

# Discover America

## Course 2 - Teacher Guide



### **COURSE 2: PILGRIM LIFE AND THANKSGIVING**

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## Key Themes

- Discovery
- Respect
- Tradition

## Core Values

- Faith
- Liberty
- Community
- Life

# Learning Objectives

**Students will be able to:**

- Name an example of a Thanksgiving tradition.
- Explain why we celebrate Thanksgiving.



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## Key Terms

- 01 **Thanksgiving** - a national holiday in November to give thanks for blessings and harvest.
- 02 **tradition** - a pattern of practice that continues on.

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# Introduction

## **ASK** Students

What does your family do on Thanksgiving?

(allow students to respond)

## **TELL** Students

On Thanksgiving, many Americans have different traditions that they follow each year. These traditions often bring families together and encourage people to pause and appreciate what they have. Thanksgiving is a time to focus on being grateful for the things that we have.

## **WATCH**

Learn More with Liberty



Scan Me!

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# Lesson

## Thanksgiving Traditions

### **TELL** Students

Thanksgiving is celebrated every year on the last Thursday in November. When you think of Thanksgiving traditions, things you do every Thanksgiving, what are some things that come to mind? One of the first things you probably think about is the food. A lot of people enjoy foods like turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie piled high with whipped cream on Thanksgiving day. You may also think about what you watch on TV during Thanksgiving gatherings. Some people like to watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City on Thanksgiving morning. Another thing people like to watch on Thanksgiving day is football. Your family might spend Thanksgiving cheering on their favorite football team, either at the field or from the couch. Either way, football is part of some families' Thanksgiving traditions.

Although families across America celebrate Thanksgiving with their own traditions, it is a holiday that is about much more than food and fun. Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for all the many blessings in your life. We have a lot to be thankful for!

### **REFLECTIONS**

How can you show that you are thankful for your family and friends?

Pilgrim Life and  
**Thanksgiving**



# TRACING PRACTICE

Thanksgiving

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