

A decorative border of autumn leaves and acorns frames the top and bottom of the slide. The leaves are in various shades of yellow, orange, and red. The acorns are brown and some are still in their caps. The background is a dark grey rectangle with a thin white border.

# The First Thanksgiving

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Long ago, in the year 1620, a group of people called the pilgrims wanted to live somewhere they would be free to worship how they wanted to.





They decided  
to sail across  
the ocean to a  
new land  
called  
America.



They boarded the  
boat called the  
Mayflower and  
sailed across the  
ocean.





They landed on the shore of America at Plymouth and had to go to work right away building homes and finding food.





Winter was very hard on the pilgrims and many died. Many more would have died but an Indian named Squanto came to help them.





He showed them  
how to plant  
corn and other  
plants.



He showed them which plants they could use for medicine or food and which ones were poisonous.





That year the harvest was plentiful and they had enough food for winter. They decided to celebrate. Governor Bradford declared a day of prayer and Thanksgiving.



They invited the Indians and they feasted, played games, and celebrated for three days.

This is what we all now call Thanksgiving.