



The Teacher's Aid



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Ages 6-12



Fall REVIEW GAME PUMPKIN HIDDEN SURPRISE

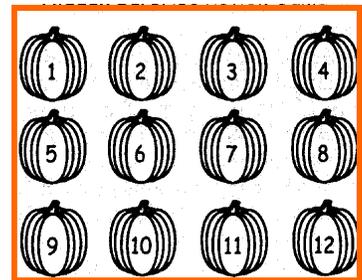


Begin the fall season making your class fun and interesting with this non-competitive review game!

Preparation:

Print title across top of a 22x28-inch poster board with broad tip marker. Cut out or purchase 12 orange pumpkins (See pattern page) from construction paper sized to fit poster board. Arrange the pictures on the poster board (see illustration). Using the non-permanent adhesive stick, put a thin line of adhesive across the top back of each pumpkin and attach to board. Clearly write a number on face of each pumpkin with a broad-tip marker. *Option:* Pictures can be arranged randomly on board. A pocket chart can also be used by placing pumpkins, questions and directions cards into the slots side by side.

Pumpkin Hidden Surprise



Prepare review questions. Write one question on the back of each pumpkin.

Option: Type questions on paper, cut to fit pumpkin and glue on back of each pumpkin. Using a fine marker or pen, write each of the following directions on separate Post-it notes to fit under each pumpkin. Then attach each note UNDER the matching pumpkin number. Directions can be modified to suit individual class situations.

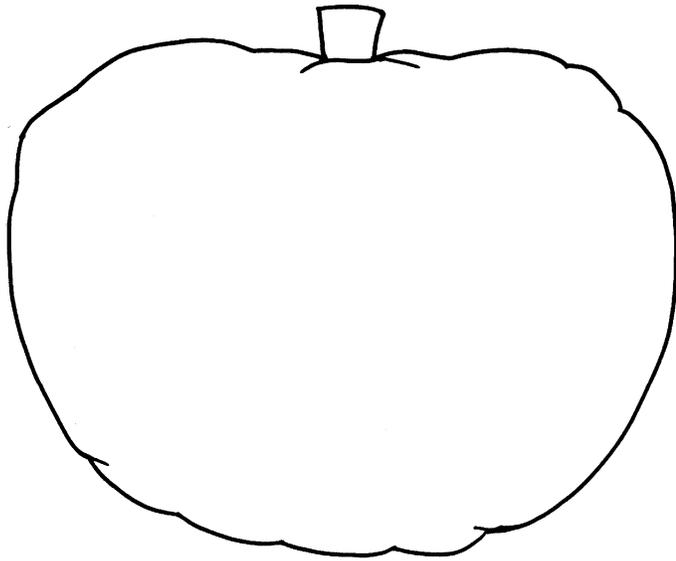
1. Give one candy to someone you don't know. Keep one for yourself. Introduce yourself.
2. Give one candy to anyone you choose. Keep one for yourself.
3. Give one candy to all who have a birthday in the same month as yours. Keep one for yourself.
4. Give one candy to all those who are in your grade at school. Keep one for yourself.
5. Give one candy to all those who have the same color eyes as you do. Keep one for yourself.
6. Give one candy to all those who have a pet cat. Keep one for yourself.
7. Give one candy to all those who have a pet dog. Keep one for yourself.
8. Give one candy to each boy in class. Keep one for yourself.
9. Give one candy to each girl in class. Keep one for yourself.
10. Give one candy to the adults in class. Keep one for yourself.
11. Give one candy to the youngest boy or girl in class. Keep one for yourself.
12. Give one candy to the oldest boy or girl in class. Keep one for yourself.

Procedure:

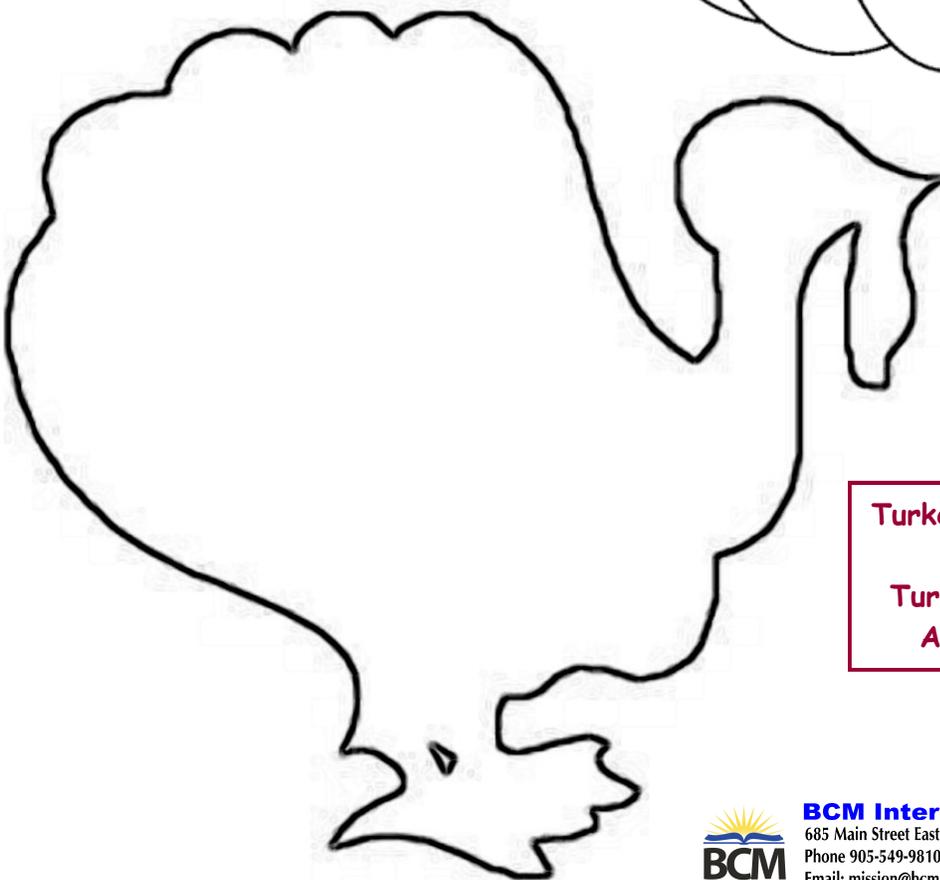
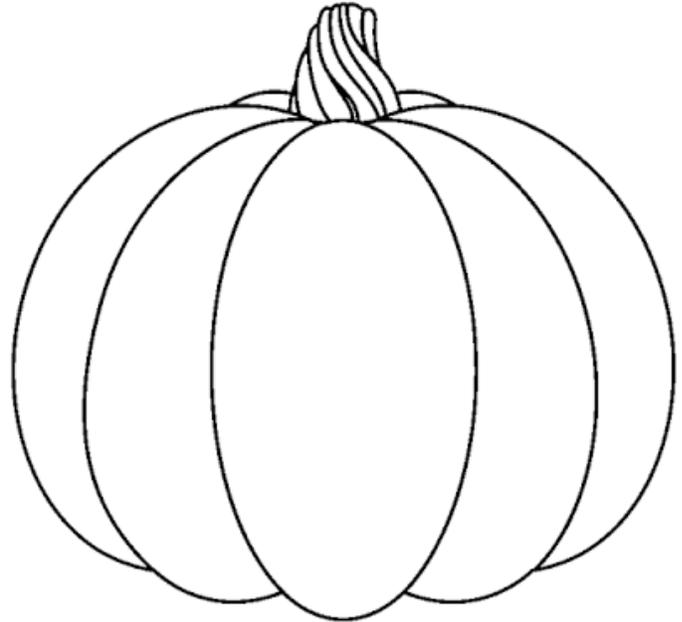
Display poster on wall, bulletin board or floor. Place a bowl of wrapped candies on table accessible to class. Allow one child at a time to carefully remove a pumpkin from poster and read the question on the back. If the question is answered correctly, the child reads the note under the question and does what it says. Remove pumpkin when completed. Play till all have had a turn and have some candy. Direct children not to eat their candy until the game is finished. *Option:* Draw children's names from a basket to determine order for turns.



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**Pumpkin Hidden Surprise
Game pumpkin pattern.**
(Other patterns can be found on
internet—Google Images.)



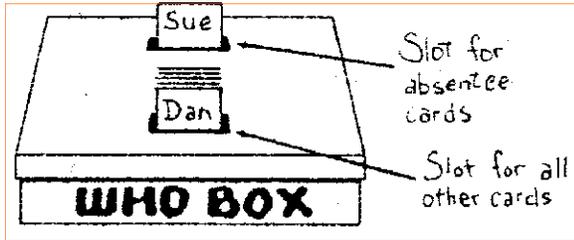
**Turkey Pattern
For
Turkey Hunt
Activity!**



WHO ?? BOX



Need a simple method for choosing and keeping track of helpers in class? This one always works!!



Supplies:

- * 1 box with lid—your choice on size
- * 3x5 or cardstock cards (sized to fit box)—1 per child
- * Black or blue broad felt tip marker

Preparation:

Measure/cut cards long enough to reach bottom of box with enough space above lid to see the names (see picture). Write each child's name clearly on a separate card with broad tip marker. Stack cards together with names facing out. Make a deep enough opening in lid of box (as shown) for entire stack to fit. Make a second slit behind the first. Each slit should allow for cards to be easily drawn out. Box can be decorated and the title put on front, as shown. The front slot is for all the class members. The back slot is to hold cards of absentees each week.

Procedure:

When a helper is needed, draw a card from the front of the first slot. Allow that child to help and immediately place that card at the back of the first pile. If a child is absent when his card comes up, place his card in the back absentee slot. This will remind you to use him when he returns to class. Keep rotating cards in this way to be fair to all children. At the end of class, leave the box in place in order to begin at same place next time. Have some blank cards for visitors' names.



THANKSGIVING IDEA! Go on a "Turkey Hunt"!



Try this idea to have fun while searching the Word to discover what it says about "giving thanks".

Supplies:

- * light brown/colored construction paper or cardstock
- * turkey pattern (see pattern page)
- * papers numbered 1-12 (1 per child)

Preparation:

Trace and cut out 12 turkeys from construction paper or cardstock. Clearly print a question, Bible reference and question # on each turkey. Place turkeys around the room—doors, walls, chairs, bulletin boards, etc. *Option:* Questions can be written on computer, printed and glued onto turkeys.

Procedure:

Use as a pre-session activity or during the program. Give each child a pencil, numbered paper and Bible. Instruct children to put their name on paper and begin to look for the turkeys. When one is found, Bibles can be used to look up answers and write them on the paper next to the question. When time is up or everyone is finished, gather children together and have them take turns giving their answers from their turkey. Use question 12 to have a time of giving thanks to God together.



TURKEY HUNT QUESTIONS

1. How many lepers returned to thank Jesus for healing them? _____ Luke 17:15,16
2. At the _____ Feast, Jesus took the cup and gave thanks. Matthew 26:19,27
3. At _____ (person's name) grave, Jesus lifted up His eyes and gave thanks. John 11:14,41
4. What did Jesus do after He took the loaves of bread at the feeding of the 5000? _____ John 6:11
5. Who prayed and gave thanks to God for revealing a king's dream? _____ Daniel 2:19,20,23
6. Who thanked God and took courage after a long voyage? _____ Acts 28:15
7. We are told to enter the Lord's gates with _____. Psalm 100:4
8. We are to give thanks always for _____. Ephesians 5:20
9. We are to give thanks to God for His unspeakable and indescribable _____. 2 Corinthians 9:15
10. How many times a day did Daniel pray and give thanks to God? _____ Daniel 6:10
11. It is the will of God that we give thanks in _____. 1 Thessalonians 5:18
12. List two things for which you are thankful.
A) _____
B) _____