

◆ Audience Participation

The Big Turkey Hunt

Divide the audience into seven groups. Assign a part to each group and have them practice:

Pilgrim: Whistling **Turkey:** "Gobble, gobble!"

Fish: "Bubble, bubble!" **Bear:** "Growl, growl!"

Squirrel: "Chatter, chatter!" **Bee:** "Buzz, buzz!"

Duck: "Quack, quack!" **Hunt:** All sounds at once

The narrator reads the story, and groups respond to the appropriate words.

Once upon a time, there was a **PILGRIM** who decided to go out and **HUNT** for a **TURKEY**. As he walked through the forest, he met a **DUCK**. The **PILGRIM** asked the **DUCK**, "Have you seen the **TURKEY**? I'm on a big **HUNT** for him." "No," the **DUCK** said, with a sly wink.

So the **PILGRIM** marched along until he spied a **SQUIRREL** playing in the treetops. "Good day, **SQUIRREL**," the **PILGRIM** said. "Have you seen the **TURKEY**? I'm on a big **HUNT** for him." "No, no," the **SQUIRREL** said, smiling behind his paw.

As the **PILGRIM** crossed the brook, he bent toward the water and saw a **FISH** swimming near the surface. "Oh, **FISH**," said he, "has the **TURKEY** been down to the water for a drink today?" "No, not for a long time," the **FISH** said, diving deep to hide his laughter.

The poor **PILGRIM** continued down the shady path and suddenly came face to face with a big, brown **BEAR**. "Hello, **B-B-BEAR**," said the **PILGRIM**. "H-h-have you s-s-seen the **TURKEY**? I'm on a big **HUNT** for him."

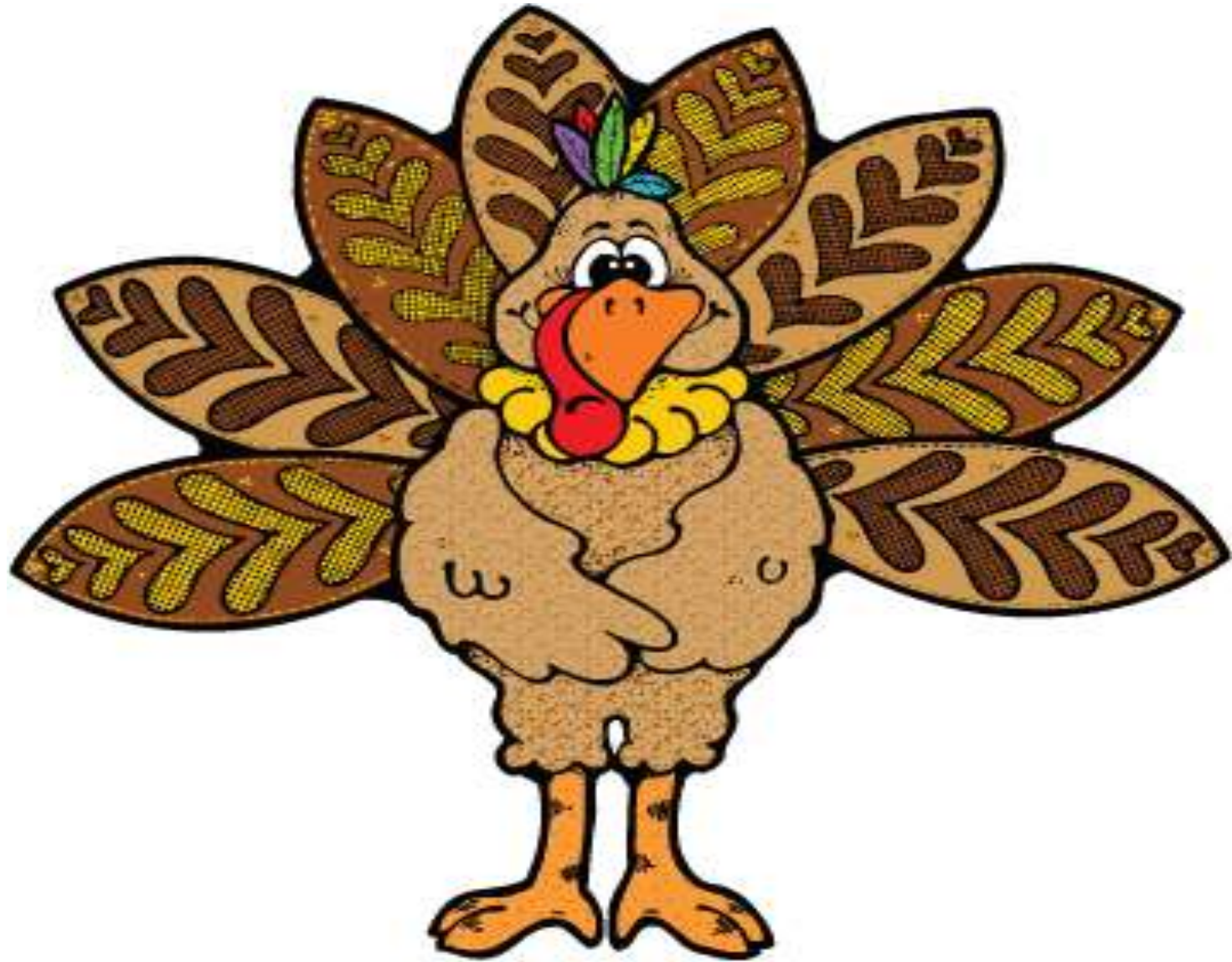
"No," the **BEAR** said. "I don't even know what a **TURKEY** is." And he gave a rumbling laugh.

The **PILGRIM** was feeling quite depressed by now, for he thought that he would never find the **TURKEY**. Finally, he saw a **BEE** buzzing by. "Stop a minute, **BEE**," he said. "You fly just about everywhere. Is the **TURKEY** near? I'm on a big **HUNT** for him." "No," buzzed the **BEE**, "nowhere around here." And he flew away, buzzing hard to hide his chuckles.

Soon the **PILGRIM** saw ahead of him a clump of bushes and small trees. As he came close, there suddenly rang out from the bushes and trees the most deafening noise you've ever heard! It was the most ferocious growl of the **BEAR**, the loudest buzz of the **BEE**, the biggest bubbles of the **FISH**, the noisiest chatter of the **SQUIRREL**, and the deepest gobble of the **TURKEY**.

Mr. **TURKEY** had hidden himself in the midst of the thicket, and all of his animal friends had gathered together to try to scare the **PILGRIM** out of his boots and away from the **TURKEY**. But guess what: The joke was on them. All the **PILGRIM** had wanted to do was invite the **TURKEY** to help him eat his bountiful Thanksgiving harvest as a way of showing thanks for all that the **TURKEY** had done to help with the harvest! As the poor, misunderstood **PILGRIM** let out a loud yell and took off for home, all heard him exclaim as he went out of sight, "That's the last **HUNT** I'll go on—so good night, good night!"

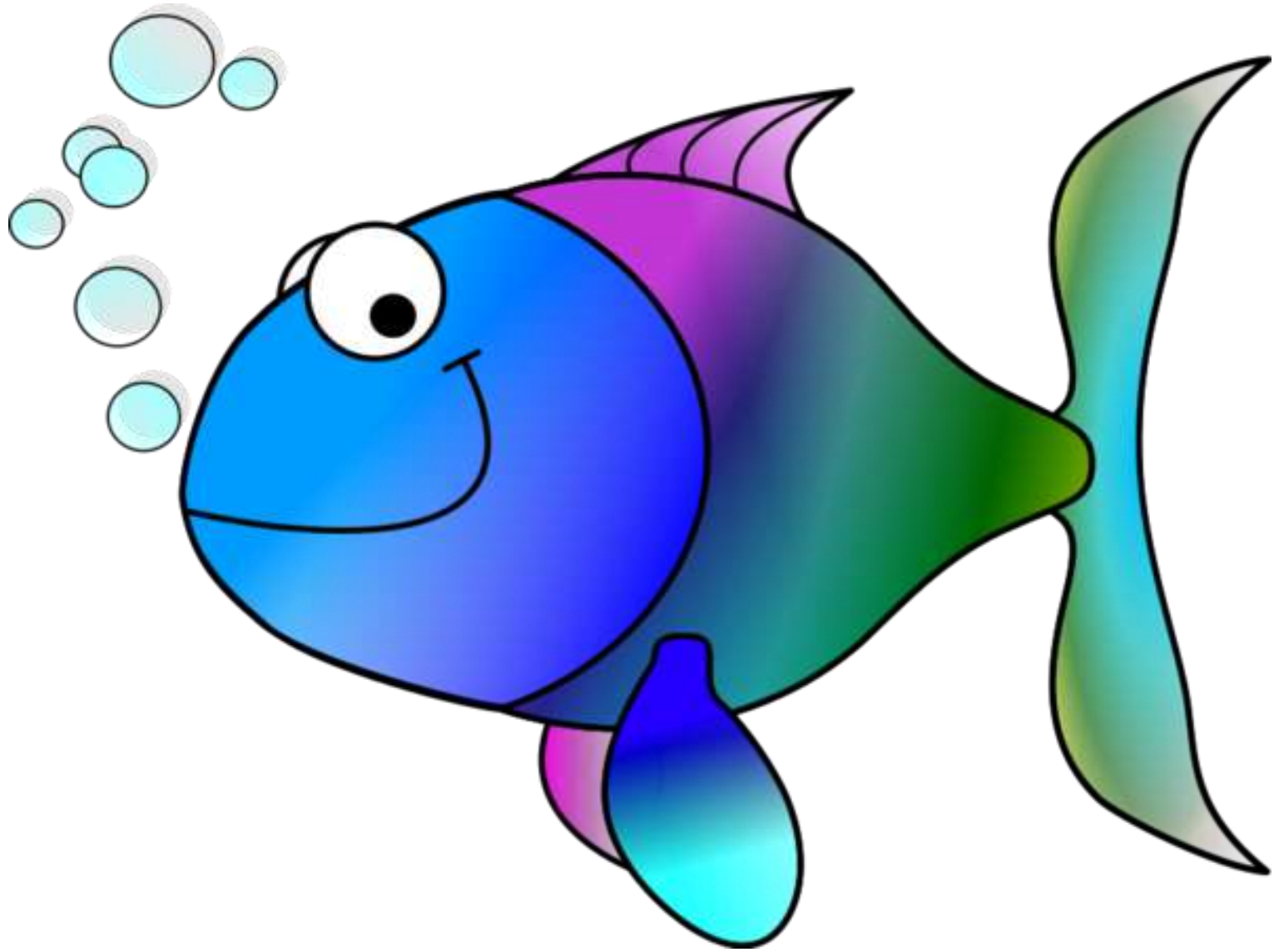
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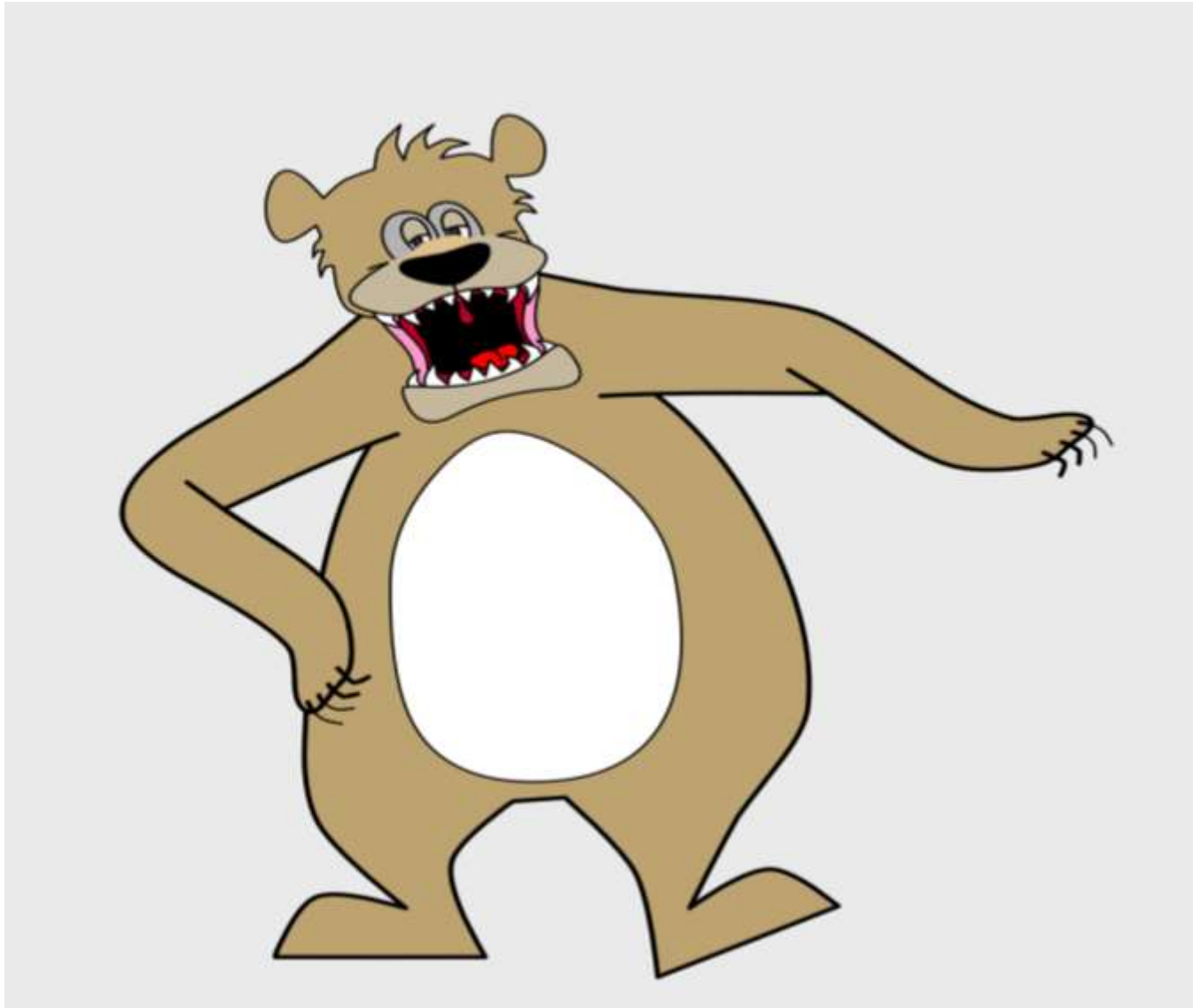
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♪ "Whistling" ♪



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HUNT