

Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

# TURKEYS

## LETTER OF THE DAY

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## BOOKS TO SHARE

*Turkey Trouble*  
by Wendi Silvano

*Duck For Turkey Day*  
by Jacqueline Jules

*Five Silly Turkeys*  
by Salina Yoon

*The Very Stuffed Turkey*  
by Katharine Kenah

*Where's the Turkey?*  
by Caroline Jones

*Gobble, Gobble*  
by Cathryn Falwell

*10 Fat Turkeys*  
by Tony Johnston

*Gobble-Gobble Crash*  
by Julie Stiegemeier

*Run, Turkey, Run!*  
by Diane Mayr

*Turkey*  
[non-fiction]  
by Katie Dicker

*When I Was a Turkey*  
[non-fiction, documentary  
film]  
by Joe Hutton

## FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

**We Eat Turkey [rhyme]**  
[Tune: "Frère Jacques"]

We eat turkey, we eat turkey.  
Yum, yum, yum.  
Yum, yum, yum.  
Always on Thanksgiving.  
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Yum, yum, yum.  
Yum, yum, yum.

**[Verses: mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, etc.]**  
**Include foods that your family traditionally eats for the Thanksgiving meal!**

**Five Little Turkeys [fingerplay]**

Five little turkeys by the barn door,  
One waddled off, then there were four.  
Four little turkeys out under a tree,  
One waddled off, then there were three.  
Three little turkeys with nothing to do.  
One waddled off, then there were two.  
Two little turkeys in the noonday sun,  
One waddled off, then there was one.  
One little turkey – better run away!  
Soon it will be Thanksgiving Day!

## ASL SIGN OF THE DAY "Turkey"



The sign for "turkey" is done by holding a "Q" under, on, or near your chin. Wiggle it a couple times as if it were a turkey's wattle.

## Turkey Is a Funny Bird [action rhyme]

The turkey is a funny bird.

**[Hook thumbs together and spread fingers to create turkey tail.]**

Its head goes wobble, wobble.

**[Wobble head back and forth.]**

And all it knows is just one word,  
"Gobble, gobble, gobble."

### Hello, Mr. Turkey

**[Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It"]**

Hello Mr. Turkey, how are you? **[clap, clap]**

Hello Mr. Turkey, how are you? **[clap, clap]**

With a gobble, gobble, gobble **[hand under chin, wiggle fingers]**

And a wobble, wobble, wobble **[shake body]**

Hello Mr. Turkey, how are you? **[clap, clap]**

### Did You Ever See a Turkey [rhyme]

**Tune: "Did You Ever See a Lassie?"**

Did you ever see a turkey, a turkey, a turkey,  
Did you ever see a turkey, with feathers so bright?

With red ones and orange ones and yellow ones  
and brown ones,

Did you ever see a turkey with feathers so bright?

**[verses: use different colors and descriptive words like 'striped,' 'spotted,' 'sparkly,' etc. to describe this imaginary turkey!]**

**"Turkey Hokey Pokey" by The Kiboomers (2015)**

## MORE FUN!

**Note: It can be tempting, when making a craft or working on an art project to do the craft yourself instead of allowing your child to try, struggle, (and sometimes fail) to make the craft 'correctly.'**

**However, it is the PROCESS, not the PRODUCT that is most important part of making something with a child. Have fun and don't worry about perfection!**

### I'm Thankful For . . . Turkey Craft

Supplies:

Toilet paper/paper towel rolls

Construction paper in a variety of colors

Pencils/crayons/colored pencils

Cut out five-six feather shapes from construction paper.

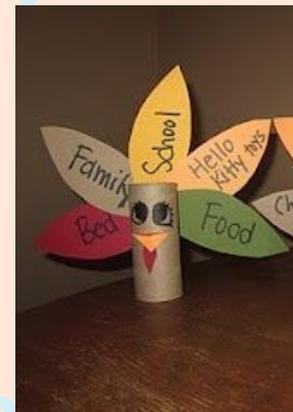
Talk with your child about what you and they are most grateful for -- explain that this means the people, things, places, and experiences that make you and them the happiest.

Help your child to write each of these on a separate feather.

Glue the feathers to the back of the roll and draw a turkey face on the front of the roll.

What traditional foods does your family prepare and eat for special holidays? Where do these traditions come from?

What do you and your family know about the myths and truths surrounding Thanksgiving and Native American/First Nations peoples? To learn more, the *American Indians in Children's Literature* blog, run by Dr. Debbie Reese, is a great resource.



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