

Thanks!

OK, we know some of you live in the U.S. and will celebrate Thanksgiving on November 25.

We know others live in Canada and already celebrated Thanksgiving in October.

Or maybe you live in a country that celebrates Thanksgiving in a different month, or maybe you don't celebrate Thanksgiving at all.

But guess what? No matter what the date, every day should be Thanksgiving Day.

Ephesians 5:20 says we are to give thanks ALWAYS for ALL things.

Do you find it **easy** to be thankful for ...

- the cool new game you got for your birthday?
- the new Wii® game you've been wanting forever (or at least for two weeks)?
- a pizza covered with tomatoes, cheese (lots of cheese) and sausage?
- a good grade on a hard test?
- warm, snuggly covers on a cold night?
- your excited puppy?

Do you find it **hard** to be thankful for ...

- your little brother who just dumped his lemonade on your bed?
- your mom's spinach soufflé?
- the five pages of homework your teacher gave you?
- having to clean your room before you play soccer?
- that your team lost the game?

OK, that second list is a little less thanks-producing, isn't it?

No, you aren't happy about the lemonade on the bed, but you can still be thankful for your brother. After all, spilling the lemonade was an accident, and you've spilled a few things yourself, right?

Maybe you like your mom's spinach soufflé. But even if you don't, you can be thankful for food and not make comments like "Yuck! That's gross!" Your mom put a lot of time into making it for you. Don't be hurtful with your comments.

Seriously. School is your job right now and you need to do the best you possibly can. (That's what God tells us in His Word. Do your best in all that you do.) Decide you'll do your best at learning.

Be thankful you have a room to clean. Your parents work to provide for you. You're part of the family – which means you're part of the clean-up crew.

Just think – you might be sad about losing the game, but there are a lot of other kids who are happy because they won. Be thankful for the lessons you learned. Think through the mistakes you made. How can you do better next time?

Thankfulness can be difficult, but thankfulness can make us content when we realize how many good gifts the Lord has given us.

So eat some turkey on the 25th, but remember to be thankful all year.

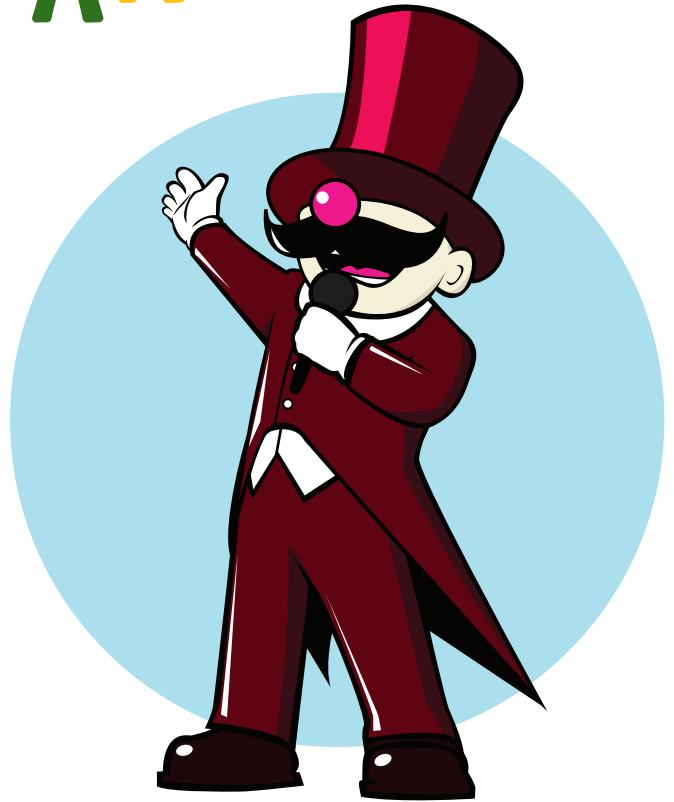


MONOPOLY MANIA

Monopoly® was first introduced in November, 1935.

Here are some fun facts about the game.

- More than 5,120,000,000 green houses have been made since the beginning.
- The Monopoly man is named Mr. Monopoly.
- Mega games have broken world records: people have played Monopoly in a tree house (286 hours); underground (100 hours) and upside down (66 hours). But the longest game ever was 1,680 hours long – 70 DAYS!
- During World War II, compasses and escape maps were smuggled into POW camps in Germany inside Monopoly games. Real money was also mixed with the Monopoly money.
- 250 million Monopoly games have been sold and the game has been licensed in 81 countries. Toys R Us® in Bangkok introduced the Thai edition in 2005.
- Alfred Dunhill made a set with gold houses and silver hotels. Someone bought it for \$25,000.

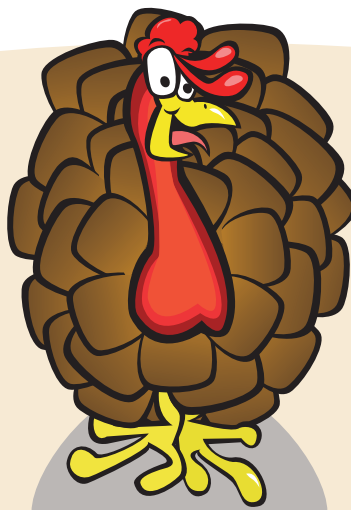


Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building?

Yes – a building can't jump.

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

Pilgrims.



What did the farmer say to the green pumpkin?

Why orange you orange?



What do you get when you cross a turkey with a centipede?

Drumsticks for everyone.

Ha! Ha! Ha!

Cross out all the letters that have an ODD number beneath. The remaining letters (above the EVEN numbers) spell out a message!

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T I H A B N K S D F O C R R T H A I S K I B S T
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P O T H X E V W I W L Q L O F N G N O D M I N D
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C O H R L I S P T O J E T S B U S L E
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I C O W N E C E T R O N I G N G U Y V O U .
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