

# Kids Korner

## Turkeys, Rabbits, And Forgetful Habits

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Once upon a time there was a family who enjoyed raising a few turkeys. When the family picked them up at the post office, the turkeys were itty-bitty babies.

If the babies got cold, they would die, so the family kept them very warm and snug. The family placed a heat lamp above their cardboard pen. The warm babies slept a lot.

Then the family sprinkled fine mash for the babies to eat, and gave them water to drink. Night and day, the nice family watched over the helpless birds.

When the little turkeys grew big and healthy, it was safe to move them to a pen outside.

The family said, "These turkeys are like us. They need something to play with or they will get bored."

"I know the best thing," said the dad. "I'll put a tree limb in their pen. It will help them get exercise," he said.

"Good idea," said the mom.

"Way to go, Dad," said the son.

Indeed, the big branch was entertaining for the turkeys and they liked having it in their pen. They learned to fly up, and then, down again.

The friendly turkeys were interesting pets. Since they behaved and didn't stray off, the family allowed the two turkeys some freedom in the daytime. In the evening, they were put back in the pen. The family latched the pen door so it couldn't come open, accidentally, in the night.

The son was a very good son, but he had a bad habit. He sometimes forgot important things. Very often, his mom reminded

him to do his chores. "Did you feed the rabbits?" she would ask before he remembered to feed his bunnies.

The rabbit hutch was beside the family's house. In fact, it was below the window of the family's bathroom.

One autumn night it got pitch black outside. The happy family turned on the inside lights.

Dad was working in the garage. Mom was washing the dinner dishes. The son was doing his school homework.

Soon, the son needed to go to the bathroom. It was back the hall, away from the kitchen. He closed the door for privacy.

Suddenly, he felt creepy, like somebody was watching him. Chills shot up his back. Goose bumps popped out on his arms. He turned slowly and looked out the small window into the dark and eerie night.

Two scrawny faces were pressed to the glass and four beady eyes stared back at him.

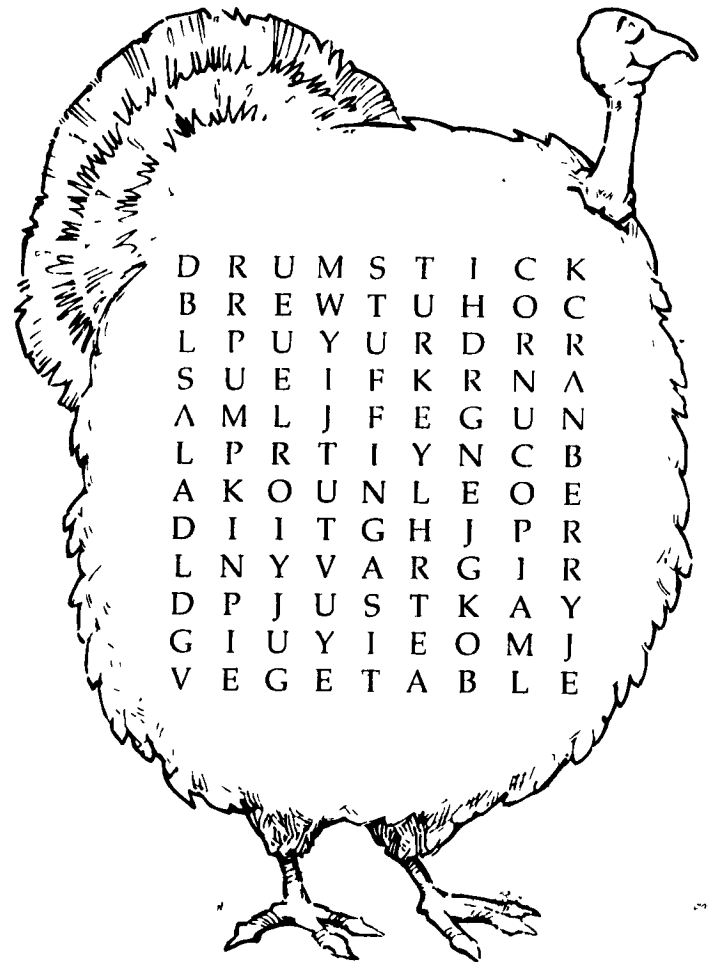
"Yeeooooow!" bellowed the son. "Mom! Dad! Come here! I forgot to pen up the turkeys. They're roosting on the rabbit cage and looking in the bathroom window!"

"Well," said the mom, laughing, "I hope you're cured now of your forgetful habits."

"I hope so, too," agreed the dad, hearing the commotion.

"I hope so, too," said the son. "Gobble, gobble, gobble," said the turkeys.

## Seek & Find



## Thanksgiving Dinner Things

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|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Cornucopia | Potato      | Stuffing  |
| Cranberry  | Pumpkin Pie | Turkey    |
| Drumstick  | Salad       | Vegetable |
| Gravy      |             |           |

## What, Where Turkey Quiz

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1. What's another name for a tom turkey? A: rooster; B: gander; C: gobbler.

2. What grinds a turkey's food with grit? A: gizzard; B: shank; C: beak.

3. Which turkey grows a beard? A: poult; B: hen; C: tom.

4. Which sense is keenest in a turkey? A: hearing; B: sight; C: smelling.

5. Where are the turkey's shanks? A: under the tail; B: in the neck; C: above the toes.

6. Where does a turkey have scales? A: shanks; B: ears; C: toes.

7. What name is given to a young turkey? A: poult; B: gosling; C: chick.

8. Besides wings, what else helps a turkey defend itself? A: feet; B: spurs; C: head.

9. What color often attracts a turkey's attention? A: purple; B: red; C: blue.

10. What's the best name for a group of turkeys? A: herd; B: gaggle; C: flock.

Answers: 1-C; 2-A; 3-C; 4-B; 5-C; 6-A; 7-A; 8-B; 9-B; 10-C.

## Dot-To-Dot



## Discover Holiday Words

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Clue: Use the letter in each word that is opposite of the last letter. Arrange them correctly to spell the name of a fun holiday and then, two favorite treats.

VERY INTERESTING,  
INVITING, SMELLS KEEP  
GUESTS TASTING GOODIES

AT NANNA'S NICE HOUSE.

I POPPED INTO POLLY'S  
KITCHEN, EATING MOSTLY  
PEANUTS UNTIL NOON.

RUFUS KELLY YODELED  
EXCELLENTLY, UNTIL  
TODAY.

Answers: Thanksgiving, Pump-kin Pie, Turkey

