

Gobble, Gobble REACH Friends,

November's here, and with it, the spirit of gathering together and giving thanks! This month, we're spotlighting the book *How to Catch a Turkey*, a delightfully silly story that turns an ordinary turkey into the star of a madcap chase. While our turkey is doing its best to escape, young readers will find out just how far teamwork, empathy, and a bit of problem-solving can take them—and maybe even see how gratitude sneaks into the story, too.

As Thanksgiving approaches, it's a great time to think about what we're thankful for. For me, it's having the chance to bring families closer together and help stop loneliness through reading together with the REACH initiative. Every page, every giggle, and every "aha!" moment helps build a little more joy and connection, and that's something to celebrate.

So, as you come together to read this month, I hope you'll enjoy every laugh, every moment of surprise, and all the warm fuzzies that come with it. Let's chase down those special memories together, just like in *How to Catch a Turkey*. Here's to finding magic in everyday moments, tackling challenges with a smile, and discovering the joy of reading with someone special. Happy Thanksgiving, and Happy Reading!

See you next month!

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This Month's Featured Book:

How to Catch a Turkey

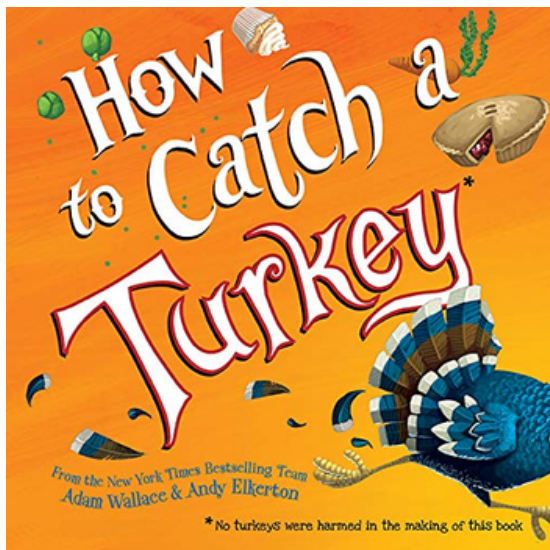
by Adam Wallace (Author), Andy Elkerton (Illustrator)

A turkey is running loose in a school right before a Thanksgiving play. Can YOU help catch it so the show can go on? Follow along as students turn their school upside down trying to catch the turkey, ending with a twist that ensures no turkeys are harmed (or eaten!). This hilariously zany children's picture book combines STEAM concepts and traps with a silly story and fun illustrations, perfect for starting a new fall family tradition this autumn or giving as a

Thanksgiving gift for kids ages 4 and up!

Thanksgiving time is here again, but there's a turkey on the run!

Can you catch this tricky bird before the school play has begun?



Suggested for ages 4-9



How to Catch a Turkey

Discussion Questions for REACH Partners

1. How can we relate the story of the turkey to our own lives? Have you ever tried to solve a problem in a funny or unexpected way?
2. What was the funniest part of the book for you? Why did it make you laugh, and how does humor enhance the story?
3. How does the book encourage readers to use their imagination? Can you think of a creative way to catch a turkey that isn't mentioned in the book?
4. Were you rooting for the turkey to get away, or for the kids to catch him? Why?
5. Discuss how teamwork plays a role in the story. Can you think of a time when working together helped you achieve a goal?
6. Why do you think the characters are so determined to catch the turkey? What motivates them to go on this adventure?

Discussion Questions for Classroom Teachers & Librarians

1. Why do you think the turkey is so clever? What traits does the turkey have that make it hard to catch?
2. What role does teamwork play in the story? Can you think of a time when you worked with others to solve a problem?
3. What do you think the turkey felt before going on stage? How did those feelings change by the end of the story?
4. How does the turkey's experience on stage teach him about facing fears? What lesson do you think he learned?
5. Have you ever faced a fear that ended up being rewarding?



Let's Sing Together!

I'm a Very Fine Turkey by Mr. Shepard

I'm a very fine turkey and I sing a fine song.

Gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble.

I strut around the barnyard all the day long.

And my head goes bobble, bobble, bobble.

And when Thanksgiving Day comes round,

Gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble.

I'll go and hide so I can't be found.

Then my head will still bobble as I gobble.



<https://youtu.be/-8gF83IU6OY?si=pU6BDpT2u3s-uSoA>



Ideas

Build a Turkey Trap



Our turkey was just here a second ago—feathers and all! But wouldn't you know it? That clever bird slipped out of sight the moment we turned our eyes to the apple pie! Now we've got a problem on our hands, and it's time to build the best turkey trap around to catch him.

Luckily, we've got a few supplies to get started:

- popsicle sticks
- colorful pipe cleaners
- tape/ glue
- cardboard box big enough to hold a turkey (an old cereal box should do the trick)
- anything else you happen to have on hand

Grab these materials and start building! Think about how you could use popsicle sticks to make sturdy walls, pipe cleaners for a clever turkey-catching "net," or the cardboard box as the perfect turkey hideaway.

And don't forget the bait! This is where your creativity shines. Think: what would tempt a turkey right into our trap? A pile of corn, shiny objects, or maybe even a tiny "Free Feathers Spa" sign—whatever it takes! Let's get building and see if we can outsmart that tricky turkey once and for all!



Disguise Your Turkey

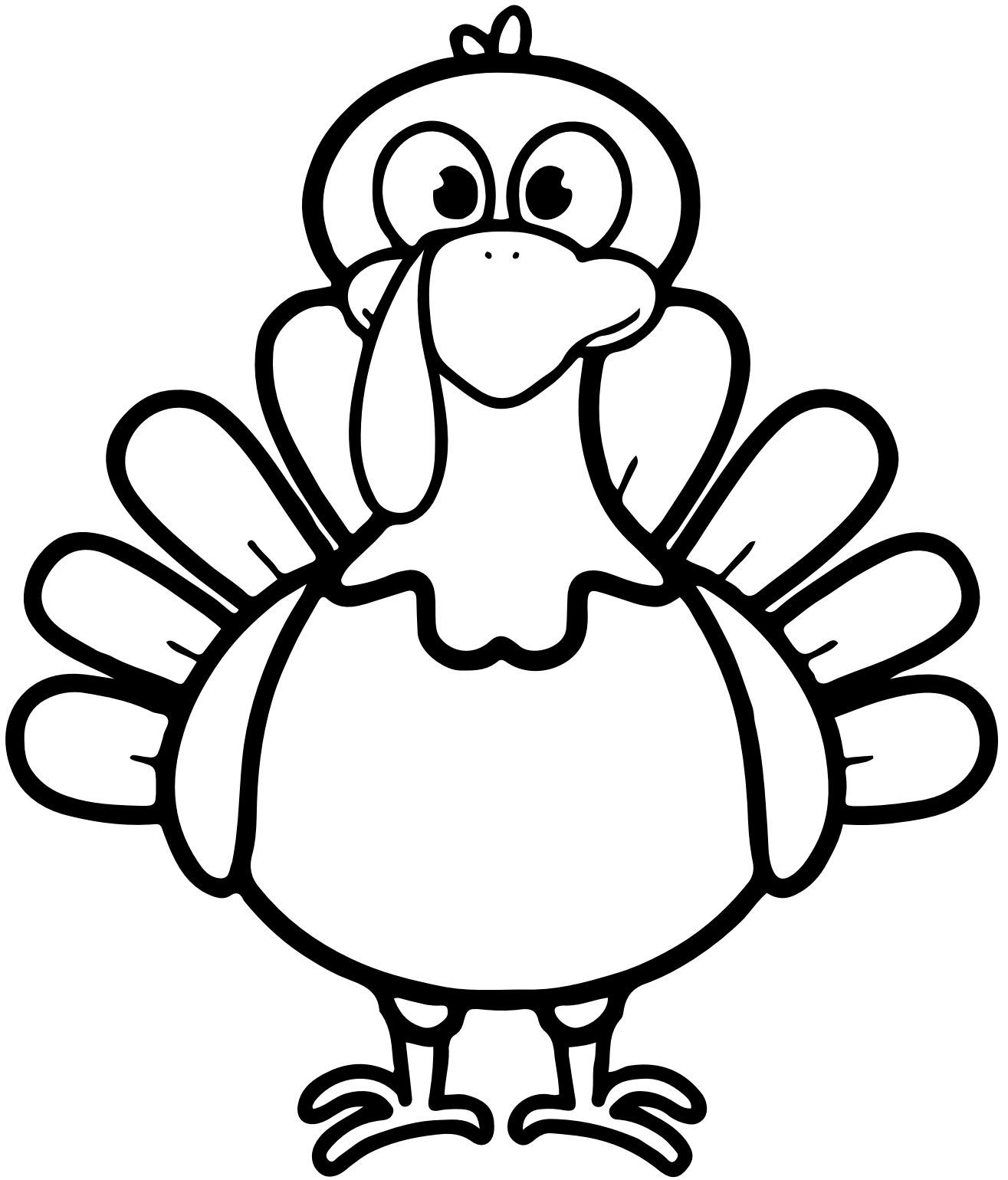
Use your craft supplies and imagination to create a fun and clever disguise for your turkey.

Materials Needed:

- Turkey template (provided)
- Crayons, markers, paint or colored pencils
- Construction paper
- Glue stick or tape
- Scissors
- Stickers, googly eyes, or other embellishments (optional)
- Fabric scraps, feathers, buttons, or yarn (optional)

Instructions:

1. Prepare the Turkey Template:
 - Start by cutting out the turkey template on the next page. This will be the base of your craft.
2. Design the Disguise:
 - Think about what would help your turkey blend in and avoid being noticed! It could be dressed as a superhero, a pirate, a secret agent, or even a famous character! The possibilities are endless!
 - Use your crayons, markers, or colored pencils to add details like clothes, a hat, glasses, or any other part of the disguise.
3. Create Accessories:
 - Cut out pieces from construction paper to make accessories like a cape, a mask, or a top hat. Glue or tape these pieces to your turkey to complete the disguise.
 - You can also add fabric scraps for clothing, feathers for texture, or buttons for extra flair!
4. Embellish:
 - Add some fun details like googly eyes, stickers, or yarn for hair. Make your turkey's disguise as creative and funny as possible!
5. Show It Off:
 - Once your turkey is completely disguised, take a picture of it and share it with your REACH partner to show off your clever work!



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