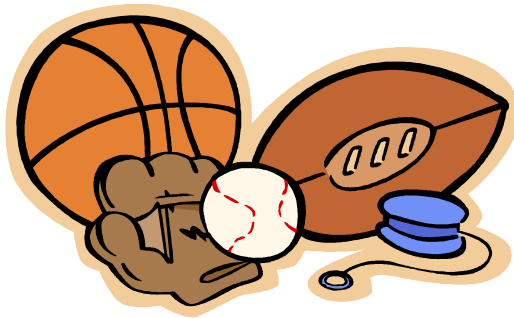
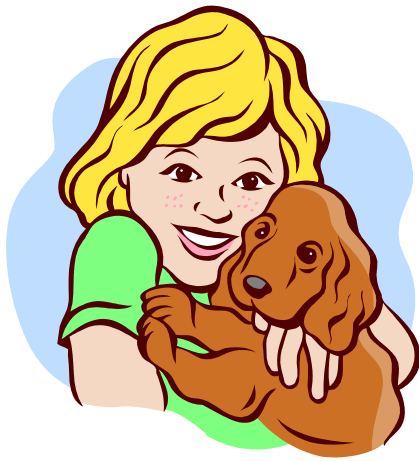
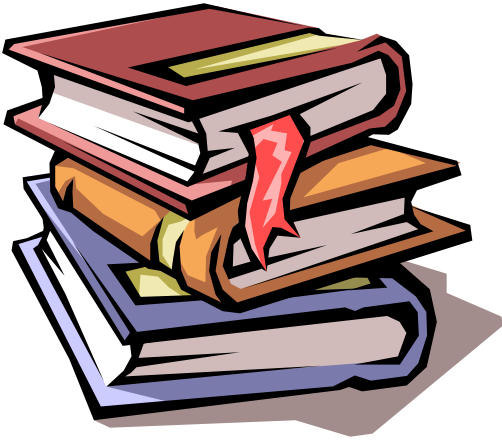
## **Directions:**

Help your child to cut out pictures of things that they are grateful for.

Glue them onto the 9" x 12" piece of construction paper.

Cover with clear contact paper.

Use as a placemat all week, and remind your child all the things they are grateful for!





# We Are Thankful for Firefighters

## **Materials:**

Toilet Paper Roll

Templates

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/miscellaneous/mfireman.html>

Glue or Glue Stick

Safety Scissors (if your child will help with the cutting)

## **Directions:**

Follow the directions on the print-out to create your firefighter.

Talk with your child about what firefighters do and how they help our community.

Display your firefighter, and talk about being grateful for people who help us when we need help.

# We Are Thankful for Servicemen and Women & Their Families

## **Materials:**

Paper Plate

Construction Paper (red, white, blue)

Glue or Glue Stick

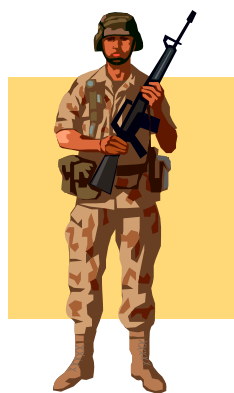
Safety Scissors (if your child will help with the cutting)

## **Directions:**

Follow the directions on this link:

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/memorialday/starwreath/>

Talk with your child about what servicemen and women do to help and protect people. Talk about how their families miss them when they have to be away from home.



# Fishing for Compliments

## Materials:

Fish Templates  
Pen or Marker  
Metal Paperclips  
String  
Small Stick  
Magnet



## Directions:

Print out fish templates. Cut out.

On the back write something you are grateful for about your child.

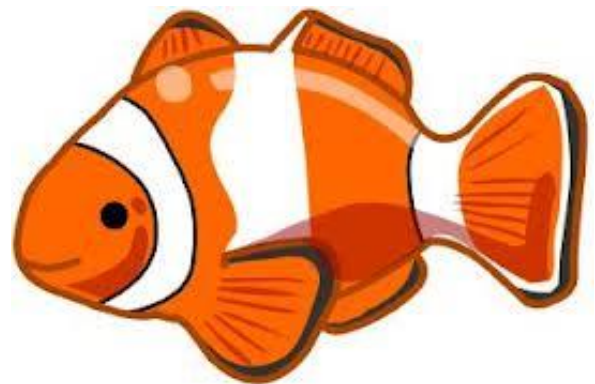
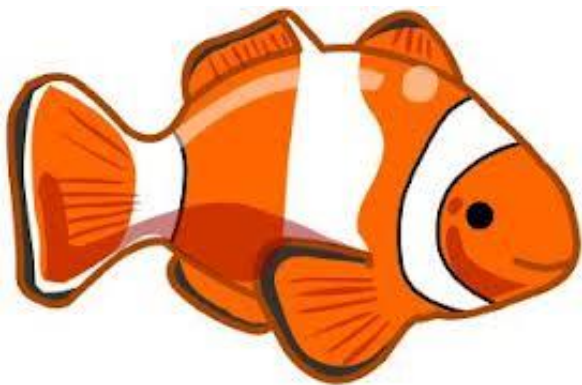
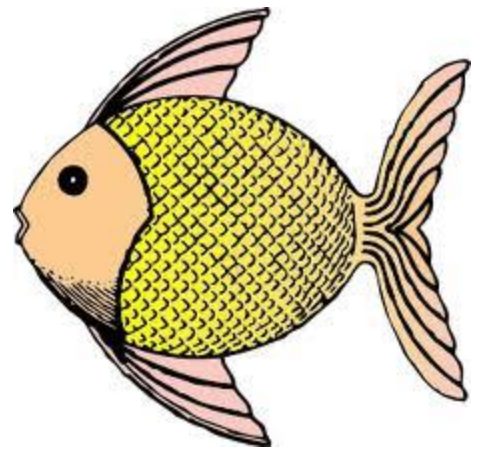
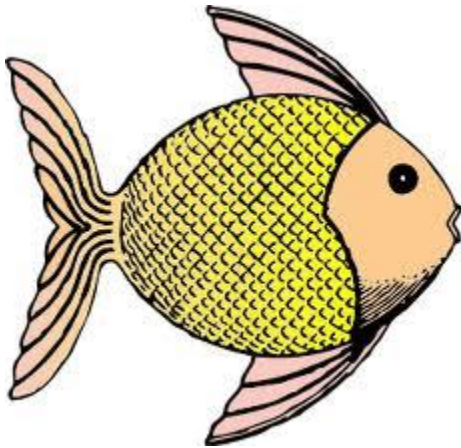
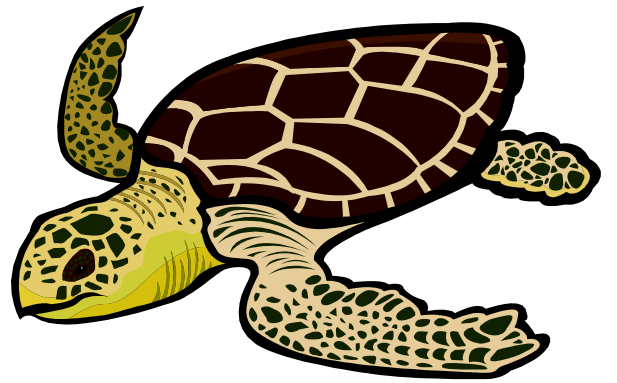
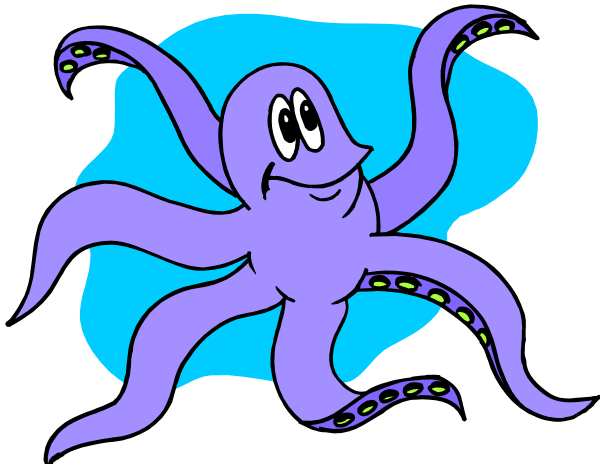
Affix the magnet to the end of the string. (Depending on the size/shape of your magnet – you may need to bore a small hole to pass the string through, or you may be able to adhere it with tape or glue.

Tie the other end of the string to the small stick to make a “fishing pole.”

Place a metal paperclip on each fish.

Lay them on the floor to create a pond.

Show your child how to “fish” with the magnet. Once they catch a fish, read them the compliment. Let them know how special they are and how thankful you are to have them!



# Thankful Bread

## Materials:

- 1 Pkg. Yeast
- 1 Cup Warm Water
- 1 Tbsp. Sugar
- 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  - 3 Cups All Purpose Flour
- 2 Tbsp. Butter (room temperature)
- 1 tsp. Salt
- Loaf Pan



## Directions:

Dissolve the yeast in water. Add sugar, stir to combine. Let sit for 10 minutes to get bubbly.

Add 1 cup of flour, the butter and the salt.

Add the remaining flour and knead by hand (or in a stand mixer) for 10 minutes.

Put in greased bowl, cover, and let rise in a warm place away from drafts for 45 minutes.

Carefully deflate the dough.

Shape into a loaf and put into a loaf pan.

Cover and let rise for about 30 minutes.

Bake at 375° for 30 minutes.



\*Baking is a great way to learn to measure, count, and time things.

I love making this bread because the recipe was given to me by a dear friend who passed away several years ago. It reminds me to be thankful for the friends I have in my life. Who are you and your child thankful for?

# Macaroni Necklaces

## Materials:

Ziplock Baggies

Rubbing Alcohol (1/4 Cup for every 2 Cups Pasta)

Liquid Food Coloring (10 drops for every 2 Cups Pasta)

Pasta (any shape that can be threaded on a string)

Tape

String or Yarn



## Directions:

### **The Night Before: (This step is for grown-ups only!)**

Put  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup rubbing alcohol into a ziplock baggie. Add 10 drops of food coloring. Add 2 cups of dry pasta. Seal the bag and mix the color and the pasta. Let sit for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour. Spread onto wax paper on a cookie sheet to dry overnight. Repeat with as many colors as desired.

Cut a length of string. And thread one piece of pasta onto the end. Tie a knot around the pasta (so that it stops the other pieces from falling off).

Wrap a small piece of tape around the end of the string or yarn. This helps it hold it's shape while you thread the pasta.

Show your child how to thread the pasta on the string. Let them make any pattern they choose!

Once it is completed. Tie the string together to create a necklace!

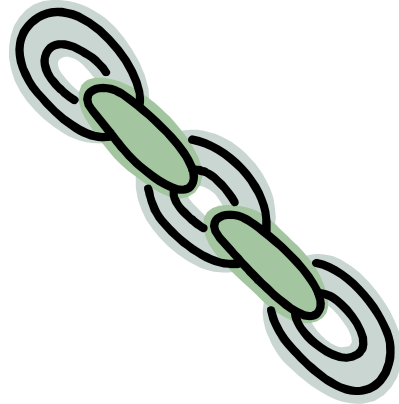
# Gratitude Paper Chain

## **Materials:**

Construction Paper (any color)

Tape

Pen/Pencil/Marker



## **Directions:**

Cut construction paper into 2"-3" strips.

Let your child tell you what they are thankful for.

Write each of their responses onto a construction paper strip.

Show your child how to shape each strip into a circle and tape it shut.

Thread the next strip through the first and tape it into a circle.

Continue until you have made a paper chain.

The more things you are grateful for the bigger the chain gets!

You can also make a pattern with the colors of construction paper you are using!  
Help your child determine what color comes next.

# Gratitude Memory Game

## Materials:

- Memory Game Template
- Card stock or Construction Paper
- Clear Contact Paper (optional)

## Directions:

Print out the memory game template. It is best to print it on cardstock. If you do not have card stock, you can print it out and then glue it to construction paper (so you can't see through the cards). If you would like the game to last a bit longer, you can cover it with clear contact paper.

Cut the cards out.

Mix them up, and then place them face down.

Take turns with your child turning over two cards each.

If the pictures on the cards match, that player gets to keep the cards. If they do not match, you turn both cards over, and the next person takes a turn.

Play until you have found all the matches!



Toys



Toys



Clothing



Sunshine



Sunshine



Clothing



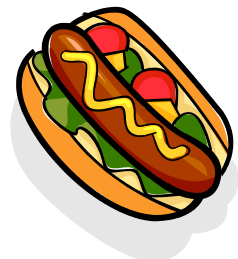
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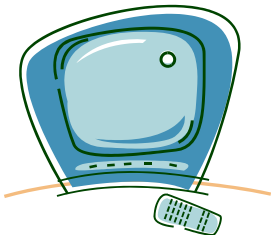
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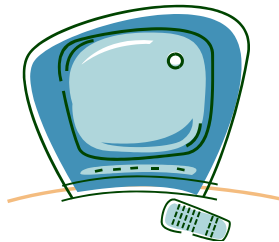
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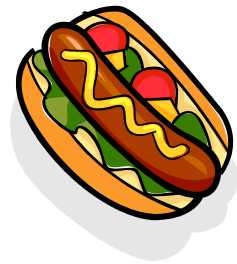
My Favorite Show



My Favorite Show



Food



# Grateful Hands

## **Materials:**

Construction Paper (any color)

Pen/Pencil/Marker

## **Directions:**

Trace your child's hands onto the construction paper.

Help your child to think of things they are grateful their hands can do!

Write each one along the fingers of the hands. Number the top of each finger to keep count.

Make as many handprints as you need.

Display your grateful hands!



# Thankful Tree

## Materials:

- Small Branches
- Container (non-breakable vase)
- Pebbles or Rocks (optional)
- String
- Tape
- Crayons or Markers (optional)
- Leaf Templates
- Safety Scissors (if your child will help cut)



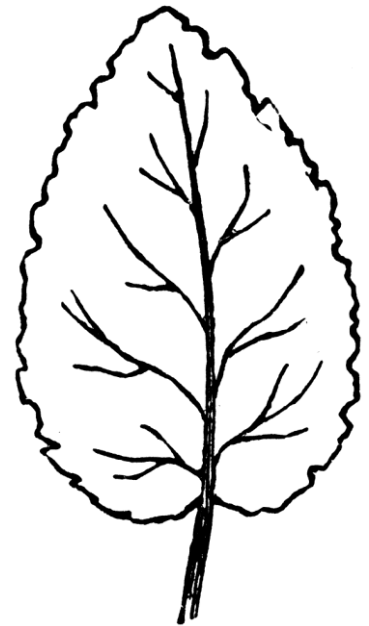
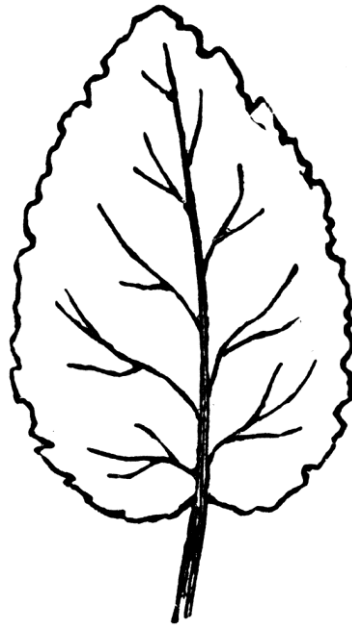
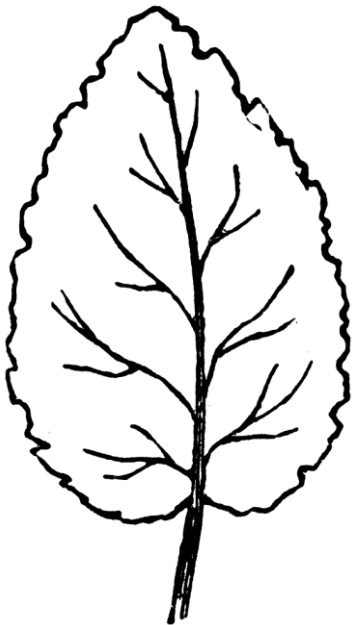
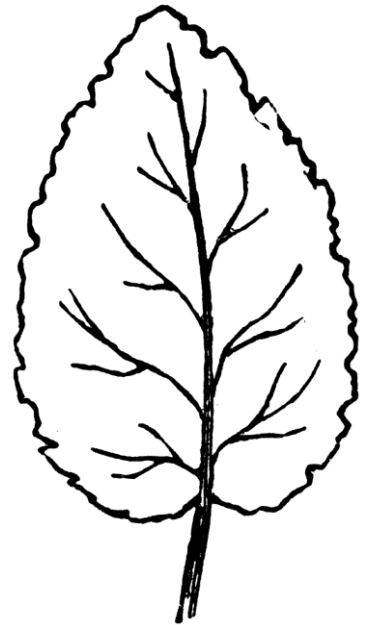
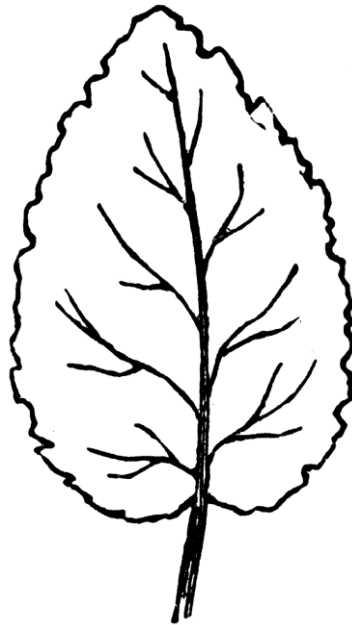
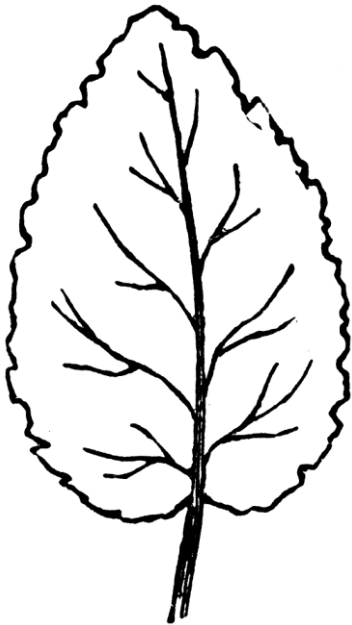
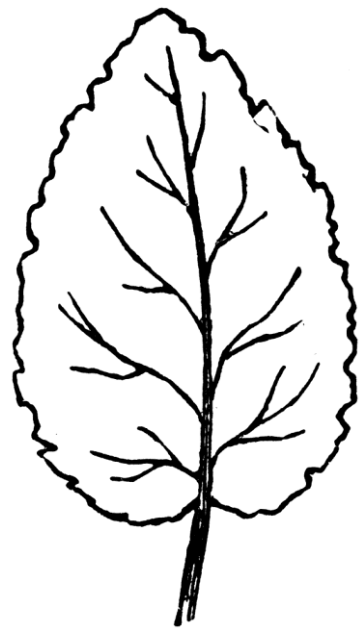
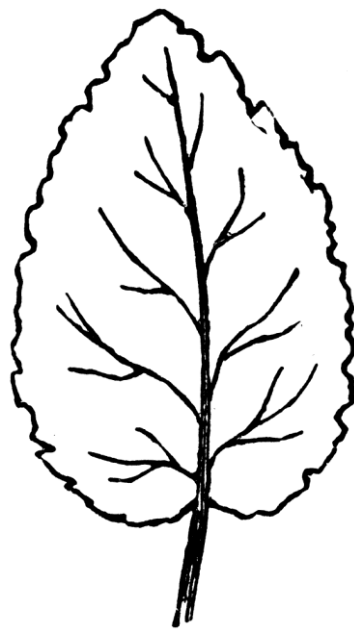
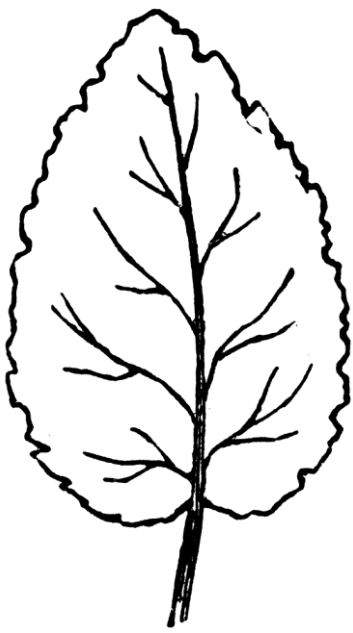
## Directions:

Place the branches in the container or vase. You may use rocks or pebbles to help weight the vase so it is more stable.

Cut (or help your child to cut out) the leaf templates. Color if you would like.

Let your child dictate something they are thankful for and write it on each leaf.

Tape a loop of string onto the back of each leaf and let your child hang the leaves onto the branches to create their “thankful tree.”



# Thankful Fruit Basket

## Materials:

6 or 7 assorted pieces of fruit  
(pears, apples, oranges, mandarins etc.)  
Lunch-Size Paper Bag or Small Basket  
Strips of Paper  
Ribbon or String  
Tape  
Pen or Pencil



## Directions:

Open the lunch-size paper bag and fold over the top edge  $\frac{1}{2}$  way down to make a "basket." Or use a small basket.

Wash and dry each piece of fruit.

Think of a friend or family member who lives close by.

On each strip of paper write something nice about that person (that your child is thankful for.)

Attach each strip to a piece of fruit. (Either tie with string to the stem or adhere with tape to the outside of the peel.)

Arrange the fruit in the basket. And delivery to your special friend or family member!

# Thank You Note

## Materials:

Thank You Note Template

Crayons or Markers

## Directions:

Print out the thank you note template. Fold along the solid line.

Talk about what a thank you note is, and how special people feel when we take the time to write one!

Let your child think of someone they are grateful to.

Let them dictate what they are thankful for and write it in the note. (It does not necessarily have to be for a gift that was received.)

Let your child color or draw on the note.

Deliver or mail the note to someone special.



Thank You

# Please and Thank You Game

## Materials:

Please and Thank You Game Templates

Please and Thank You Labels

2 Lunch-Size Paper Bags (or other small containers)

Clear Contact Paper (optional)

Tape

## Directions:

Print templates and cut out.

Adhere the labels to the paper lunch bags with tape.

Cover the game pieces with clear contact paper if you would like them to last for more than one or two uses.

**To play the game:** place all of the cards face down on the floor or table. Take turns with your child turning over a card. Read the sentence on the card and decide with your child whether the you should say “please” or “thank you.” Place the card in the appropriate paper bag (or other container). Play until all the cards are sorted!

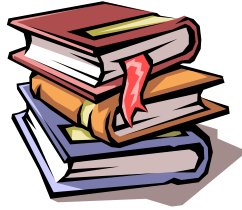




Someone gets you a drink of water.



You want to ask for some crayons.



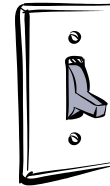
Someone hands you a book you cannot reach.



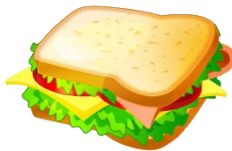
You would like to have an apple for a snack.



Someone washes your socks and puts them in your drawer.



You cannot reach the light switch to turn it on.



Someone makes you a sandwich for lunch.



You need help putting on your shoes.



Someone gives you a birthday gift.



You cannot reach the drinking fountain.



Someone reads you a bedtime story



You really want to go outside to play.

Please



Thank

You



# Family and Friends Gratitude Book

## Materials:

Several Sheets of Construction Paper

Pictures of Family and Friends (optional)

Glue or Glue Stick (if using pictures)

Crayons or Markers

Stapler



## Directions:

Help your child adhere each picture to a piece of construction paper (or have them draw a picture of each family member or friend).

Help them to think of one or two reasons they are grateful that this person is in their life, and write it on the page.

Let your child draw on and decorate the pages any way they wish.

Take blank sheets of construction paper and make a front and back cover for your book.

Staple three or four times along the left hand side to bind your book together.

Read your book together to remember the wonderful people you have in your life!

# Harvest Mini-Pizzas

## Ingredients:

Refrigerated Biscuit Dough

½ Cup Pizza or Spaghetti Sauce

1 Cup shredded Mozzarella Cheese

Various Toppings: Peperoni, Olives, Bell Peppers etc. (try any vegetables you have in the fridge – zucchini or corn even left over squash!)

## Directions:

Take each individual biscuit and flatten it into a small pizza crust.

Take a spoonful of pizza or spaghetti sauce and spread on each crust.

Sprinkle desired amount of cheese onto each pizza.

Let you child put whatever topping they would like on their individual pizza.

Bake at 350° for 10-15 minutes or until crust is lightly browned, and the pizza is set in the middle.

Enjoy!



# Berry Yogurt Parfait

## Ingredients:

½ Cup Assorted Berries

1 8 oz. Container of Yogurt (any flavor)

3 Tbsp. Granola

Clear Plastic Cup

## Directions:

Wash and dry the berries.

Layer the yogurt, berries and granola in a clear plastic cup.

I usually make 2 or 3 small layers of each ingredient. Top with Granola.

Serve!

