

# Simple Days Unit Studies



# Thanksgiving Copywork Keepsake

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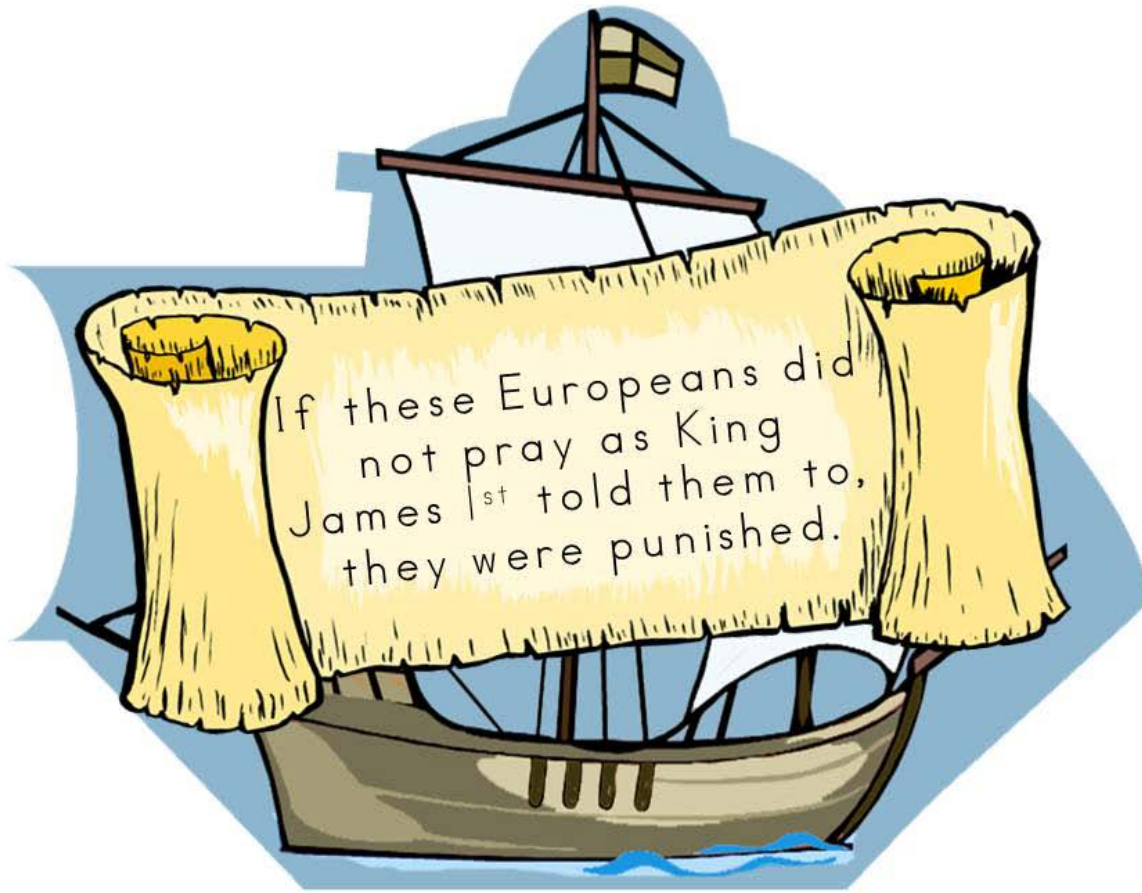
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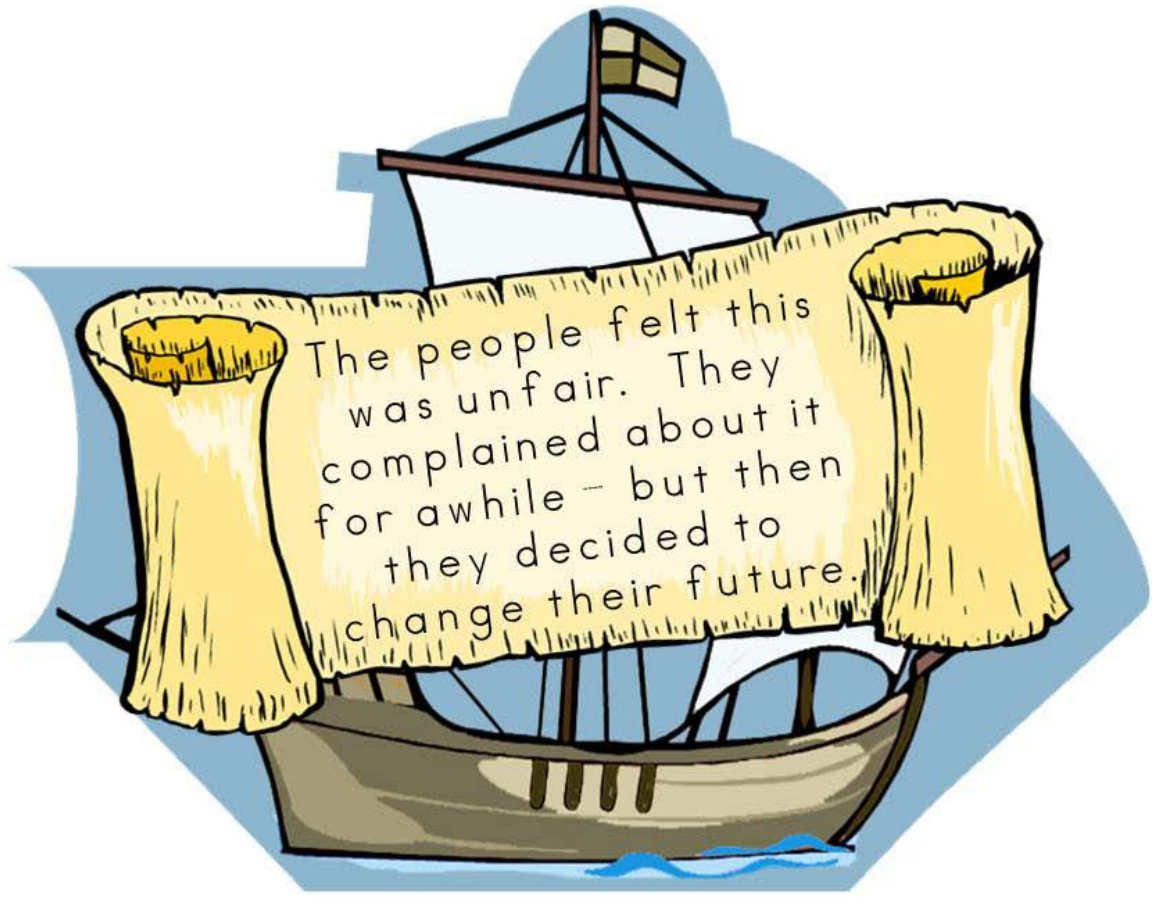








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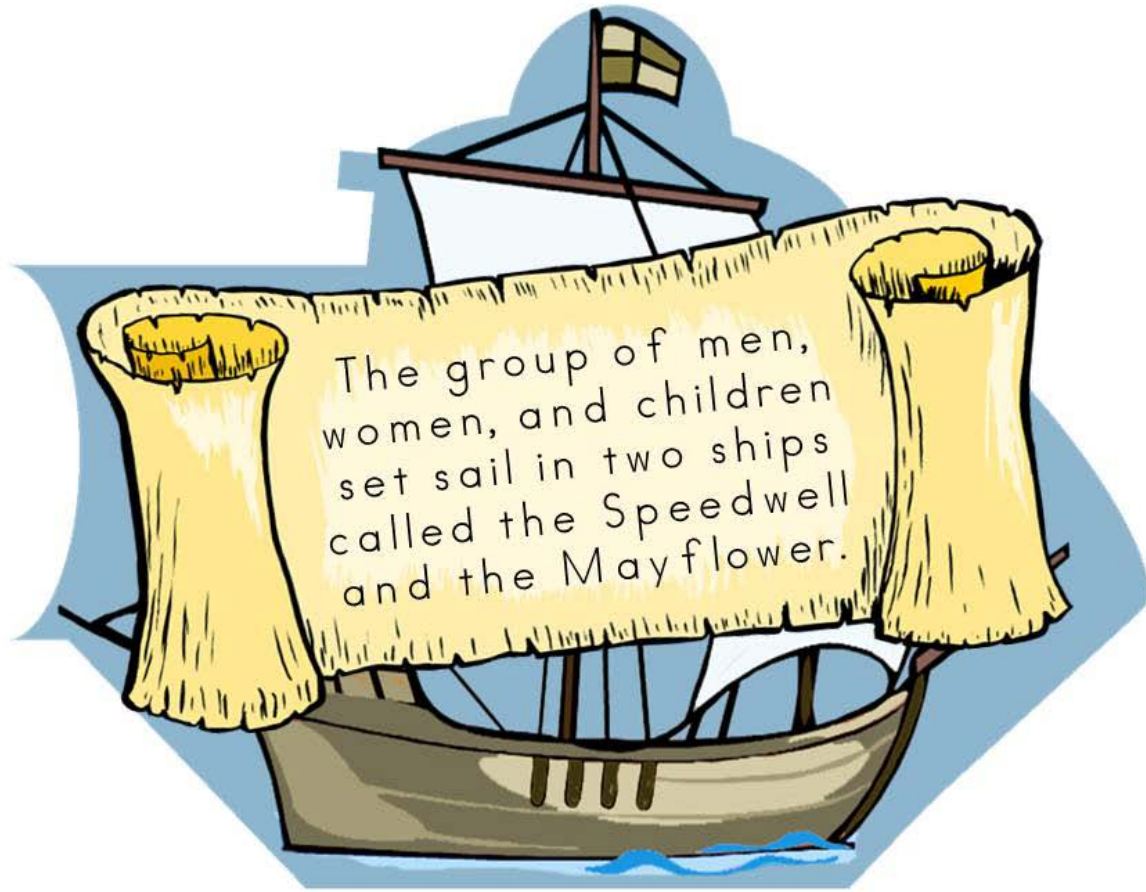
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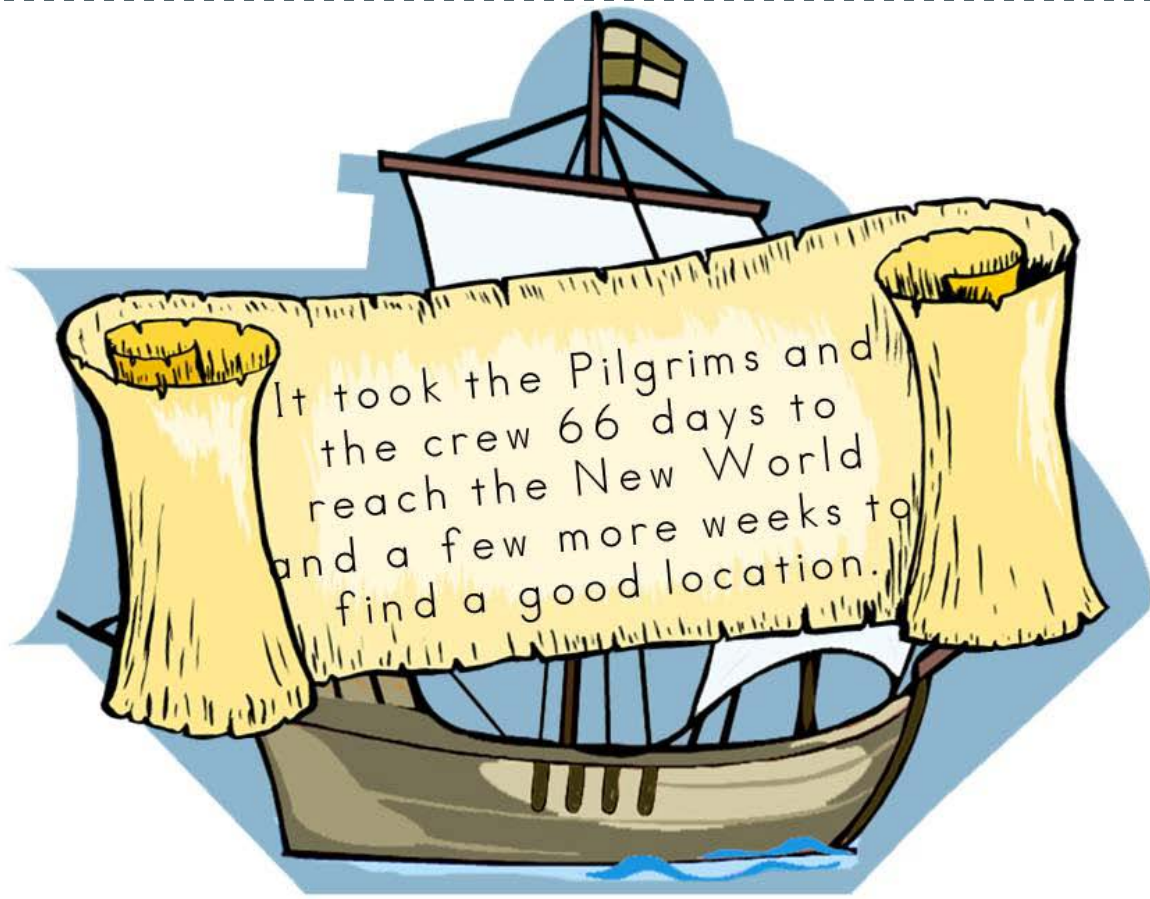
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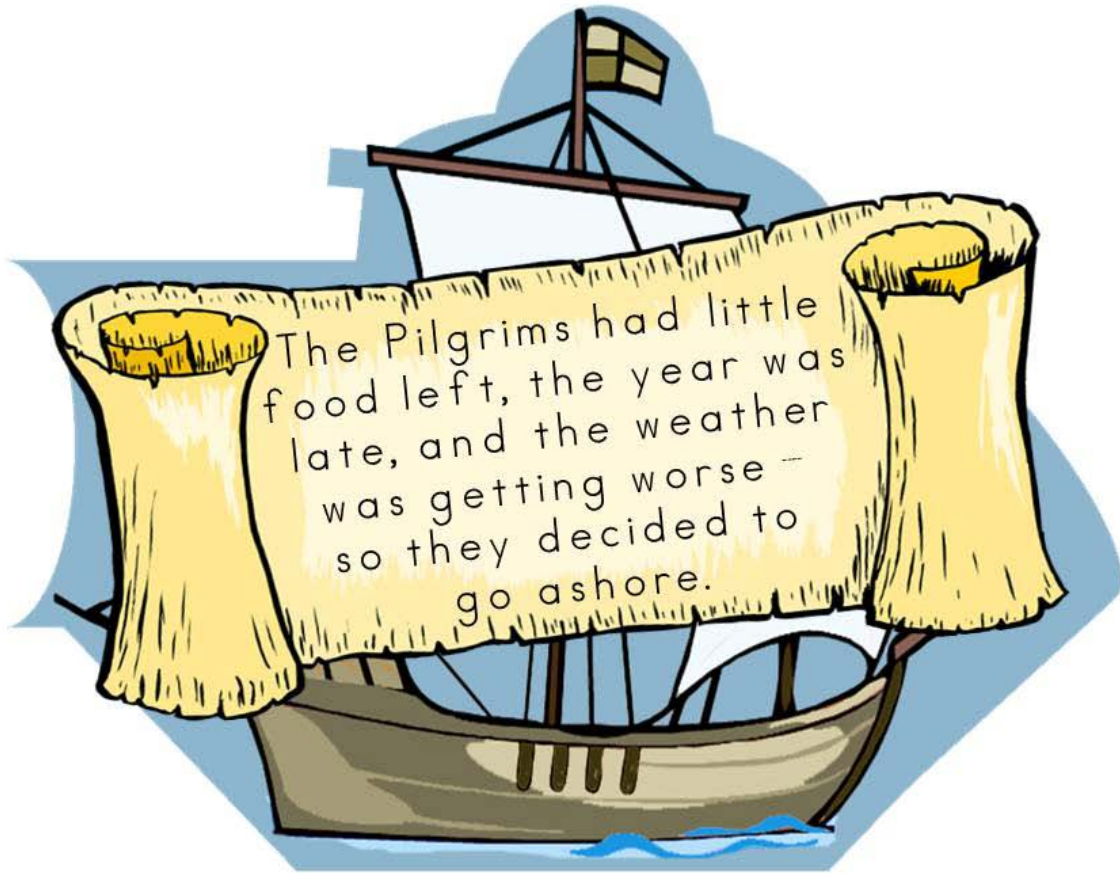




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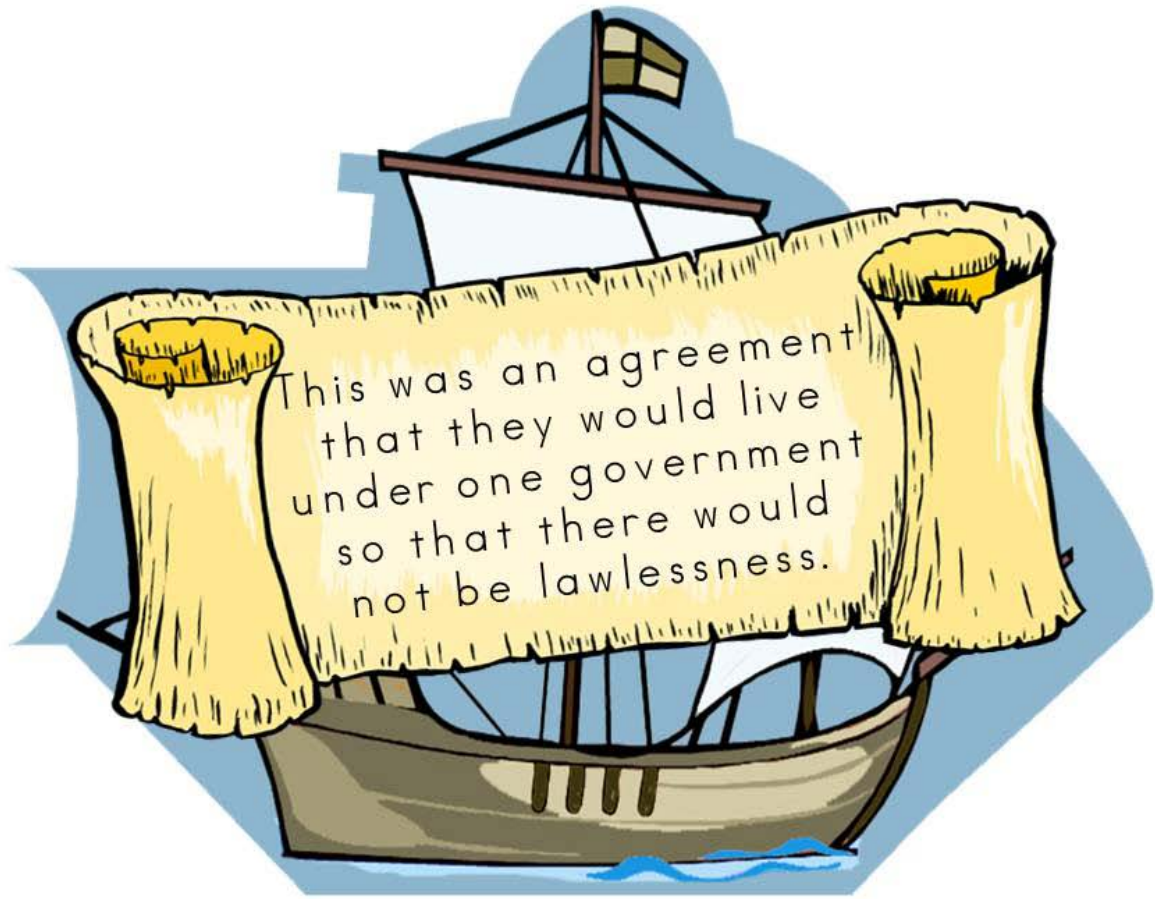
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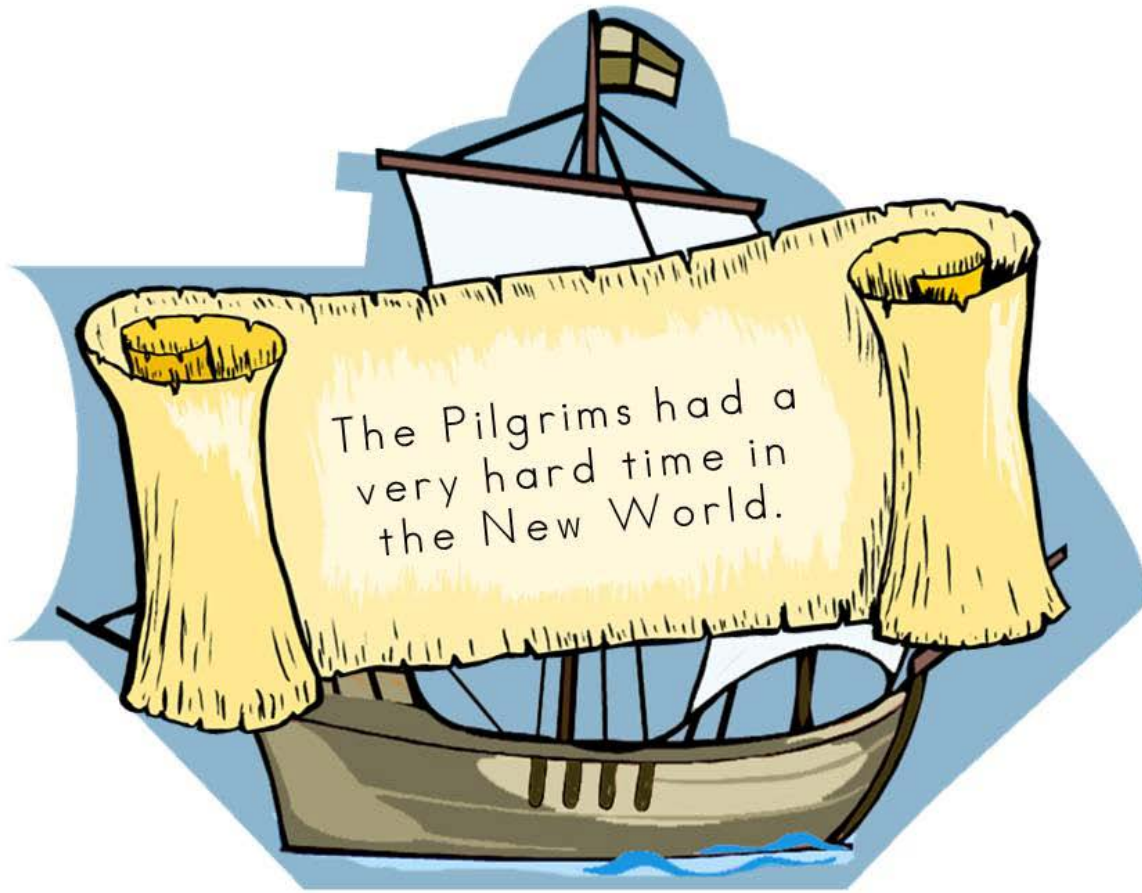
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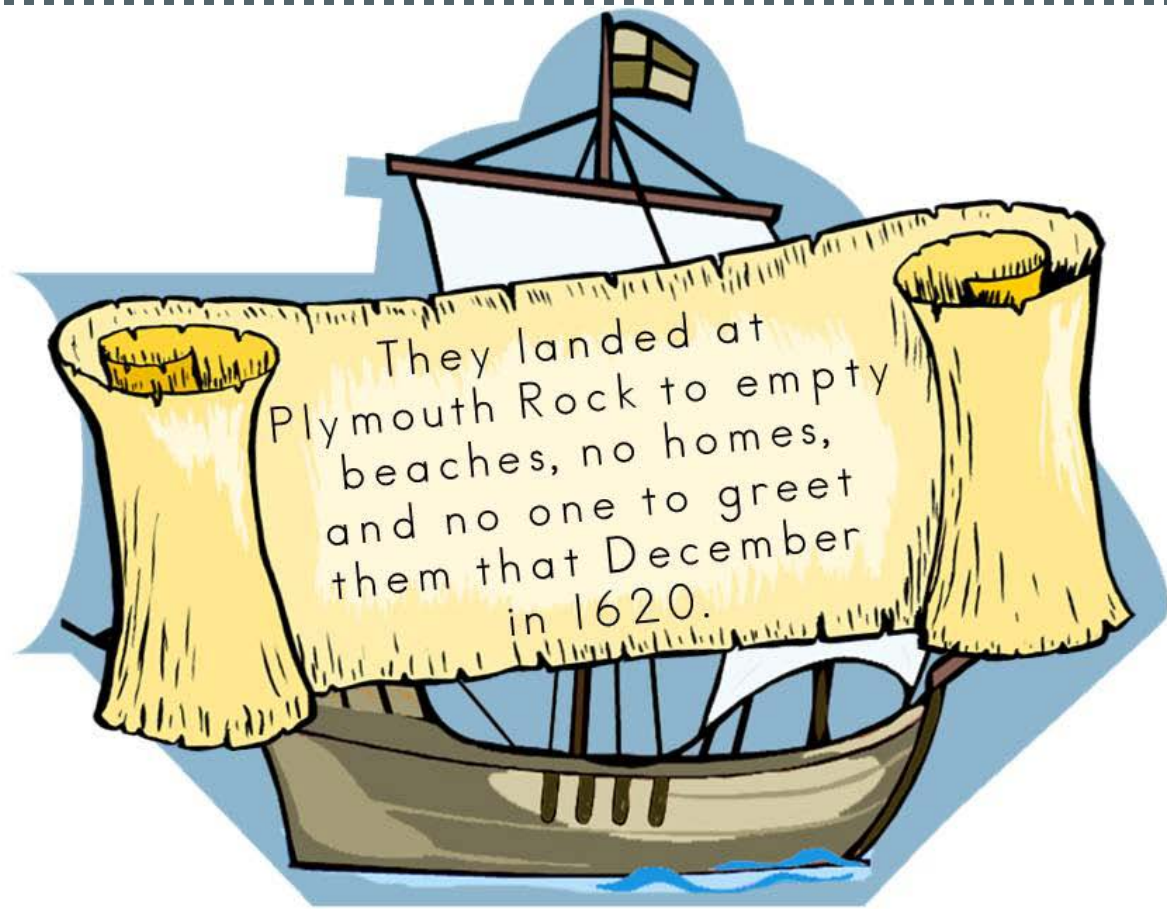
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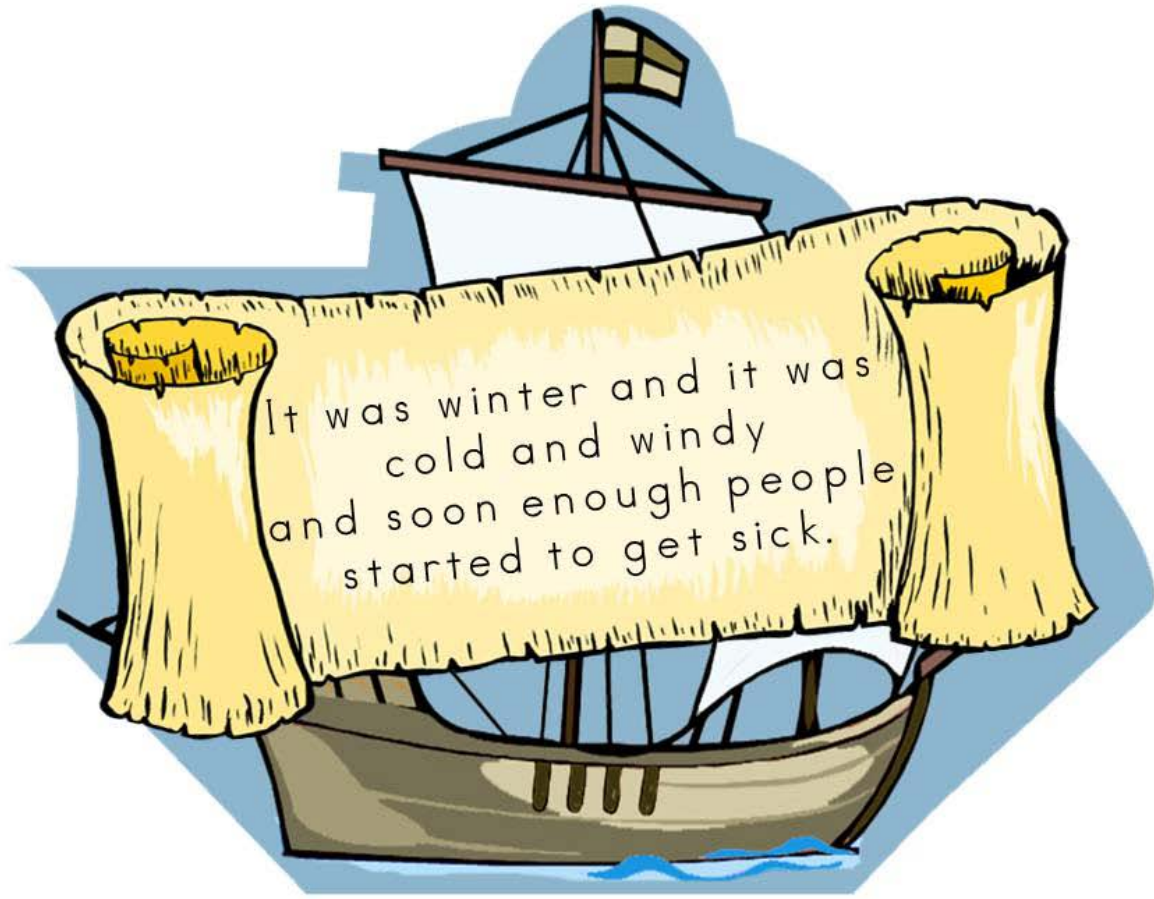


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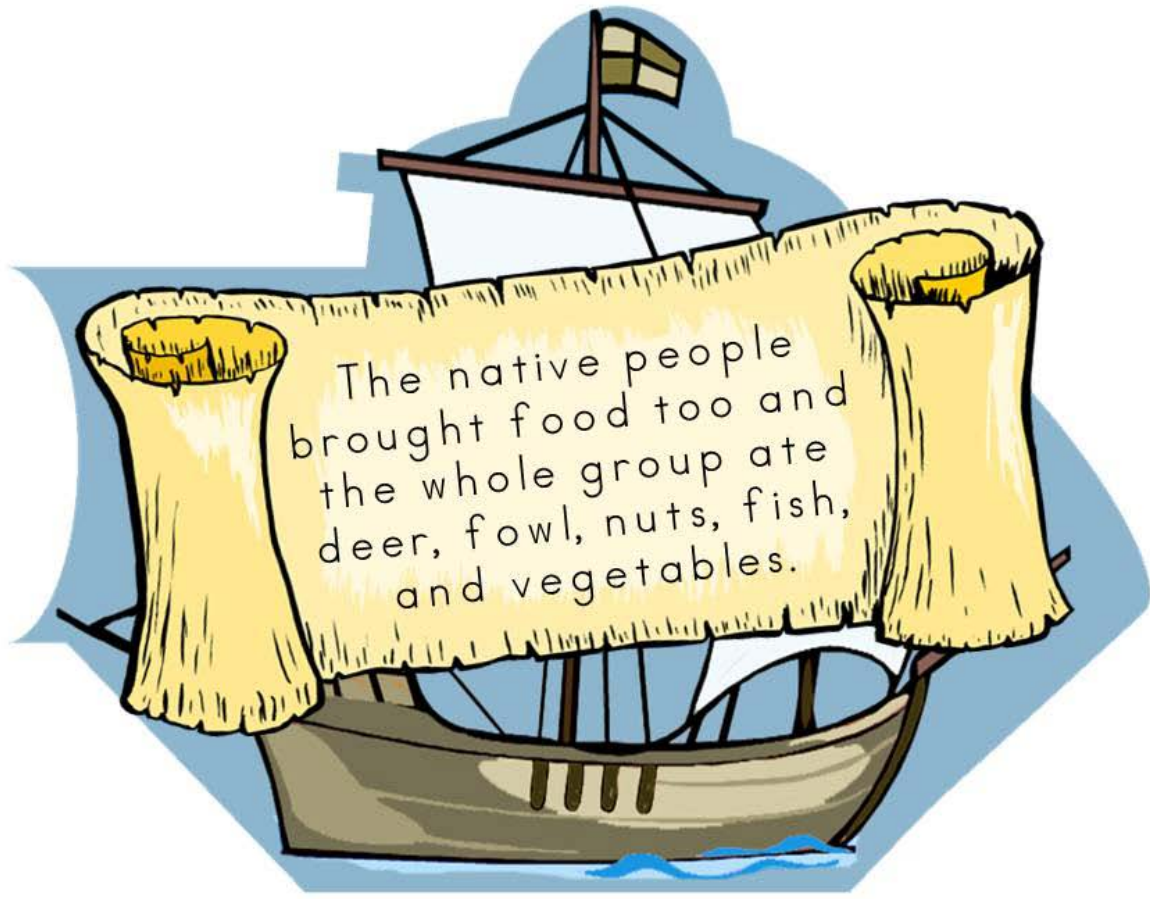
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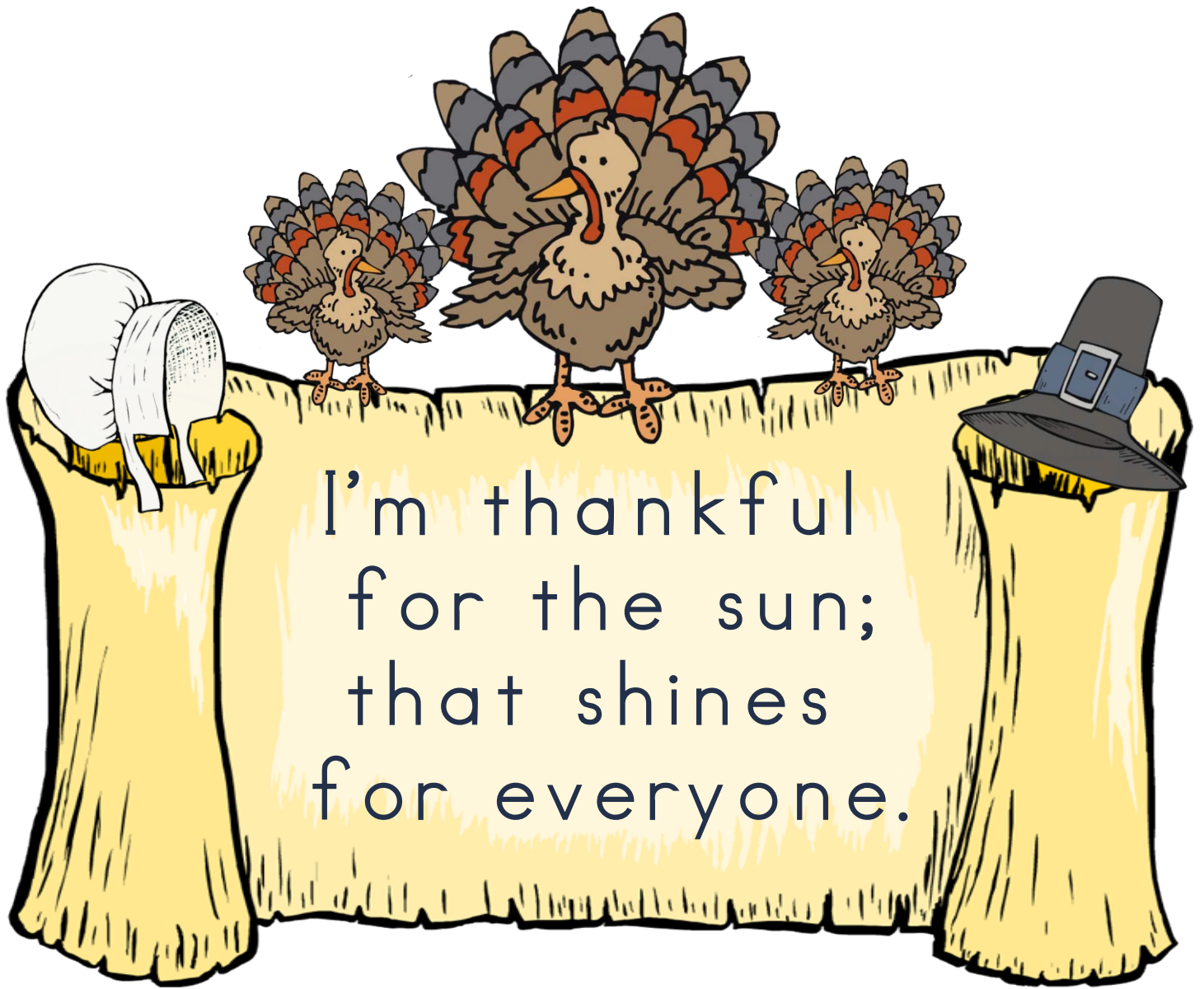
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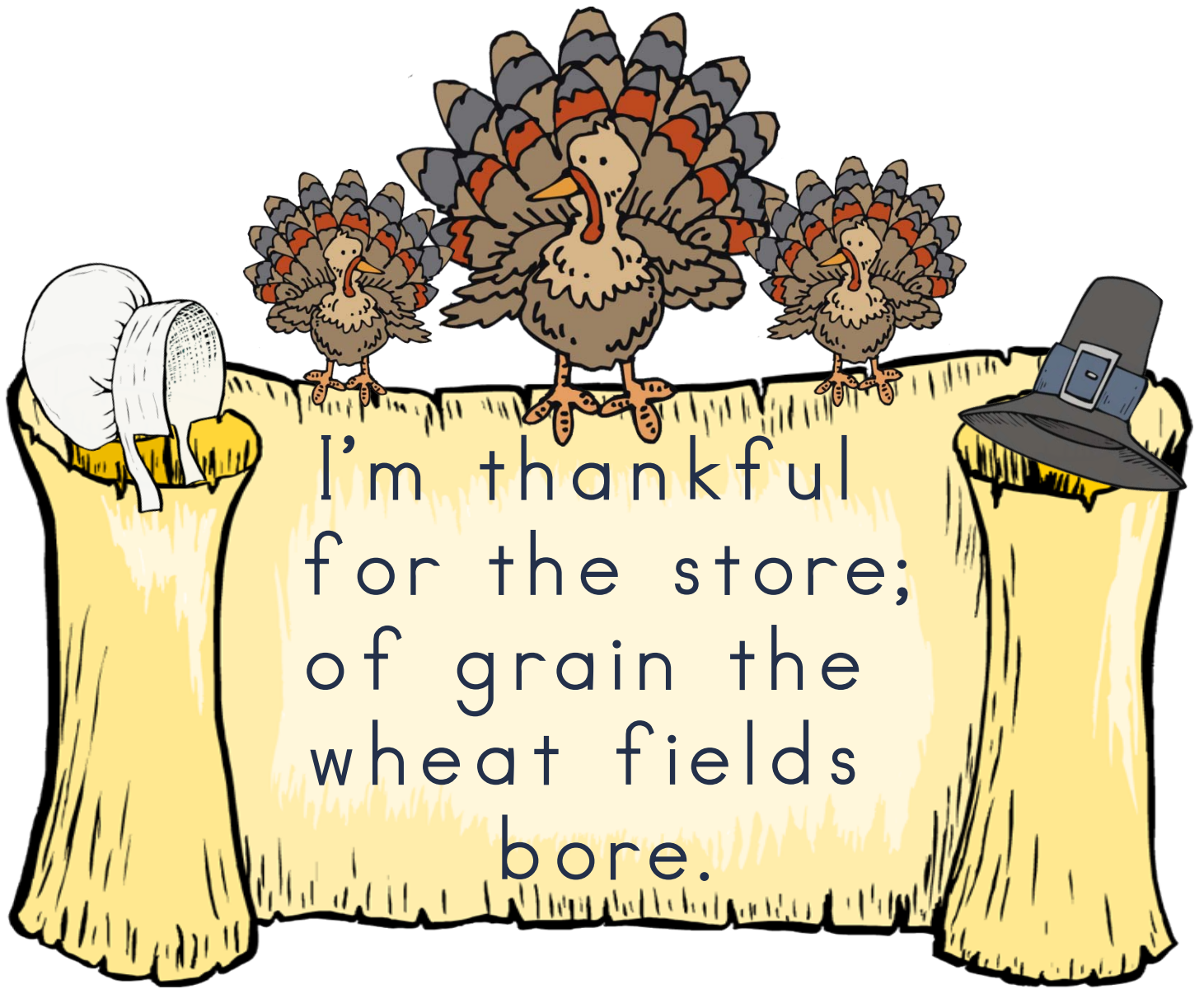
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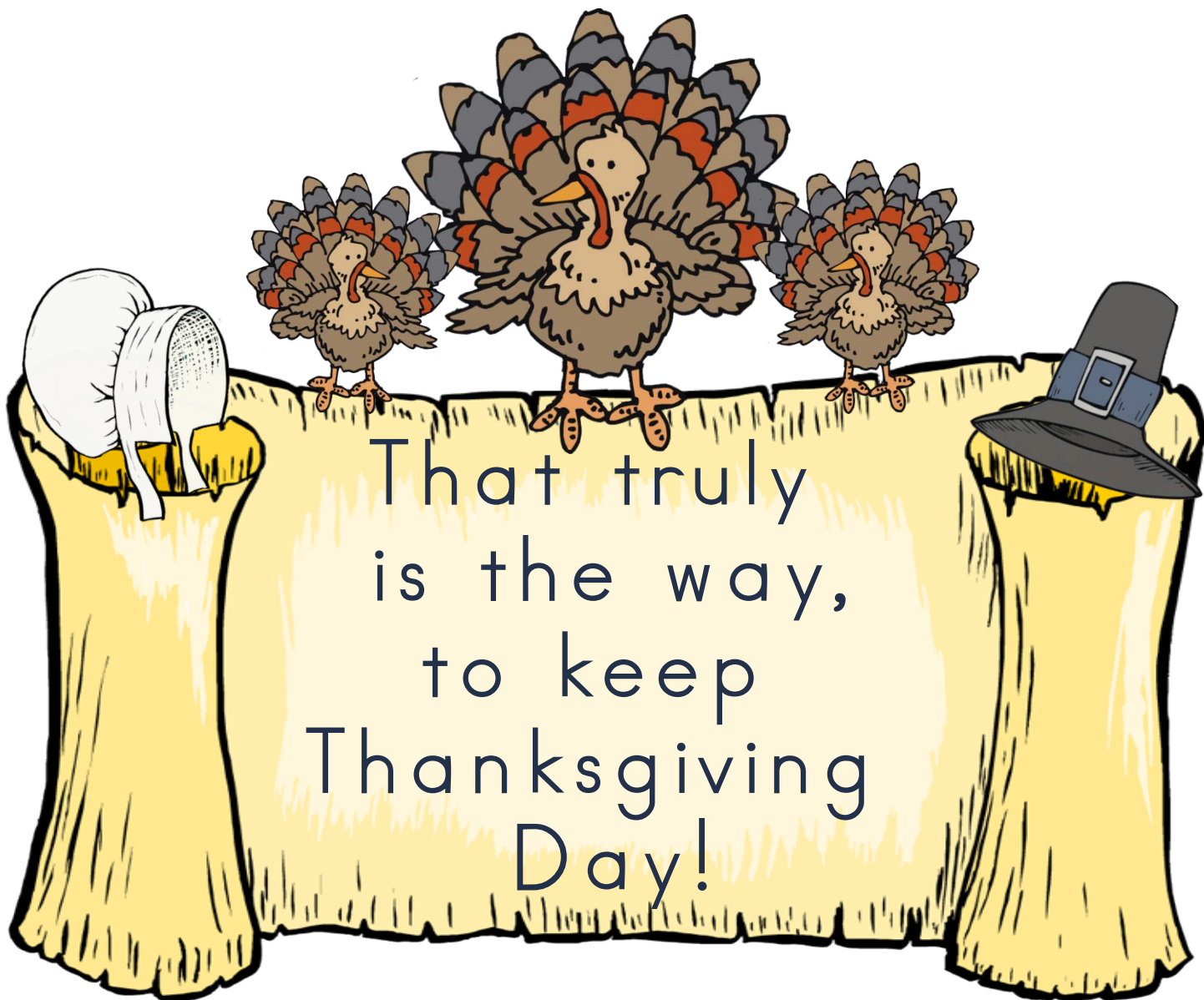
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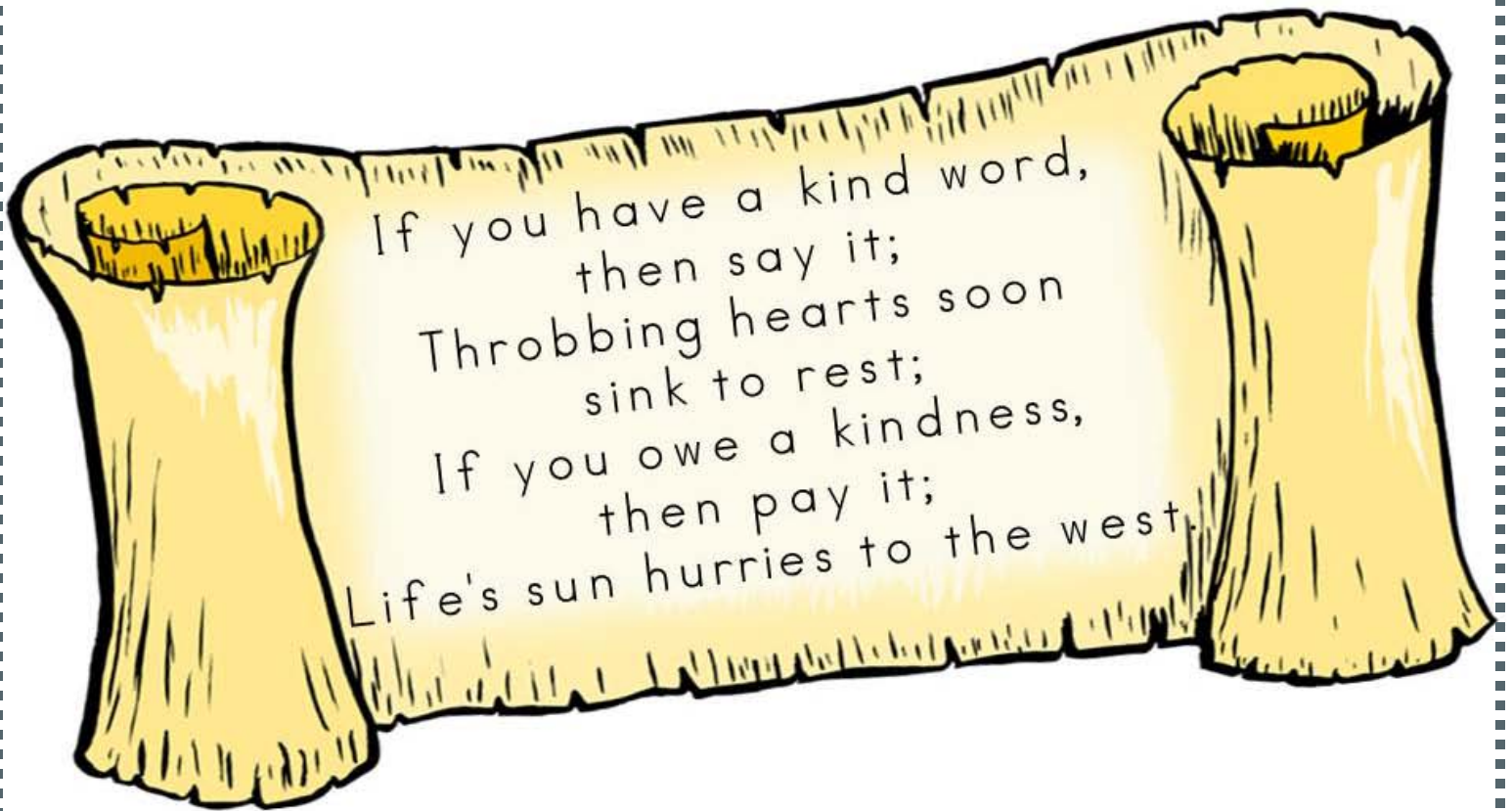
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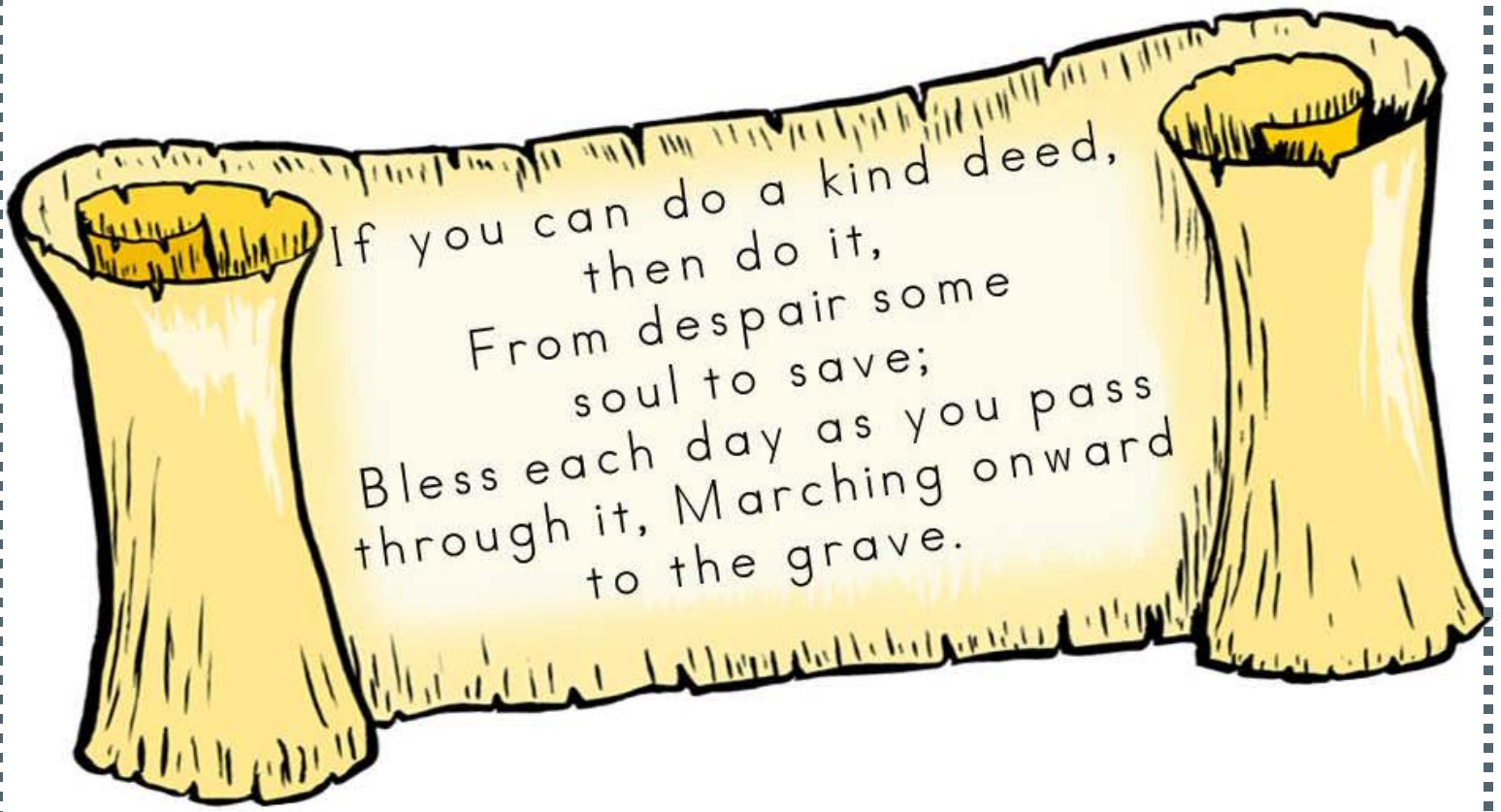
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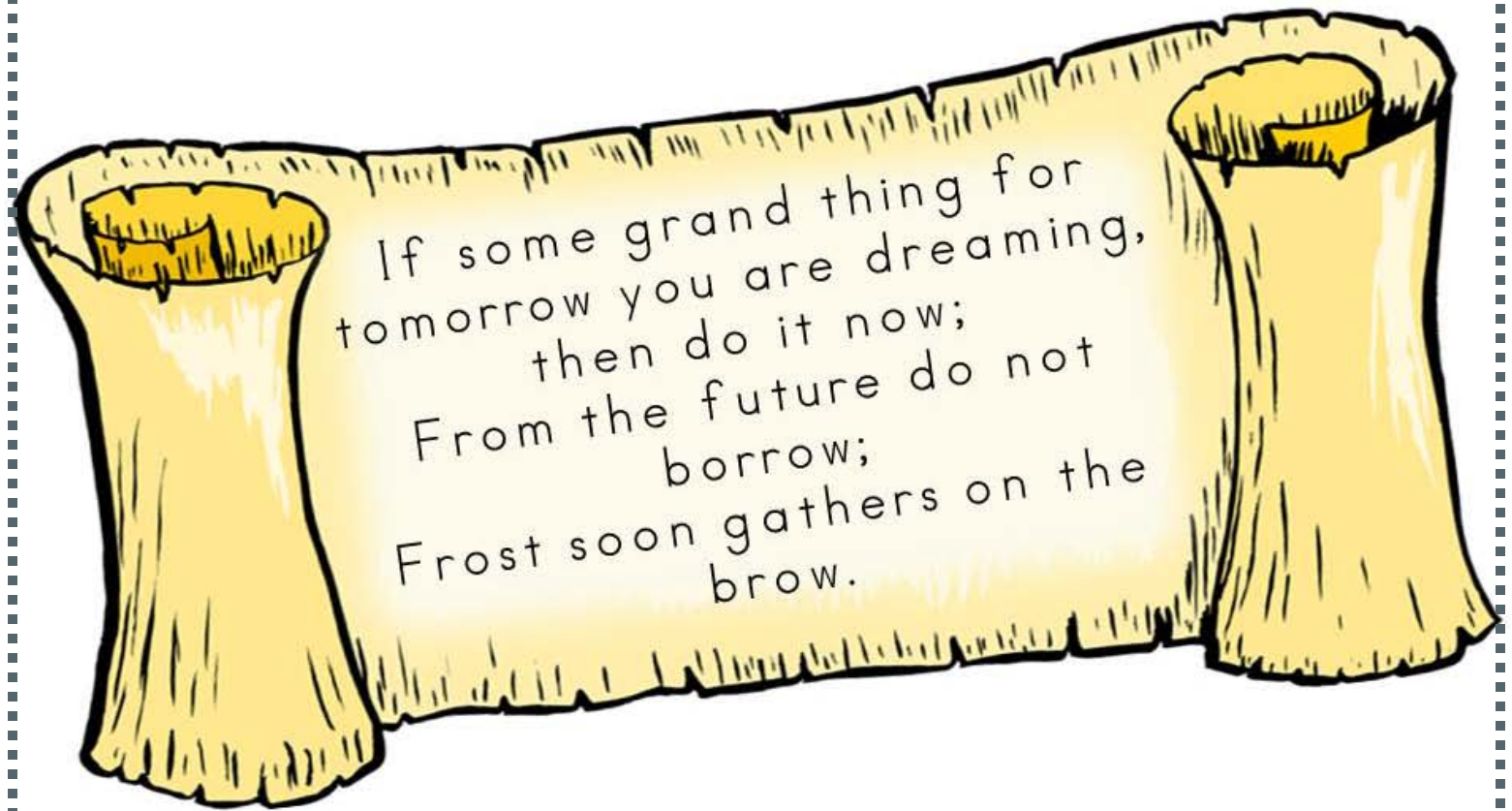




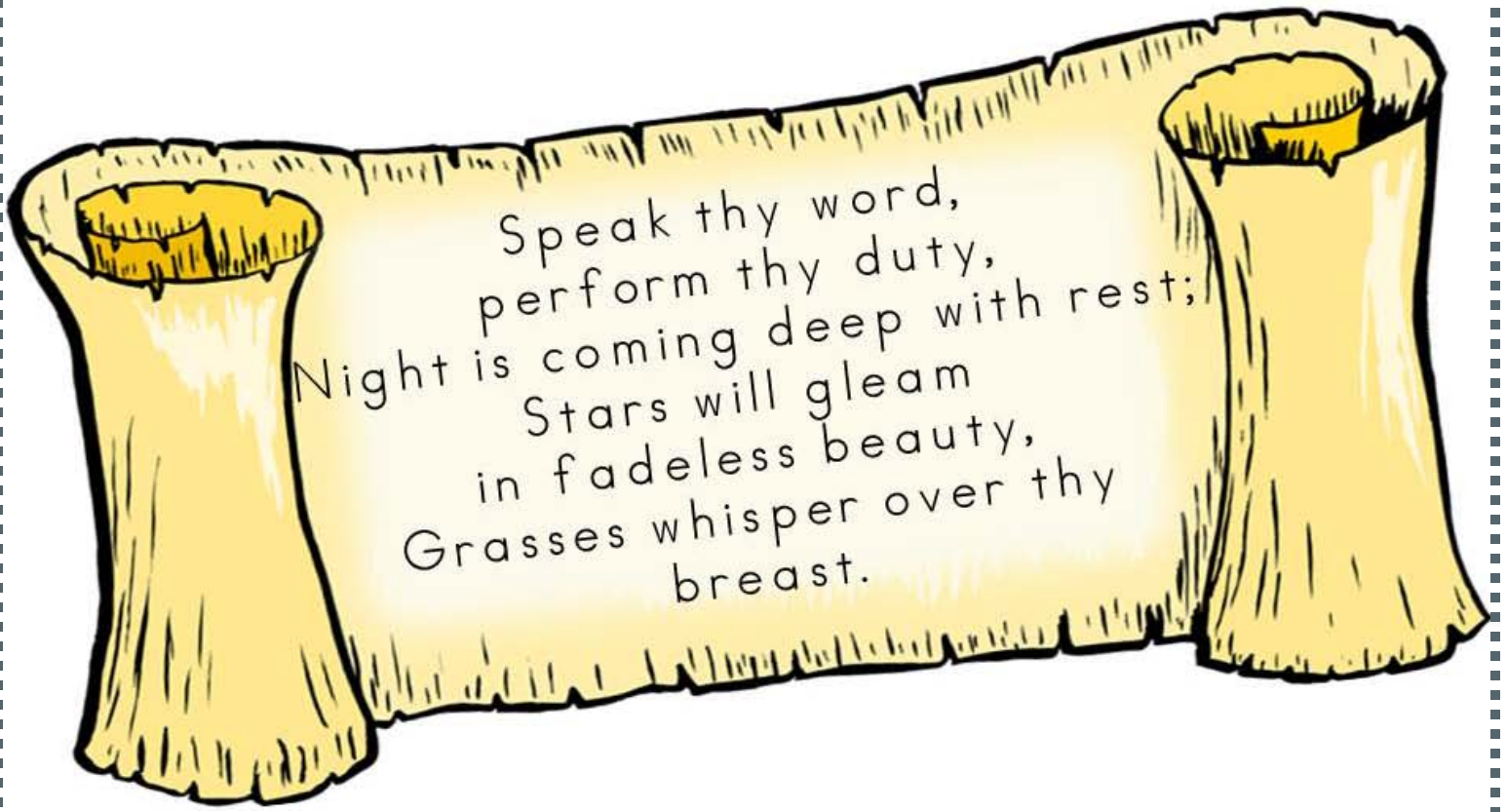
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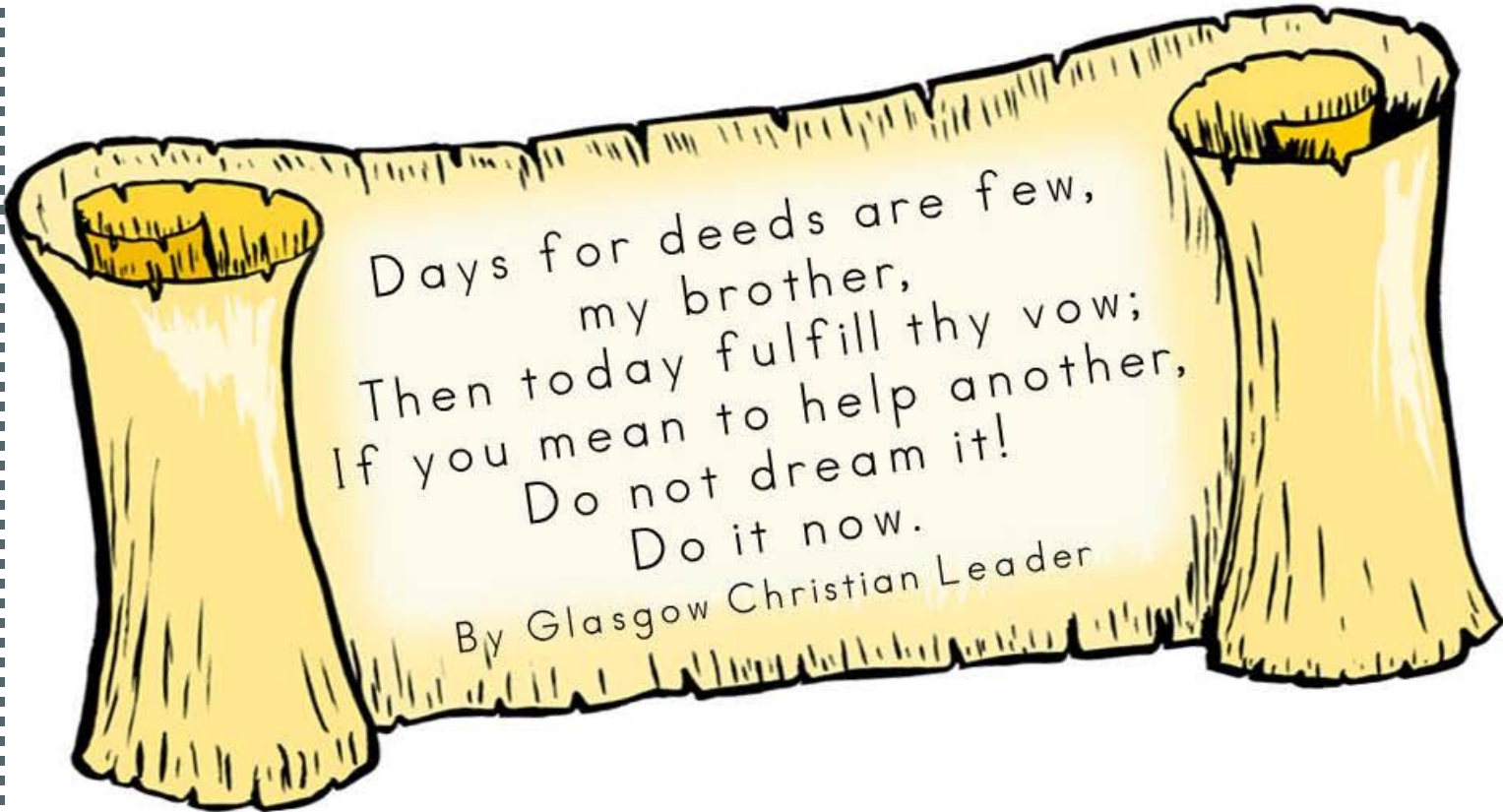
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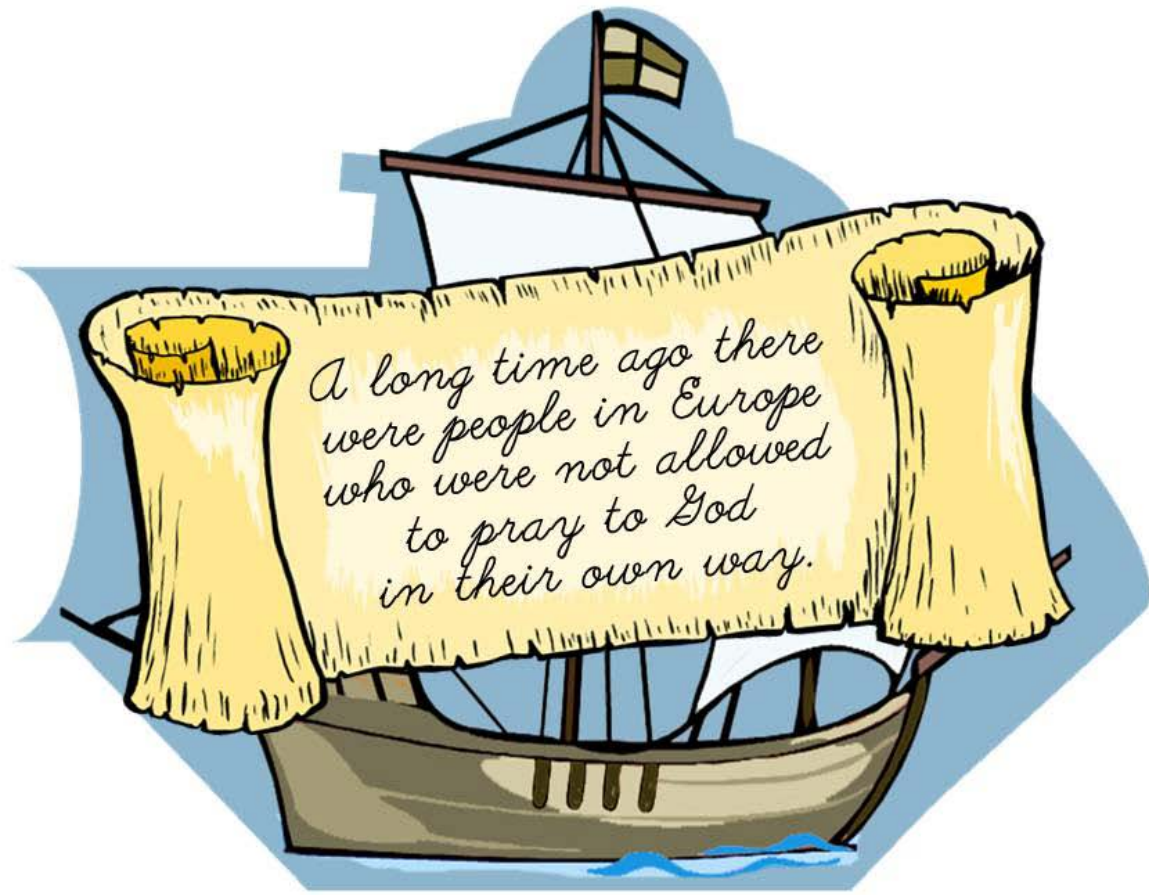
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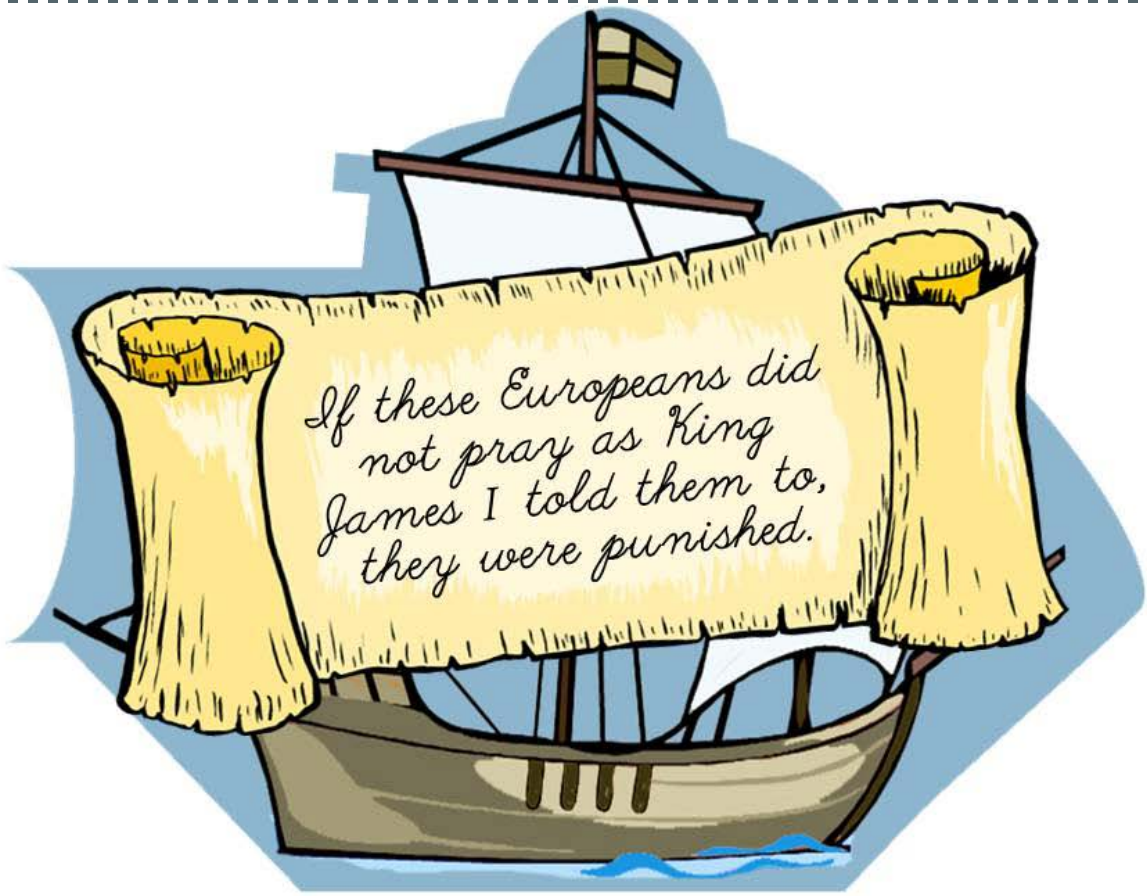
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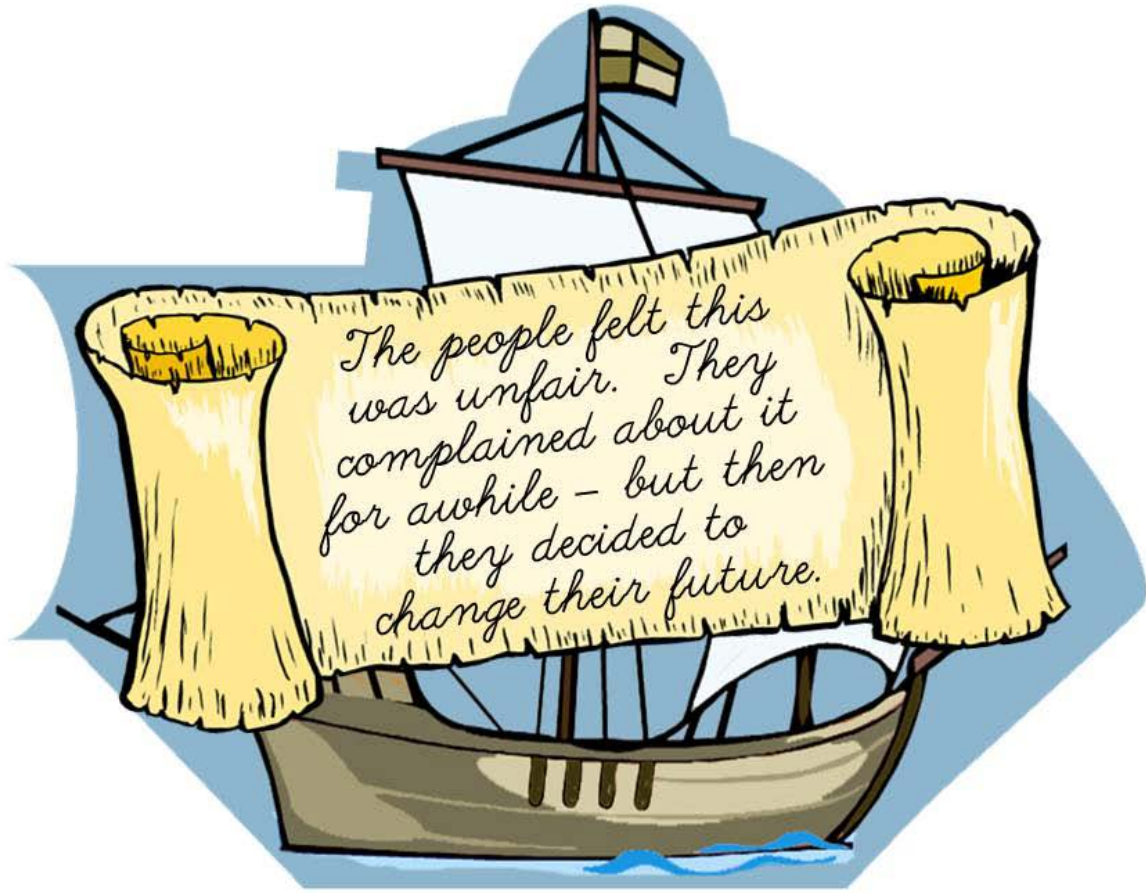




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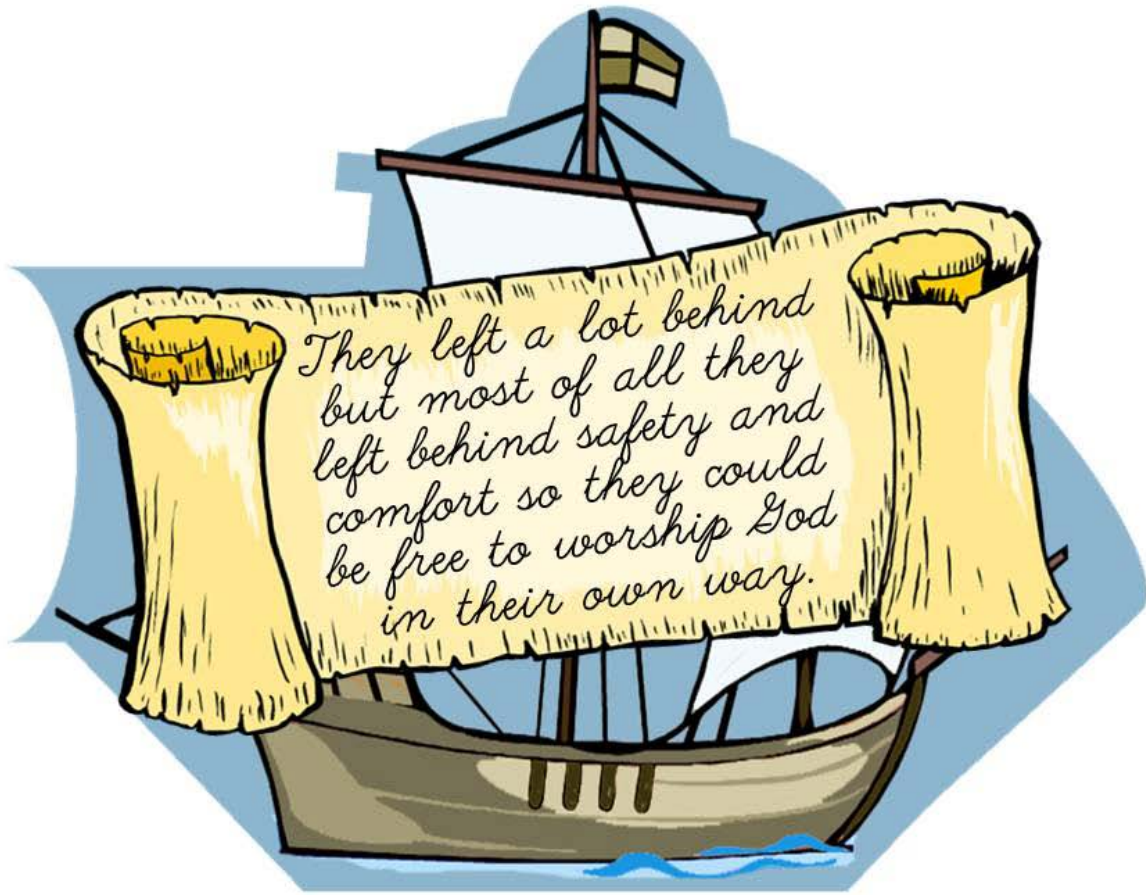
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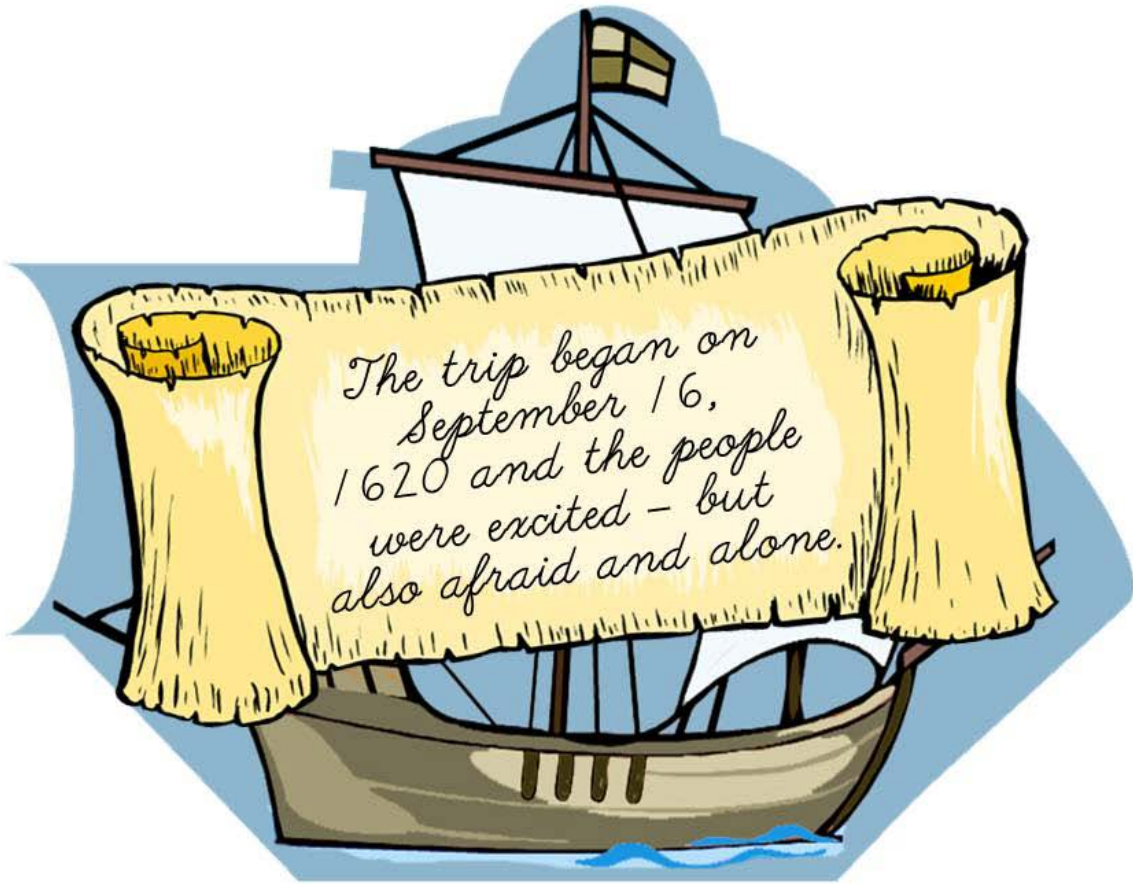




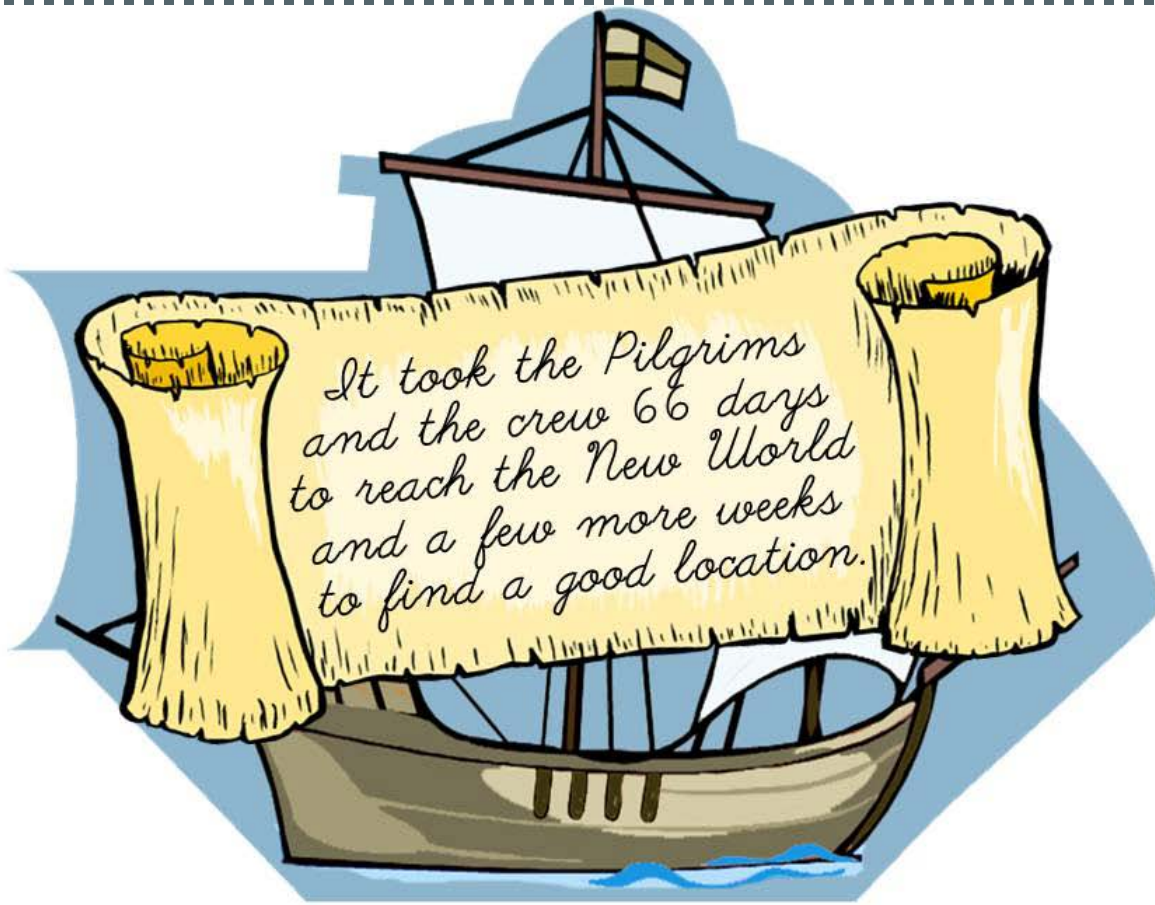
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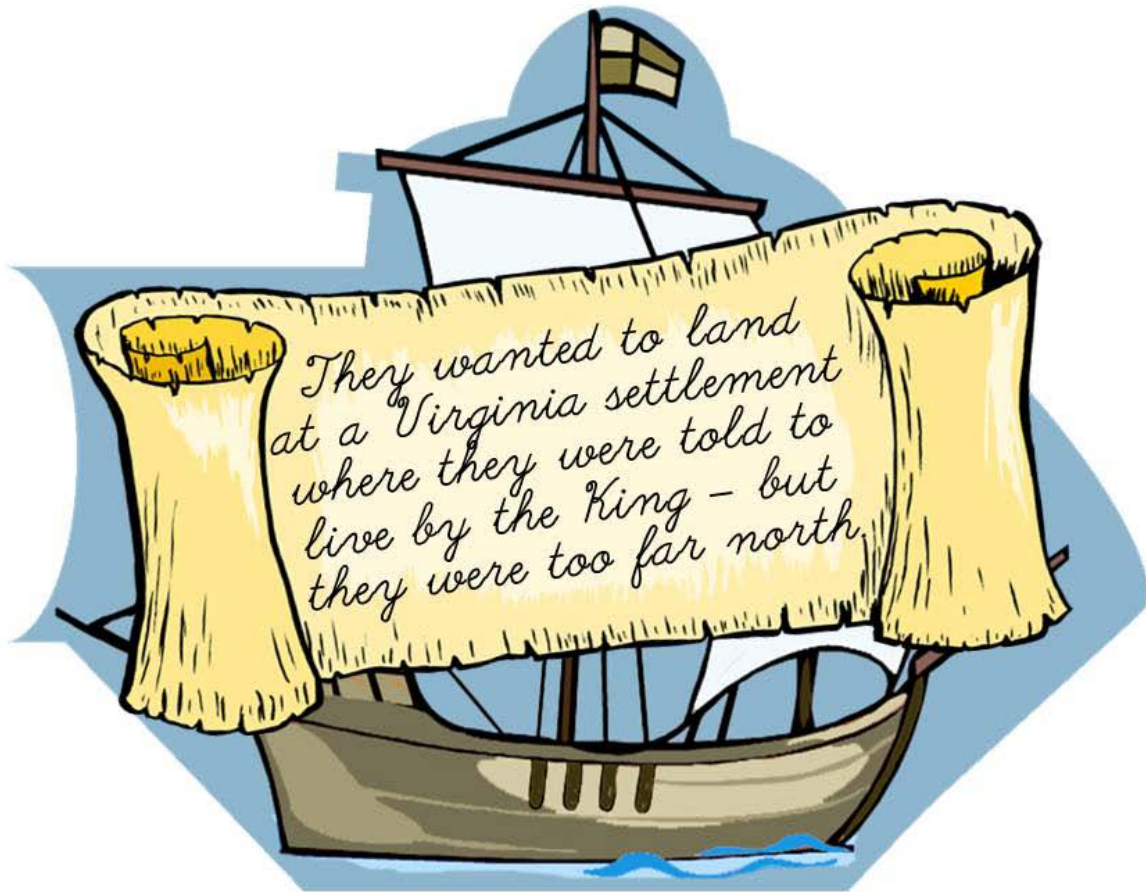
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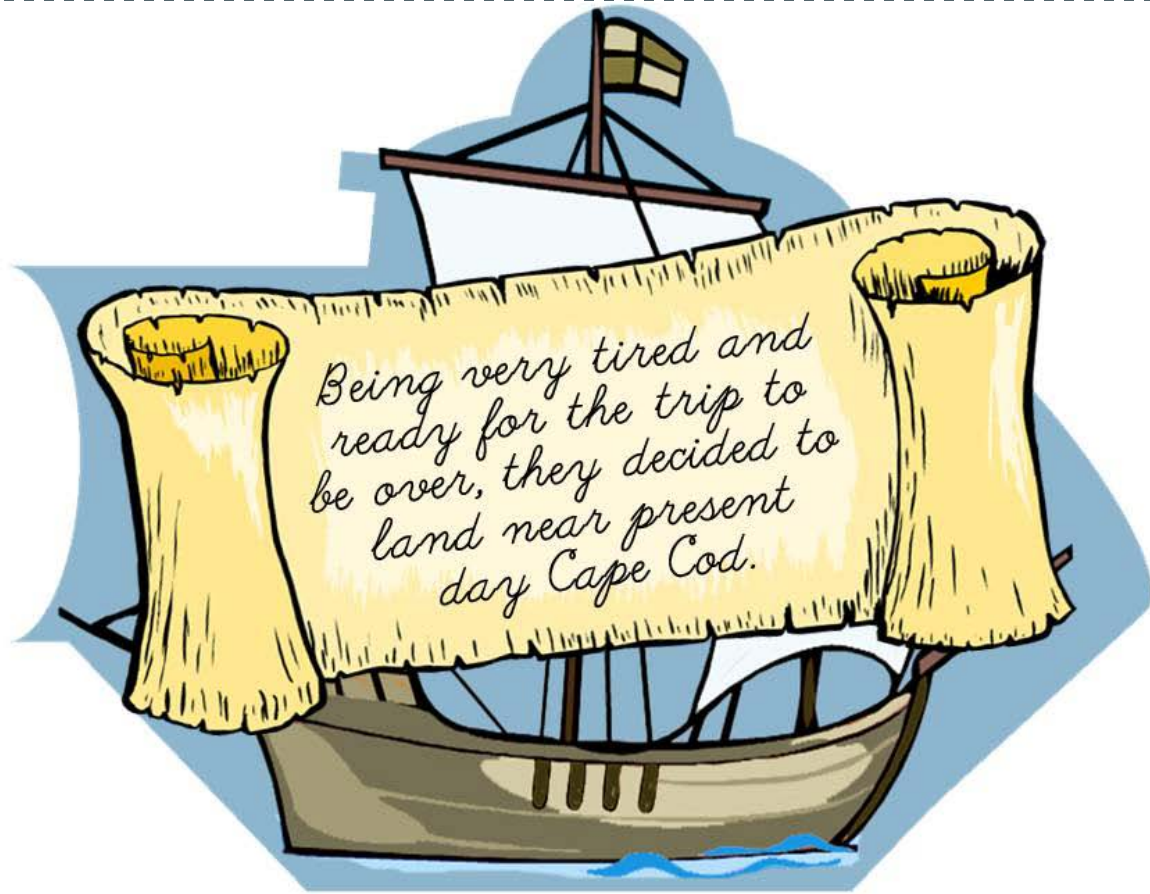
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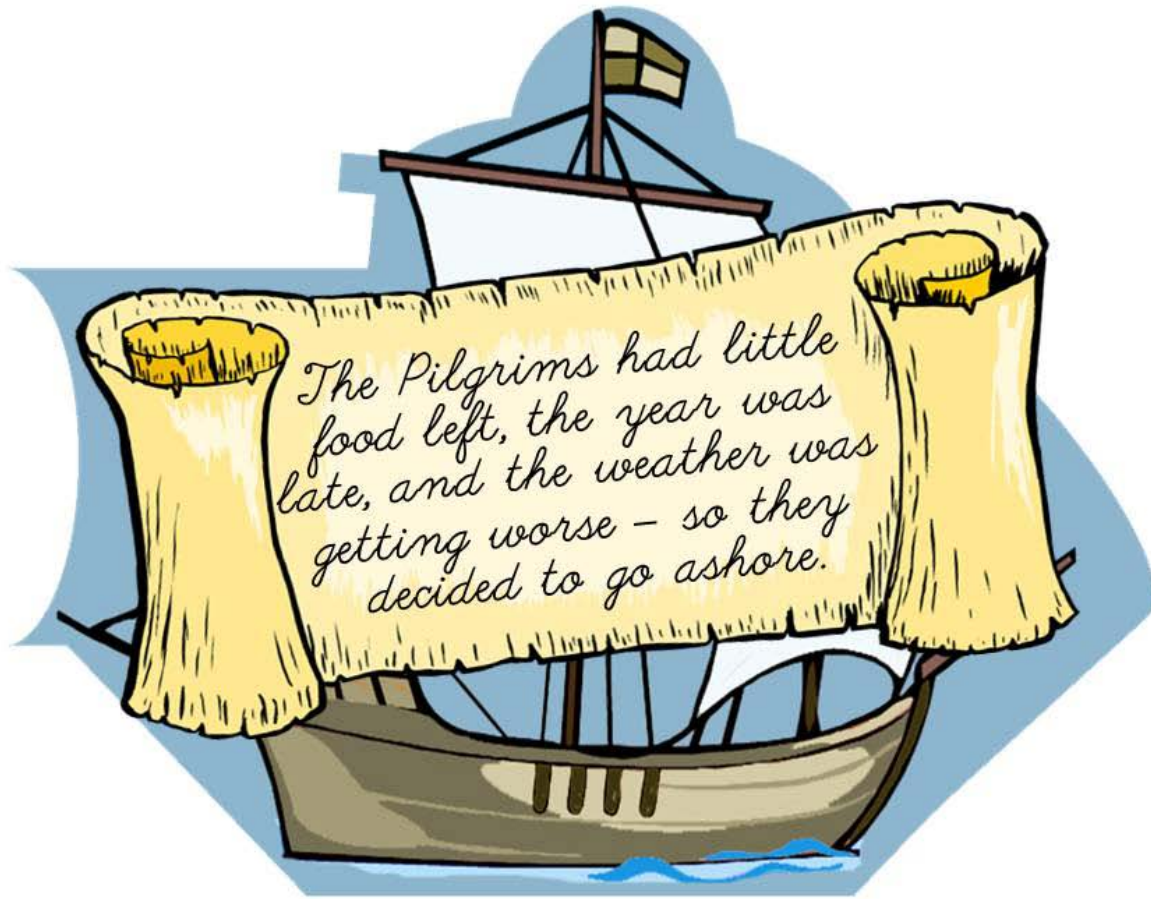
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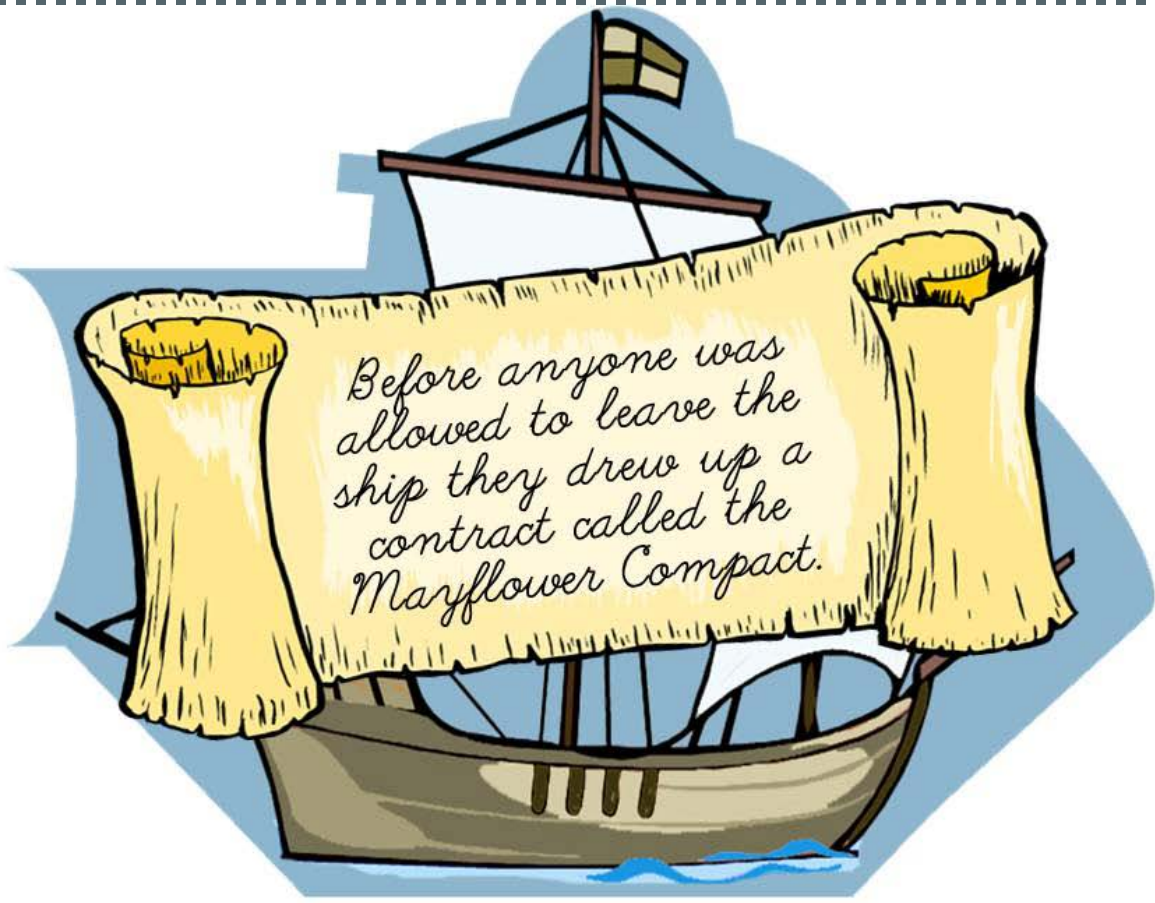
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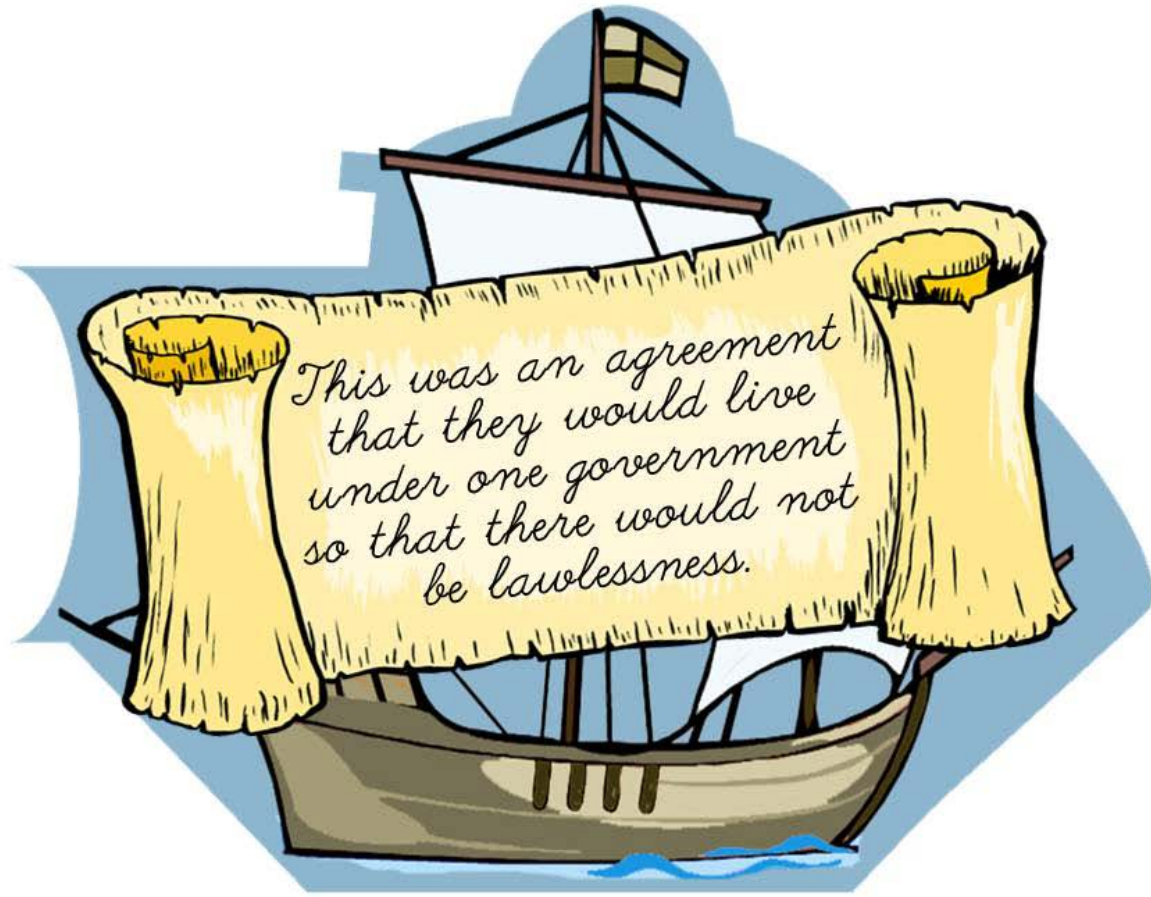


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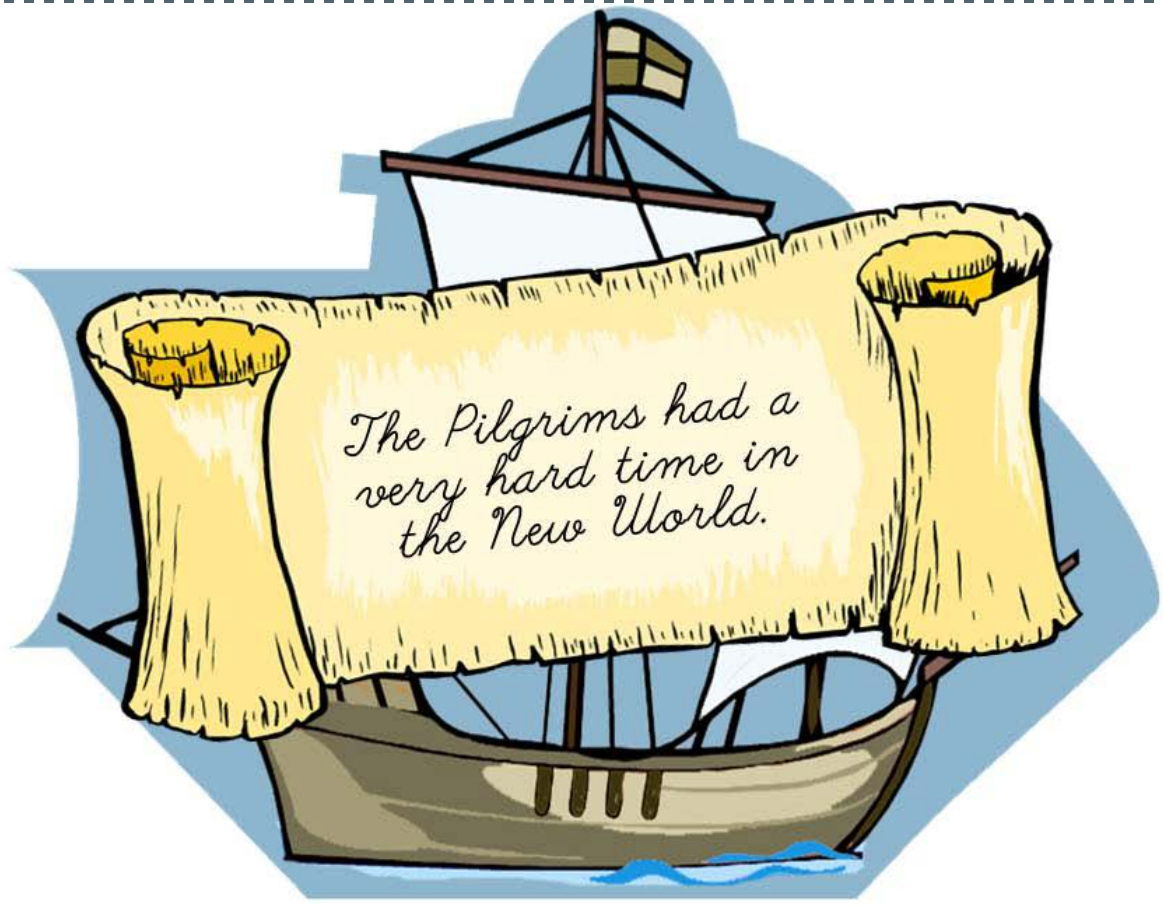




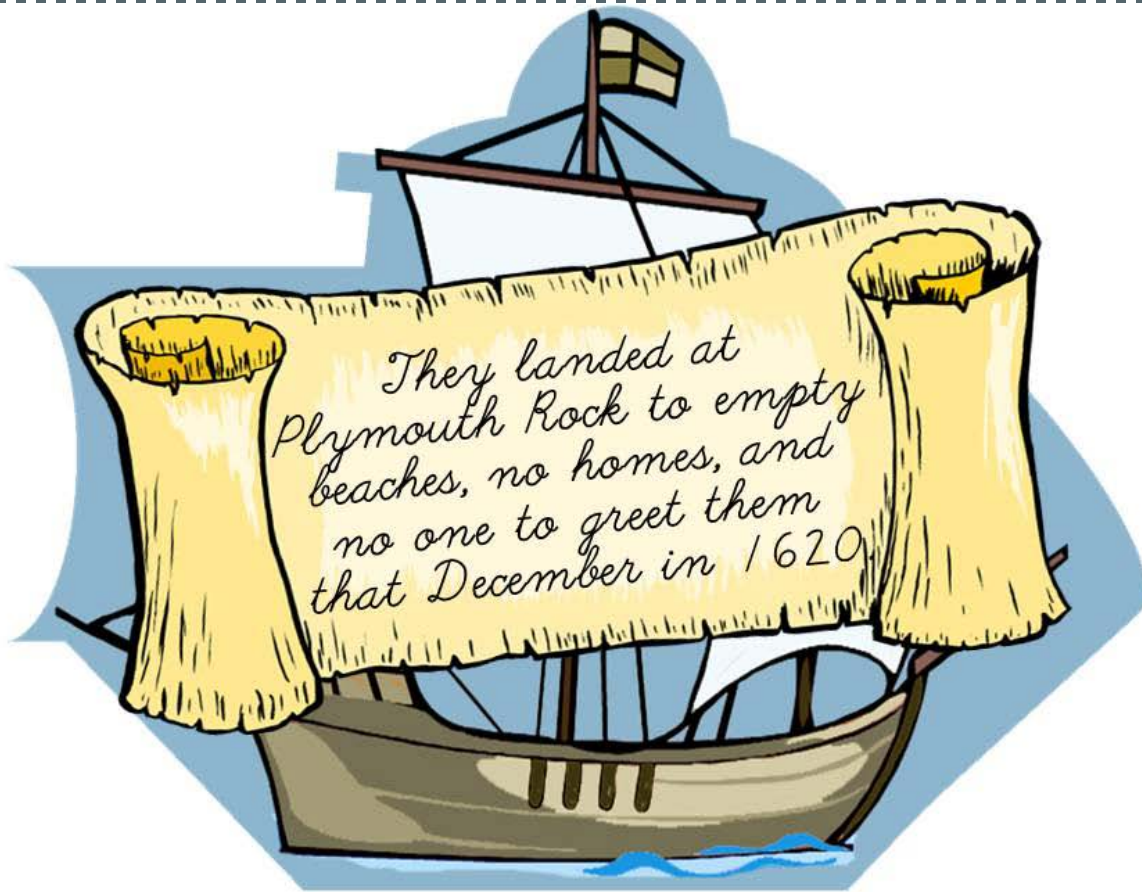
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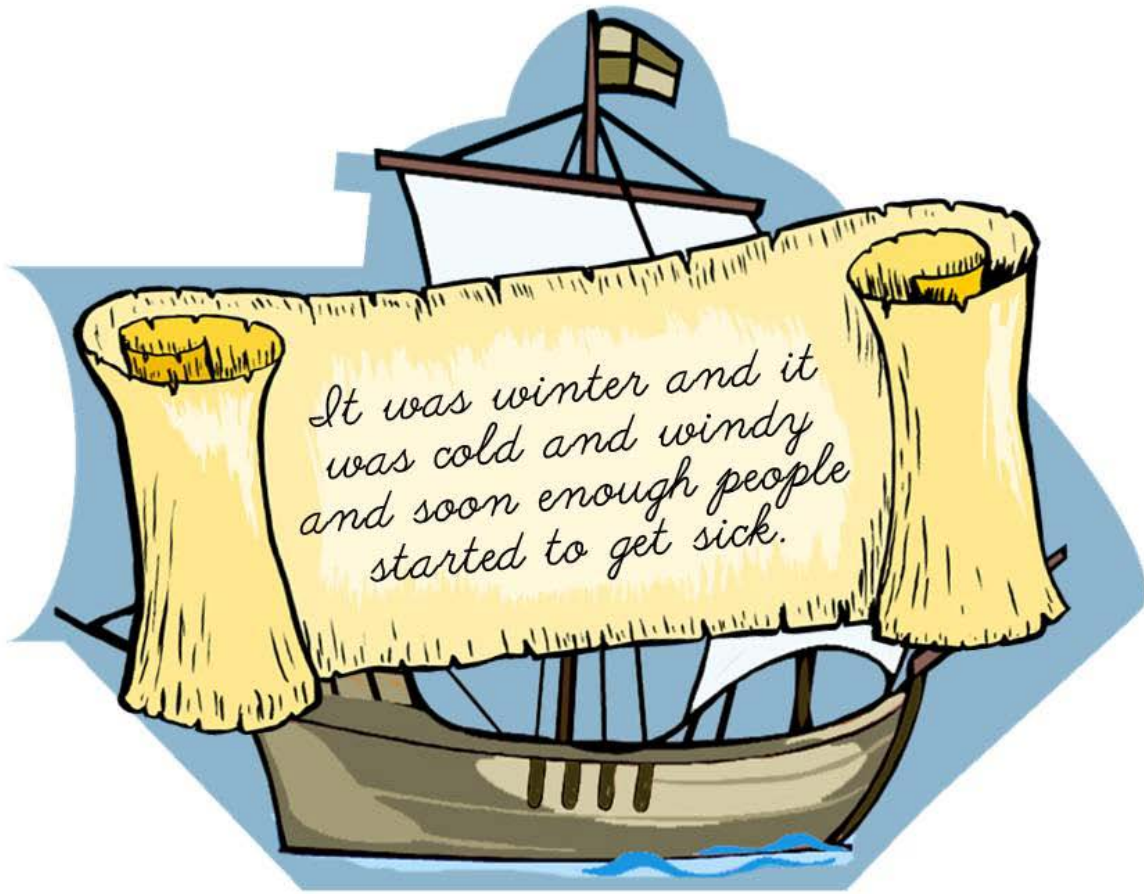
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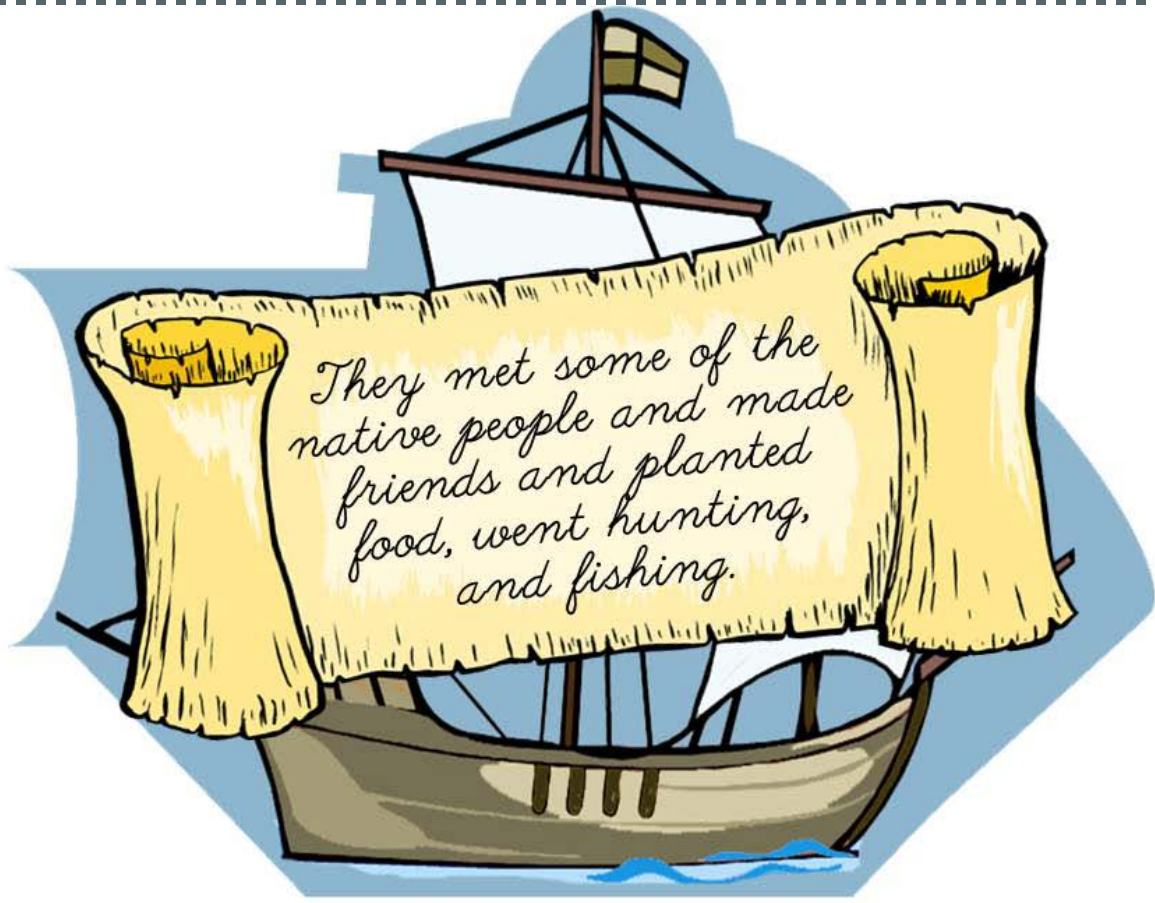
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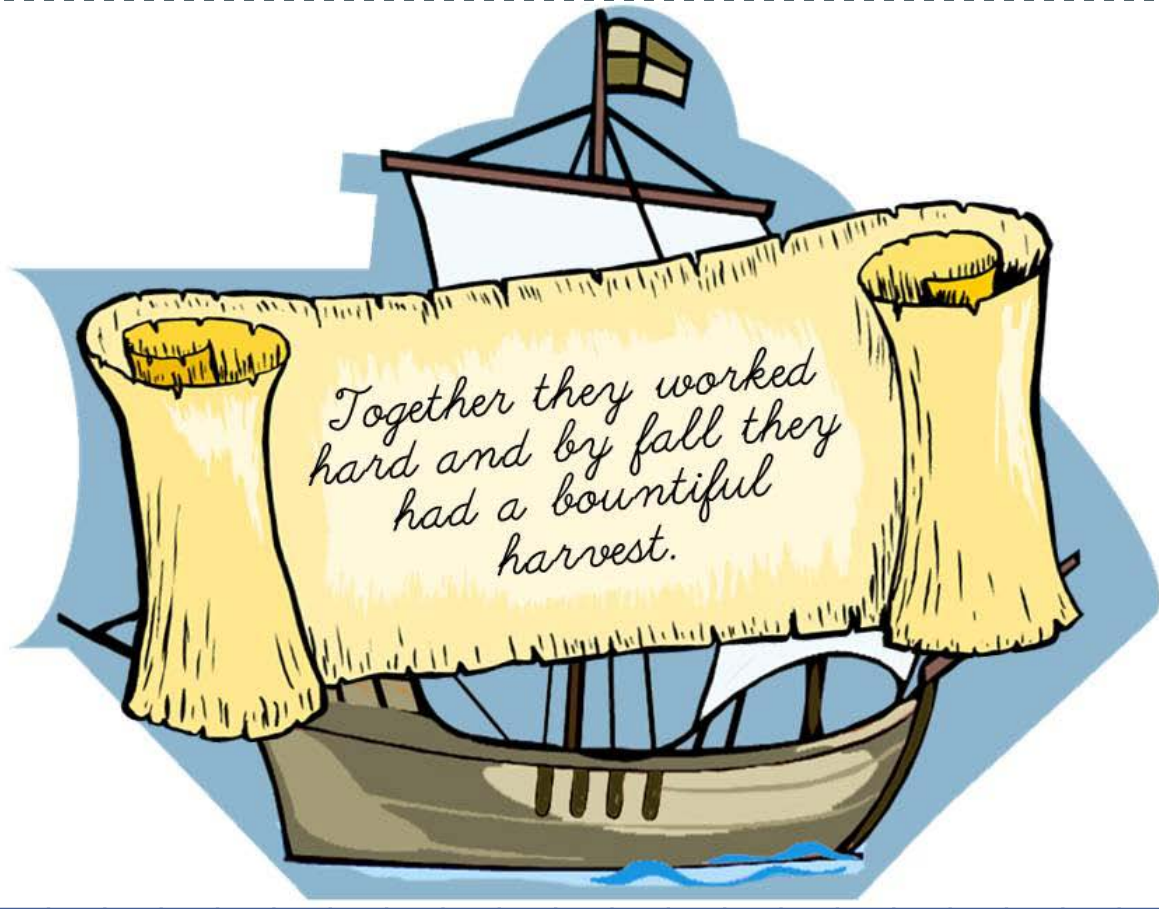


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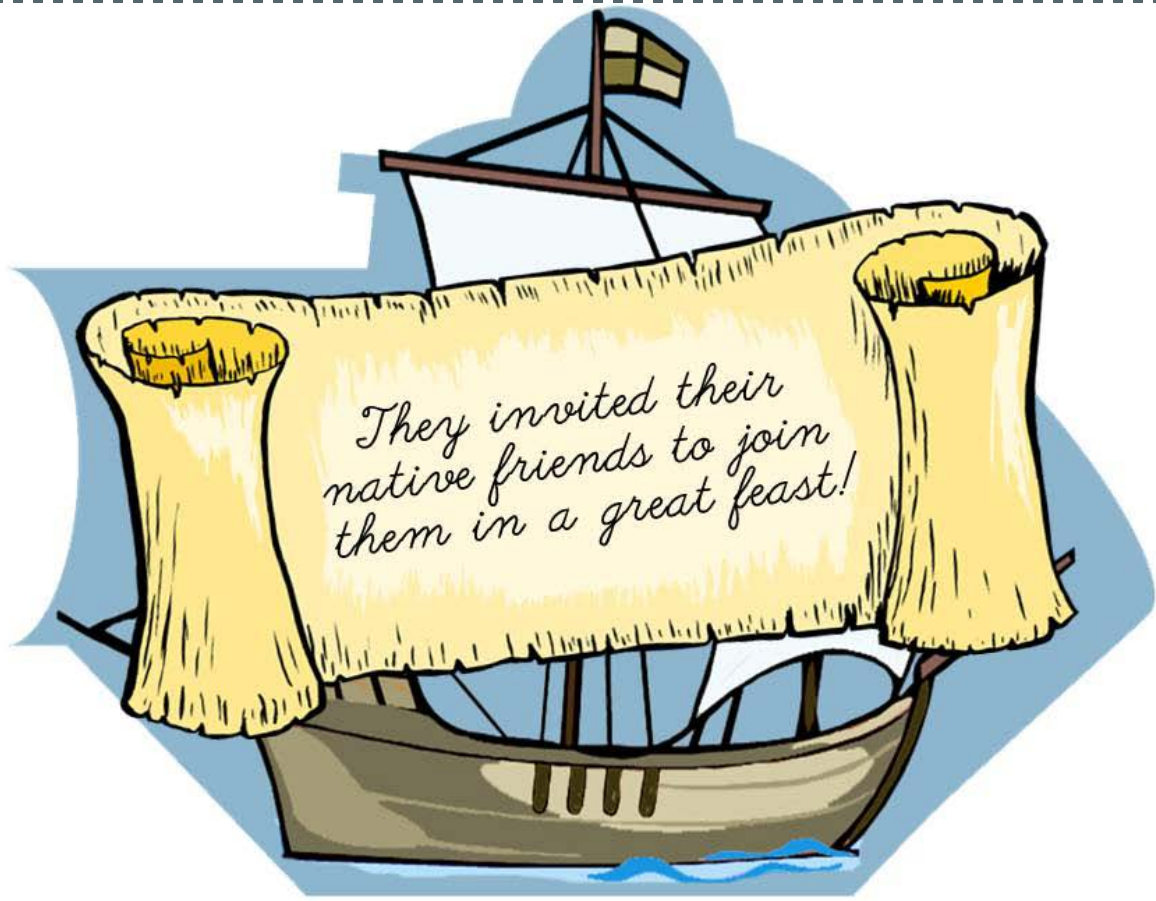


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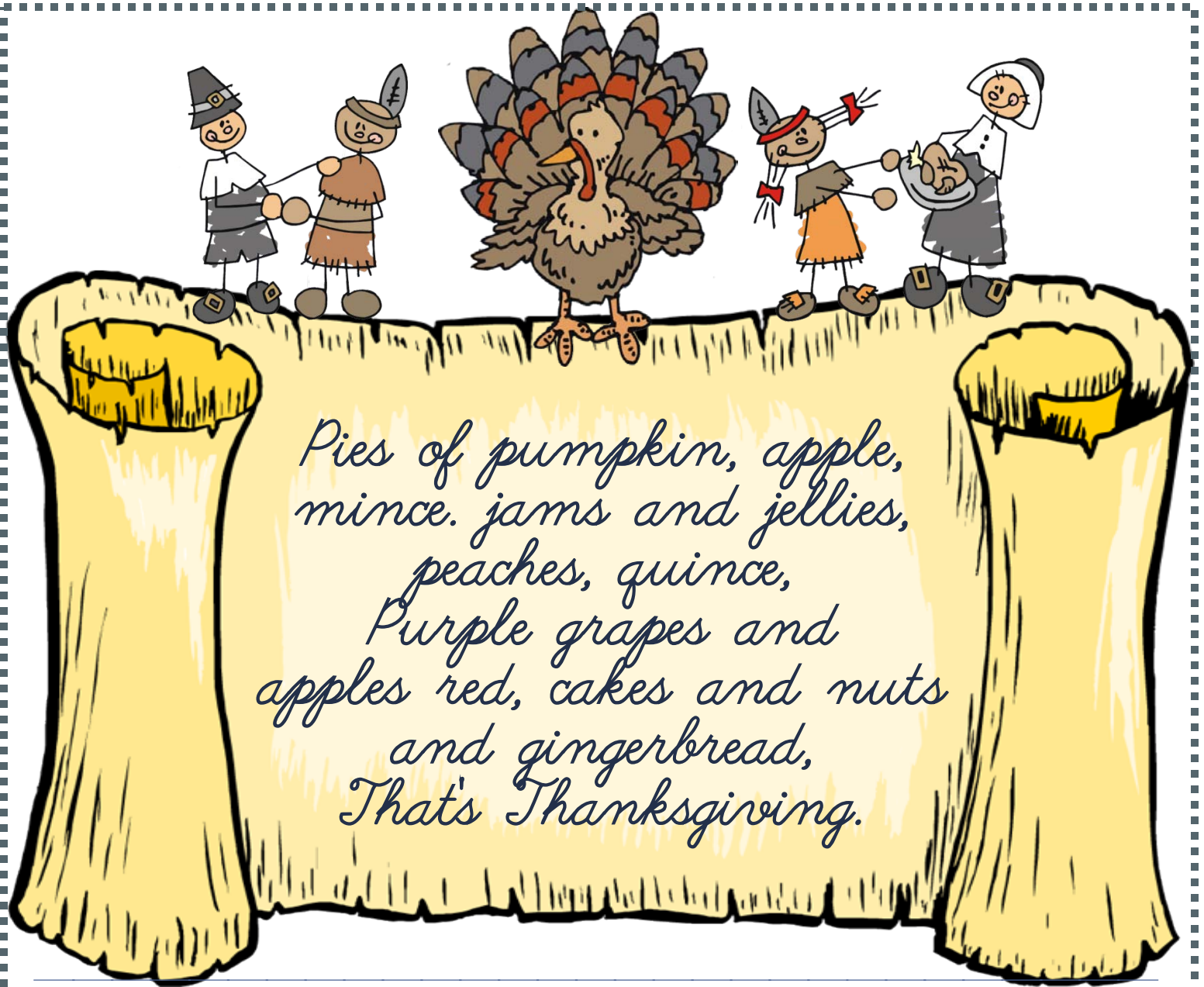
By Jennie D. Moore

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Turkey! O, a great big fellow!  
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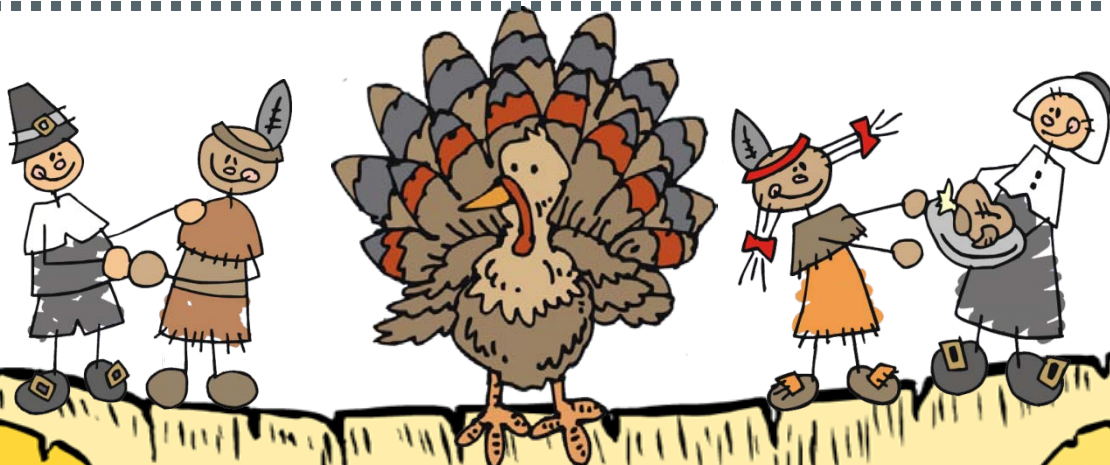
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Who do you thank for good things?

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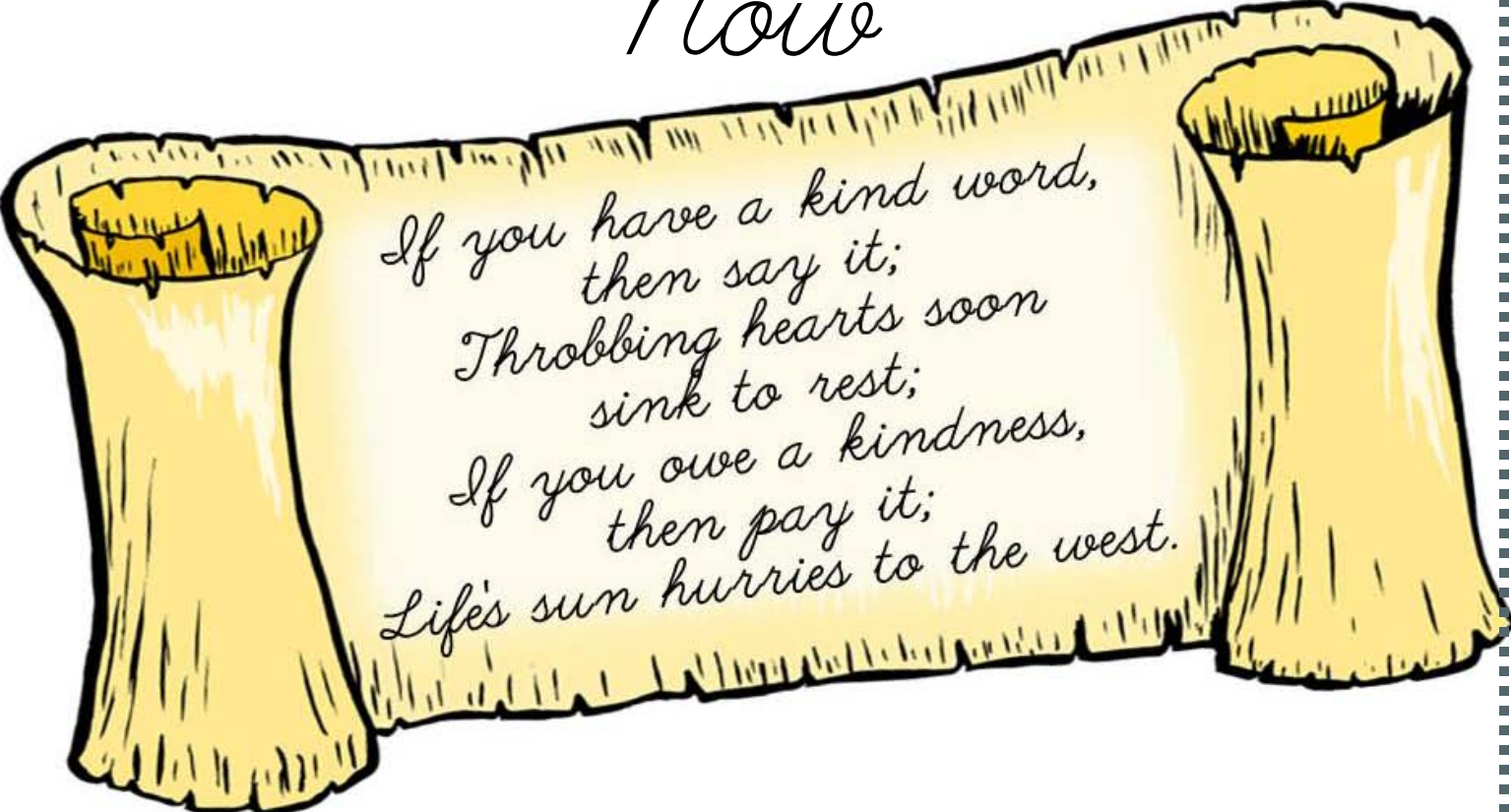
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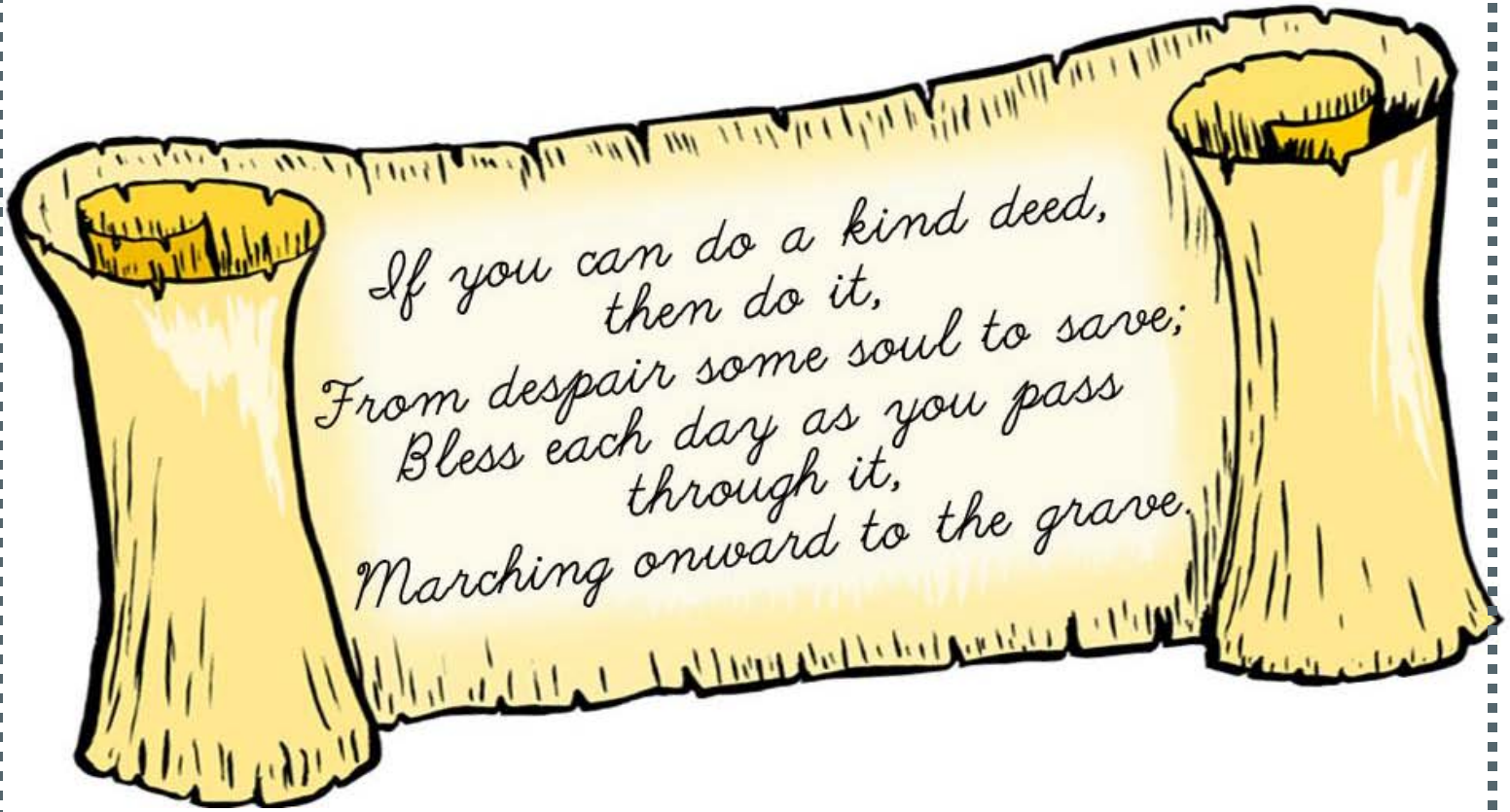
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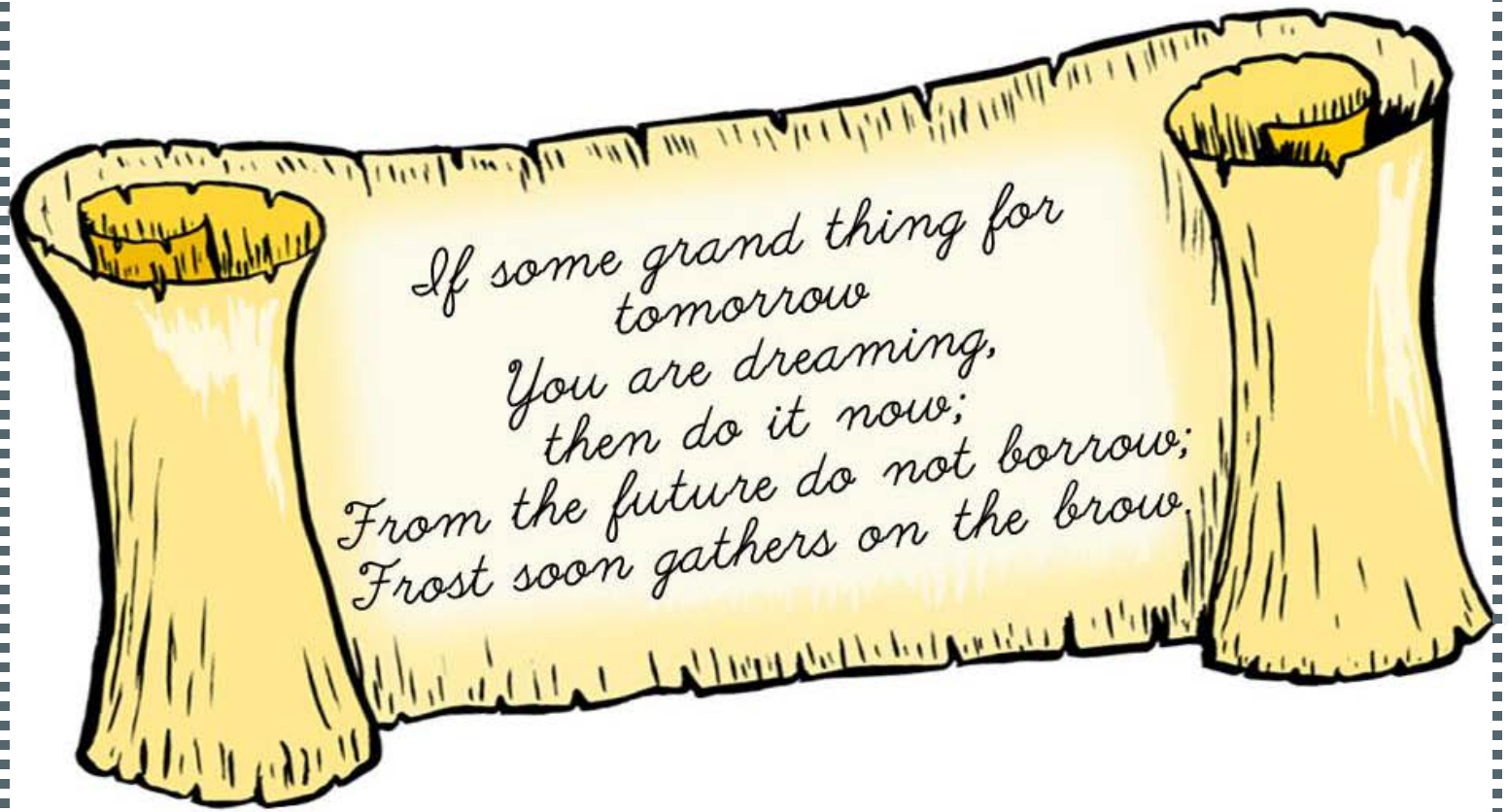
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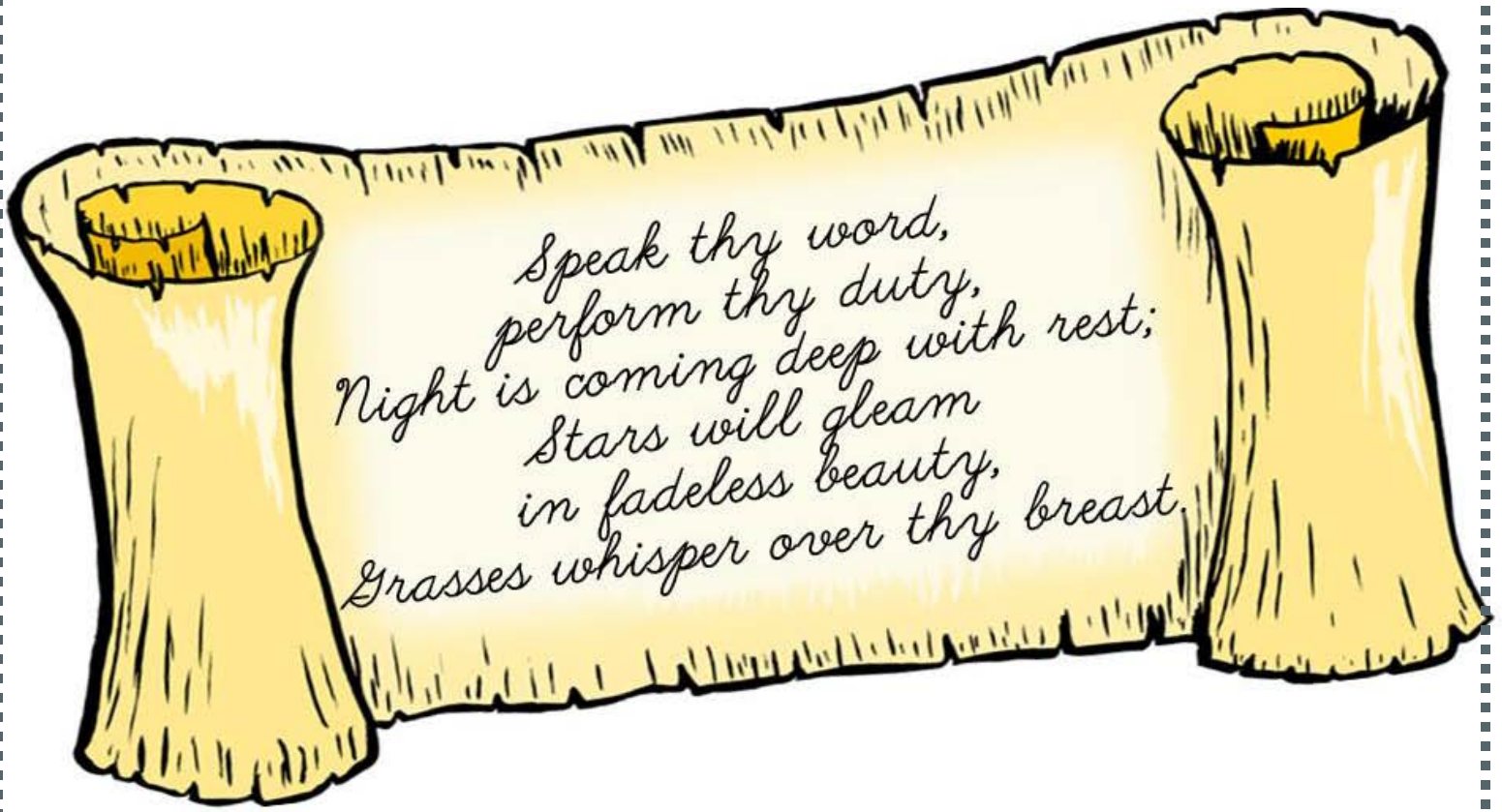
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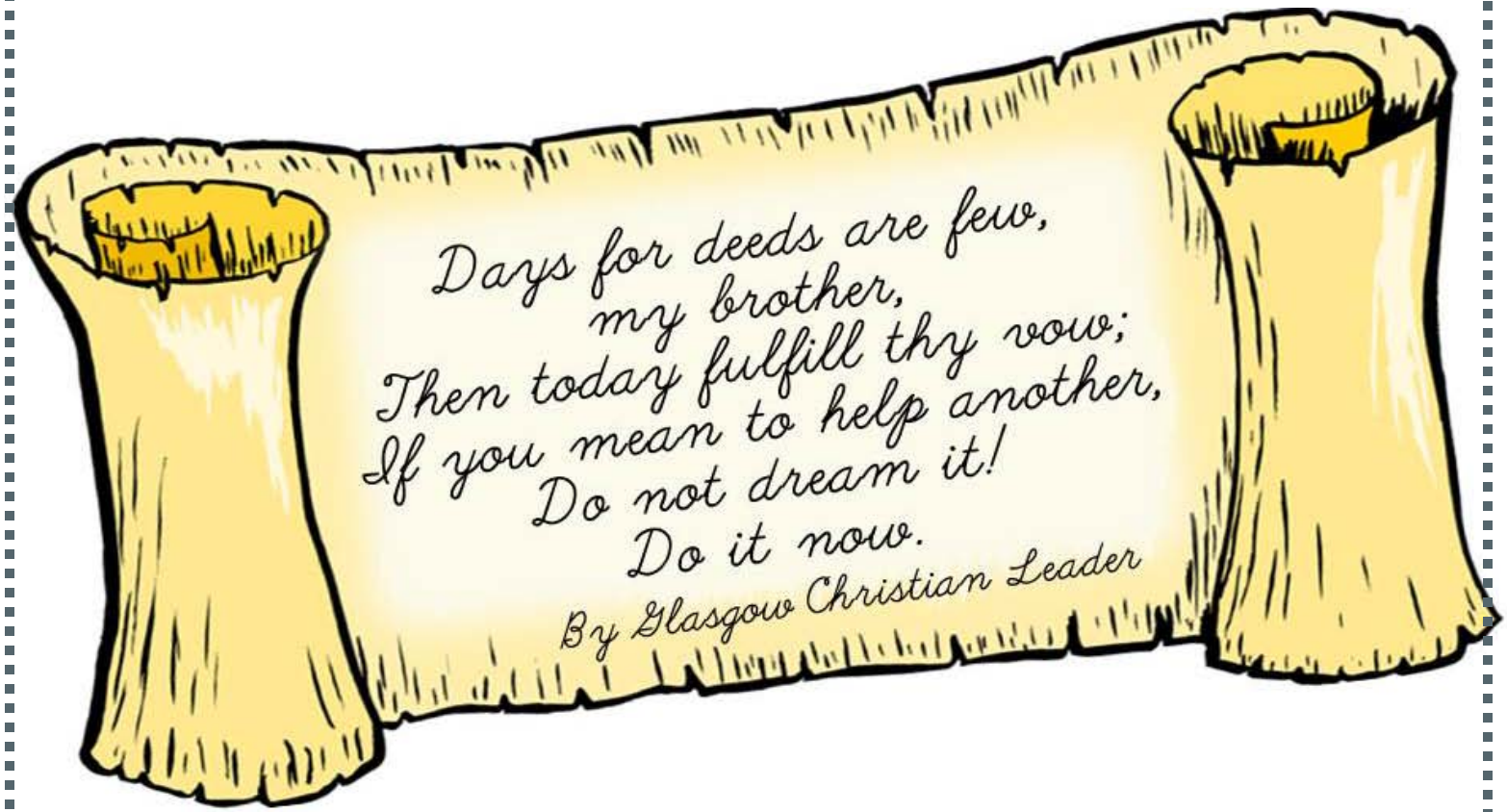


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tomorrow  
You are dreaming,  
then do it now;  
From the future do not borrow;  
Frost soon gathers on the brow.



Speak thy word,  
perform thy duty,  
Night is coming deep with rest;  
Stars will gleam  
in fadeless beauty,  
Grasses whisper over thy breast.





Days for deeds are few,  
my brother,  
Then today fulfill thy vow;  
If you mean to help another,  
Do not dream it!  
Do it now.

By Glasgow Christian Leader

# Thanksgiving Acrostic.

By Annie A. White

T is for turkey, our own royal bird,  
H is for hour when he said not a word.  
A is for auntie who dressed him that day,  
N is for nap that he took as he lay.  
K in for king, for he is, we all own.  
S is for sauce, the kind so well known.  
G is for gratitude to God who is good,  
I is for illness for over-much food.  
V is for vine which decorates well  
I is for ivy which comes from the dell.  
N is for nuts which we all love to eat,  
G is for games, and " Thanksgiving's" complete.

