

This Month's Lesson:

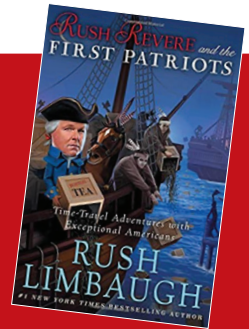
The Power of Patriotism

Objective:

This theme introduces the third Pillar of Liberty, Patriotism. It's manifested through devotion to a cause higher than oneself—not for what the Patriot knows in their mind, but for what they understand in their heart. This leads to lasting dedication to living and promoting the principles of liberty.

Read-Aloud Book of the Month:

Rush Revere and the First Patriots
by Rush Limbaugh



Weekly Lessons:

Week 1: Let's Explore Questions and Stick Flags Activity

Week 2: Let's Explore Questions and Visit and Draw Activity

Week 3: Let's Explore Questions and Patriotic Symbol Coloring Activity

Week 4: Let's Explore Questions and Red, White, and Blue Tie Dye T-shirts Activity

Week 1 : Lesson

What It Means to be a Patriot

Let's Explore



Patriotism is when our thoughts and actions show that we love our country.

Patriotism is not short, out of control outbursts of emotion, but it is calm and continued actions throughout our lives that show that our country and our freedom is important.



Listen to the song, "I Love America" at

<https://youtu.be/3Z989YdhDD8>



Questions to Ask!

1

What do you love about America?

2

What can you do as a family to show that you love America?



Activity:

Make Stick Flags
as a Family



Watch the YouTube video:

Craft Stick Flags by Kaplan Early Learning Company and have fun making the craft.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAf4sYpF5YQ>

Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth:

Watch the YouTube video: **Why I Love America.** <https://youtu.be/CDobY9rlaMo>



PragerU

Question 1: What caused Prager to understand the importance of America?

Question 2: What freedoms would you miss if you traveled and didn't have them?

Week 2 : Lesson

America's Patriotic History

Let's Explore



Watch this video:

Schoolhouse Rock - Fireworks
and discuss the questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdZYyY7g8g4>



Questions to Ask!

1

Why do we light fireworks to celebrate liberty?

2

What are our three most important rights?



Activity: Liberty Trips, Visit & Draw

Liberty Trips, Visit and Draw.

Visit a historical site or museum near your home.

Our interactive **Liberty Trips Map** has more than a thousand points of interest across our country. Now you can plan the perfect patriotic adventure to explore with your family, and find Americas hidden treasures in your own backyard.

<https://mfa-events.us/liberty-trips-map/>

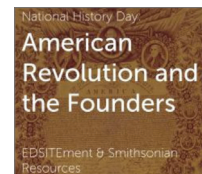
Ask kids to draw pictures of what they learned about on the trip.



Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth: Explore Smithsonian online resources like the following:

- Shaping America collection
- Founding a Nation collection
- American Revolution and the Founders collection

Click on these images for the resource link.



Week 3 : Lesson

The Symbols of Patriotism



Let's Explore



Watch the video book, "Symbols of the United States – Facts about the U.S." by Red Cat Reading and discuss the questions.

<https://youtu.be/CJLGw0lkcdE>



Questions to Ask!

- 1 What patriotic symbols have you seen, and which is your favorite?
- 2 Which symbols do you want to learn more about?



Activity: Patriotic Symbols Coloring

Visit the page **Learning Patriotic Symbols Coloring Pages**, download and print the free coloring pages.

Color the patriotic symbols and make a poster board.

<https://coloringhome.com/patriotic-symbols-coloring-pages>



Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth: Play Jeopardy using this online tool and searching "America Symbols," "Patriotic Symbols," or create your own Jeopardy game. <https://jeopardylabs.com/>

Week 4 : Lesson

Showing Your Patriotism



Let's Explore

"Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." – John F. Kennedy

"We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it." – William Faulkner

Questions to Ask!

- 1 What do you think John F. Kennedy means in this quote?
- 2 Who do you know that served our country and practiced patriotism?
- 3 What can you and your family do to show patriotism?



Activity: Tie Dye Shirts

Red, White, and Blue Tie Dye Shirts

1. General tie dye recommendations at

<https://www.keepingitsimplecrafts.com/tips-andtricks-on-how-to-tie-dye-shirts/>

2. Patriotic colors recommendations at

<https://www.keepingitsimplecrafts.com/4th-of-julytie-dye-shirts/>



Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth: Invite family members to choose a patriotic historical figure, create a costume of them, and then give a brief presentation on the individual while wearing their costume. You could consider withholding the name of the historical figure during the presentation and have the family guess the name of the person at the end.



Other Helpful Resources

Other Suggested Books:

- ❑ *Freedom Factor* by Gerald Lund
(recommended for ages 10+)
- ❑ *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
- ❑ *Toliver's Secret* by Esther Brady
- ❑ *A Is for America* by Devin Scillian
- ❑ *Liberty* by Lynn Curlee
- ❑ *Being A Good Citizen* by Mary Small
- ❑ *The Children's Book of America*
by William J. Bennett
- ❑ *Tuttle Twins Book Series* by Connor Boyack
- ❑ *I Love America 1 & 2* by Julianne S. Kimber
(available for purchase at kimbercurriculum.com)



Special Note:

See the **Cottage Kids-6-2-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:

Parental guidance is always recommended for any films we list.

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



- ☐ Johnny Tremain (1957)
Rated: Approved



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



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



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



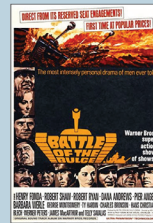
- ☐ Joan of Arc (2015)
Documentary
View Here:
<https://www.byutv.org/player/98102eb7-69d9-45e5-9322-2e9d-7284c3a6/joan-of-arc-joan-of-arc>



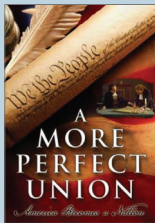
- ☐ The Pledge (2011)
Not Rated



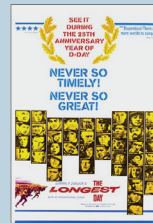
- ☐ Captain America: The First Avenger (2011)
Rated: PG-13



- ☐ Battle of the Bulge (1965)
Not Rated



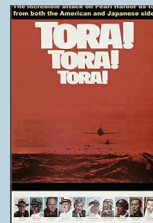
- ☐ A More Perfect Union: America Becomes a Nation (1989)
No Rating



- ☐ The Longest Day (1962)
Rated: G



- ☐ National Treasure (2004)
Rated: PG



- ☐ Tora! Tora! Tora! (1970)
Rated: G

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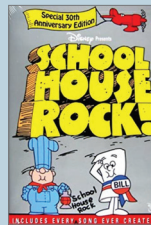
☐ America: Imagine The World Without Her (2014)
Rated: PG-13



☐ Miracle (2004)
Rated: G



☐ Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942)
Rated: Passed



☐ Schoolhouse Rock! Special 30th Anniversary Edition
Not Rated

Note: This can be purchased from Amazon and other online vendors.