

How to Entertain Yourself During Thanksgiving (for Kids)

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Thanksgiving is a time for eating, drinking, and having a good time with your family and friends. With a mouthwatering Thanksgiving meal and tempting Thanksgiving dishes, you undoubtedly have the "eat" and "drink" aspect covered. However, when the big day arrives, there will be a lot of waiting and relaxation while you're waiting for dinner and after it's finished. The good news is that there are plenty of Thanksgiving-themed games, crafts, and activities that you can try during the day.

Method 1

Method 1 of 10: Create a Thanksgiving-themed wreath.



1 A wreath can be a festive project that will delight your family and any dinner guests. A Thanksgiving wreath is easier to make than you might think: all you need is a wreath form, some craft leaves, pine cones, and foam berries. Check out [Make a Wreath](#) for more ideas.

- If you want your Thanksgiving wreath to have specific colors and/or a specific design, colors such as red, brown, yellow and orange are a few colors commonly associated with Thanksgiving [1], so they might be good to include. However, feel free to include the colors you think would look best.

Method 2 of 10: Make a turkey crown or headband.



1 Wearing a turkey or Thanksgiving-themed **crown or headband** during dinner can **make you feel extra special**. There are a lot of different ways to easily make a headband, and a crown is relatively easy to make as well. If you're making a crown, be sure to print the designs on card stock rather than regular paper, since this can help your new creation feel more sturdy.

- You can also decorate a headband you already have.

**Method 3 of 10:
Have a scavenger hunt.**

1 **Scavenger hunts can be a lot of fun!** Set up a Thanksgiving-themed treasure hunt at a park, field, or even your own backyard or house by having an adult or someone else hide objects for you to uncover with a list.

- This is great option for entertainment if there are several kids or siblings attending Thanksgiving dinner.

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**Method 4 of 10:
Bake Thanksgiving-themed cookies.**



1 On Thanksgiving Day, pies aren't the only option to satisfy your sweet taste. Bake a batch or two of easy and tasty Thanksgiving-themed cookies to get into the holiday spirit. You could either eat them before or after Thanksgiving, or serve them as part of dessert at Thanksgiving dinner.

- Use cookie cutters shaped like pumpkins, leaves, and acorns for unique designs.
- You can also dye a sugar cookie batter red, orange, yellow, brown, or a mix of all those colors for a unique pattern.
- Try making [oatmeal cookies](#) for a festive feel.

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**Method 5 of 10:
Try making a gratitude bracelet.**



1 Making bracelets is a great way to pass the time, and gratitude bracelets are perfect to make on Thanksgiving. Use letter beads that spell out words like "happy," "thankful," and "family", and use other beads for the rest of the bracelet.

- You can also make bracelets for other family members or friends.
- If you're having difficulty making a beaded bracelet, check out [Make a Beaded Bracelet](#).

**Method 6 of 10:
Play Thanksgiving-themed Bingo.**

1 Thanksgiving-themed bingo a fun way to pass the time while you wait for dinner to be served. Simply [make bingo cards](#), grab markers, pencils or another writing utensil to mark off spaces on your bingo card, and have fun! This classic game with a unique Thanksgiving twist will be a hit with both kids and adults.

- You could write words like "turkey", "family", "parade", or anything else on the bingo cards that you and your family/friends associate with Thanksgiving. You could also make the game last longer, and write funny things on the bingo cards that tend to occur during your Thanksgiving celebrations.

Method 7 of 10:
Go on a walk or hike.



- 1 Take a walk through the crunchy autumn leaves before or after Thanksgiving dinner, possibly with a friend or family member.** This can be a great way to spend some time in nature, and perhaps spend some time with a friend or family member. You could take a walk through your neighborhood, or even go to a local park.

Method 8 of 10:
Watch a holiday movie.



1 Thanksgiving movies, such as *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*, are great to watch while waiting for dinner to begin. Do some research ahead of time, and decide on a few possible movies. Once everyone agrees upon a movie, start it, and the time leading up to dinner should pass pretty quickly, especially if you're enjoying the movie.

- This can also be a good activity to do after Thanksgiving dinner.

Method 9 of 10: Play Thanksgiving tag.



1 You and family members and/or friends could tag each other and shout out something you're thankful for in a Thanksgiving-themed version of **tag**. This can not only be a great activity to pass the time, but it can also help get everyone in the Thanksgiving spirit.

Method 10 of 10: Play question games.



1 **You probably don't know your family/friends as well as you think you do.** Why not ask them some fun questions before, at or after dinner? As long as the questions aren't too personal, you can have a lot of laughs with silly would-you-rathers and icebreaker questions. Here are some question examples of what you might ask (but feel free to be creative and come up with other questions as well!):

- Would you rather eat an entire turkey by yourself or eat all the Thanksgiving stuffing by yourself?
- What's your favorite place you've visited?
- What's your favorite way to give back and help others?

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