



WEEK 10

Missions around the Globe

Emphasis: North American Indians, Early Missionaries, The Pilgrims, Thanksgiving

Introduction: We will be learning about the Native American Indians and studying missionary activity on behalf of these people throughout the past several hundred years. We will be looking at the Pilgrims and different topics related to the American Thanksgiving holiday. Officially, this will be a three-day week (with a Thanksgiving vacation on Thursday and Friday). However, a Thanksgiving devotion time, recipe, and activity ideas for Thursday are outlined.

NOTE: Arrange the weekly lessons if necessary to make sure they are taught during Thanksgiving week.

LIBRARY AND MEDIA SEARCH

BOOK TITLES

From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya by Ruth A. Tucker
You Can Change the World by Jill Johnstone

BOOK TOPICS

North America
Native American Indians
The Pilgrims
The Quaker religion
The First Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving
Plymouth Bay
The *Mayflower*
Planting seeds

MUSIC IDEAS

Thanksgiving Hymns such as:
"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"
Praise Choruses such as:
"I Will Enter His Gates..."
"Give Thanks"

VIDEO IDEAS

Thanksgiving-theme videos

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WEEK 10 - MONDAY

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Emphasis: North American Indians

*Early Missionaries, The Pilgrims,
Thanksgiving*

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

• OPENING EXERCISES/PRAYER

BIBLE READING: PSALM 2

• FAMILY DISCUSSION

What does it mean in verse eight "Ask of me and I will give the nations for your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession?" How can we use this verse to pray for other nations? Can you say, "Here am I, send me to the nations...?"

• PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for our nation and the continent of North America. Ask the Lord to take control over this area for His glory.

• MEMORY VERSE: PSALM 117

"Oh Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us. And the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!"

• MEMORY IDEA: SET THE VERSE TO MUSIC

• PRAYER PROJECT: THANKSGIVING POSTER.



Make a poster illustrating things you are thankful for. Use a large piece of posterboard, and divide it into two parts.

1. Label one side "God's Blessings" and fill with pictures of different things you are thankful for. (You could cut out pictures from magazines or use family photos or illustrations.)

2. Label the other side: "Our Responsibility" and fill with pictures of international faces (cut out from the newspaper, *National Geographic*-type magazines or mission newsletters) or draw pictures of the world.

Use this poster throughout the week to remind you to pray and thank the Lord for His blessings, along with seeking God to find out HOW God wants you to use these blessings to help others.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

• READING

1. *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya*, pages 83-89.
2. Begin reading a book about the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving.
3. *World Mission - Part 1*, pages 5-1 to 5-11. (I. Three Eras of Expansion)
4. *I Heard Good News Today*, pages 129-130, "A Peace Chief."

• WRITING

1. Write for 15 minutes in your prayer journal about "What I am most thankful for." Share your heart with the Lord. Allow Him to increase your gratitude, towards His goodness.

2. Make a special Thanksgiving card for a relative. Let them know what you appreciate about them. (Send this letter as early today as possible.)

Another idea is to send a Thanksgiving card to one (or more) of your missionaries. Even if it won't get to them before Thanksgiving they'll know how much you appreciate and thank God for them.

• LANGUAGE ARTS

1. Review letter writing skills as you write the Thanksgiving letter. Also check for correct spelling and punctuation.

2. Make a list of spelling words. Review this list and write in your spelling notebook.

GEOGRAPHY

Look at maps showing the Pilgrims' voyage from England and their landing at Plymouth Bay.

1. How long did this voyage take them?
2. What state is Plymouth Bay located in?
3. What is the land or geography and climate like in this area? Why was the first winter so difficult for the Pilgrims?

• GEOGRAPHY PROJECT: DRAW A MAP

Trace a map of the Pilgrim's voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. Use colored pencils and draw a line showing the route they sailed.

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WEEK 10 - TUESDAY

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FAMILY DEVOTIONS

• OPENING EXERCISES/PRAYER

BIBLE READING: PSALM 97-98

• FAMILY DISCUSSION

David was known as "a man after God's own heart." How do these Psalms show God's heart for the nations? (Psalms 97:5-6 and 98:3-4) What are some specific things that David could praise God for? What are some specific things we can praise God for? Take time to praise Him for WHO He is as well as for WHAT He has done.

• PRAYER FOCUS

Thank the Lord for the godly heritage of early settlers in America. Pray and intercede for America to return to her roots of godliness. Bind the enemy of deception that would try to keep people and children in our country from hearing the true story of Thanksgiving. Pray people across America would take time to thank GOD for His blessings.

• BIBLE MEMORY

Review Psalm 117 for a test tomorrow.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

• READING

1. *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya*, pages 89-94.

2. Read a story about the first Thanksgiving from a book that gives glory to God.

3. Read an excerpt from a modern history text that has removed the emphasis of thanking God or sharing the importance of the Christian religious convictions of the Pilgrims. (Use this as an example of how educators can twist history to say what they want. Share reasons for your family's conviction to homeschooling.)

• WRITING

1. Write an essay about the Christian devotion of the Pilgrims. Why did they come to America in the first

place? How did their religion contribute to their everyday life?

2. Write an essay about "What Thanksgiving Means to Me." Include examples about the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving as well as examples of your family's Thanksgiving traditions.

• LANGUAGE ARTS

1. Take a practice spelling test. Rewrite misspelled words five times and review orally.

2. Critique the two books about the Pilgrims (from a secular and a Christian point of view). Talk about how an author can express values and beliefs through writing.

HISTORY

• FOCUS ON THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

1. Describe the Pilgrims: How did they dress? How did they eat? What were their homes like? What was their view of the family?

2. What were some distinct characteristics of their view of Christianity? Why did they feel they had to leave their homes in England? What was their attitude toward the native American Indians?

3. When did the Pilgrims land in America? Why was it so difficult for them the first winter?

4. What happened the first winter? How many people died? What would it have been like if you were one of the Pilgrim children who survived? How would you have felt?

• MARK YOUR TIMELINE

Christmas, 1620	Arrival at Plymouth Bay
1620-21	First long winter
November, 1621	First Thanksgiving with the Indians

RELIGION FOCUS

• PILGRIMS

Focus on the Pilgrims and the importance of religious freedom.

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WEEK 10 - WEDNESDAY

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FAMILY DEVOTIONS

- OPENING EXERCISES/PRAYER

BIBLE READING: PSALM 99-100

- FAMILY DISCUSSION

How and why can we praise God? How is God glorified throughout all the earth? What are some specific ways we can glorify God throughout the nations?

What kinds of instruments can be used to praise the Lord? How are we to come into His gates?

- PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for North American Indians. Pray for their eyes to be opened to see the evil of their traditional tribal religions and the necessity of salvation through Christ. Ask God to forgive this nation for wrong treatment of the Indians in the past. Pray that they too, would be able to forgive others for wrongs done to their people in the past.

- BIBLE MEMORY

Test: Write Psalm 117 from memory.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

- READING

1. *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya*, read about Zeisberger and McCoy, early missionaries to the American Indians.
2. *You Can Change the World*, pages 62-63.
3. Read a book about the first Thanksgiving and focus on the role of the Indians, their culture and traditions.

- WRITING

Write a short Thanksgiving skit about the Pilgrims and the Indians and the purpose for their feast. Include examples of God's blessings. Practice this skit and find some simple Pilgrim and Indian costumes. You can perform for your family and relatives as part of your Thanksgiving celebrations.

- LANGUAGE ARTS

Spelling Test. Review first if necessary. Write misspelled words five times.

SCIENCE

- ELEMENTS OF PLANT GROWTH

Explain how the Indians helped the Pilgrims learn to plant corn.

The Indians buried fish along with their corn seeds. How could this help the corn to grow? What necessary element of growth did this contribute to?

Look at seeds and discuss how they grow. Also study the importance of various elements for plant growth: sunlight, water, soil, nutrients, air.

CRAFT

Make costumes for your Thanksgiving skit. (See illustrations below.)



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WEEK 10 - THURSDAY

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FAMILY THANKSGIVING PRAYER

BIBLE READING: PSALMS 104, 105

- **FAMILY DISCUSSION**

What are you thankful for? How can we express our thanks and praise to God?

- **PRAYER FOCUS**

Take time to thank and praise the Lord for His goodness to your family throughout this past year.

- **BIBLE MEMORY**

Recite Psalm 117.

MUSIC

Sing Thanksgiving hymns such as "Praise to the Lord the Almighty," or praise choruses such as "I Will Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving in My Heart" or "Give Thanks."

- **PREPARE FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING SKIT**

Children should practice their skit and get together any last minute details by themselves (most parents on Thanksgiving are extremely busy). The children may want to add a thanksgiving praise chorus to their presentation or recite their memory verse. Find out from the adult in charge of the dinner the best time to perform your skit.

- **PERFORM YOUR SKIT**

Be sure to do your best and share from your heart the true meaning of Thanksgiving. Have fun!

INTERNATIONAL MEAL

- **AREA EMPHASIS: AMERICA**

THANKSGIVING FEAST

Many families have their own Thanksgiving traditions and typical meal plans. Following is a sample menu:

roast turkey
mashed potatoes and gravy
corn
cranberry salad or jello
green salad
sweet potatoes
cornbread dressing (see below)
pumpkin or apple pie

America

CORNBREAD DRESSING

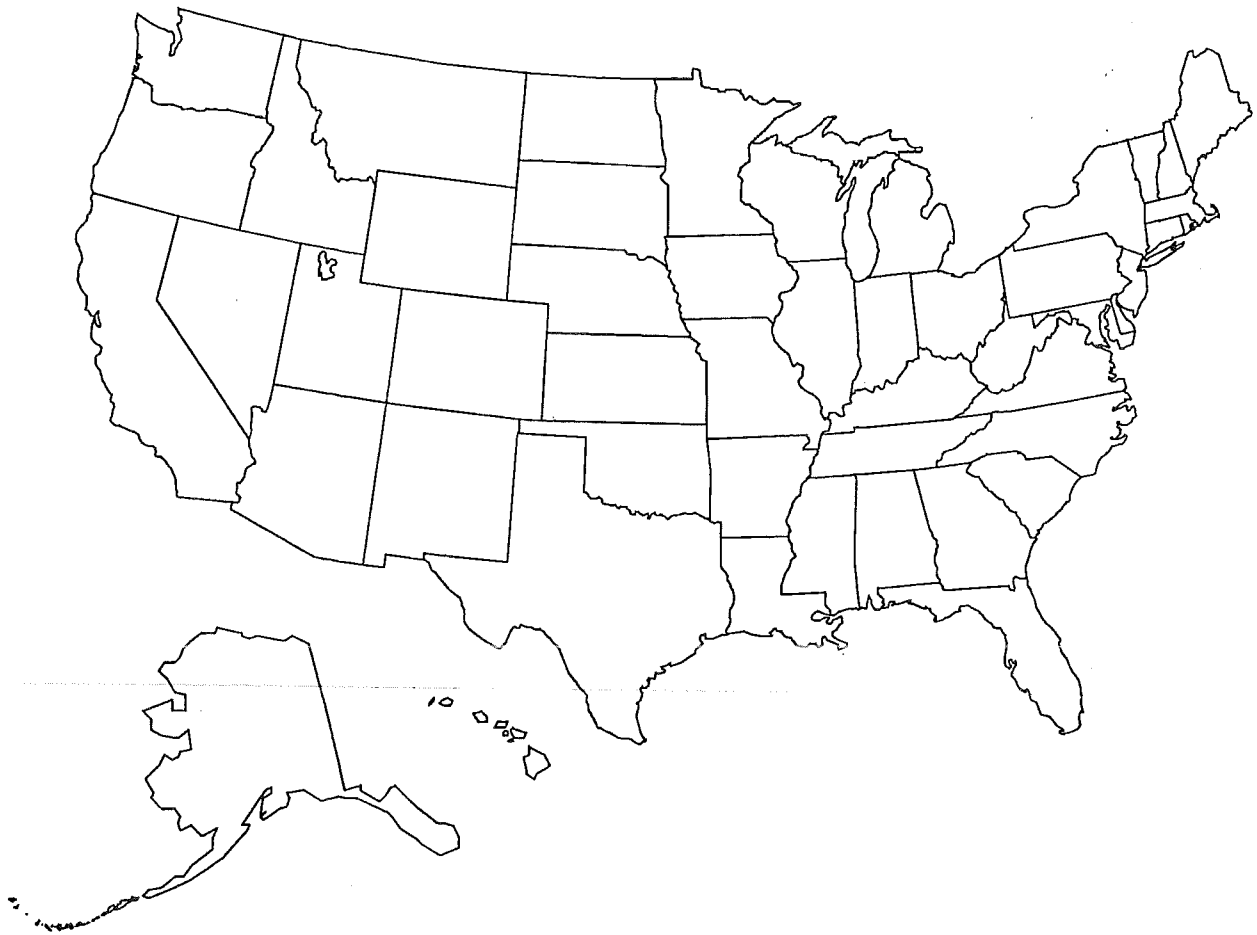
Make a large pan of cornbread the night before Thanksgiving. Crumble in small to medium-sized pieces and allow to dry overnight.

Mix together with the cornbread:

3 red apples, cut in small pieces with the peelings still on
1 large package of sage-flavored sausage cooked and crumbled into pieces
1/2 cup walnuts (shelled and cut up)
1 can olives (cut into slices)
1 box cornbread stuffing mix and seasoning packet
sautéed mushrooms, celery and onions
2 cans cream of mushroom soup
2 eggs

Mix together. Put some in the turkey and then cook the remainder in a covered pan.

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*



United States of America