

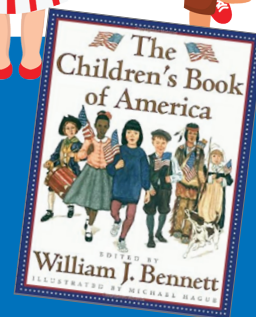
This Month's Lesson:

Raising a New Generation of Patriots



Objective:

This theme celebrates planting seeds of patriotism and watching them bud and flourish. It highlights that we are infused with patriotism when we have a knowledge of who we are, what it means to be American, and what the dream of America is all about. During the last month of our program, we'll have fun celebrating our love of country, freedom, what we've learned this year, our heritage, and the experience of becoming a liberty warrior.



Read-Aloud Book of the Month:

The Children's Book of America
by William J. Bennett

Weekly Lessons:

Week 1: Let's Explore Questions and Patriotic Expressions Activity

Week 2: Let's Explore Questions and 4th of July Breakfast Activity

Week 3: Let's Explore Questions and Liberty Bell Activity

Week 4: Let's Explore Questions and Reflections of a Young Patriot Activity

Week 1 : Lesson

Being a Patriot

Let's Explore

"The strongest weapon in the United States is a patriotic American."

– Unknown

Questions to Ask!

- 1 Why do you think that being a patriot is the strongest weapon in the United States?
- 2 When and where do you and your family show your patriotism?



Activity: Patriotic Expressions

Ask each member of your family to create a drawing or written response (up to a full page in total) to these two prompts:

1. I love America because: _____.
2. I want to protect and preserve America by _____.

Print page 9 or 10 for this activity. Please save the responses of this activity to add to the Patriot Binder for the Activity Day.



Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth: Create an "America" playlist of patriotic songs you love and find the lyrics to the songs. Play the playlist for your family; learn and sing the songs together.
Optional: Listen to the playlist on your next family road trip and/or family event.

Week 2 : Lesson

Patriots in Action

Let's Explore



Watch the two videos of amazing young patriots and discuss the questions below.

1. Blind Disabled Girl Sings a Breathtaking Version of the Star Spangled Banner.
Find it here: <https://youtu.be/z8dYhCQJ8Y4>
2. Children Show Their Patriotism During Annual Box Parade.
Find it here: <https://youtu.be/HiButGuojLE>

Questions to Ask!

- 1 How did the children in the videos show their patriotism?
- 2 What would you like to do to be a patriot in action?



Activity: 4th of July Breakfast

Try one of the 4th of July breakfast ideas found at:
<https://www.bedifferentactnormal.com/2011/06/4th-of-july-breakfast.html>

As a family during breakfast, discuss who your favorite patriot heroes are, and why they are your favorite.



Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth: Write a letter to your favorite patriot. You can choose someone you know personally or someone that lived in another time. In the letter, write about what you appreciate about them and their patriotism and how they inspire you. If you write the letter to someone you know, mail or deliver it to them.

Week 3 : Lesson

God and Country

Let's Explore



As a family, watch the YouTube video "Heal Our Land" sung by Heart of Worship and written by Christina Degazio.

Discuss the questions below.

Find it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mM4JvbhBT_g



Questions to Ask!

- 1 What does the phrase "our lives are in your hands" mean to you?
- 2 What can your family do, individually and together, to turn more to God than ever before?



Activity: Liberty Bell Craft

The Liberty Bell has the scripture Leviticus 25:10 on it which states, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

Make a replica of the Liberty Bell. Wrap a paper or plastic cup in foil, then attach an empty toilet paper roll to the top of the cup using either glue or a pipe cleaner (*this will require holes in the toilet paper roll and the bottom of the cup*).

Write "Liberty" across the toilet paper roll. After making the bell, ask your family members to commit to pray for God to heal our people and land.



Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth: Watch the YouTube video "The Liberty Bell" by the Museum of the Bible.

Find it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmJcipRHnR8>

Draw or print a picture of the Liberty Bell including the scripture on the bell. Underneath the drawing/picture write what Leviticus 25:10 states and what it means.

Week 4 : Lesson

Celebrate Patriotism



Let's Explore



"The boys [and girls] of the rising generation are to be the men [and women] of the next, and the sole guardians of the principles we deliver over to them."

– Thomas Jefferson

Guardians are protectors and defenders of people and places.

Questions to Ask!

- 1 What does this quote mean to you?
- 2 What are you going to do to be a guardian for our amazing nation?



Activity:

Reflections of a
Young Patriot
& Patriotic Star
Wreath Craft

Think about everything you have learned and done in all the Cottage Meetings for Kids lessons and have a family discussion about patriotic things your family has done together. Talk about your favorite moments, activities, actions and why you enjoyed them.

Make a patriotic star wreath. Cut out the center of a paper plate, leaving just a white ring. Cut out star shapes from red and blue paper and glue them to the paper plate. On the stars, write your favorite patriotic actions that you discussed above. To hang the wreath, make a loop with some ribbon and attach it to the back of the wreath on the top.



Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth: Create a slide show presentation of the most interesting things you learned along with your favorite activities that you did throughout the Cottage Meetings for Kids lessons. Decorate a space with American-themed decorations and show the presentation to your family.



Other Helpful Resources

Other Suggested Books:

- ☐ *An Island Called Liberty* by Joseph Specht
- ☐ *Freedom Factor* by Gerald Lund
(for teens and adults)
- ☐ *The Flag We Love* by Pam Munoz Ryan
- ☐ *What Does It Mean to Be an American?*
by Rana DiOrio & Elad Yoran
- ☐ *America Is* by Louise Borden
- ☐ *O, Say Can You See? America's Symbols,
Landmarks, and Important Words* by Sheila Keenan
- ☐ *The Night Before the 4th of July* by Natasha Wing
- ☐ *The 4th of July Story* by Alice Dalgliesh
- ☐ *I'm Your Flag, Please Treat Me Right* by Julia Cook
- ☐ *America, A Patriotic Primer* by Lynne Cheney
- ☐ *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes
- ☐ *Phoebe the Spy* by Judith Griffin
- ☐ *Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson
- ☐ *The Apple and the Arrow* by Conrad Buff
- ☐ *Mr. Revere and I* by Robert Lawson
- ☐ *George Washington: The Man Who Would Not
Be King* by Stephen Krensky
- ☐ *The Life of Francis Marion: The True Story of
South Carolina's Swamp Fox* by William Gilmore
and Sean Busick
- ☐ *Escape from Warsaw* by Ian Serraillier
- ☐ *Toliver's Secret* by Esther Brady
- ☐ *Rush Revere and the First Patriots*
by Rush Limbaugh
- ☐ *The Book of Three* by Lloyd Alexander



Special Note:

See the **Cottage Kids-12-2-Activity Day Outline pdf** for fun activities and discussions you can do with your children or a group of kids in your community at the end of the lesson! There are activities for younger and older kids!

The only requirement we have is that you HAVE FUN!



Congratulations! You have completed all 12 Cottage Meeting for Kids Lessons. If you do not plan on participating in the Activity Day, fill out and print a **Liberty Warrior Graduation Certificate** for each child/youth and present it to your child.

Optional: Frame it and hang it on the wall.

Find it here: <https://momsforamerica.us/wp-content/mfa-cmkids/Kids-12-4-Certificate-fillable.pdf>



Other Suggested Books: *(continued...)*

- ❑ *A Lion to Guard Us* by Clyde Robert Bulla
- ❑ *Little Town on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- ❑ *My Fourth of July* by Jerry Spinelli
- ❑ *Little Hands Celebrate America!: Learning About the U.S.A. Through Crafts & Activities* by Jill Frankel Hauser
- ❑ *Blue Sky White Stars* by Sarvinder Naberhaus
- ❑ *God Bless America words and lyrics* by Irving Berlin illustrated by Lynn Munsinger
- ❑ *A Is for America* by Devin Scillian
- ❑ *Being A Good Citizen* by Mary Small
- ❑ *Revolutionary War on Wednesday (Magic Tree House #22)* by Mary Pope Osborne
- ❑ *American Revolution (Magic Tree House Fact Checker #11)* by Mary Pope Osborne and Natalie Pope Boyce
- ❑ *A Child's First Book of American History* by Earl Schenck Miers
- ❑ *I Love America 1 & 2* (available for purchase at <https://kimbercurriculum.com/?s=I+Love+America>)
- ❑ *My America Storybook* Found here: <https://www.my-america-story-book.com/>
- ❑ *The Glorious American Songbook Compiled* by Cooper Edens

Suggested Movies:

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To find where these movies are available, search at <https://www.imdb.com> unless noted otherwise.



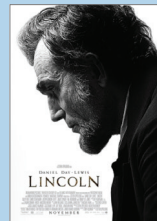
- ❑ *The Prince of Egypt* (1998)
Rated: PG



- ❑ *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (1939)
Rated: Passed



- ❑ *National Treasure* (2004)
Rated: PG



- ❑ *Lincoln* (2012)
Rated: PG-13



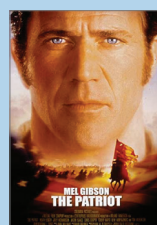
- ❑ *Newsies* (1992)
Rated: PG



- ❑ *Hidden Figures* (2016)
Rated: PG



- ❑ *Captain America: The First Avenger* (2011)
Rated: PG-13



- ❑ *The Patriot* (2000)
Rated: R *rating for war scenes*

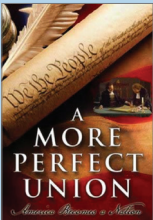
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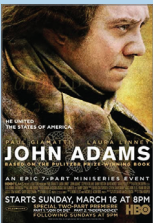
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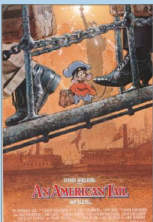
❑ Miracle (2004)
Rated: G



❑ A More Perfect Union: America Becomes a Nation (1989)
No Rating



❑ John Adams (2008)
(mini series)
Rated: TV-14



❑ An American Tail (1986)
Rated: G



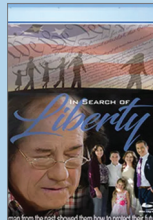
❑ Johnny Tremain (1957)
Rated: Approved



❑ This is America Charlie Brown (1988-1989)
Not Rated



❑ Monumental: In Search of America's National Treasure (2012)
Documentary
Rated: PG



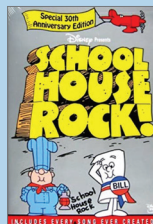
❑ In Search of Liberty
No Rating, Purchase here:
<https://www.insearchofliberty.com/>



❑ The Pledge (2011)
Not Rated



❑ Animated Hero Classics by Nest Entertainment (1991-2005)
TV Series



❑ Schoolhouse Rock! Special 30th Anniversary Edition
Not Rated
Note: This can be purchased from Amazon and other online vendors.



❑ Liberty Kids (2002-2003)
an animated history TV series that aired on PBS.
Every episode can be accessed on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5pJi9mLly38m2e_u3sboKQ

or the entire series can be purchased on Amazon.



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