

November 24, 2002



## Hey Kids!

National Family Week  
November 24 – 30, 2002

In 1968, Sam Wiley, a school teacher in Indiana believed that as Americans, we needed to actively promote strong families. Through his leadership along with a congressman and senator, they introduced legislation in the House of Representatives to set aside the week of Thanksgiving each year for “National Family Week.” In 1972, the bill was passed and every president since that time has issued a Presidential Proclamation for National Family Week.

Strengthening families in our community should be of great concern to all of us. We need to recognize and appreciate caring individual family members.

Who are the members of your family?

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What do we mean when we refer to our “church family?”

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What are some ways you can celebrate National Family Week?

- Plan a “family supper” with your neighbors.
- Write a thank you note to someone who helps your family.
- Play a new game with your family.
- Visit a local charity and learn how your family can volunteer.
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Why do you think family is important?

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## Activities

Write an acrostic poem using the word “Family” below.  
Use each letter in the word to begin a new word,  
phrase, or sentence.

For example:  
F or the people who love me

Now it’s your turn:

F  
A  
M  
I  
L  
Y

Many families have traditions. A tradition is something that a family does regularly or as a part of a routine.

For example, some families always go to grandma’s house for the holidays.  
What are some Thanksgiving traditions in your family?

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How many different words can you make  
from  
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