

Joyful Heart Learning in November
2 Year Olds

	Theme: Thanksgiving Bible Memory: Psalm 136:1a Give thanks to the LORD , for he is good.	W3, D1	Theme Story: Thanksgiving is for Giving Thanks by Margaret Sutherland Theme Related Activity: Brainstorm different things, people, etc. that they are thankful for.	Math: Visit a Farmer’s Market and look for fruits and vegetables of certain colors, sizes, or shapes (scavenger hunt). Art: On a corn outline, use a Q tip to dab with different paint colors; glue on brown husks	Songs/Movement: ‘We Are Thankful’	• Place several corn cobs in several different colors of paint. Place a sheet of paper in a shirt sized gift box. Place one corn cob on top. Let your child tilt the box side to side to make corncob prints!
		W3, D2	Theme Story: <u>Thank You God</u> By Kathleen Bostrom Theme Related Activity: Have a tasting party of fruits and vegetables typically harvested in fall! (<i>pumpkin, squash, potatoes, etc.</i>)	Math: Set out 3 pictures of fruits and/or vegetables at a time. Have the child state which two are alike or the same and which one is different. Do multiple times with other fruit/vegetable pictures. The differences could be in size, color, or be a completely different type of fruit or vegetable. Art: Thanksgiving placemat – Make prints with leaves, veggies, and fruits on a circle cutout (plate). Add spoon, fork, knife, and napkin cut out. Laminate.	Songs/Movement: ‘Thanksgiving Day Thanks’	
		W4, D1	Theme Story: <u>A Turkey For Thanksgiving</u> by Eve Bunting Theme Related Activity: Show a picture of a real turkey or view one on the internet. Point out its claw feet, feathers, and waddle. Discuss where turkey live, what sound they make, etc.	Math: Prepare a large turkey body cutout and cards that have various numbers of feathers on them (<i>maybe 1-5</i>). Have the child pick a card, count the feathers, and then place that many craft feathers on the turkey body cutout. Art: Make a turkey! Trace the child’s foot. Have him or her glue tan and brown tissue paper all over it. Have the child add handprints to a sheet of paper. Glue the foot (body) on top of the handprints (feathers). Let them add facial features and two legs.	Songs/Movement: ‘Turkey Strut’ ‘The Turkey’	
		W4, D2	Theme Story: <u>Grow a Pumpkin Pie</u> by Jane Gerver Theme Related Activity: Make and eat individual pumpkin pies!	Math: Sort pumpkins (clipart) by size or shape. Create AB patterns with the pumpkins such as circle pumpkin, oval pumpkin, circle pumpkin, oval pumpkin, etc.) Art: Marble art in a pie tin (use paint scented with pumpkin pie spices)	Songs/Movement: ‘Pumpkin Pie’ Review ‘Jack o’ Happy’	
Additional Theme Related Stories: <u>Squirrel Says Thank You</u> by Mary Manz Simon, <u>The Night Before Thanksgiving</u> by Natasha Wing, , <u>Thank You, God</u> by P.K. Hallinan, <u>I’m Thankful Each Day</u> by P.K. Hallinan, <u>Lots of Thanks!</u> : A Little Book About Being Thankful by Thierry Courtin, <u>Tiny Tilda’s Pumpkin Pie</u> by Susan Kantor						