**TURKEY FEATHERS!**

**USING DESCRIPTIVE WORDS TO MAKE A TURKEY**

**THINK ABOUT . . .**

Using descriptive words can create a rich vocabulary to add to your child’s language. Having a repertoire of descriptive vocabulary will be helpful for your child’s receptive and expressive language. Descriptive words are used in everyday life and activities to help add more meaning to the environment and aide in communication. Using the LSL strategy Expansion by describing things with more adjectives or descriptor words can help build your child’s descriptive vocabulary.

**ACTIVITY**

1- Place the turkey with no feathers in front of your child.
2- Keep the feathers in your possession.
3- Have your child describe to you the feather they want to glue on their turkey (e.g. I want the blue feather.)
4- After they have described the feather, expand on what they said by adding more descriptive words (e.g. You want the big blue feather that has round sides).
5- Give them the feather and have them glue it on their turkey.
6- Continue until the turkey has as many feathers as your child desires.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**
- Print out of turkey and feathers
- Scissors
- Glue

**PREPARATION:**
1- Print out turkey and feather pages.
2- Cut out feathers
3- Get glue

**VOCABULARY:**
- Big
- Small
- Medium
- Light
- Dark
- Colorful
- Stripes
- Polka dots
- Hearts
- Smiley faces
- Blue
- Orange
- Green
- Purple
- Yellow
- Turkey
- Feathers

**HELPFUL TIPS:**
- Make it a receptive activity instead of expressive. Give your child a description of a feather you are thinking about and have them choose it out of all the feathers.

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