THANKSGIVING TURKEY HAND PRAYER

**Introduction**

Have you ever used your hand to draw a Turkey?

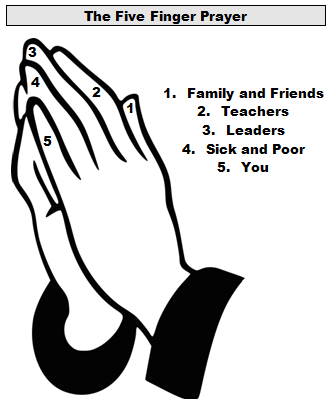
*Leader demonstrates by tracing with one hand the thumb and fingers of the other hand.*

Imagine your hand is a Turkey. You are going to use your Turkey hand to pray.

With your thumb and each finger, you will thank God for one of your many blessings: family, friends, teachers, doctors and nurses, yourself

*Leader demonstrates by wiggling one at a time the thumb and fingers of one hand for each blessing.*

**Thanksgiving Turkey Hand Prayer**

 I thank God for …

1. My family and friends who care for me.
2. My teachers who help me learn.
3. My pastor who prays for me.
4. My caregivers who help me when I am sick.
5. Me, a child of God.

Amen.

**Blessing of Hands**

Now we bless our hands to be a blessing for others.

*All raise hands over their heads.*

O God/bless our hands/as a blessing for others.

*Leader prays each syllable of the blessing prayer. All repeat each syllable*

Amen.

**Song:** Now Thank We All Our God (*Ritual Song #700*)