

The Pilgrims

The pilgrims came to America from England. Who were the pilgrims? Why did they want to leave their home?

In England, there was only one church. It was called the Church of England. Some people did not agree with this church. They wanted their own church. The people who left England were called pilgrims.

The pilgrims sailed to America on the Mayflower. They would be free to set up their own church. The pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. They called their new home Plymouth Colony. The pilgrims were very brave. The sea crossing was hard and many died. The winter was long and cold. Many died during the first year. The Indians welcomed the pilgrims to their land. They showed them how to plant corn, beans, and pumpkins. They showed them the places to hunt and fish. The pilgrims could not have survived without the help of their Indian friends. After the first harvest, the Pilgrims invited the Indians to share in their feast. This feast became the first Thanksgiving.