

The Thanksgiving Bowl

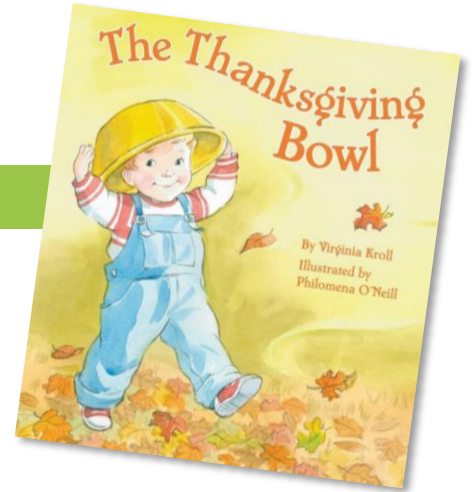
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Family, Holidays, Thanksgiving

Book Brief: When Grandma Grace's Thanksgiving bowl accidentally topples off the table, it travels through various lives, spreading goodwill and inspiration along the way. By the time it returns to her backyard, it has fulfilled its original purpose of holding the family's annual "I Am Thankful For" lists.

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Illustrator:
Philomena O'Neill



BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about the bowl.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "Think of a tradition your family does every year. What is it?" (Optional: think, pair, share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, watch what happens to the bowl after it is used for Thanksgiving."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Why do you think Grandma makes everyone write down what they are thankful for?
- How did the bowl help the different animals and people?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: The Thanksgiving bowl had many uses. What do you think the author's purpose was for writing this story?

Extending Our Thinking: Throughout the months the bowl was used in different ways. Using [RIF's Create a Character](#), have students think of a new way to use the bowl and explain how it would be helpful.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.