

Timeline To The First Thanksgiving

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Each bolded section is written on its own paper to create the timeline path. The discussion questions are for asking after reading each of the cards adjust the wording and length to your child's ability.

The year is 1620. Join your church community (Puritan - explain what they believed for curious kids) in search of a place to live the way you want to. Set sail for the new world.

Discussion question: How would you feel if you had to leave your home forever?

Oh no there were two ships heading to the new world but one the Speedwell is leaking, everyone grab your things and get on the other one. Everyone get on the Mayflower.

Discussion Question: What would you take with you if you were on the Mayflower?

You don't feel so well! The seas were choppy, and many people are sick on the ship.

Discussion Question: Have you ever been sea sick? Do you ever feel sick on long trips?

Land! We have arrived after 66 long days. Wait! We aren't where we are supposed to be, but we will have to make the best of it.

Discussion Question: Have you ever been lost? How did it make you feel?

With all these people (Just over 100 passengers) we need some rules. Let's write the Mayflower Compact!

Discussion Question: Do you have any rules at your house?

Winter is here, and life is very hard. We are living on the ship, but many people are sick. There is not enough healthy food to eat. Many people are dying. We need healthy food.

Discussion Question: Have you ever been really sick? Did you go to the doctor? Do you think there was a doctor and good medicine on the Mayflower?

It's March, and with the spring we can move onto land and off the ship. We have lots of work to do but this land is new to us and we don't know what to plant or hunt.

Discussion Question: What do you think they should plant?

We meet Squanto (known more accurately as Tisquantum) a Native American who speaks English (If they can understand what a slave is explain that he was captured to be a slave and managed to escape and return to his decimated village.)He helps us make a deal with local tribes whose land we have settled on so we all get along.

Discussion Question: Do you always get along with everyone? What do you do when you don't?

We are learning how to farm, fish and hunt from Squanto. We can grow corn, squash, and beans. We learn to hunt deer, turkey and catch shellfish.

Discussion Question: Do you like corn and beans? Have you ever eaten deer? Do you think trying new foods is fun?

Our crops have grown and we harvested them. Now we will have food for the next winter.

Discussion Question: How do you get food? What if the stores were all closed during the winter?

We are thankful for the help from the local Native Americans; we could never have survived without their help.

Discussion Question: Who has helped you learn something new?

The year is 1621, and we are celebrating the very first Thanksgiving, it was not an easy journey.

Discussion Question: What are you thankful for?