

Lesson on Holiday (Specifically Thanksgiving)

Targeted Age: k-2

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Intro (5 Minutes):

- Ask how everyone is doing, Ask how everyone's week has been going, what they've all been excited for, etc.
- Start conversation about what Thanksgiving is and means: ask what Thanksgiving is to them previously to talk about it.
- Ask them what they like most about Thanksgiving? Do they have any traditions?

Activity #1 (8-15 minutes):

Elmo music for k-2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sGu5WQibEE>

Story for k-2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0rPJdYVbjA>

- You can play the first song or a couple of songs from the elmo video because there are multiple songs combined in the one video
 - Afterwards can discuss: what things were in the song that Elmo was saying he was thankful for?
 - Did you like the song? Are you thankful for the same things talked about in the song? Why or why not?
- After playing the Pete the Cat story video, ask the students a couple of questions:
 - Have everyone go around and say at least one thing that they are thankful for
 - Ask them if they liked the story or knew the story of the first thanksgiving before
 - If they didn't, what is one thing they learned or if they already knew, what was their favorite part of the story?
 - How did Pete and the pilgrims show they were thankful to the Native Americans and to each other?
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7MtQxI6uhs>
 - The link above is a link that shows how to make a pilgrim hat; have everyone have their materials in front of them and try to make your own pilgrim hat, just like Pete's hat!

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Activity #2 (8-15 min):

- This will be a drawing activity; everyone will draw a hand turkey
- On each finger that is part of the turkey, have everyone write different things they are thankful for (write 4 different things for 4 different fingers not including the thumb since the thumb is kind of like the head)
- Share and show the turkeys that were drawn: ask everyone to go around and say at least one thing they wrote and why they wrote it
- Lead into conversation and ask: Why are we thankful for the things we are thankful for?
- What do you do to show people or things you are thankful for?
 - Do you tell them? Do you write letters? Do you give them hugs? Do you give them gifts?
- What kind of things are you thankful for? (not people; could be the weather, cars, movies, art, etc.)

Closing (3-6 minutes):

- Why are we thankful for things? Can we be thankful for things we maybe can't see?
- Do we only have to show what we are thankful for on Thanksgiving? If no, how can we show how thankful we are everyday and not just on thanksgiving?