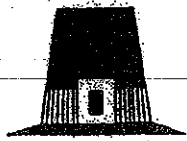


In the Days of the Pilgrims



A Super Social Studies Script
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Historian (5)
Pilgrim Mother (3)
Pilgrim Boy (5)

Pilgrim Girl (4)
Pilgrim Father (5)

Historian - Good morning! Welcome to our presentation called, "In the Days of the Pilgrims." My name is _____.
(add student's name) I will be reading the part of the Historian.

Pilgrim Mother - Good Day. My name is _____.
(add student's name) I will be reading the part of the Pilgrim Mother.

Pilgrim Father - Hello. My name is _____.
(add student's name) I will be reading the part of the Pilgrim Father.

Pilgrim Boy -

My name is _____ I will be
(add student's name)
reading the part of the Pilgrim Boy.

Pilgrim Girl -

My name is _____ I will be
(add student's name)
reading the part of the Pilgrim Girl.

Historian -

Let us begin. Imagine if you will what life was like for the 102 passengers who set sail for America on the Mayflower.

Pilgrim Father -



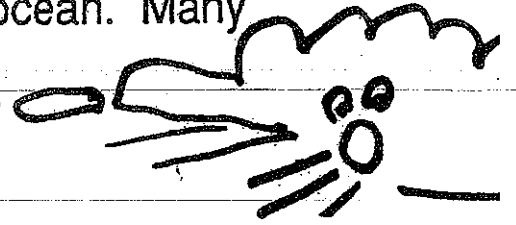
The year was 1620. Our tiny ship, the Mayflower was very crowded. The Mayflower carried about 30 crew members. There were 34 children aboard the Mayflower when we set sail for the New World.

Pilgrim Boy -

We had to sleep on the cold, hard floor of the ship. There was little light and no fresh air.



There were terrible storms that tossed our ship across the ocean. Many people became sick.



Pilgrim Girl -

We ate salted beef, pork, and fish. We ate hard, dry biscuits. We called our biscuits, "hard tack" because they were so hard and tough.

Pilgrim Mother -

We usually ate our food cold. All of the stormy weather made it dangerous to light a fire for cooking on the ship.

Historian -

It was a glorious day indeed when the Pilgrims spotted land on November 9, 1620.

Pilgrim Boy -

Most Pilgrims remained on the ship for about four months. We had to wait for our houses to be built.

Pilgrim Father - We did not live in log cabins. Our houses were very small. Our windows were covered with cloth because we didn't have any glass. Our homes had thatched roofs made of straw.

Pilgrim Girl - Once our houses were finished, we still had to sleep on the floor until our beds could be made. Some mattresses were made of straw.

Pilgrim Mother - Some mattresses were made of goose feathers. We also used pine needles or corn husks. My children helped stuff the mattresses. This was one of their favorite chores.

Historian -



Pilgrim homes had very little furniture. Can you guess why? The Pilgrims' houses were too small to hold much furniture.



The Pilgrims were so busy tending crops and gathering food that they had little time left for making furniture.

Pilgrim Father - Most of our homes had only one chair. This chair was for the father to sit in.

Pilgrim Girl - Pilgrim children had to eat their meals standing up. We could not speak during a meal unless a parent spoke to us first.

Pilgrim Boy - Our homes had no bathrooms, no electricity, or running water. In order to take a bath, we had to first fetch the water, boil the water, then stand in a tub. Does this sound like much fun to you?!

Pilgrim Father - Our children had many chores. Young girls helped grind the wheat or corn to make bread. The boys helped their fathers plant crops and tend to the animals.

Historian - The Pilgrims were very brave. They faced many hardships. They worked hard every day to build a better life for themselves and their children.

Pilgrim Boy - As you sit down for your Thanksgiving dinner, take a moment to remember the Pilgrims and of course...

All - Have a happy Thanksgiving!

Pilgrim Boy - The End.

