

A FRONTIER THANKSGIVING

Divide the group into eight smaller groups and assign each group one of the words listed below. Read the story. After each of the words is read pause for the group to make the appropriate response.

SETTLER	"Davey Crockett"
GUN	"Bang, bang!"
DOG(s)	"Man's best friend."
TURKEY	"Yum, yum!"
CABIN	"Shut the door!"
FRONTIER	"Way out west"
INDIAN	"Geronimo!"
THANKSGIVING	Everyone pats tummy.

Early one THANKSGIVING morning, many years ago on the old FRONTIER, a SETTLER stood before his lonely CABIN with his trusty GUN and faithful DOG ready to hunt the TURKEY he needed for dinner, hoping no INDIAN's would spoil his feast. Whistling to his DOG, the SETTLER shouldered his GUN and started down the forest trail.

Meantime, the INDIAN, also with a DOG, came down the forest trail from the other direction. Just at that moment a fat TURKEY flew between them. Out flew an arrow, off went the GUN, down fell the TURKEY, in bounded the DOG's, up rushed the INDIAN and the SETTLER. "It's mine," claimed the SETTLER.

"Ugh - him mine," said the INDIAN. "Grrr," snarled the DOGS. The noise of the argument shook the CABIN and awoke the whole FRONTIER. But the TURKEY, which was only stunned, took off unsteadily and flew in the open door of the CABIN, where it was promptly captured by the INDIAN and the SETTLER and the DOG's. And thus, THANKSGIVING came to a lonely CABIN on the old FRONTIER.