

# Kid Scoop

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## Give Thanks!

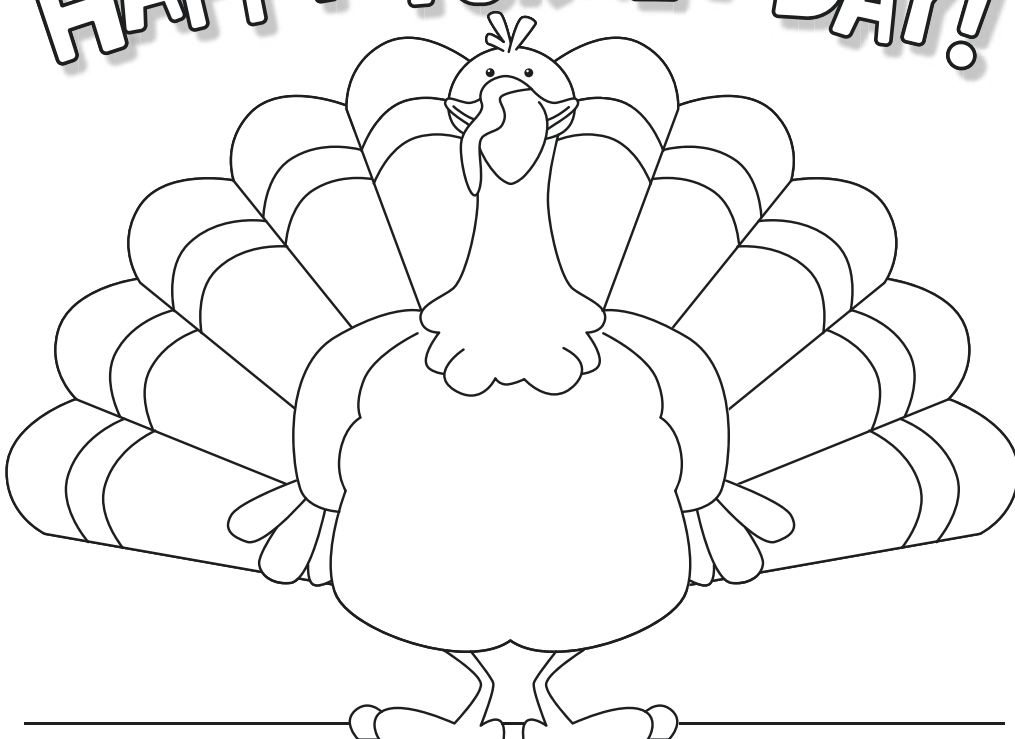
Many people call Thanksgiving **Turkey Day**. The traditional Thanksgiving bird is full of surprises.

For example, Benjamin Franklin once recommended that the turkey be America's national bird instead of the eagle.

Read on, complete the activities and learn some facts that will amaze your family on Thanksgiving Day!

Color this turkey to display at your Thanksgiving table.

# HAPPY TURKEY DAY!



## Turkey Code

|        |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|
| A = 17 | I = 11 | P = 10 |
| C = 6  | K = 9  | R = 7  |
| D = 3  | L = 1  | S = 2  |
| E = 19 | M = 18 | T = 5  |
| G = 8  | N = 14 | U = 13 |
| H = 15 | O = 4  | W = 16 |

Only 18 17 1 19 turkeys make the gobble-gobble sound.

Female turkeys make 6 1 13 6 9 2 and small, 6 15 11 7 10-like noises.

Male turkeys are called gobblers, or 5 4 18 2. Female turkeys are called 15 19 14 2.

## Thank You Notes

Give these coupons to family and friends before Thanksgiving dinner. Before you eat, read them aloud to everyone at the table.

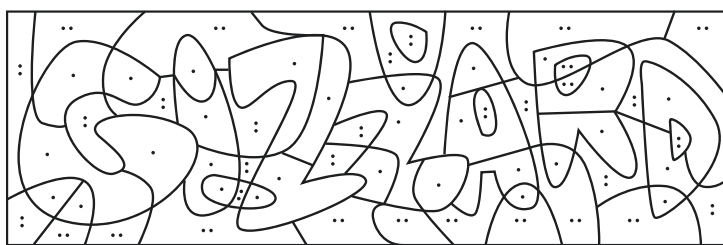
I'm thankful for: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm thankful for: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm thankful for: \_\_\_\_\_

## Stones in the stomach?

A part of the turkey's stomach contains tiny stones that the bird has previously swallowed. This organ has strong muscles and uses the stones to grind up food. Color the spaces with one dot to see what it is called.



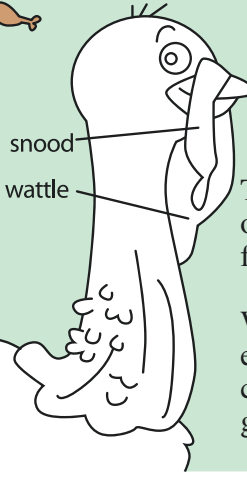
How many turkey drumsticks can you find on this page?

**Extra! Extra!**

## Thankful

Look through the newspaper and circle five or more things you are thankful for. Choose one and write a sentence telling why you are thankful for it.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



Color me after reading!

The head of a turkey has very few feathers. But, it does have a **snood** and a **wattle**!

The snood is a fleshy body part that hangs over the turkey's beak. The wattle is the fleshy area on the turkey's throat.

When a turkey becomes frightened, agitated, excited or ill, the snood and wattle can change from their usual pale pink or bluish gray color to red, white, or blue.

Turkeys can run at speeds up to 25 miles per hour and can fly as fast as 55 miles per hour!

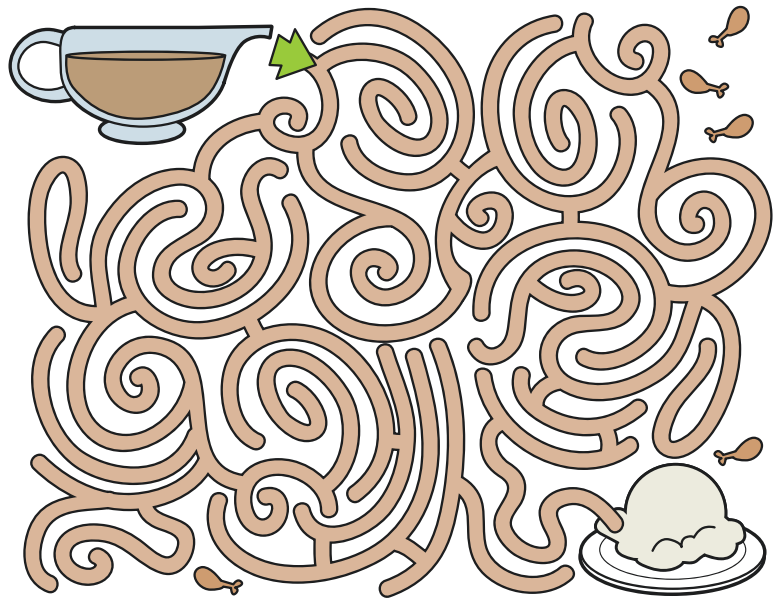
Have three players race to unscramble these Thanksgiving dinner words. The winner gets the first slice of pie.

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|--|------|-------|----------|---------|--------|--------|------|
|  | NROC | VARYG | FIGFUNST | KINPPUM | KYETRU | TOTOPA | SAPE |
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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Help the gravy boat reach the mashed potatoes.



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination.

## Double Double Word Search

- SURPRISES
- SWALLOWED
- STOMACH
- TURKEY
- WATTLE
- FLESHY
- WINNER
- SNOOD
- THANK
- AMAZE
- GRIND
- EAGLE
- HOUR
- RACE
- BEAK

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

B S E S I R P R U S  
 E H S E R G R I N D  
 F T C Z E U T O H R  
 L K A A N L O K E E  
 E A N M M D T H L N  
 S E C A R O S T G N  
 H B G I H V T I A I  
 Y E K R U T N S E W  
 G D E W O L L A W S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Thanksgiving Symbols

Look through the newspaper for five or more words that relate to Thanksgiving. Cut out each word. Then cut each word into syllables and glue them onto a piece of paper to show where the syllable breaks are located.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

What do you get if you cross an octopus with a cooked turkey?

ANSWER: Enough drumsticks for everybody!

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