

# Thanksgiving Games



## Thanksgiving Chopstick Pass Along

Keep the Thanksgiving spirits high on this holiday by giving your Sunday School students or children at home a game that will definitely keep them preoccupied for a while!

### Need:

- Chopsticks (Enough for at least 10 players at a time)
- 1 Unshelled Walnut
- 1 Acorn
- 1 Cranberry
- 1 Pea
- 1 Small Plate

### How to Play:

1. Give each player a set of chopsticks and place an unshelled walnut, an acorn, a cranberry, and a pea on a small plate next to the oldest player.
2. The player begins by using the chopsticks to pass each object, from largest to smallest, to the person on their right, who receives it with chopsticks and passes it to the next player on their right.
3. The object of the game is to try and get all four objects back to the starting plate without dropping any of them.
4. If you have players that are unable to handle the chopsticks then you can have a group of them using a teaspoon instead of the chopsticks.

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## Thanksgiving Pumpkin Games

Think pumpkins are just for baking pumpkin pies or carving jack-o-lanterns? Think again, because these rolling pumpkins can be used in games that your children will love!

### Pumpkin Bowling

#### Need:

- 1 Small to Medium-Sized Pumpkin
- 10 Empty 1-2 Liter Plastic Pop Bottles

#### How to Play:

1. Arrange a triangle of 1-2 liter Plastic Pop Bottles.
2. Players take turns gentle rolling the pumpkin into the pins.
3. The player will have three changes to knock down all of the pins.
4. The player that knocks down the most pins wins.

### Pumpkin Roll Relay

#### Need:

- 2 Small to Medium-Sized Pumpkins (Depending on how many players you might want more)
- 2 Sturdy Brooms

### **How to Play:**

1. Line the children up in 4 rows with 2 rows on one end and 2 rows on the other end with at least 30 feet in between each other.
2. Set 2 pumpkins (1 on each row on one end) in front of the first player in the line and give them both a broom.
3. At "Go" each challenger uses the sturdy broom to propel the pumpkin to the next player at the beginning of the other line 30 feet away.
4. Repeat this until each player on that team has pushed the pumpkin across the relay. First team to finish wins!

### **Thanksgiving Turkey Trot**

This is a fun outdoor game for the children on Thanksgiving. Get at least 4 children or more outside and have fun!

#### **Need:**

- Footballs (1 for every team or 2 children)
- Turkey Mascot or Small Brown Paper Sack that you can stuff newspaper into and draw the turkey's eyes, nose and beard onto and then tape on one end of the football.

#### **How to Play:**

1. Determine a start and finish line.
2. In this contest, players pair up back to back with their elbows linked together, and then each team is handed a Turkey Mascot (football with turkey head).
3. On "Go", the pairs will try to make their way to the finish line at the far end of the playing field.
4. The first team to get there without dropping their bird or unlinking their arms wins!

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## Thanksgiving Up, Jenkins!

This is a fun and silly sleight-of-the-hand game that is sure to get the giggles from your children.

### Need:

- A Coin

### How to Play:

1. Split the players up into two teams and have them set opposite of each other at the dinner table (after dishes are cleared off) or long table at Sunday School.
2. Give one team the coin.
3. The team with the coin passes among themselves under the table, minimizing their movements and giving false clues to its whereabouts.
4. When someone on the opposing team thinks they know who has the coin, they point at the player and shouts "Up, Jenkins!".
5. The player in question must stand up and show is open hands. If indeed they hold the coin then the guessing team scores a point and the coin changes teams. If not, the opposing team gets the point and keeps the coin.
6. The first team to score five points wins!

### Variations:

Instead of calling "Up, Jenkins!" the guesser calls either "Slam" or "Sink". If they call "Slam", the entire passing team must slam their hands on the table, palms down. If they call "Sink", they must slowly lower their hands to the table palms down. Either way, their challenge is to conceal the noise of the coin as it hits the table – a sound that would give away the location of the coin.