Celebrating Thanksgiving

It is important as a Christian to show gratitude to God. A part of having a relationship with God is expressing thanks to Him. We should express thanks to God because He is our Creator. He protects us, He provides for us, and He gives us health and strength.

Over 300 years ago citizens of **England** were instructed to attend the Church of England.

Some Christians did not like this rule and decided to leave England to live in a New World. The new world was **America.** They traveled in their boat called the **Mayflower**.



The people who traveled by ship to America for freedom of worship were called **Pilgrims**. The first year in America was difficult for this group, but whatever success they made they decided to set aside a day to **give thanks**. One hundred and forty of them had a wonderful celebration that lasted for three days.

The Pilgrims were thankful for the harvest and for the help from the Indians in teaching them how to grow crops in America. Without their help, the Pilgrims would have had little to eat.



The menu for the first Thanksgiving included venison, or deer meat, and fowl, which included ducks, geese, and turkeys. Seabass, codfish, cornmeal, fruits, and vegetables were also served.

Over the years, relatives of those first settlers have remembered this celebration and observed it as Thanksgiving Day.

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Date: _____

Directions: Select the best answer for the question.

1. Christians come to the New World over _____ ago. (1)
(a) 300 years (b) 30 years

2. These Christian were from _____ (1)
(a) Nassau (b) England

3. They came to _____. (1)
(a) The Bahamas (b) America

4. What were these Christian people called? (1)

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5. What was the special day set aside called? (1)

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6. Give the names of three foods they eat. (3)

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7. How did they get to the New World? [1]

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8. Who help the Pilgrims when they arrive in the New World? [1]

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