

Instructions for

Thanksgiving Turkey

Take time this Thanksgiving to be intentional @ home about sharing your faith with your child. This is a simple activity you can use to teach the good news of the Gospel. If your child already understands the Gospel message and has already made the decision to become a Christian, do this activity to equip him to better share his faith with others.

Print out the coloring page and guide your child to color the turkey's feathers and learn all about the good news of the Gospel. Sit together. Read the following directions aloud, sharing the message of the Bible as he colors each feather in order from left to right. Take time to read some of the suggested Scriptures aloud, demonstrating that the Bible is the authority on everything you believe. When finished coloring, ask your child if he would like to pray together with you to ask Jesus to save him from his sins.

If so, pray aloud together for the following:

1. Tell Jesus you are sorry for your sins and the bad things you've done.
2. Tell Jesus you believe that He is the Son of God who died on the cross, was buried, and came alive again. Tell Jesus you believe He paid His innocent blood to forgive you of your sins.
3. Ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins so that you can be washed clean. Tell Jesus you trust Him to take you to heaven one day to live with God. Thank Him for saving you and giving you salvation as a free gift!

Encourage your child to hang the completed picture on your refrigerator or display in a prominent place in your house. Invite him to share the Gospel message with friends and family members who come to visit during Thanksgiving. Cut apart the bookmark to use as a reminder of what each one of the turkey's colorful feathers means.

Directions

PURPLE

Color the first feather purple. Kings wear purple robes. God is King over everything! God lives in heaven. God wants everyone to one day live in heaven with Him. Heaven is a free gift God offers to all!

Scriptures to read: John 3:16, Revelations 19:16.

BROWN

Color the next feather brown. Mud is brown. Mud is dirty, like our sinful hearts. Sin is something we think, say, or do that is not good. The Bible says that all of us sin. The problem is that people who sin cannot live in heaven. Sin must be punished and the punishment is to live forever in a dark place away from God. The Bible calls this place hell. The good news is that God has an amazing plan so that we do not have to be punished for our sin!

Scriptures to read: Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, John 3:36.

RED

Color the next feather red. Blood is red. The good news is that Jesus gave His blood to save us from the punishment for our sins. The Bible says that only innocent blood can be paid to forgive our sinful hearts. Jesus came to live on earth. He lived a perfect life and never sinned! In the Bible we learn that Jesus died on the cross and then three days later rose from the dead. Jesus is alive again! Because of what Jesus did, we can ask for forgiveness of our sins.

Scriptures to read: John 5:24, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.

BLUE

Color the next feather blue. Blue is for water that washes us clean. The Bible says that our hearts become clean when we ask Jesus to forgive us for the bad things we've done and to save us from our sins.

Scriptures to read: Psalm 51:7, 1 John 1:9.

YELLOW

Color the next feather yellow. Yellow is for the sun. Jesus is the Son of God. We can trust Jesus to save us and take us one day to live in heaven with God. Would you like to pray and ask Jesus to save you from your sins today?

Scriptures to read: John 6: 47, John 11:25-26, Acts 16:31.

Bookmark

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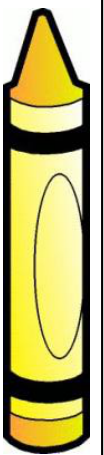
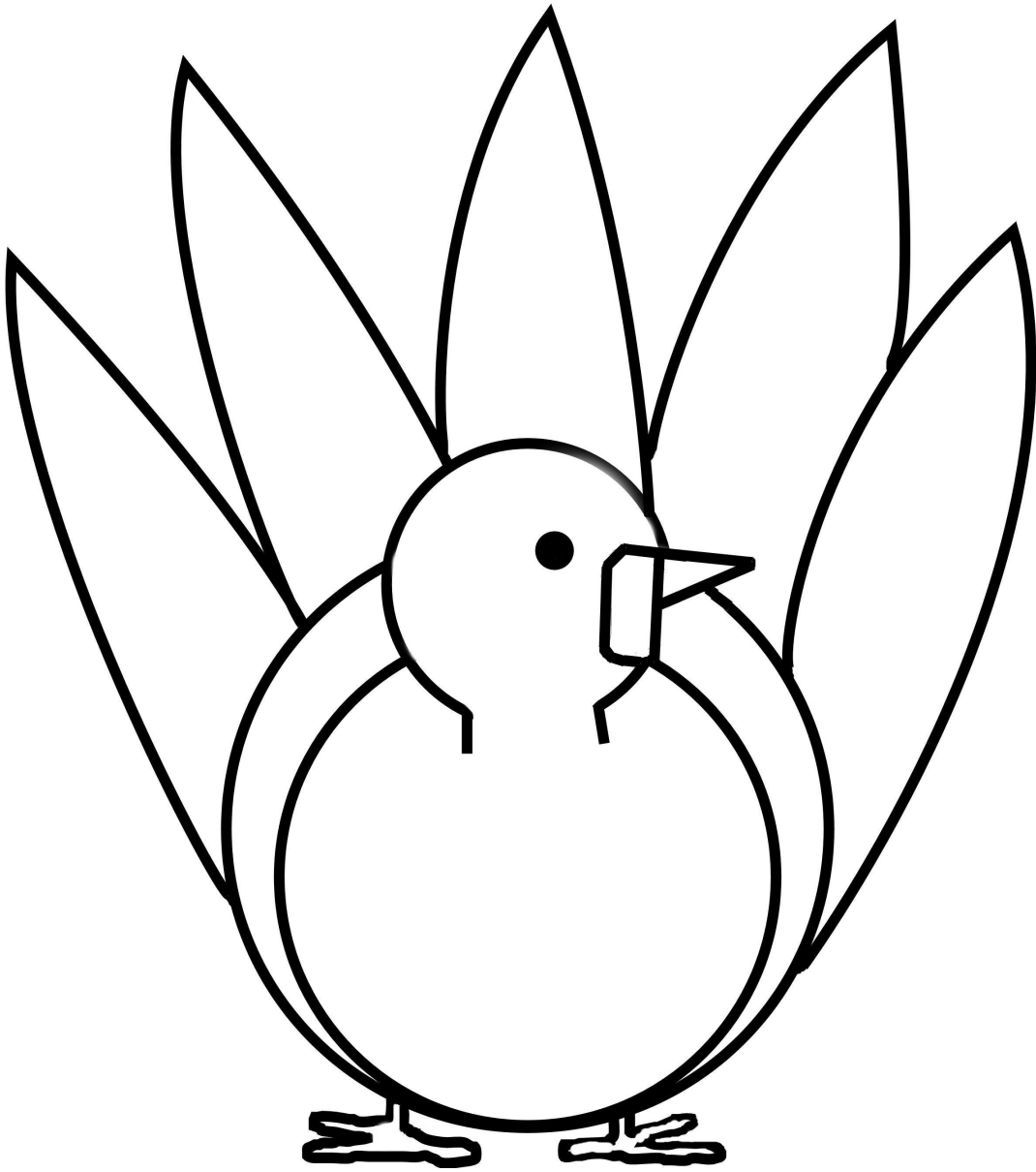
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