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
DAY 46
WEEK 10 - MONDAY
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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 Respon-
sibility” and fill with pictures of interna-
tional faces (cut out from the newspaper, National Geo-
graphic-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)
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
Thanks giving 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.
DAY 47
WEEK 10 - TUESDAY
Missions around the Globe

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

RELIGION FOCUS
• PILGRIMS
  Focus on the Pilgrims and the importance of religious freedom.
DAY 48
WEEK 10 - WEDNESDAY
Missions around the Globe

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.
   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.)
DAY 49
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

**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
- sauteed 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