The Story of Thanksgiving

Tell the story of Thanksgiving. Put the past simple verbs into the correct spaces.

invited (W)
called (R)
had (I)
taught (Y)
knew (M)
sailed (P)
were (I)
wanted (L)
became (S)
landed (G)
died (M)
lived (A)
worked (L)
had (W)
gave (F)
lasted (R)
grew (O)



In 1620, a group of people 1)_____ from England to America. There 2)_____ one hundred people on the ship. They 3)_____ to start a new life in America and practice their religion in freedom. They 4)_____ at a place on the north-east coast of America. They 5)_____ it Plymouth. They were far from their home, and life was hard. They 6)_____ little food and they 7)_____ little about their new home. Their first winter in America was very cold. Many of them 8)_____ ill and 9)_____.

However, the Native Americans who 10)_____ there decided to help them. They 11)_____ the newcomers how to grow corn and other plants to eat, and they 12)_____ them medicine to treat their illnesses. They also showed their new friends how to hunt for food and how to build better houses. The newcomers 13)_____ hard and their crops 14)_____. By November 1621 all of them 15)_____ food and a home. To thank the Native Americans, the newcomers 16)_____ them to a special dinner to celebrate their friendship. This special dinner was the first Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving dinner 17)_____ for three days.

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