



# Perry Public Library Storytime



## Thanksgiving is for Family

### **Stories we shared:**

Thanksgiving Treat: by Catherine Stock  
1,2,3 Thanksgiving: by W. Nikloa-Lisa

Thanks for Thanksgiving: by Julie Markes

### **Other books you may enjoy sharing**

Biscuit is Thankful: by Alyssa Capucilli  
What is Thanksgiving? By Harriet Ziefert  
Tiny Tilda's Pumpkin Pie: by Susan Kanter  
Thanksgiving with me: by Margaret Willey  
In November : by Cynthia Rylant  
First there was Frances: by Bob Graham  
Owl Babies: by Martin Waddell  
Me Too: by Susan Winter  
One little two little three little Pilgrims: by B. Hennessy  
Turkey pox : by Laurie Halse Anderson  
How many days to America? : by Eve Bunting  
Molly's Pilgrim : by Barbara Cohen  
Dinosaurs' thanksgiving : by Liza Donnelly  
Oh, what a Thanksgiving : by Steven Kroll  
One tough turkey : by Steven Kroll  
An outlaw Thanksgiving : by Emily McCully  
'Twas the night before Thanksgiving : by Dav Pilkey  
Albert's Thanksgiving : by Leslie Tryon.  
Thanksgiving at our house : by Wendy Watson  
Chester Chipmunk's Thanksgiving : by B. Williams

This is the Turkey: by Abby Levine  
Thanksgiving is here: by Diane Goode  
Over the river and through the woods : by John Gurney  
1,2,3 Thanksgiving: by W. Nikloa-Lisa  
The Relatives Came: by Cynthia Rylant  
The Very First Thanksgiving Day: by Rhonda Greene  
Just like Daddy: by Frank Asch  
Once there were giants: by Martin Waddell  
I got a family : by Melrose Cooper  
The Berenstain Bears' Thanksgiving : by Stan Berenstain  
A turkey for Thanksgiving : by Eve Bunting  
"Don't eat too much turkey!": by Miriam Cohen  
Silly Tilly's Thanksgiving dinner : by Lillian Hoban  
I know an old lady who swallowed a pie : by Alison Jackson  
The dragon Thanksgiving feast : by Loreen Leedy  
The truth about Cousin Ernie's head : by Matthew McElligott  
Thanksgiving Day : by Anne Rockwell  
Fried feathers for Thanksgiving : by James Stevenson  
Round the turkey by Leslie Kimmelman

### **Early Literacy Extras:**



- ✓ Help your child find things that start with the "T" - "tuh" sound all around (toy, tiger, table, towel, turkey, toothbrush).
- ✓ Find words that rhyme with "pie" (buy, by, bye, cry, dry, eye, fly, fry, guy, hi, high, lie, my, shy, sigh, sky, tie, try, why) – make up silly rhymes with these words.
- ✓ Sing fun songs about families and Thanksgiving. Try some new songs and rhymes too (on following pages).
- ✓ Try pronouncing the names of ancestors and the countries they came from. Being able to say these long, odd sounding words will help to boost your child's self-confidence and vocabulary skills.
- ✓ Talk with your child about your family's ancestors and the countries they came from. Find the countries on a map.
- ✓ Make a Thanksgiving chain in the days leading up to Thanksgiving. Each day, have your child tell you things they are thankful for while you write it on a strip of paper. Make a paper chain with each of the strips. On Thanksgiving, read all the things you and your child are thankful for.
- ✓ Talk about the names of favorite foods such as "turkey, potatoes, cranberries, stuffing" - sound out the different parts of the words like "tur" and "key" – clap while saying them separately and then together again, first slowly and then faster.
- ✓ Help your child learn sequencing. This will help later on in recalling the parts of a story (beginning, middle, end). When you are preparing thanksgiving dinner together, ask your child to help you remember the steps, or ask him to repeat the order in which you did things. "What did we put on the table first? What did we eat last?"

## ***Songs and rhymes to share:***

### **It Smells Like Thanksgiving**

It smells like Thanksgiving (close eyes and sniff)  
Like it should  
Turkey's in the oven  
Mmmmm! It smells good (rub tummy)  
It smells like Thanksgiving (close eyes and sniff)  
My oh my!  
What's in the oven now?  
It's yummy pumpkin pie! (rub tummy)

### **Thanksgiving Day** (count on fingers)

Five little children on Thanksgiving Day  
The first one said "I'll have cake if I may"  
The second one said "I'll have turkey roasted"  
The third one said "I'll have chestnuts toasted"  
The fourth one said "I'll have some pumpkin pie"  
The fifth one said "cranberries I spy!"  
But before any turkey or dressing  
They all sat down and said a blessing (fold hands)

### **Turkey and Gravy** (clap to rhythm)

Turkey and gravy, turkey and gravy  
So good to eat!  
Turkey and gravy, turkey and gravy  
What a wonderful treat!  
-repeat with-  
sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie,  
cranberries, olives and pickles...

### **Come a look a see**

Come a look a see here's my mama...  
-repeat with - papa, brother tall,  
Sister, baby, we love them all!

### **Families**

Some families are large (arms wide)  
Some families are small (hands together)  
But I love my family (hug self)  
Best of all!

### **Pies in the Oven** by Jean Warren

Pies in the oven  
Yum, yum, yum. (rub tummy)  
I can smell them  
Oh, what fun!  
One is pumpkin,  
One is berry.  
They will make  
Thanksgiving merry!  
Pies in the oven  
Yum, yum, yum. (rub tummy)  
Soon, they'll be in my  
Tum, tum, tum!

### **Walk Like A Turkey** by Jean Warren

Walk like a turkey,  
Waddle, waddle, waddle. (waddle)  
Talk like a turkey,  
Gobble, gobble, gobble. (arms flap like wings)  
Run like a turkey  
'Round and 'round. (run in place)  
But when it's Thanksgiving  
Don't make a sound! (finger to lips)

### **A Turkey**

I saw a turkey on Thanksgiving (shade eyes with hand)  
His tail was spread so wide (hands together fingers spread)  
He said "shh don't tell you've seen me" (finger to lips)  
For I'm running away to hide! (run two fingers away)

### **Our Thanksgiving Table**

Every day when we eat our dinner  
Our table is just this small (hands close together)  
But on Thanksgiving when company comes  
It stretches to be this size! (open arms wide)

### **The Turkey**

The turkey is a silly bird  
His head goes wobble wobble (nod head side to side)  
He only says just one word  
Gobble ! Gobble! Gobble!

### **Ten little Pilgrims** (count on fingers)

One little , two little, three little pilgrims  
Four little, five little, six little pilgrims  
Seven little, eight little, nine little pilgrims  
Ten little pilgrims came to eat  
Ten little, nine little, eight little pilgrims  
...one little pilgrim left to sleep (pretend to sleep)

### **Grandma's Glasses**

These are grandma's glasses (fingers around eyes)  
This is grandma's hat (touch head)  
This is how she folds her hands and puts them in her lap  
These are grandpa's glasses (fingers around eyes)  
This is grandpa's hat (touch head)  
This is how he folds his hands and takes a little nap (snore)

### **On Thanksgiving Day** (sing to "Round the Mulberry Bush")

This is the way we knead the bread (pretend to knead)  
Knead the bread, knead the bread  
This is the way we knead the bread  
On Thanksgiving Day!  
-other verses-  
This is the way we mash the potatoes (pretend to mash)  
This is the way we stir the gravy (pretend to stir)

### **Did You Ever See A Turkey?**

(sing to "Did You Ever See A Lassie?")  
Did you ever see a turkey, a turkey, a turkey  
Did you ever see a turkey go this way and that  
(waddle back and forth – flap wings)  
Go this way and that way, and this way, and that way  
Did you ever see a turkey go this way and that

### **We Eat Turkey** (Sung to: "Frere Jacques")

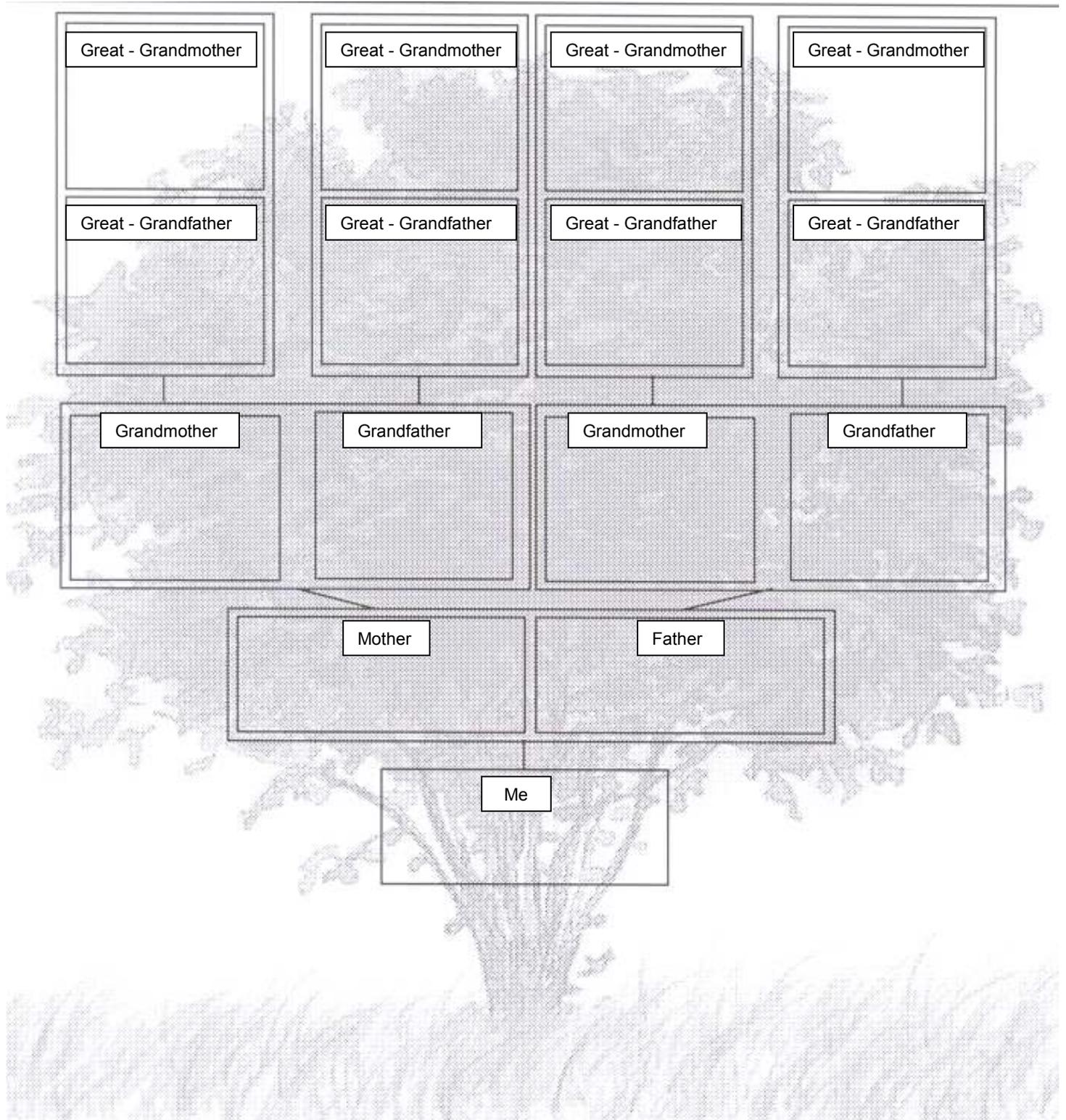
We eat tur-key, we eat tur-key.  
Oh, so good, Oh so good.  
Al-ways on Thanks-giv-ing, al-ways on Thanks-giv-ing  
Yum - yum - yum! Yum - yum - yum!  
Second Verse: Mashed po-ta-toes  
Third Verse: Pie and Ice-cream  
Fourth Verse: Home-made bis-cuits  
Fifth Verse: Tur-key dress -ing

### **If You're Thankful**

If you're thankful and you know it clap your hands  
If you're thankful and you know it clap your hands  
If you're thankful and you know it then your face will surely show it  
If you're thankful and you know it clap your hands

# My Family Tree

Fill in the full names (maiden names for women), birthdates, and places of birth for as many of these family members as you can.



# Family Tree

**MY GRANDPARENTS**

**MY GREATGRANDPARENTS**

**MY PARENTS**

**ME**

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