



THANKSGIVING GAMES

T-H-A-N-K-S

Items needed:

Loads of scratch paper

Letter paper (Sheets with a large letter printed on them – 2 each of T, H, A, N, K, and S)

Tape

Instructions:

Select two kids to play.

Dump an avalanche of paper on the floor in front of your kids. On your mark, kids will dig through the papers looking for the letters that will spell out the word “Thanks.”

When a player finds a letter, he must get up and tape it to the back wall before going back and looking for more letters. (If a player finds two letters at once, he must make two trips to the wall to tape them up.)

The first player to successfully write the word “Thanks” on the wall is the winner.

Variation:

Place only one copy of each sheet in the pile. Set a timer for 45 seconds. Have players work together to spell “Thanks” before time runs out.

To save paper, hide the letters throughout the room and have players go on a “Thanks” Scavenger Hunt.

What’s the Point?

When life gets hard, it can be difficult to stay grateful. But if we do a little digging, we see that there is always a reason to give THANKS.

WRAP IT UP

Items needed:

Two boxes, two wrapping paper tubes, two rolls of tape, two pair of scissors

Instructions:

Choose two players for this game. Give each player a box, and on your signal, have the two players race to see who can wrap their gift first.

Variation:

An alternate game is to have the kids wrap their gifts without tape and scissors. Who can wrap the neatest looking gift?

What's the Point?

We should thank God for our gifts and for the plans God has for us.

ERASER DARTS

Items needed:

A chalk board
Dirty/dusty chalk erasers
Tape

Instructions:

Mark a bullseye on the board with the tape. Mark a line 8-12 feet away from the chalkboard.

Give each child a chance to stand at the line and toss the dusty eraser at the bullseye on the chalkboard. Whomever leaves the closest mark to the center wins.

Variation:

Open markers and a whiteboard can substitute for the chalkboard and erasers.

What's the Point?

This is a teacher-themed game designed to get us thinking about teachers and all the hard work they put in to educating us.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THANK YOU CARD

Items needed:

Table

Ten “thank you” greeting cards

Instructions:

Set the ten cards up on the table open-end down, like tents.

Choose one player for this game. The player will blow the cards across the table in an attempt to get one card to hang half way off the table without falling off. Contestant has 60 seconds to get one card to hang off the edge.

Variation:

You can turn this into a competition by letting two players blow ten cards and see who can leave the most hanging off the edge of the table.

What’s the Point?

You can find thank you cards for a lot of people and occasions, but you won’t find a card to thank the person who deserves our thanks the most, Jesus.