



Religious Studies: Notes

Theme: Celebrating Thanksgiving



The history of Thanksgiving dates back to the Pilgrims who came to the United States from England. After experiencing a difficult winter in 1620, they celebrated a bountiful harvest the following year.

They celebrated along with the Indians who helped them to survive. Today, Thanksgiving is celebrated as a holiday in the United States. Bahamians also share in this tradition by celebrating Thanksgiving. **It is a time to give thanks to God for all his blessings.**



Even though Bahamians enjoy the blessings of God, many of them are very ungrateful. Signs of ingratitude include:

- Some neighborhoods are unclean.
- Food is often wasted.
- Some persons do not share even though they have plenty.
- Individuals grumble and complain.

Bahamians should be thankful because God has blessed this beautiful country called The Bahamas. Bahamians should be grateful for the following:

- A democratic government
- A rich Christian heritage
- A generally strong economy
- A vibrant Tourism Industry
- Wonderful natural resources
- Close-knit communities

It is important that steps are taken to encourage Bahamians to be more grateful. Students can play a vital role in this process by using their creativity and powers of persuasion. Initiatives can begin in the schools and extend to the wider community.