

This Month's Lesson:

A Foundation of Faith



Objective:

This theme introduces the instrumental role that God and faith had in the founding of America. Faith is the first of the Three Pillars of Liberty; it lays the foundation where liberty can grow and prosper.

Read-Aloud Book of the Month:

The Light and the Glory for Children (The Light and the Glory for Children #1)
by Peter J. Marshall,
David Manuel and
Anna Wilson Fishel



Weekly Lessons:

Week 1: Let's Explore Questions and Puppet Show Activity

Week 2: Let's Explore Questions and Plant a Seed Activity

Week 3: Let's Explore Questions and Make a Symbol of Faith and Country Activity

Week 4: Let's Explore Questions and Sing and Pray Activity

Week 1 : Lesson

The Meaning of Faith



Let's Explore

Someone wise once said **"A man never stands taller than when he is on his knees."** George Washington was pretty tall at 6 feet 2 inches, but most would agree that he became even taller in moments like the one depicted above when he knelt to pray for strength and help as the leader of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

Questions to Ask!

- 1 When was a time that you needed help, like George Washington in this picture, and prayed?
- 2 Where are some places that you like to pray?
- 3 What are some things that you pray for?



Activity: Puppet Show

Puppet Show.

Have the children create a script and present a mini play or puppet show of their favorite stories about faith.

Kids of all ages can participate in making puppets and presenting the show.



Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth: Read the article Faith of our Fathers: God and the American Revolution at <https://www1.cbn.com/churchandministry/faith-of-our-fathers%3A-god-and-the-american-revolution>

How did Faith help the Founding Fathers during their challenges?

Which Founding Father from the article was your favorite, and why?

Week 2 : Lesson

The Seeds of Faith



Let's Explore

Faith is like a seed. We must care for our seed of faith with actions like reading the Word of God, serving others, praying, and listening to the messages that God speaks to our hearts if we want our faith to grow.

Scripture states, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." (Matthew 17:20).

Questions to Ask!

- 1 What happens when you plant a seed?
- 2 How do you make your faith grow like a plant?



Activity: Planting Seeds

Plant seeds outside as a family in your yard or inside in a pot as an object lesson to understand that faith is like a seed.

Measure and keep a log of the plant growth.

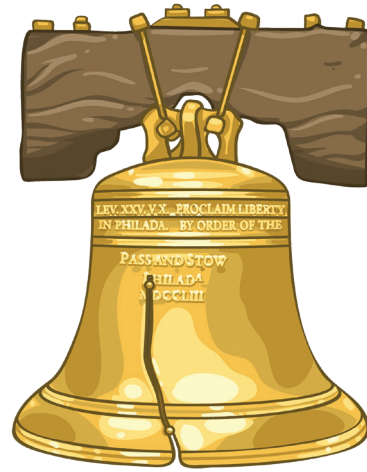


Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth: Use this quote or find your own, and use a method such as drawing, painting, woodwork, stitching, etc., to make a copy to place somewhere you will see it often (mirror, wall in your room, desk).

"Thus out of small beginnings greater things have been produced by His hand that made all things of nothing, and gives being to all things that are; and, as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many, yea in some sort to our whole nation." – William Bradford

Week 3 : Lesson

Symbols of Faith



Let's Explore

We can live a life of liberty when we share what we learn about America with our family and friends.

Visit this website <https://bensguide.gpo.gov/liberty-bell-1753> to learn about the liberty bell and the scriptural message on the bell. This symbol shows us that the founder's love for God and for country were connected.

Questions to Ask!

1

Why do you think the liberty bell is a symbol of faith and liberty?

2

Whose birthday did the bell ring for in 1846?



Activity: Create a Symbol

Create a Symbol. Use items around the house to make your own symbol of faith (God) and country. Be creative!



Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth: Internet Treasure Hunt: Search for 5 symbols that reflect the connection of love of for God and country. These could be either statues, places, or monuments.

Make an album and share the findings with your family. Consider visiting these symbols as a family if it is near your home.

Week 4 : Lesson

Praying for Miracles and Changes

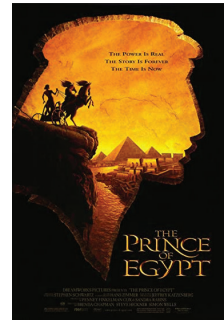


Let's Explore



Watch a clip from the "Prince of Egypt"

<https://youtu.be/CeJSvgq6Dxo>
and discuss the questions.



Questions to Ask!

1

What is miracle?

3

How can we help God to bring about miracles?

2

Who creates miracles?



Activity: Learn a Song

Learn and sing the lyrics for "When You Believe"

<https://youtu.be/NqqEgvgEx08>



Pray for your government leaders by name as a family. You may consider asking that their hearts may be softened, that they will seek the guidance of God, and that they will make wise and good decisions.

Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth: Watch some of Cornerstone Television Network's Miracles in American History videos on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/ZfD7OUmY8BY>

Write a list of what miracles you would like to witness and be a part of in the future.



Other Helpful Resources

Other Suggested Books:

- ❑ *From Sea to Shining Sea for Children: Discovering God's Plan for America in Her First Half-Century of Independence, 1787-1837* by Peter J. Marshall, David Manuel and Anna Wilson Fishel
- ❑ *George Washington His Legacy of Faith, Character, and Courage* By Demi
Note: this book gives a great perspective on Washington's spiritual strength throughout his life but does include the inaccurate (although widely circulated) cherry tree story. Despite this inaccuracy, and any other minor inaccuracies it may contain, this book is worth the read.
- ❑ *She Prayed: 12 Stories of Extraordinary Women of Faith Who Changed the World* by Jean Fischer
- ❑ *How Far is Faith* by Amy Parker
- ❑ *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* by Kadir Nelson
- ❑ *You Are Special* by Max Lucado
- ❑ *The Bulletproof George Washington* by David Barton
- ❑ *The Miracle of America: Birth of a Nation* by Brian P. Trotter
- ❑ *The Children's Book of Faith* by William J. Bennett
- ❑ *Miracles in American History (volume 1 and 2)* by Susie Federer
- ❑ *For His Honor* by Terry Johnson
- ❑ *Christopher Jones: Captain of the Mayflower* by Etta B. Degering
- ❑ *Corrie ten Boom* by Sam Wellman
- ❑ *Francis Asbury: Circuit Rider* by Janet Bengé
- ❑ *The Beggar's Bible* by Louise A. Vernon
- ❑ *The Prince Warriors* by Priscilla Shirer, Gina Detwiler
- ❑ *Duncan's War* by Douglas Bond (*Crown and Covenant* series, trilogy *Faith and Freedom* by the same author)
- ❑ *Story Bible (from Libraries of Hope)*
- ❑ *America's Godly Heritage* by David Barton
- ❑ *Patterns of Liberty* by Tenna Hartman
- ❑ *Joan of Arc* by Mark Twain
- ❑ *Joan of Arc* by Diane Stanley
- ❑ *Stories of Faith and Courage from the Revolutionary War* by Jane Hampton Cook



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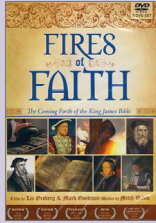
See the **Cottage Kids-4-2-Activity Day Outline pdf** for fun activities and discussions you can do with your children or a group of kids in your community at the end of the lesson! There are activities for younger and older kids!

The only requirement we have is that you HAVE FUN!

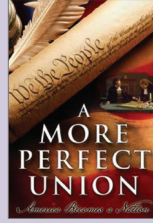
Suggested Movies:

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search at <https://www.imdb.com> unless noted otherwise.



❑ Fires of Faith (2012)
Documentary
Not Rated



❑ A More Perfect Union:
America Becomes a Nation (1989)
Not Rated



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



❑ The Chronicles of Narnia: The
Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
(2005)
Rated: PG



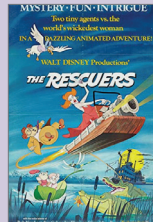
❑ Amazing Grace (2006)
Rated: PG



❑ A Wrinkle In Time (2018)
Rated: PG



❑ The Prince of Egypt (1998)
Rated: PG



❑ The Rescuers (1977)
Rated: G



❑ Joan of Arc (2015)
Documentary
View Here:
<https://www.byutv.org/player/98102eb7-69d9-45e5-9322-2e9d-7284c3a6/joan-of-arc-joan-of-arc>



❑ I Still Believe (2020)
Rated: PG

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❑ I Can Only Imagine (2018)
Rated: PG



❑ War Room (2015)
Rated: PG



❑ God's Not Dead:
A Light in Darkness (2018)
Rated: PG



❑ Philadelphia:
Faith and Freedom
View Here:
<https://providenceforum.org/project/philadelphia-faith-freedom-wilson-goode/>



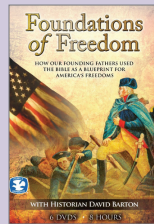
❑ The Light of Freedom (2013)
Rated: TV-PG



❑ Beyond the Mask (2015)
Rated: PG



❑ Faith of our Fathers (2015)
Rated: PG-13



❑ Foundations of Freedom Series
DVD
Purchase Here:
<https://shop.wallbuilders.com/product/foundations-of-freedom-series-dvds02/>



❑ Joan of Arc (1999)
(TV mini series)
Rated: TV-PG



❑ The Messenger: The Story of
Joan of Arc (1999, Milla Jovovich)
(1999)
Rated: R



❑ Joan of Arc
(1948, Ingrid Bergman)
Rated: Approved