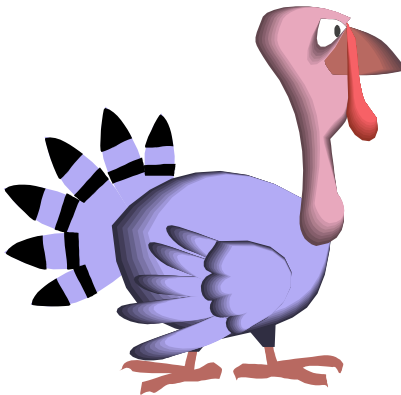


The Turkey



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Fifth Grade

Once upon a time there was a turkey that never gobbled the truth. So unfortunately, Timmy the Turkey had been cursed by the Pilgrims. They wanted to make sure that Timmy could easily be located in time for the Thanksgiving festivities.

One day while hunting in the woods, a Pilgrim came upon Timmy. He raised his rifle in order to secure a meal for the Thanksgiving feast. Timmy begged for mercy and pleaded for his life. The hunter had a huge dilemma. He could not go home empty handed, as the winter had been harsh and had left them with little food. On the other hand, he felt sorry for Timmy.

After much begging and many tears, Timmy and the Pilgrim reached an agreement. But the Pilgrim wanted to ensure that he had

food for the next day's Thanksgiving feast, so he remembered a spell that he had learned while in Salem Village. There he had met a servant girl named Tituba originally from the island of Barbados. She had shared with him a white magic curse that could be used to secure success and avoid death. Any person placed under the curse would be forced to tell the truth regardless of the outcome to them.

Timmy waddled home full of excitement. He wanted to share the good news with the rest of the flock . They were amazed at the kindness of the Pilgrim, Patrick. They worked day and night to gather corn and wheat plus used fallen feathers to make a thank you card to present to Patrick for his generosity. Meanwhile, the elders held a special meeting to discuss the safety of their nesting grounds. As they talked with Timmy they began to notice something

strange. He always answered with the truth regardless of how harsh it may be. The High Supreme Elder, Wise Molarom, uncovered the reason for his truth. He had been placed under a curse of truth. This made it even more important that the flock move as soon as possible.

Timmy and his sister Tammy worked together as a team to scout out a new location down the river bank. Unaware that Squanto had just finished digging a pit to catch a wild boar, Timmy and Tammy plunged beak first into a muddy, dark 10 foot hole. Timmy and Tammy used their sharp beaks to try to climb out but it was no use. Then they heard a rattling noise!!!!!! Snakes!!! Quickly they used their beaks to keep the snakes at bay. Timmy and Tammy made a deal with the snakes. They would not peck the snakes to death if the snakes would join together to make a snake rope so they could get out. When they reached

the top they were looking into the eyes of the pilgrim's 5 year old son, John.

John thought the turkeys were adorable and wanted to take them home for pets. He grabbed the turkeys tails and then they started pecking his arms so he grabbed a snake and started whipping them, yelling "bad birdie!". John scooped them in his arms and ran back to the village. The turkeys escaped that night with the help of the snakes and then the pilgrims realized they were gone. They caught one of the turkeys, Tammy! Timmy, who was very upset, wanted to go back to save Tammy. Timmy ran back to where all the other turkeys were and told them she was captured.

He put together a rescue team and fearlessly led them into battle. The pilgrims tried to entice the rescue team of turkeys with corn, but the rescue team was too smart. Something suddenly hit the rescue

team..."why are we here?" Timmy had to tell the truth. "I am cursed." He then lamented that he ever made that deal. The rescue team made it there too late...they saw Tammy slow roasting over a hot fire stuffed with corn.

The Fibbing Turkey

by the First Grade Classes

Once upon a time there was a turkey that never gobbled. One day he went in the woods and he accidentally gobbled. His mom and dad said never to gobble because it is dangerous. They said if a hunter heard him gobble, he might shoot him.

A hunter did hear him and ran towards the sound of the turkey. The hunter shot at the turkey and missed. The turkey started running away. He ran and ran until he ran into a tree. He tried to climb the tree but he could not. The hunter caught up with the turkey but the turkey escaped by running out of the woods.

The turkey ran to the barn where his mom and dad were eating feed. He told his mom and dad there was a hunter in the woods that was trying to shoot him. His mom and dad did not believe him because they did not see or hear anything and he was known for telling little fibs.

After a little while, the hunter came to the barn. Mom and dad were shocked to see the hunter! He tried to catch mom, dad, and little turkey, but they ran out the back door. However, they did not see the cows grazing in the pasture, and they ran right into a cow! The cow told them to run and hide in a hay stack.

Later on, the turkeys felt a crunch on their heads. They looked up through the straw and saw the ponies eating the hay! "Help!", yelled the turkey family! The ponies told them to go and hide in the pond at the bottom of the hill.

The turkey family got down to the pond where a duck was waiting for them. They jumped in the water and started to drown! They were yelling "HELP!!" The duck flew over to help the turkeys get out of the pond. Once they got out, he told them to hide because he saw the hunter coming. The hunter tried to shoot them while they were running but he missed again! In all the excitement of running the turkeys accidentally fell

into a trap! The turkeys got very scared because now they are worried about being Thanksgiving dinner! A bull nearby heard the turkeys' cries for help and busted out of his fence. He ran toward the sounds and saw the three turkeys in the trap. The bull looked all around to find a way to help them. Then he thought, I can use my horns to bust open the trap. So he moved back and started running full blast fast!! He hit the trap and it broke open. The turkeys went flying and landed on the bull who took them safely home.

When they got home, mom and dad talked to little turkey about his fibbing. They told him, "Do not tell fibs, or next time we might actually become Thanksgiving dinner!"

The End

Fourth Grade

Once upon a time, there was a turkey that never gobbled. Each morning Rancher Rob scattered a bucketful of seeds across the ground for the turkeys daily breakfast. And each morning Tom T. Turkey jerked his head to the right refusing to taste the delicious seeds. Although he was famished, he simply refused to even take a nibble of one tiny morsel of food. It was the end of summer and Tom knew that Fall was just around the corner. Autumn meant Thanksgiving was days away and he was trying to avoid certain death.

" Friends on the Farm, Starve yourselves!! It is diet time," squawked Tom. You see, Tom was not your average turkey. He actually had quite an IQ. He knew that Rob only hunted the plumpest of turkeys, and Tom was going to do whatever it took to prevent becoming someone's Thanksgiving dinner.

Rancher Rob feared Tom was ill and

contemplated taking him to the

vet because he knew if he wasn't eating he would become very ill. Since Tom was a clever turkey, he realized he was becoming very weak. His only resolve was to make a plan of escape.

Tom convinced his friends to attack Rancher Bob the next time he entered the Turkey pen. They tried to act as normal as possible so they were anxiously awaiting their daily meal. As he opened the pen and began to scatter the seeds, they stood beside him and flapped their wings feverishly which startled Rancher Bob and gave Tom the perfect opportunity to escape through the gate as it was slowly closing.

Realizing that Rancher Bob would soon be pursuing him, he realized he would need a disguise. It just so happened, he found a discarded snow cone cup. He covered it with tree sap and rolled it in a mossy pile of

leaves. He continued to add to his disguise with thorny acorns for ears. He then carved tree bark into pointy green slippers and sewed a coat of leaves. To top it all off, he chased after a ball of white rabbit fur that was swirling in the gently blowing wind and stuck it to the top of his hat. "I'm ready!" He exclaimed after his elf

Transformation. "Now, to rescue my friends!" Bravely yet discreetly, he ambled off toward the barn.

As sly as a fox, he crept up gently towards the gates. He noticed Rancher Rob searching frantically for his turkey knife. "EEEK!" Tom the Turkey knew that if his disguise didn't work, he would be captured and devoured for Thanksgiving dinner! This was the moment of truth, death or survival!! He thought to himself, "Are my friends really worth risking my life?" In an instant, he knew he was making the right decision.

Without hesitation, he squeezed through the barn gate like a mouse through a hole, and flew right into Rancher Rob!!! Quickly, Rancher Rob shockingly let out a scream of surprise and jumped into a huge pile of hay! After finding his way out, Rancher Rob sprinted like a bolt of lightning, and never looked back.

His turkey companions, jumped for joy at the thought of being reunited with clever Tom, the Turkey/Elf. They all decided to rejoice and delight in their victory. The turkeys learned to be careful when trusting Ranchers. Next Thanksgiving, they will have their disguises prepared ahead of time.

Kindergarten

Once upon a time, there was a turkey that never had a friend. He was very, very sad. His name was Feathers and he was a very tiny turkey. He set out one day to try to find some friends.

As he was walking along he saw a turtle by the lake. Feather said, "Hello turtle, what is your name?" "Get away from me, I'm busy swimming!" Feathers were so sad.

He walked on. He met an alligator. Feather said, "Hello alligator, what is your name?" "Come closer and I'll tell you," said the alligator. "I think I have to be going now," said Feathers. "But I want to take a bite out of you!" Said the alligator. Feathers were so sad.

As he was walking along, he met a helicopter. "Hello helicopter, what is your

name?" yelled Feathers up into the sky. The helicopter didn't answer. He sadly walked on.

Feathers walked on to the park and he met a duckling. He asked "What is your name?" The duckling said "My name is Ducks and I don't want to play with you." Now, Feathers was really, really, really sad.

He walked slowly down to the river and saw a baby hippo. Feathers was scared because the hippo was so big but he walked up to him anyway and said "Hi Hippo. What is your name?" Hippo looked up and smiled at Feathers and said "My name is Hippy and I need a friend. Will you be my friend forever?" Feathers and Hippy were so happy and decided to bake a huge, giant muffin.

Hippy and Feathers decided to make a chocolate chip, big muffin. They also decided that since the chocolate chip muffin sounded so delicious, they wanted to make a chocolate cake. They also wanted to make cookies as well.

Feathers and Hippy were so full, they decided to go to the playground to play for exercise. They saw a swimming pool by the playground. The friends decided to take a swim. After their swim, they saw an apple tree and picked an apple to eat.

They found crackers on a table next to the apple tree. Feathers and Hippy decided to have a picnic. The friends wanted to throw a party. Hippy, Feathers and friends found flowers and they wanted to smell them.

The day was getting long, so they decided to go to Hippy's house. Hippy and Feathers

decided to have a sleep over. They played fun games like Sorry and Dominoes and then they decided to go to bed.

The End.

The Office

Once upon a time there was a turkey that never...made good choices. His name was Harry but we all called him "Trouble". Harry liked to play tricks on his other gobbling friends, like the time when he took another student's lunch and ate it. He thought it was funny, didn't care that someone else wouldn't get to eat. Not a big deal he said, "They can just get a sandwich from the cafeteria".

His teacher was very frustrated with him as he never showed any remorse and would just laugh. Finally, he was sent to see the principal who said, "Harry, you cannot continue to be mean like this to other students. It is a form of bullying. How would you feel if someone would do this to you?"

Harry had to think long and hard before he answered, finally he said...

"I really don't care, because it is all about me and what I want, and I wanted his lunch."

Harry's principal was very sad at his response. She had never had a student be quite so honest and self-centered before. She simply said to him, "I appreciate your honesty Harry, but I am really not sure what I think we need to do to correct this behavior."

They talked a bit more and Harry went on back to class thinking that he was off the hook. He did not realize the consequences of his behavior. Little did he know that the principal was on a mission to turn Harry's world upside down.

But, she was turning his world upside down with Love and Logic. Using the Love and Logic philosophy, the consequences for Harry's bad choices had to relate logically to his "crime."

So, after some careful thought and consideration, Ms. K.Kaye called the classroom for Harry to return to the principal's office. Harry had to wait quite a long time for his turn with the principal. This gave him lots of time to worry.

Finally, it was his turn with the principal. He sat down; the principal knelt down at Harry's level and said, "Your bad choices have me sad, very sad. And as you know, we all have consequences for not making good choices. I have consequences when I do not do my job as principal well. You thought it was perfectly fine to steal someone's yummy, homemade lunch because they could just get a sandwich from the cafeteria. Well, for the next week,

you will get a sandwich from the cafeteria for lunch. Ms. Cheryl and I have spoken and she understands. She has some great ideas for the type of sandwiches she can make for you.”

Harry seemed dismayed at the thought of having to eat a sandwich every day for a week. "But that's not fair!" he exclaimed as he stomped his foot. "I only took that boy's lunch one time, and now I have to suffer for a WHOLE week! I hate sandwiches!"

Then the principal said, "Harry, you must understand that you cannot take from another simply because you want what he has. You need to try to put yourself in his shoes."

"Put myself in his shoes?" Harry mumbled.
"Huh?"

"I'm a turkey! I don't wear shoes!" Harry responded. "Just wait and see," the kind, loving, smart principal replied.

Harry smugly wandered back to class. Deep in his turkey belly, he could feel the tightness; it was the fear of the unknown.

Diligently, the brilliant principal pondered how to help make Harry make good choices. "Aha!" She rubbed her hands together with a twinkle in her eyes.

The following morning, the loving principal, stylish in her fabulous new suit, arrived at Harry's class with a brown lunch sack.

"Here you go Mr. Harry! Enjoy!" She smiled and scuffed his glorious red turkey crown.

He quickly grabbed the brown bag, rolling his eyes. He took a quick gander into the bag. "Hmmm, not too bad," he said observing a fabulous Twinkie, a bag of carrots, his favorite chips, a juice box and the dreaded sandwich. "Wow,

that looks pretty okay," Harry said aloud shaking his red crown. "This isn't so bad at all!" He raised arrogant head and smiled.

He put the sack in his locker and smiled. Ha-ha, he thought. The day went on as typical with a trip to the library, computer lab then off to lunch. Harry's tummy was grumbling, and he was thinking that yummy cream filled Twinkie! Delicious! He thought.

Harry sat down with his buddies at the table and ceremoniously reached into the bag to take out the Twinkie. Fear filled his tummy as it growled loudly. He pulled out paper, empty and torn. There were the obviously enjoyed remnants of his lunch. Tears filled his eyes. He was so incredibly hungry. His delicious lunch was gone. Without thinking, Harry yelled to the teacher, "My lunch is gone!"

When the others began to laugh, he realized what had happened. Harry looked around the room, looking for help from someone, anyone. The beautiful, kind principal stood a few tables away with yummy Twinkie on her face, smiling and holding some shoes. "So Harry, can I get you a sandwich from the cafeteria?!"

Second Grade

Once upon a time there was turkey named Billy Bob who never liked being a turkey. What he really wanted to be was a big secret. He didn't even tell his mom or dad or brother or friends. One day in school, a famous astronaut named Christa McAuliffe came to school and he got to meet her. He screamed with joy! Ever since that day, he wanted to be an astronaut.

Billy Bob liked to watch movies about space. In fact, "Space Monkeys" was his favorite movie of all time! Billy Bob liked to read books about space. His favorite book was Flat Stanley in Space. He thought and dreamed about being an astronaut all the time.

Then one day Billy Bob went into his bedroom and found an astronaut suit. Billy Bob puts the jacket on and then he puts the silver pants on. Billy Bob goes down

stairs and finds a jet pack and a rocket ship in his backyard.

He also finds some rocket fuel in his father's garage. Billy Bob refuels the ship and jumps inside. Billy Bob starts the engine and the rocket ship blasts off into space. Billy Bob feels so excited that he is going to finally become an astronaut!

Billy Bob is speeding through space so fast, but he does take time to look out the window to see the sights. First he sees a purple comet, then he sees the planet Jupiter.

Billy Bob is remembering that he forgot to eat breakfast and he is so hungry. Billy Bob puts the rocket in auto pilot and begins to search for a snack. Maybe he can find a space bar or dry mashed potatoes? Before long, Billy Bob finds some delicious food and he eats. Billy Bob returns to the front of the ship to continue his journey.

Billy Bob finds himself on the planet Mars. Mars is red and rocky and Billy Bob is excited to explore this new planet. Mars is kind of close to Earth and Billy Bob can see his home planet from here. Billy Bob walks around for a little bit and sees the Mars Rover. He notices that the Mars Rover does not look right and may be broken. Billy Bob wants to figure out a way to fix it. When he was trying to fix it, all of a sudden, another astronaut landed on Mars! The astronaut's name was Victoria and she brought some tools with her to fix the Mars Rover. Together, Billy Bob and Victoria fixed the Rover.

They hopped on the Mars Rover and saw a large spaceship! Billy Bob and Victoria were excited to see this spaceship and wanted to go inside. They zero-gravity bounced to the spaceship as fast as they could! They noticed that the creature inside was not an animal or a human. It was an ALIEN!!!

They went on the alien's ship. He had three eyes! Billy Bob and Victoria made friends with the alien. The alien had made cookies for his new friends. Then they decided to take the alien back home to Earth. They landed at home in China. Victoria said goodbye to her friends and went to her house.

Billy Bob tried to hide the alien in his closet so his parents wouldn't find him. They disguised the alien as a turkey so Billy Bob's parents wouldn't find out. His parents found out anyways because his new friend had three eyes. Billy Bob's dad built a tree house in the back yard for the alien to live in. The alien went inside and liked it!

As for Billy Bob, he got live his dream of being an astronaut!

THE END

Third Grade

I'm Billy Bob Turkey and it's my big day!
I've been preparing for this all year. I've been eating right, exercising and really taking good care of myself! I hope I'm not too fat to run in the annual Turkey Trot! Farmer Joe says I'm in the best shape of my life.

I've been training intensely for a year. My work out consists of a variety activities. In the morning I trot 10 miles. I bet you are thinking it is difficult to do, but I can trot my heart out when Big Barney Coyote is chasing me.

Next, I lift weights. I benchpress Farmer Joe's rusty John Deere tractor. I finish my workout with a splash! I freestyle in Mrs. Farmer Joe's jacuzzi bathtub. His portly wife is NEVER happy about the feathers left in the drain.

It hasn't been easy, but the winner of the Turkey Trot is guaranteed NOT to end up as the highlight of Thanksgiving.

The big day has arrived - it is finally here! I am so nervous! I don't want to be on a plate covered with gravy in the middle of someone's Thanksgiving table next to the pig with the apple in its mouth. I hope all my training doesn't fail.

Flexing my feathered biceps while lined up at the starting gate next to Tony Romo Turkey, John Cena Turkey, and Josh Hamilton Turkey, I start to gain confidence. On Your Mark, Get Set, TROT...

The starter pistol fires....POW! We all start trotting toward the farmer's green tractor. A barbed wire fence stands in our way and we must all hurdle over it.

Unfortunately, Tony Romo Turkey got tangled in the barbed wire and is out of the race. The rest of us finally round the tractor and head toward the water tower.

As I'm running I hear a CRACK and turn to see Josh Hamilton Turkey falling into a tree after tripping over a huge stone. Only two of us left....John Cena Turkey and me! We reach the water tower and can now see the finish line up ahead.

I DO NOT want to end up as Thanksgiving dinner! This is where I have to give it my all!

As soon as we are approaching the finish line, both John Cena Turkey and I fall. We realize we are in a ditch! Luckily, I'm in the best shape of my life, so I hurry and scurry out, leaving John Cena Turkey in the dust. I reach the finish line and fall under the rope.

But just then, I realized that was not the real finish line. Someone was playing a joke on me! Then, I looked behind and John Cena Turkey has quickly caught up and is on my tracks. Just as he passes me Farmer's Partner Kelly, plucks him up and says "This would be the best turkey for my Thanksgiving Meal!"

Now that I realized I've won, Farmer Joe comes up and promises me I'll never be a Thanksgiving Turkey.

The End