

CELEBRATE IT What have I already been given?

We have received enough. Now we are ready to give.

All three parts happen at home, first thing in the morning: about 30 to 40 minutes. **Start together, one more time:** "Grace comes in, gratitude sees it, and graciousness passes it on."

REMEMBER The Enough Echo

- ☐ We said the Guide's Echo ☐ We said our own (page 32)

A line from our Echo that I want to keep

REJOICE The Opening

The words I read this morning that I want to keep

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

What they said. After everyone reads theirs, ask, “Which one meant the most to you?” Write down what they say, the kids in their own words.

READY Pack the Giving

Bag the leaves for the people you'll see today, and agree who delivers the rest. The checklist is on the next page.

Take down the Community leaves and photos for everyone you'll see today, and put them in the bag by the door. Wherever you eat, hand each leaf to the person whose name is on the front. A quick "We wrote this for you" is plenty. Then agree who will deliver the rest during the Left Overs days, and when. Everything is delivered or in the mail by November 30. Cosmos leaves can stay up until then, or come down whenever you're ready.

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A grown-up says it when the bag is packed. Each Left Overs page also has a place to mark the day's note.

Feast Echoes

Two short versions for the big meal. If it isn't your table, ask the host first. If your family wrote its own Echo (page 32), read it where the slot says.

Plain

For any table, including one where nobody else does Advent Overflow. About a minute.

Host: Before we eat, let's say thank you together. After each line, everyone answers, "That would have been enough to give thanks."

Reader: Someone grew this food, and someone cooked it. **All:** That would have been enough to give thanks.

Reader: We all got here safely today. **All:** That would have been enough to give thanks.

Reader: We have people who showed up for us all year. **All:** That would have been enough to give thanks.

Reader: And we're all here, at this table, together. **All:** That would have been enough to give thanks.

(If your family wrote its own Echo, read it here.)

Host: Any one of those would have been enough. Together, they're more than enough. **All:** We have more than enough.

1621

This version pairs true moments from the 1621 harvest feast at Plymouth with your own year. About two minutes.

Host: In 1621, a small group of English settlers shared a harvest feast with their Wampanoag neighbors, the Native people of that coast, in what's now Massachusetts. Some of what they had to be thankful for sounds a lot like ours. After each line, everyone answers, "That would have been enough to give thanks."

Reader: After a very hard first winter, the settlers brought in a harvest. **All:** That would have been enough to give thanks.

Reader: This year, there's food on our table too. **All:** That would have been enough to give thanks.

Reader: A Wampanoag man named Tisquantum, who spoke English, showed them how to plant corn in that soil. **All:** That would have been enough to give thanks.

Reader: This year, people taught us things too. *(Name one, if you'd like.)* **All:** That would have been enough to give thanks.

Reader: The Wampanoag leader Massasoit came with about ninety men. They stayed three days, and the Wampanoag brought five deer to share. **All:** That would have been enough to give thanks.

Reader: This year, there's room at our table too, for everyone here. **All:** That would have been enough to give thanks.

(If your family wrote its own Echo, read it here.)

Host: They found plenty to give thanks for. So do we. **All:** We have more than enough.

The true story has hard parts that stay out of the spoken lines. The Guide's Thanksgiving Echoes (pages 242 to 245) tell them, for when a kid asks.