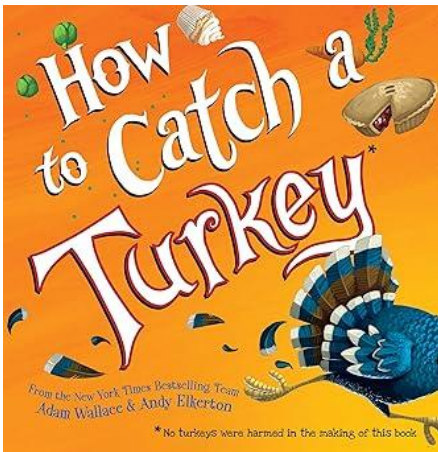




How to Catch a Turkey

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Themes: Problem-Solving, Teamwork

Book Brief: A hilarious adventure where students must use clever traps and quick thinking to catch a tricky turkey before the Thanksgiving play begins!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, “Have you ever tried to catch something that kept getting away, like a pet or a bug? What happened?”
- Tell your child that this story is a funny, made-up tale about a clever turkey who is very hard to catch before a school Thanksgiving play.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What is the problem the students are trying to solve?
- How does the turkey trick the students? What makes the turkey so hard to catch?
- Describe the different ways the students try to catch the turkey. Which idea do you think was the best?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “What happened at the end of the story? How did the problem get solved?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Design a “Turkey Trap.” Have your child draw or build their own creative trap using household items like boxes, string, and paper. Ask them to explain how their trap would work and what would make the turkey want to go inside.
- Explore RIF’s [Thanksgiving Collection](#) for more books aligned to the holiday.