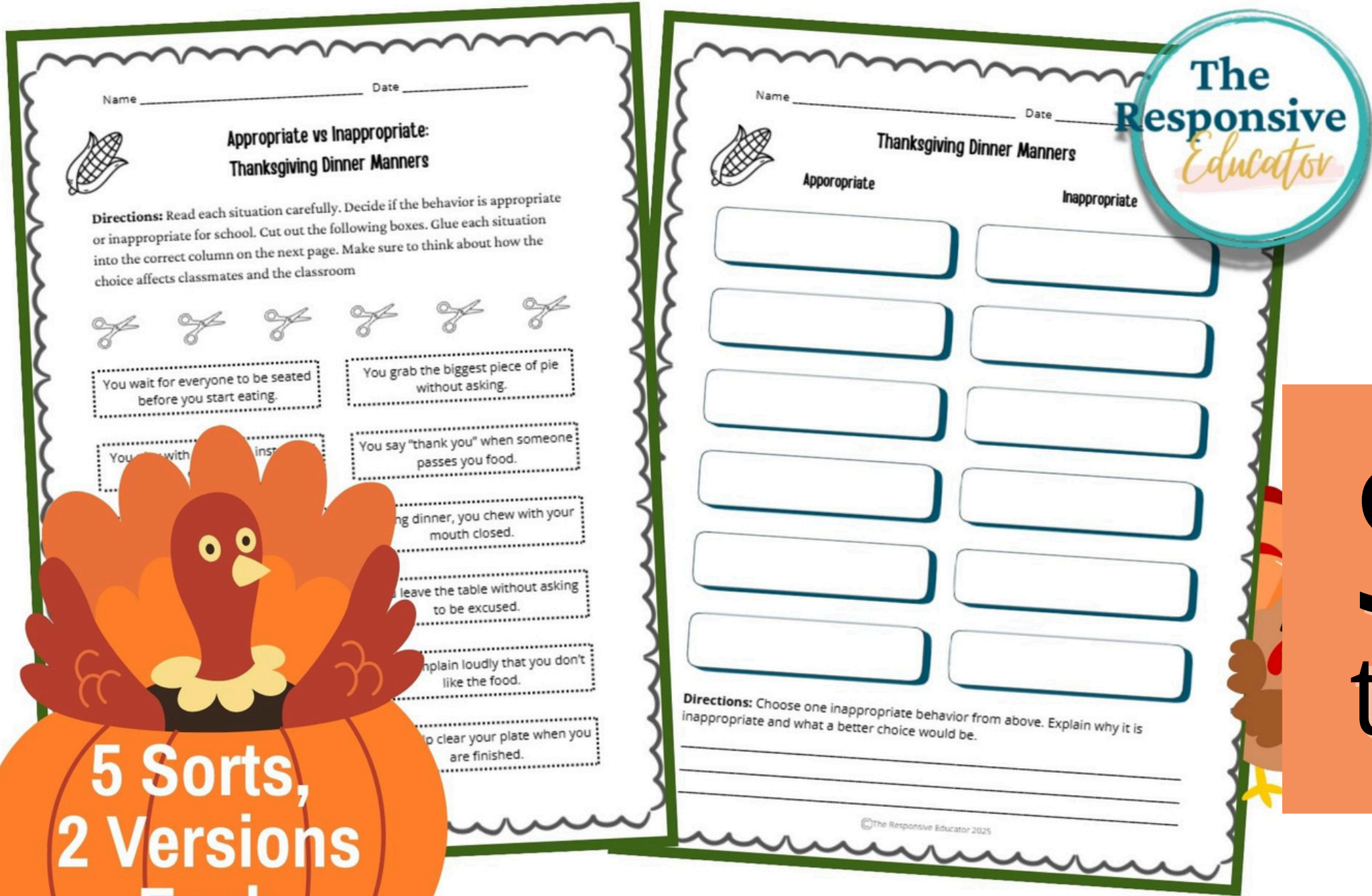


Appropriate vs Inappropriate (Expected vs Unexpected) Thanksgiving Behavior Sort

Practice identifying
appropriate
responses to social
situations



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Appropriate vs Inappropriate: Thanksgiving Dinner Manners

Directions: Read each situation carefully. Decide if the behavior is appropriate or inappropriate for school. Cut out the following boxes. Glue each situation into the correct column on the next page. Make sure to think about how the choice affects classmates and the classroom.

Appropriate

Inappropriate

Directions: Choose one inappropriate behavior from above. Explain why it is inappropriate and what a better choice would be.

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SCROLL
to take a look inside!

5 Sorts,
2 Versions
Each

WHY DO YOU NEED THIS?

- Students often struggle with self-control and social awareness during exciting holidays.
- Teachers want festive activities that reinforce expectations instead of just filling time.



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You wait for everyone to finish before you start eating.

You play with your food while eating.

You talk to your family while your mom is talking.

You ask politely for more mashed potatoes.

You reach across the table for someone's food.

You use your napkin.

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Thanksgiving Dinner Manners

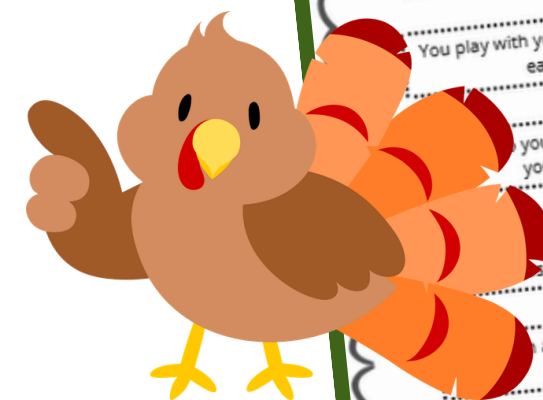
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- ★ 5 Thanksgiving-themed behavior sorts
- ★ 12 scenarios per sort (60 total)
- ★ 2 versions: *Appropriate vs Inappropriate* and *Expected vs Unexpected*
- ★ Hands-on cut-and-glue sorting with built-in reflection

What's Included?



A Closer Look

Name _____ Date _____

 **Expected vs Unexpected:
Thanksgiving Dinner Manners**

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You wait for everyone to be seated before you start eating.

You play with your food instead of eating it.

You talk to your family with food in your mouth.

You ask politely if you'd like more mashed potatoes.

You reach across the table without asking.

You use your napkin to wipe your mouth.

You grab the biggest piece of pie without asking.

You say "thank you" when someone passes you food.

During dinner, you chew with your mouth closed.

You leave the table without asking to be excused.

You complain loudly that you don't like the food.

You help clear your plate when you are finished.

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Includes both terminology options

Engaging holiday format that helps learning stick

Reflection question encourages deeper thinking

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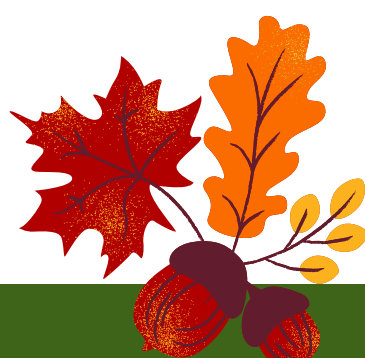
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Ways to Use this Resource



Morning meeting or SEL block



Small group counseling or intervention



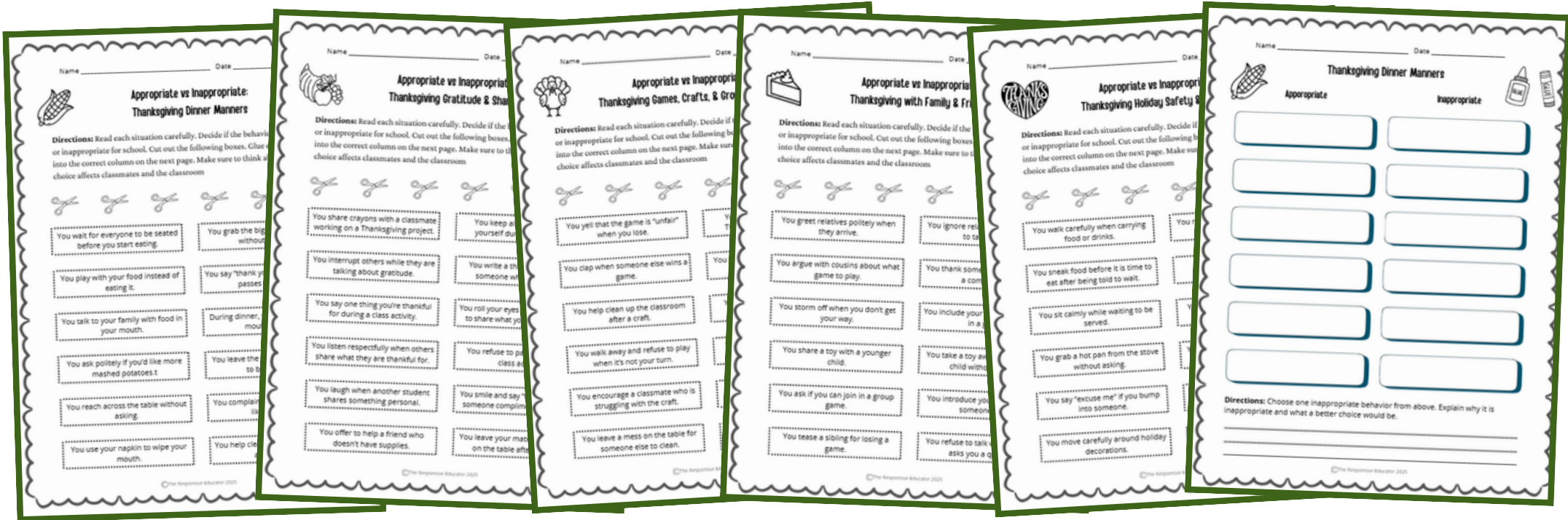
Independent work, centers, or partner activity



Pre-teaching tool before holiday events



Sub plans or meaningful emergency filler





Saves you time with ready-to-use activities



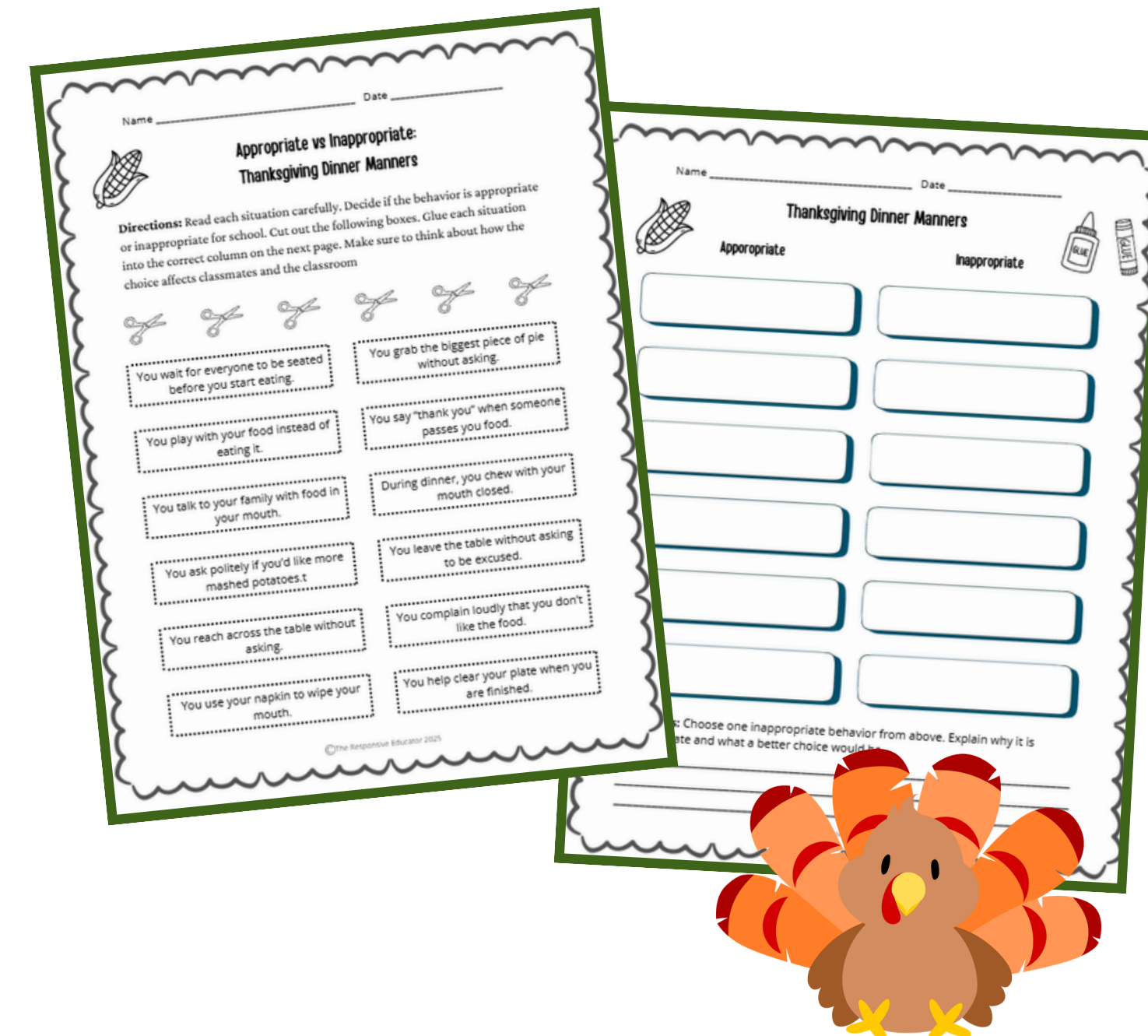
Reinforces classroom expectations in a festive way



Flexible: can be used across multiple settings



Students are more engaged, making lessons more effective



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