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Readings from Elisabeth Elliot

- We who have given ourselves to Him have given up our 'right' to call the shots. It wasn't much of a right in the first place, since we are incapable of effecting very many changes to our life situation. We have also given up our right to squawk about difficulties. Paul realized early on that his 'thorn in the flesh' was not going to go away even if he asked nicely. He didn't object to the idea that God, in order to keep him humble, would allow the devil himself to send an affliction.
- Our heavenly Father knows to place us where we may learn lessons impossible anywhere else. He has neither misplaced nor displaced us. He assigns and designs according to His inscrutable wisdom--always for our blessing and conformity to the image of Christ.

- From Christiana Rosetti, quoted in *Secure in the Everlasting Arms* by EE: O Lord, whose way is perfect, help us, I pray Thee, always to trust in Thy goodness: that walking with Thee and following Thee in all simplicity, we may possess quiet and contented minds; and may cast all our care on Thee, for Thou carest for us. Amen.
- The real question we need to face is exactly what a Christian is supposed to do when terrible things happen. There are two choices, and only two: We can trust God or we can defy Him. We believe that God is God, He's still got the whole world in His hands and knows exactly what He's doing, or we must believe that He is not God and we are at the awful mercy of mere chance.

Grace and peace,

Gail M. Biby



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The VIEW from my WINDOW

Theresa Deckert, NDHSA Office Administrator



Change, this is something I have been contemplating this past month as I go about my tasks in the NDHSA office. Sometimes it is good, sometimes bad. It can cause stress and anxiety or be anticipated with joy. Sometimes it is painful and other times welcome, but whatever emotion it evokes, it is inevitable.

Under the area of painful change is the upgrading of the NDHSA computer and software. I admit I have been dragging my feet on this for years, mostly because "this old dog does not like to learn new tricks!" Our new board president and his wife, Thor and Amber Sand, graciously ordered and set up this new device in the NDHSA office. We are still working out some glitches in transferring records, but hope to have the new software completely operational by January 1, 2021. Thinking of this still causes my stomach to churn. Please pray that we (I) get everything figured out.

My other major task has been sorting all of the past NDHSA photos and labeling them. I feel like I have made really good progress, but would love all of you "old timers" to stop at the NDHSA booth during convention and see if you can help in any more identifying. I have worked really hard at archiving in my time as NDHSA office administrator and hope that preserving this history will be valuable. As I looked over all of these pictures and remembered all of the occasions, I couldn't help but rejoice at how God has grown this movement!

As we look at a changing country and world we can be tempted to despair, but we can be confident that our great God is unchanging. He is not surprised at what is unfolding in the world or even our own homes. He is a constant that we can rely on! Now that is something to be thankful for!

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BOARD Column

A Thanksgiving Unit Study

By Mrs. Llorra Knight, NDHSA board of directors

It's November – Thanksgiving will arrive in a few weeks. I have put together a **Thanksgiving Unit Study** to help you incorporate the holiday into your lessons for the month. I have a word limit in this article so I cannot write the lessons for you, although I have written some math problems. These are just some ideas. A note here: check out the website teacherspayteachers.com They have an abundance of lessons and articles (I got some of these ideas from them) on Thanksgiving.

BIBLE

1. Scripture studies: Giving of thanks is a(n)

- command – Eph. 5:20;
- sacrifice – Amos 4:5;
- avenue of bringing glory to God
- part of praise and worship – Neh. 11:17, 12:8;
- part of prayer – Phil.4:6

2. Activity – Print the word **THANKFUL** on a piece of lined paper, one capital letter per line. Then instruct the children to write things they are thankful for which start with those letters, e.g. beside K they might write kittens, kites, Kentucky Fried Chicken.

MATH

For this subject, just add the following word problems to their regular math lesson. I'm sure you can come up with more.

1. **Elementary**

- If there were 102 passengers on board the Mayflower and a 20-man crew, how many people sailed on the Mayflower?
- If half of the pilgrims died the first winter and 91 Wampanoag natives came to the first Thanksgiving feast, how many people in all were at the first Thanksgiving feast?
- If the first Thanksgiving was held in November of 1621, how many years has it been since the first Thanksgiving?

2. **Intermediate**

- If the Mayflower left Plymouth harbor in England on September 6, 1620 and arrived in the New World on November 11, 1620, how long did they sail to get to the New World?
- Your mom is preparing the following sweet potato casserole for Thanksgiving supper. If she wants to double the recipe how much of each ingredient would she use? What if she wanted to halve the recipe? *Hint – 1/3 c. is 5 tablespoons + 1 teaspoon and 1 c. equals 16 tablespoons*

Filling:

3 c. sweet potatoes; 2 eggs; $\frac{3}{4}$ c. sugar;

1 tsp. vanilla; $\frac{1}{2}$ c. butter; $\frac{1}{3}$ c. milk

Topping:

1 c. brown sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. flour, 1 c. nuts

- If the Thanksgiving turkey weighs 20.5 pounds and the cookbook says to cook it for one hour at 350 degrees, then reduce the temperature to 325 degrees and continue cooking 10 minutes per pound, how long will the turkey take to cook?

3. **Secondary**

- Plymouth, England lies at 4.1427°W and Plymouth, Massachusetts

lies at 70.6673°W and there are 54.6 miles per degree of longitude, how many miles is it from Plymouth, England to Plymouth, Massachusetts? How many miles per day did the Mayflower average? (See Intermediate question a. to determine the duration of the trip.)

b. The Mayflower consisted of three levels, each level 10% larger than the next lower one; the lowest level was 90' x 25'; one-half of the lowest level was used for food storage and one-half for supplies the Pilgrims would need in the New World; one-fourth of the second floor was used for storing sailing gear and equipment; two-thirds of the third floor consisted of enclosed space for the captain and crew with the remaining space open deck. 1.) How much usable floor space did the Pilgrims have in which to live? 2.) How much open deck did the Mayflower contain? 3.) What percentage of the ship's floor space was used for storage of one sort or another?

c. Mrs. Hall wants to serve Thanksgiving dinner when the football game is over. The game starts at 1:00 and will last for approximately three hours. At what time will she need to start each of the following dishes to ensure she has everything done at the desired time? *Turkey* – preparation 20 minutes, cooking time 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours, must rest for 20 minutes before slicing and 15 minutes to slice; *Sweet Potato Casserole* – $\frac{1}{2}$ hour preparation time and 45 minutes to bake; *Mashed potatoes* – 15 minutes to peel, 25 minutes to boil, 10 minutes to mash; *Corn* – 15 minutes preparation and 3 hours in the croc-pot; *stove top stuffing* – 15 minutes preparation and 5 minutes to rest before serving; *cranberry sauce* – preparation 5 minutes, 25 minutes to boil, must refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving.

ENGLISH

1. Write a journal entry as if you were:

- Elementary** – one of the Pilgrims. Ideas – a day at sea, the first day on land in the New World, working during that first year, preparing for the first Thanksgiving feast, the feast day with all the Native Americans in attendance.
- Intermediate** – one of the men with Capt. Miles Standish looking for a location for the settlement. Remember it must have fresh water, a good harbor, and protection.
- Secondary** – a separatist on the committee to write the Mayflower Compact. Include discussion on freedom of religion and limiting the power of the governing body.

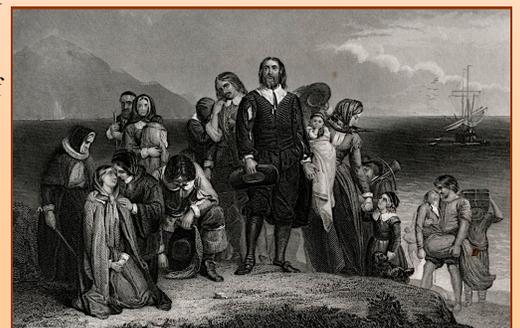
2. Word puzzles – Thanksgiving word search, Thanksgiving crossword puzzle, or how many words can you make using only the letters in “Thanksgiving”

3. Writing prompt – “I am thankful for ...”

LITERATURE

1. **Elementary** – look for any book on the First Thanksgiving there are a plethora of them out there.

2. **Intermediate/Secondary** – *Of Plymouth Plantation* by William Bradford.



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Here is a perk to our NDHSA members. There is a **FREE homeschool planner** on the member portion of our website. You can download as many as you want.

Memberships, donations and convention income is what keeps the NDHSA operational. If God so leads you, a year-end gift will be greatly appreciated and carefully used on behalf of ND parent educators.

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SOCIAL STUDIES

- History –
 - Elementary** – Highlight the Pilgrims' life in the New World (hard winter, meeting Samoset and Squanto, first Thanksgiving);
 - Intermediate** – Create a timeline of events from the crowning of King James I to the first Thanksgiving;
 - Secondary** – Follow the separatists from England to Holland to England to the New World. Why did they leave in each case?
- Geography –
 - Elementary** – label and/or draw a map showing the crossing of the Atlantic (Plymouth, England; Plymouth, Massachusetts; Cape Cod, Atlantic Ocean);
 - Intermediate/Secondary** – Study New England geography. Draw a map to include ocean, rivers, Cape Cod, Plymouth, forests, coastal plain, etc.
- Government – *The Mayflower Compact*
 - Elementary** – Read and explain this important document to them;
 - Intermediate** – Read and write one paragraph on its necessity (no established form of government without it);
 - Secondary** – Read and write one page on why it was necessary, what it established, and what precedent it set (necessary because there was no established form of government in that area, established first written agreement of self-government; set a precedent of creating a written guiding document whenever people established a new government).

SCIENCE

- Study the growing/life cycle of any of the following: cod, deer, turkey, cranberries, corn.
- Study sailing in the 17th century – types of ships, ocean currents, available maps, star navigation, etc.
- Plan Thanksgiving Dinner – Gather recipes (enlarge or reduce if necessary), create a master shopping list, shop and keep a record of costs, determine how long each dish requires for preparation and determine when each will need to be started for everything to finish at

the desired time, and plan table settings and decorations.

4. Physics problem – The Mayflower weighed 180 tons. If we represent it's volume with a triangular rectangular prism that has a length of 90', a base of 25' and a depth of 32', calculate it's displacement rounded to the nearest foot (how many feet of the ship are under the waterline) given that 1 gallon of water weighs 8.34 pounds and has a volume of 231 cubic inches.

ART

I put "DIY Thanksgiving crafts" in a search engine and found such a plethora of crafts I couldn't decide. They ranged from the simplest of tracing around the outstretched hand (thumb is turkey head, palm is body and fingers are feathers) increasing in difficulty and cost all the way to stained glass windows or acrylic painting instructions.

MUSIC

- Study classical music from the 1600s – Baroque, including Bach, Vivaldi, and Handel.
- Find songs about being Thankful.

In closing, this has been a difficult year for all us. When approaching Thanksgiving this year, be sure to include the difficult things that have happened. God tells us "In everything give thanks." (Emphasis mine.) I trust you can use some of these ideas to focus your homeschool on Thanksgiving this month. God bless and give thanks!

Answers to the specific problems:

Math – 1. a. 142 people; b. 142 people; 399 years ago

2. a. 66 days, b. Double – 6 c. sweet potatoes, 2 tsp. vanilla, 4 eggs, 1 ½ c. sugar, 1 c. butter, 2/3 c. milk, 2 c. brown sugar, 1 c. butter, 1 c. flour, 2 c. nuts; Halve – 1 ½ c. sweet potatoes, ½ tsp. vanilla, 1 egg, ¼ c. butter, 6 table-spoons sugar, 2 ¾ tablespoon milk, ½ c. brown sugar, ¼ c. (4 tablespoons) butter, ¼ c. flour, ½ c. nuts; c. 4 hours and 25 minutes

3. a. 3,632.24 miles, 55 miles per day; b. 1st floor - 2,250 sq feet, 2nd floor – 2,475 sq feet, 3rd floor – 2,722.5 sq feet; 1.) 1,856.25 sq. ft; 2.) 612.5625 sq. ft; 3.) 38.5%; c. Turkey – 10:35, sweet potato casserole – 2:45, mashed potatoes – 3:10, corn – 12:45, stuffing – 3:40, cranberry sauce – 1:30

Science physics problem – 5 feet

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Bismarck Event Center

Keynote Speaker: Jared Dodd



- Inspiring speakers
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- Curriculum vendors
- ...and much more!

Come, ye thankful people, come!

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple come,
Raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:

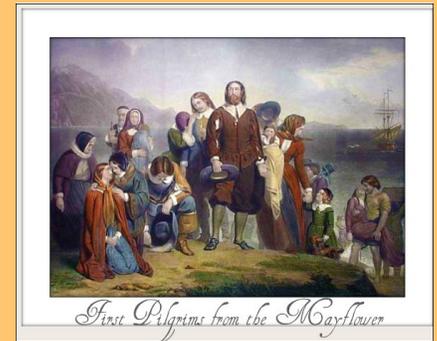
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest-home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,

Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, forever purified,
In Thy presence to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home.

Henry Alford (1810-1871)



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To provide a comprehensive home education information system to support, train and protect every willing North Dakota individual, family and church in the methods of privately funded, parent-directed home education.

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2. Providing to home educators and the general public information pertaining to the Biblical, academic and legal aspects of home education;
3. Entering into activities, in filling out contracts necessary, incidental or beneficial to the accomplishment of the nonprofit purposes of this corporation.

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- 2019 Dr. Brian Ray, the Sack-Headed Anonymous HSer
- 2020 Leroy and Ann Nelson, Greg Lange, esq.



PRAYER

- **Beg God** for mercy for America!
- **PRAY** for those with challenges in living. Help if you can.
- **ASK GOD** to strengthen those who are weary; ask Him to renew the homeschooling mom's courage and perseverance. Pray for those who are thrust into the role of homeschooling. Pray for peace in the journey.
- **REMEMBER** the lost. If one dies apart from Christ, one is eternally lost...think about it. Speak to them.
- **INTERCEDE** for your spouse, your pastor and family. Pray we will be faithful, obedient, and willing to throw away all excuses that keep us from denying self, taking up our crosses, and following Jesus.
- **PRAY** for all who are confined in nursing homes and not allowed visits. Pray for the safety and comfort of those confined to LTC facilities.
- **ASK GOD** to give strength to Doug Berntson and daughters Angela and Charissa, after the death of Ruth. Long-time homeschoolers and convention vendors. Doug now resides at Villa Maria in Fargo.
- **PRAY REGULARLY** for the NDHSA board of directors as they continue to provide vision and wisdom.
- **PRAISE GOD** for Home School Legal Defense Association; for Daniel Beasley, HSLDA rep for ND; for their continued careful monitoring of federal legislation; for their continued work for homeschoolers.
- **REMEMBER** the suffering Church around the world. They are giving their lives for the sake of the Gospel. Nigeria, Egypt, Kenya, Cameroon, Sri Lanka. Pray for those in Beirut. Ask God to end the polio outbreaks in Africa due to the vaccine.

Give THANKS with a grateful heart!