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**The Thanksgiving
Escape**

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A Thanksgiving Readers
Theater Script
for Intermediate
Readers

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ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM

To find the proper rhythm for this script, first read-aloud and clap through the sections as you go. Each *underlined word or word part* falls directly on a beat. As you read and sing, quietly clap on each underlined word, keeping the rhythm steady. Be careful not to read or sing too fast! This is a rehearsal technique and readers will not clap throughout the reading during performance. Once the readers become comfortable with the rhythm, you can then experiment, improvise, interpret, and make changes to suit your goals.

CAST Six readers including: Turkey (READER 4) and Piggy (READER 6)

SPOKEN

- READER 1: Turkey in the barnyard
 Lived beside the pig.
- READER 2: They ate lots of food
 And were growing mighty big!
- READER 3: Each day they sang together
 And made their voices ring.
- READER 4: The Gobble-Oink Song
 Was the song they would sing.

(Sung to the tune of "Stayin' Alive")

SUNG

ALL: Oink, gobble gobble, snort,
 Gobble gobble, snort,
 Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

This is the song
Of the fowl and the pork.

Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

Snort, gobble gobble, oink,
Gobble, gobble, oink,

Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

Have a happy Thanksgiving,
A happy Thanksgiving,
Yes, that is the point!
That is the point!

SPOKEN

READER 5: Piggy in the barnyard
 Lying by the gate, said:

(READER 6)

PIGGY: Thanksgiving's coming
 And I can't wait.

We'll sing our song together
And make our voices ring.
The Gobble-Oink Song
Is the song we'll sing!

(Sung to the tune of "Stayin' Alive")

SUNG

ALL: Oink, gobble gobble, snort,
 Gobble gobble, snort,

Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

This is the song
Of the fowl and the pork.

Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

Snort, gobble gobble, oink,
Gobble, gobble, oink,

Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

Have a happy Thanksgiving,
A happy Thanksgiving,

Yes, that is the point!
That is the point!

SPOKEN

READER 1: Turkey in the barnyard
On Thanksgiving Day,

READER 2: Wobbled back and forth
In a worried turkey way.

READER 3: Then turkey made a statement
This is how it began:

(READER 4)

TURKEY: "It is my opinion
Folks should eat more ham!"

(Sung to the tune of "Stayin' Alive")

SUNG

ALL: Oink, gobble gobble, snort,

Gobble gobble, snort,

Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

This is the song
Of the fowl and the pork.

Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

TURKEY: There's a hole in the fence
And my path is clear.

ALL: Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

TURKEY: So, goodbye Piggy
Goodbye Piggy
I'm out of here!
I'm out of here!

SPOKEN

READERS 5: Piggy in the barnyard
All alone.

PIGGY: I don't want to end up
A soup ham bone!

READER 6: Found the hole in the fence
And wiggled right through.