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The First Thanksgiving

LONG AGO, more than a hundred and fifty years before the United States of America became a nation, the Pilgrim Fathers who landed at Plymouth Rock in 1619 had their first Thanksgiving Day, a day for giving thanks to God for His loving care and protection. We still keep a day of thanks each year, and call it Thanksgiving Day.

For our WEE WISDOM cover this month we have used the picture of a dear little Indian girl because in the early days in the new world the Indians were the only neighbors the Pilgrim Fathers had. The first year was a very hard one and the settlers suffered much, but the Indians helped them by showing them how to grow corn, squash, potatoes, and several other vegetables that were new to them, and in many other ways.

The second year the crops were better. To express their gratitude to God for His care and to their Indian friends for their help, the settlers gave a thanksgiving feast and invited their Indian neighbors to join them. They sang hymns and gave thanks, then ate together, and afterward the white men taught the Indians to play stool ball and quoits, and the Indians danced and entertained their friends by showing their marksmanship with the bow and arrow.

Because the Indian and the white man celebrated that first Thanksgiving together we thought you would enjoy having the picture of this little Indian friend from the North as the cover of our Thanksgiving number of WEE WISDOM.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, we shall of course remember to say thank you to our families and neighbors. There are two ways to say thank you. There is the thank you said with the lips only, and then there is the thank you said with a smile, a warm, happy light in the eyes, and love and gratitude in the heart. The second thank you is the one we all love to get, the thank you that those who love us give to us when we do something that pleases them. That is the kind of thank you that we give to our friends and loved ones and to God when our hearts are filled with love and thanksgiving.

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