

Thanksgiving Pilgrim Walk

Welcome to the Thanksgiving Pilgrim Walk! This fun family activity will walk you and your children through the story of the Pilgrims coming to the new world and the hardship and joy they faced that brought them to a place of true thanksgiving. This activity was adapted from a post originally found at No Time for Flashcards.

Our family likes to do our Pilgrim Walk the week of Thanksgiving. We often follow it up with our family [Blessing Tree craft](#).

Instructions

1. Print out the Pilgrim Walk pages on card stock or copy paper.
2. Cut each section (includes number, story piece, and discussion questions) into strips.
3. Laminate, if desired.
4. Place each paper around your home where your children will have to hunt to find each numbered section. Here are the places we put ours:

#1 - Mom's & Dad's bedroom

#2 - Inside a taped off section of the living room carpet (to simulate a ship) When it says to get on the Mayflower, all the kids jump onto the nearby couch.

#3 - On the couch

#4 - Laundry room

#5 - Dining room table

#6 - On the couch

#7 - Fireplace mantel

#8 - Back door

#9 - Patio

#10 - Pantry door

#11 - Back door

#12 - Dining Room Table

5. Start the children at #1 and let them go!

If you enjoyed this activity, you will want to pick up our [Family Thanksgiving Worship Guide](#) - full of Scripture and hymns to focus your Thanksgiving!

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The year is 1620.
Join your Puritan church community in search of a
place to live and worship the way you want to.
Set sail for the new world.

Discussion: How would you feel if you had to leave your home forever?

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Oh no!
There were 2 ships heading to the new world but one, the Speedwell, is
leaking! Everyone, grab your things and get on the other one -
the Mayflower!

Discussion: What would you take with you if you were on the Mayflower?

3

I don't feel so well!
The seas were choppy and many people are sick on the ship.

Discussion: Have you ever been sea sick? Do you ever feel sick on long trips?

4

Land!

We have arrived after 66 long days. Wait! We aren't where we are supposed to be, but we will have to make the best of it.

Discussion: Have you ever been lost? How did it make you feel?

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With all these people (just over 100 passengers), we need some rules.
Let's write the Mayflower Compact!

Discussion: Do you have any rules at your house?

6

Winter is here and life is very hard. We are living on the ship, but many people are sick. There is not enough healthy food to eat. Many people are dying. We need healthy food!

*Discussion: Have you ever been really sick? Did you go to the doctor?
Do you think there was a doctor and medicine on the Mayflower?
What kind of healthy food do you the pilgrims needed?*

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It's March, and with the spring we are able to move onto land and off the ship. We have lots of work to do, but this land is new to us. We don't know what to plant or hunt!

Discussion: What do you think they should plant? What might they be able to hunt?

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We meet Squanto (known more accurately as Tisquantum), a Native American who speaks English. He helps us make a deal with local tribes whose land we have settled on, so we can all get along.

Discussion: Do you always get along with everyone? What do you do when you don't?

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We are learning how to farm, fish, and hunt from Squanto. We can grow corn, squash, and beans, and we are hunting deer and turkey.

Discussion: Do you like corn and beans? Have you ever eaten deer? Do you think trying new foods is fun?

10

Our crops have grown and been harvested.
Now we will have food for the next winter!

*Discussion: How do you get the food you eat?
What if the stores were all closed during the winter?*

11

We are thankful for the help from the local Native Americans, we could never have survived without their help.

*Discussion: Have you ever learned something new?
Who helped you learn that something?*

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The year is 1621 and we are celebrating the very first Thanksgiving! It was not an easy journey, but we are very thankful for the Lord's provision!

Discussion: What are you thankful for?