

# Faith and Funnies

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*Going on a turkey hunt...Find all the turkeys in this newsletter.*

## Thanksgiving Funnies

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1. What's the best thing to put in a pumpkin pie?
2. What is the most musical part of the turkey?
3. What kind of music do Pilgrims like?
4. What always comes at the end of Thanksgiving?
5. If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?



For the bounty of the year,  
For the friends that we hold dear;  
For new blessings on the way,  
Let's be thankful, all, today.



## Turkey Day Trivia

What year was the first Thanksgiving celebrated?



Which US President made Thanksgiving a national holiday?



What bird was almost the national bird instead of the eagle?



1691; Abraham Lincoln; the  
turkey (because Benjamin  
Franklin loved turkeys)



1. Your teeth 2. The drumstick 3. Plymouth Rock 4. The letter g 5. Pilgrims



## Grateful for the Giver

*written by Marla Carter*

“On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met Him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, ‘Jesus, Master, have pity on us!’ When He saw them, He said, ‘Go, show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, ‘Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?’ Then He said to him, ‘Rise and go; your faith has made you well.’”

This story in the book of Luke (17:11-19) has much to teach us about faith, trust, and the power of God to heal both physical sickness and spiritual. It’s also a great story for Thanksgiving.



Leprosy was a horribly miserable and isolating skin disease in biblical times. Today we rarely hear of it because it can be cured with a combination of antibiotics. But in Jesus’ day, there was no cure. It was such a contagious disease that God’s law required anyone who came down with any suspected case of leprosy be sent out of the community to live—away from their family, friends, and worship in the temple. So when these lepers called out to Jesus from a distance, they were obeying the law. They could not get close to Jesus, and He could not get close to them or else be considered ceremonially unclean. Thus Jesus gives them seemingly odd instructions to go see the priest, which is what you had to do if you wanted to be allowed to return to the community. Though leprosy itself never went away, other skin conditions might clear up. Only the priest could make that determination.



We don't know how far they walked before they were healed, but somewhere along the way their leprosy was gone. This would have been a miraculously freeing and exciting moment! They had their lives back and they were ready to get on with them. But one man walked back to Jesus. Maybe he ran. He recognized the mercy he had received, and he returned to Jesus with a loud voice full of praise. He fell at Jesus' feet and said the words every healed heart should say: "Thank You."

The Bible makes a point to tell us that the man was also a Samaritan—a people group that the Jews could not stand and usually avoided. Here was a man who, when he saw who Jesus was and what Jesus did, was more taken with the person of Jesus Christ than with what Jesus would *do* for him. Jesus not only healed his body, when He saw the man's gratitude and faith, He granted Him spiritual healing as well.

All ten men had received an amazing blessing, but nine of them were so excited about the gift, they forgot the Giver. Are we ever like that? Do we ever ask something of God, as these lepers did, and then forget to say thank you when He answers our prayers?

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says to give thanks in ALL things. I don't think that means giving thanks *for* all things; that would mean thanking God for bad things. We don't thank Him for sinful things or for tragedies, but we thank Him that *in the midst of those things* He still loves us and is working His perfect will in the world. And most importantly we thank Him for Christ.



James 1:17 says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." Every good gift. A delicious piece of pie, a hug from a friend, a surprise in the mail, a good night's rest—give thanks to the Lord, for His is good and His love endures forever (Psalm 136:1).



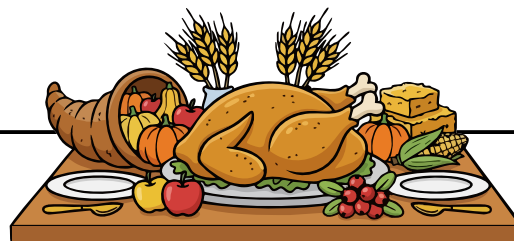
## Happy Thanksgiving

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GRATEFUL  
CRANBERRIES  
STUFFING  
APPLE  
TRADITION

FRIENDS  
BLESSINGS  
PIE  
GATHER  
CORN

FEAST  
TURKEY  
CASSEROLE  
PUMPKIN  
SHARE



There are 11 turkeys!