

Thanks is for Giving

A "12 DAYS OF THANKSGIVING" COUNTDOWN!

Count down to Thanksgiving with this fun and meaningful activity for the whole family!

INSTRUCTIONS:

Print or purchase a "Thanksgiving" Banner. Just make sure it has the 12 letters of Thanksgiving. (I have free printable banners available at SimplyJAD.com).

Print and cut out the 'card pockets' (pg 2). Tape them to the back of each pennant, following the directions on the page.

Print and cut out the 'Daily Task Cards'. Fold them in half (vertically) to fit into the pockets on the back of the pennants. Place each one in its proper order.

Hang the banner and you're ready for some great family fun!

Since Thanksgiving is always on a Thursday, the countdown will always start on the 2nd Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. Use it year after year for a memorable family tradition!

NOTES:

Page 5 is an overview of the whole week. (I like to print it and have it available to look at so I know what is coming up each day.)

Pages 6-7 are optional gift tags to use in accordance with some of the tasks (such as on Day 1 and Day 6). Pages 11 & 12 are the B&W version of the tags. I like to print B&W versions to save on expensive color ink, and instead I just print them on color paper to keep them fun and festive.)

There are also blank Daily Task Cards so that you can create your own gratitude challenges for any or all of the days! Mix it up to find what's best for you and your family. (And there's also a blank Overview calendar so you can fill it in to match what your family is doing.)

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!

♥ Debbie



Card Pockets:

Print and cut out the individual pockets (cutting on all the solid lines). Tape them onto the back of each letter on the banner, taping on three sides and leaving the top of each 'pocket' untaped in order to slip the daily task card into the pocket.

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Daily Task Cards

Print and cut out the cards. Fold and place them in the pockets on the back of each letter on the banner.

DAY 1 (SUNDAY)

I'm thankful for friends!

Take a plate of gratitude cookies (or some other treat) to a friend.

DAY 2 (MONDAY)

I'm thankful for hard work.

Thank an employer, or do a secret chore.

P.S. Smile each time your mom or dad asks you to help with something.

DAY 3 (TUESDAY)

I'm thankful for my country.

Write a letter of thanks to a Veteran or to the President. (Don't forget to mail them! ;)

DAY 4 (WEDNESDAY)

I'm thankful for clothes to wear.

Donate some gently used clothes to Goodwill, or to a family in need.

DAY 5 (THURSDAY)

I'm thankful for food to eat.

Donate canned food items to a food drive. Or, buy some food for a Thanksgiving meal and secretly give it to a family in need. P.S. Don't complain about anything you have to eat for the rest of the week!

DAY 6 (FRIDAY)

I'm thankful for learning.

Thank a teacher or principle. (Maybe even take them a treat!)

DAY 7 (SATURDAY)

I'm thankful for a home to live in.

Do something extra to help take care of your home and make it beautiful!

DAY 8 (SUNDAY)

I'm thankful for Jesus Christ.

Share His love by smiling at everyone today and using the kindest words. Is there someone that could use extra love? Take them a treat and spend some time with them.

DAY 9 (MONDAY)

I'm thankful for my health.

Donate some money to a charity that helps to care for the sick. Pay special attention to what you do and eat today. Is it taking care of your body?

DAY 10 (TUESDAY)

I'm thankful for warmth and shelter.

Donate a winter coat and/or blankets to a homeless shelter. Or snuggle up by the fireplace and read a story of gratitude.

DAY 11 (WEDNESDAY)

I'm thankful for toys to play with.

Collect some of your used toys to donate to Goodwill, or donate a new toy to a toy drive.

DAY 12 (THURSDAY)

I'm thankful for family.

Give a hug to each member of your family when they least expect it and tell them how grateful you are for them.

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