

*What did the Pilgrims have to be thankful for?*

They “had all things in good plenty,” wrote William Bradford.

The corn had grown well. There was plenty to eat. If they were careful, no one would go hungry the next winter.

Seven houses were finished. More were being built. The danger of sickness was over.

The Pilgrims did not have to be afraid of Indians. The Indians were their friends.

But most important, they had done what they had set out to do. They had found a place to live where they could worship God in their own way.

And so the Pilgrims decided to set aside a special time to give thanks.