WEEK 4: CLIPBOARD SUNDAY

Nov 22, 2026

Thankfulness

Story: Read the story ahead of time. Practice it. For the younger grades, feel free to summarize, if needed. It's okay to reference the story as you are telling it, but the goal is to know the story well enough that you don't have to read it word for word. :) And, we encourage you to have your Bible open during the telling of the story, so the kids know where this story came from.

★ **Introduction & Story**:

We all have many things to be thankful for.

We are thankful for our family and our friends.

We are thankful for yummy food to eat.

We are thankful for things like flowers and birds, puppies and kitties.

We can even be thankful when things don't happen the way we would like them to happen, because we know that even then Jesus loves us very much. He will help us to feel better.

We can be thankful to the Bible – God's special book to people so that we can learn about God, Jesus, and His plan for us.

This week we will celebrate Thanksgiving. This is a special holiday when we can take time to be thankful for all God has given us and done for us.

Follow Up: As a church, we are encouraging disciple makers to practice the REAP method as it is one useful tool in learning to read the Bible on your own. Retell, Examine, Application, Prayer. Now this may not be everyone's preference, but it is an easy and consistent way to teach children to pull the meaning out of a passage and not just read it or rely on others to teach them what it means. Trees & Mountains - this is a station.

★ **Retell**: Have kids share what they recall from the story. Fill in any major holes they missed.

★ **Examine**:
    - Comprehension Questions:
        - What are you thankful for?
    - Ask, “What do we learn about God from this story? What does He do?”
        - God gives us good things!
    - Ask, “What do we learn about humans from this story? What are humans doing?”
        - We can thank God for good things!
★ **Application**: Ask, “What is Jesus asking us to do through this story? Why did God include this in the Bible?”
    - Jesus wants us to remember that God gives us good things and we need to thank him.
★ **Prayer**

Memory Verse: Have the kids use the Bible. They should either share or each have one. If kids have their own Bibles, we can encourage them to use it, but sometimes you may just need to use the class set. Trees & Mountains - this is one station.

★ **Verse**: “I will praise you with all my heart, Lord my God.” -- Psalm 86:12

Memory Verse Practice:

Verse Look Up: Explain the address of the verse (Book Chapter:Verse). Explain whether it’s in the Old Testament or the New Testament. Read and explain the verse.

- Rainbow Tip: Not necessary until we split classrooms.
- Fireweed Tip: Put Post-It notes on the book of the Bible for the memory verse. Then have them find the chapter and verse.

Practice the Verse:

- Rainbow: Not necessary :)
- Fireweed: Have the kids read it with you several times. Since they are learning to read, group practice is the focus.
- Trees & Mountains: Kids should be learning the verse and saying it on their own. We will provide activities - pick one to have the kids practice. We will provide: fill-in-the-blank verses, phrases for the kids to put in order, lines for

the kids to write the verse out, and a worksheet for the kids to say the verse based on just the first letter of each word in the verse.

Books of the Bible:

- ★ If there is time or if kids have mastered the verse, have the kids practice the Books of the Bible. When we are doing Old Testament stories, have them practice the Old Testament; when in the New, practice the New Testament. We will have some activities for them to practice with.
  - Trees/Mountains currently have pencil cases with sets of cards/bookmarks in them.

Sticky Activities: No need to do all of these! Pick which ones work best for your teaching style and time frame! For the Trees and Mountains - there is enough time for two of the stations to do activities.

★ **Sensory:**

Category	Activity
Visual	**Turkey:** See Movement Activity: Turkey chase.
Movement	**Bean Bag Toss - Thankful For:** Have kids stand around in a circle with one small bean bag. Have one kid start with the bag and say one thing they are thankful for, then toss it to another kid. Have each kid sit down after their turn until everyone has gone. (Actual activity idea 🙂)
	Turkey Chase: Bring a live turkey in to the room and have the kids chase it around. The winner gets to keep it and cook it for dinner!
Crafts	**Thankful Tree:** Color and Cut Activity
	Coloring Page: Turkey
Smell	**Pie vs. Turkey:** What smell comes to mind on Thanksgiving: Pie or Turkey?
Touch	**Hidden Sauce:** Hide pieces of candy corn in a vat of cranberry sauce and have the kids swim for them!

Sound	**Gobble:** Have a competition to see who can gobble the loudest and who can do it the most realistic (two categories).
Additional Activities - Pick prompts or clues that relate to the lesson.	**Hangman**
	Sword drills: Competitive verse lookups.
	Pick a Side: Give kids two choices and assign one side of the room to each choice. Read a prompt, let kids move to their preferred side, and invite a few kids to share their answers. Repeat with new prompts.

Send Home Page: Please send home with parents. They are sized 4 to a page.



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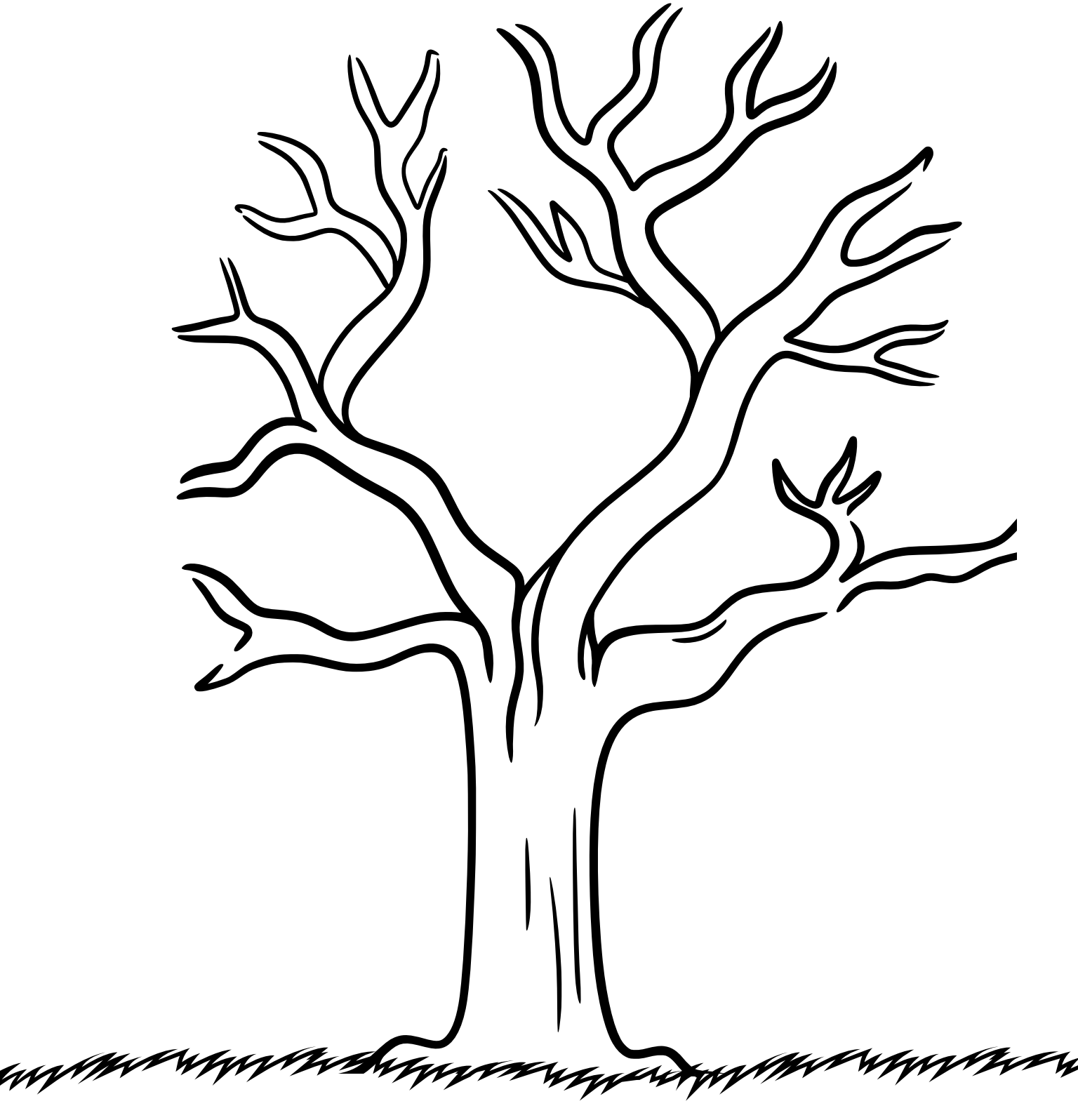
Thankful Tree Craft:

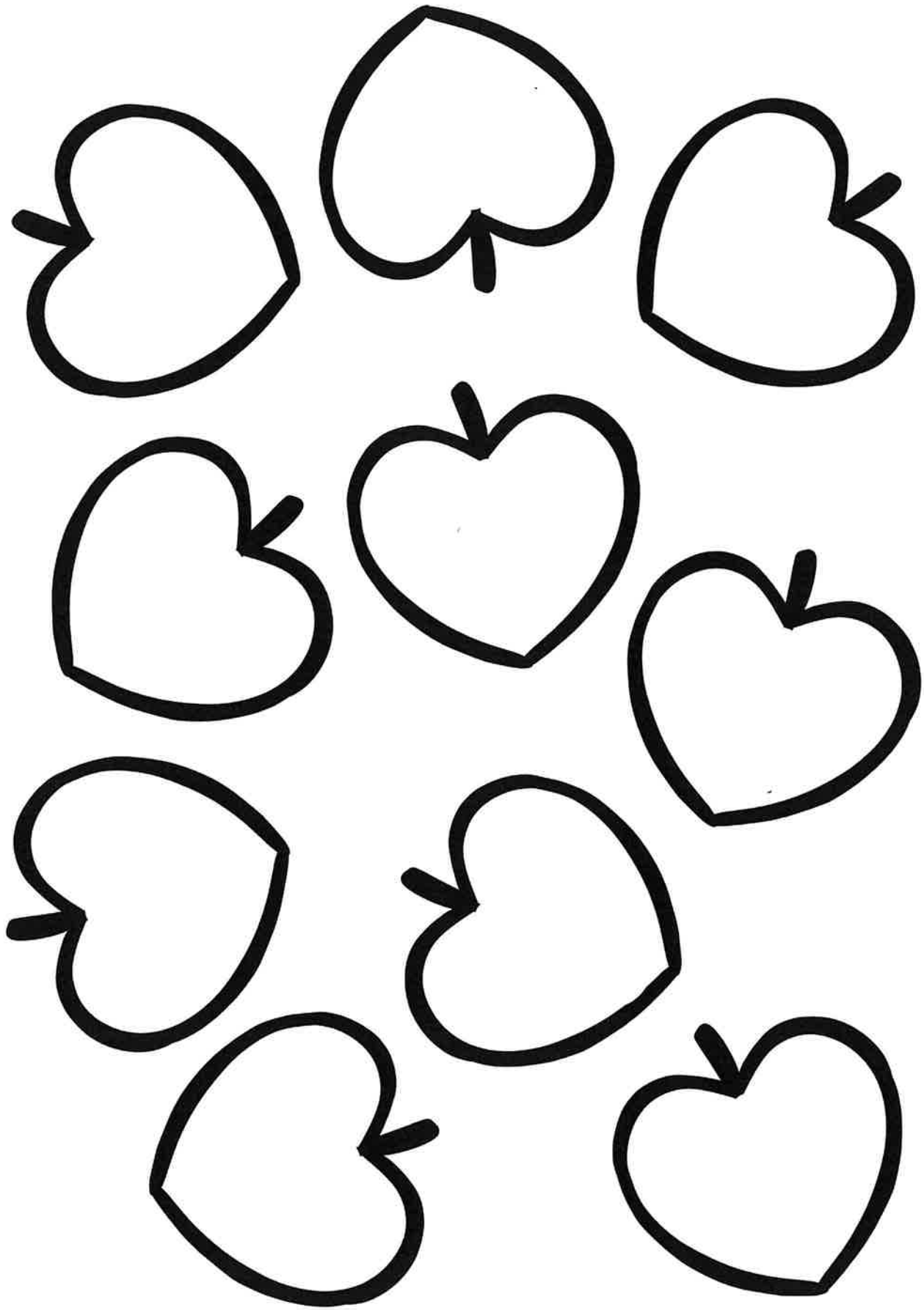
Help kids write (or they can draw) things they are thankful for on the leaves. Cut and attach to the Thankful Tree. (Not exact example:)

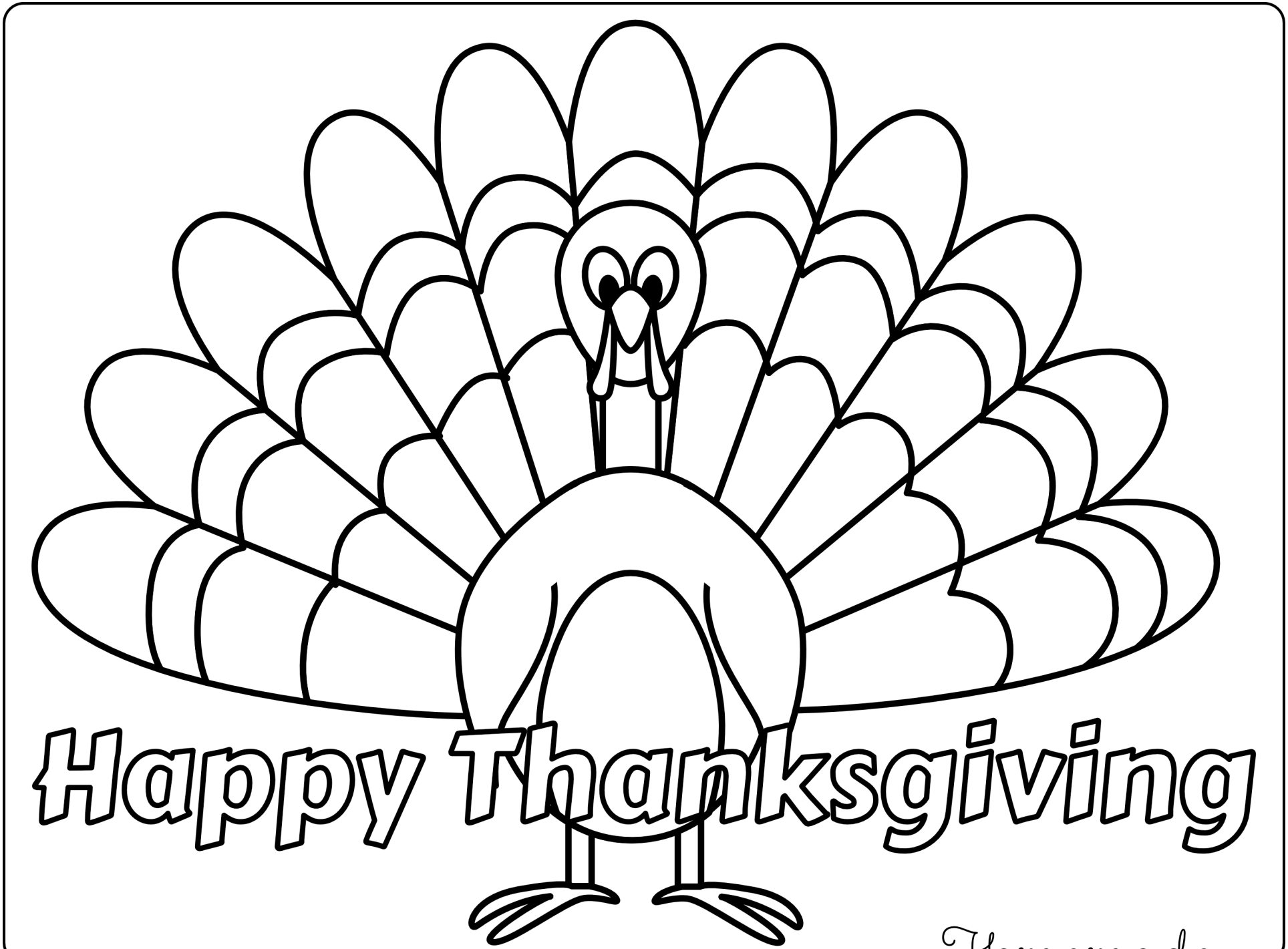


Tree of Gratitude

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
Psalm 100:4**






Happy Thanksgiving
Homemade
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