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Holiday Ideas for November 2026

November 3—National Sandwich Day: In [Package Those Foods! Engineering Design Challenge](#), students work in engineering teams to design packaging that protects food, keeps it fresh, and appeals to customers. Challenge students to design a sandwich container that prevents crushing, leaking, and waste. Includes worksheets, an evaluation rubric, and engineering standards. (*TeachEngineering*)

November 11—Veterans Day: [The Veterans Day Middle School Lesson Plan](#) includes a ready-to-use lesson with a teacher guide, PowerPoint presentation, and student handouts. Students investigate the history and significance of November 11 and why Americans honor veterans. (*Arlington National Cemetery*), and [The Veterans Day Teachers Resource Guide](#) provides a downloadable teacher's guide

with background information, educational activities, and ideas to help students understand military service and honor veterans. (*US Department of Veterans Affairs*)

November 26, [Thanksgiving: The First Thanksgiving: How Can We Tell a Better Story](#) is an inquiry-based learning experience that uses maps, images, historical evidence, and Wampanoag perspectives to help students develop a more complete understanding of Thanksgiving history. (*Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian*) Another resource is [Middle School Thanksgiving Educational Resources](#) by *Education.com*. It has a collection of writing worksheets that teachers can adapt to Thanksgiving topics, including personal narratives, opinion paragraphs, and descriptive writing.

November 26—Charles M. Schulz Birthday: [In Bringing Peanuts into Your Classroom](#), discover classroom resources inspired by Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and the Peanuts gang. Activities encourage creativity, visual storytelling, and cartooning. (*Charles M. Schulz Museum*)

As Christians, we cannot ignore a deep truth as we navigate AI. We are prone to bumble through all sorts of things. While we are the only ones who— with God's help—can determine how we ought to live and what we ought to do, we struggle like Paul to actually do what we ought to do. This is the great dilemma posed in [How to Wield the Double-Edged Sword of AI](#). While the technology holds great potential for good, it also bears the sins of its creators. (Drew Rick Miller in *Science for the Church*)

If students think they've mastered something, they have little reason to make an effort. [What to Do When Students Think They Already Know Something](#) provides strategies to help them see the limits of their knowledge. (Cathleen Beachboard in *Edutopia*)

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