

Eight Part Thanksgiving Devotional – Student

Instructions: The following devotional is broken up into eight parts. It compares and contrasts the Israelites' exodus from Egypt to the Pilgrims' journey and beginning in the new world.

Download the Thanksgiving Cards needed for this devotion and the Teacher/Parent Guide here: www.networkerstec.com/thanks-quote-cards.html -

To see all our Thanksgiving resources visit: www.networkerstec.com/thanksgiving.html



#1 - Read Exodus 5:1-14, 12:1-8 and Thanksgiving Cards 1-2

What was similar about the beginning situation of the Israelites and the Pilgrims?

What was different between the Israelites and the Pilgrims in regard to their last meal before their departure?



#2 - Read Exodus 14:10-14, 15:1, 19-21, Psalm 100, and Thanksgiving Cards 3-5

Throughout the treacherous journey on the Mayflower and amidst the sailors' taunts, the Pilgrims trusted God. How does that differ from the Israelites' attitude to the Lord when they crossed the Red Sea?

What did the Pilgrims do when they first landed in America? _____

What did the Israelites do after they had been delivered from Pharaoh's army?



#3 - Read Exodus 18:13-26 and Thanksgiving Cards 6-8

Before getting off the boat to establish their new home, what did the Pilgrims do?

What was significant about this compact? _____

When the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness, what did Jethro tell Moses to do?

How does the governing system that the Pilgrims set up compare with what Jethro instructed Moses to do?



#4 - Read Exodus 15:22-16:4, 16:13 17:1-7 and Thanksgiving Cards 9-12

What difficulties did the Israelites and the Pilgrims have to endure?

How did God provided for each group during their trial? _____

Throughout their trials, the Pilgrims continued to trust God and love others. The Israelites on the other hand often complained, grumbled, disobeyed, and hardened their hearts against God.

We should seek to be like the Pilgrims in our trials, not the Israelites.

(Learn about Gratefulness - iblp.org/discipleship-tools/biblical-character/gratefulness)



#5 - Read Leviticus 23:4-15, 41-43 and Thanksgiving Cards 13, 25¹

In Leviticus 23, God gave instructions to the Israelites on how to celebrate various feasts. What was the purpose of these feasts?

¹ To learn more about Thanksgiving Proclamations see this video for kids - https://youtu.be/SH_dOZcpl6I

What were some of the feasts and what did they entail? _____

What did the Pilgrims do in 1621? _____

What did Congress do in 1777 and why? _____



#6 - Read Thanksgiving Cards 14-19 – What are some facts that you learned from these cards about the founding of our county and the people that came here?



#7 - Read Thanksgiving Cards 20-24 - What are some facts that you learned from these cards about the founding of our county and the people that came here?



#8 - Read Thanksgiving Cards 26-27

Why did William Bradford (the first Governor of Plymouth colony) keep a diary?

Why did the Pilgrims come to America? _____

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