

Thanksgiving Ideas

Making It Mean More

(NAPSA)—As America's most universally celebrated holiday, Thanksgiving is about more than food, football and shopping. Here are a few tips from Freedom's Feast, a program designed to help families add fun, meaning and patriotic flair to the holiday:

- Make giving thanks fun. Ask guests to write down what they are most thankful for in the past year on index cards. Read cards during the meal and guess who wrote which.

- Tell stories about the founding of America and share the story of how your family came to America.

- Start a new tradition. Have everyone sign a Thanksgiving book. Include a picture of the gathering.

- Collect a small donation for charity and let guests decide where to give it.

- Ask guests to share their thoughts on America's freedoms and what it means to be an American today.

- Sing classic songs such as "America the Beautiful" and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

- Remember the Earth: While celebrating the harvest holiday, discuss ways to take care of the Earth and our natural resources.

- Talk about guests' travels around America and abroad during the past year.

- Involve the kids. Invite them to help cook, shop, decorate and clean up.

- Talk about how your family is affected by the Bill of Rights, Constitution, recent laws or political elections.

Freedom's Feast offers a free downloadable booklet, with a short program to help make the holiday more meaningful, at <http://freedomfeast.us>.