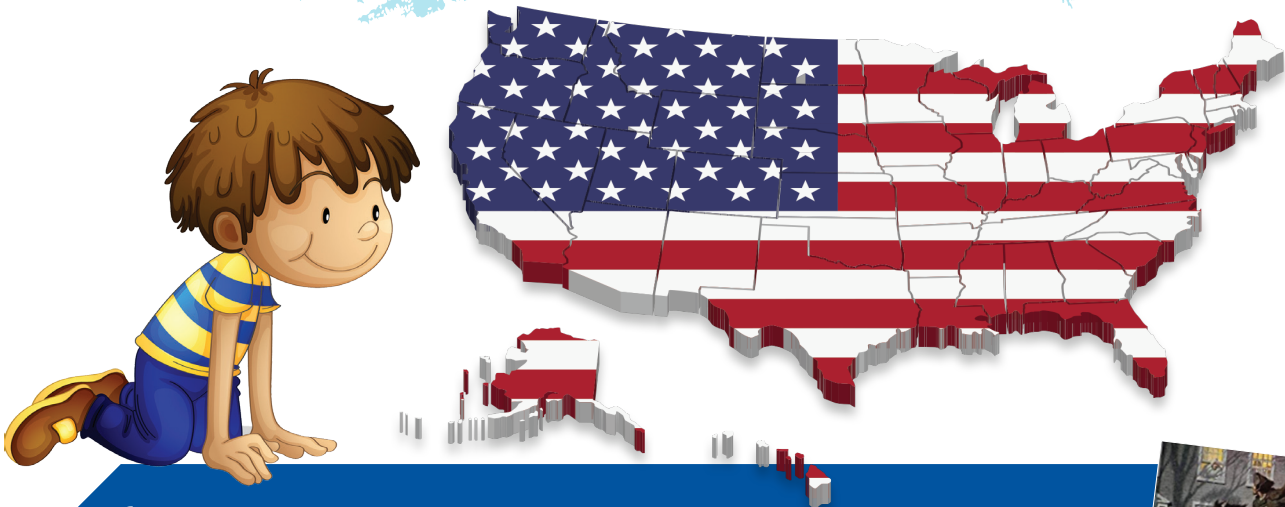


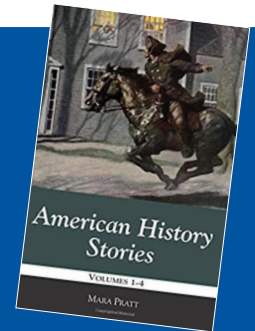
This Month's Lesson:

# America: Share the Story



## Objective:

This theme introduces the power of stories in promoting liberty and personal patriotism. As Americans, we need to know about our personal and collective stories; we also need to know what unites us as a people. Stories are a powerful medium to teach the Three Pillars of Liberty and the most effective method for planting seeds in the heart.



**Read-Aloud  
Book of the Month:**  
*American History Stories*  
by Mara L. Pratt

## Weekly Lessons:

**Week 1:** Let's Explore Questions and Stories of America Collage Activity

**Week 2:** Let's Explore Questions and Create a Family Storybook Activity

**Week 3:** Let's Explore Questions and Drawing American Stories Activity

**Week 4:** Let's Explore Questions and "I ♥ America" Library Activity

## Week 1 : Lesson

# The Importance of History



## Let's Explore

Stories about history are important because they hold truths, teach us lessons, inspire us to greatness, and help us learn from what happened.

### Questions to Ask!

1

What stories about America's past do you know?  
Have you heard about leaders who helped start our country?  
Have you heard about why we celebrate Thanksgiving?

2

What lessons did you learn from those stories that you know?



### Activity:

#### Stories of America Collage

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Have kids create a picture collage of the stories of America by cutting out pictures from old magazines, or instead, have the kids create a picture collage that represents themselves and stories from their life.



**Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth:** Choose 5-10 stories/events from American history and create a map that shows the location of each story/event. (Some revolutionary war events mapped here at <https://mnrussbaum.com/battles-of-therevolutionary-war-interactive-map>)

## Week 2 : Lesson

# Family History Stories



## Let's Explore

"The best loved stories are not from books or films but those from our own families"

### Questions to Ask!

- 1 Why are family stories important?
- 2 What is your favorite family story?
- 3 Imagine you are a mom or dad; what family story do you think you will tell your children?



### Activity: Create a Family Storybook

#### Create a Family Storybook

During a meal or another family setting, have each family member take turns talking about some of their favorite memories of spending time together or important family events. Use the stories to create a family storybook. The storybook can have a section for each family member including when and where they were born and what American events were happening during that time. *Optional:* add pictures.

**Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth:** Ask your relatives to tell you stories about what it was like when they were growing up in America and important events in their lives. Create a family history timeline.

## Week 3 : Lesson

# American Stories



## Let's Explore



Watch some episodes of Liberty's Kids on YouTube and discuss the questions.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5pJi9mLly38m2e\\_u3sboKQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5pJi9mLly38m2e_u3sboKQ/videos)

### Questions to Ask!

1

Which of these American stories did you enjoy, and why?

2

Which characters would you choose to trade places with?

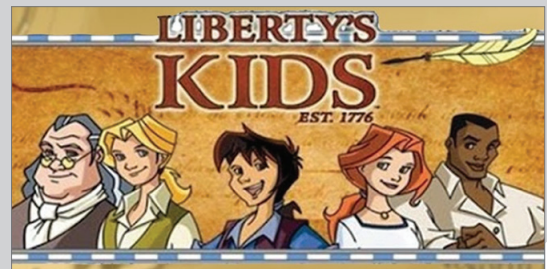


### Activity: Draw a Picture

#### Draw a Picture.

Draw pictures of your favorite scenes or characters from the American story episodes you watched on Liberty's Kids.

Retell the story to your family.



**Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth:** Choose one of more American stories from

<https://momsforamerica.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Is-There-Hope-for-a-Future-of-America.pdf>

Create trivia questions about the story you have chosen and test your family's American History knowledge.

## Week 4 : Lesson

# Treasuring Our American Stories



## Let's Explore

Elbridge S. Brooks, author of *True Stories of Christopher Columbus* (published 1892), ends his book with a powerful message, "Happier than any fairytale, more marvelous than any wonder book, the story of the United States of America begins 'Once upon a time' and has come to the point where it depends upon the boys and girls who read it to say whether or not they shall 'live happily ever after.'"

The author is expressing that once we have learned the American stories, we have the power to decide what happens in the stories of our own lives. The progress of our nation depends on how boys and girls make decisions today and for the future.

### Questions to Ask!

- 1 Every day when we make choices, it becomes part of our history. What good choices could you make to create positive moments in history?
- 2 If you were president, and you had 3 important decisions to make for the nation, what would you do to help make a positive impact for the people of the nation?



### Activity: Read a Story

#### My "I ♥ America" Library

Select a book from the Moms for America Patriots Reading List to read. Build and grow your own "I ♥ America" Library by reading and adding more books to it.

<https://momsforamerica.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PatriotsReadingListMFA-by-Age-Categories.pdf>



**Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth:** Select a book from the Moms for America Patriots Reading List to read; create and act out a play of the story that you read. Have fun; be creative, wear costumes and use props.  
<https://momsforamerica.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PatriotsReadingListMFA-by-Age-Categories.pdf>





# Other Helpful Resources

## Other Suggested Books:

- Stone Soup* by Marcia Brown
- Patriots in Petticoats* by Patricia Edwards Clyne
- And Then What Happened, Paul Revere* by Jean Fritz
- Can't You Make them Behave, King George* by Jean Fritz
- Francis Marion and the Legend of the Swamp Fox* by Kate Salley Palmer
- The Bulletproof George Washington* by David Barton
- The Miracle of America: Birth of a Nation* by Brian P. Trotter
- Miracles in American History* by Susie Federer
- Preserve Protect and Defend* by Cameron C. Taylor
- Christopher Jones: Captain of the Mayflower* by Etta Degering
- The Flying Tigers* by John Toland
- When Washington Crossed the Delaware* by Lynne Cheney
- Liberty* by Lynn Curlee
- The Children's Book of America* by William J. Bennett
- The Pledge of Allegiance* by Francis Bellamy
- Dear America: A Journey to the New World* by Kathryn Lasky
- Dear America: The Winter of Red Snow* by Kristiana Gregory



### Special Note:

See the **Cottage Kids-7-2-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!**

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

- ❑ *My Name Is America: The Journal Of William Thomas Emerson, A Revolutionary War Patriot* by Barry Denenberg
- ❑ *Young Patriots: Inspiring Stories of the American Revolution* by Marcella Fisher Anderson
- ❑ *Take Your Hat Off When the Flag Goes By* (a musical read aloud) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ybLGFnivRfw&list=OLAK5uy\\_J\\_pRiKDmkx5PITvR9XL8\\_T5euoRtYJSs&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ybLGFnivRfw&list=OLAK5uy_J_pRiKDmkx5PITvR9XL8_T5euoRtYJSs&index=2)
- ❑ *A Sampling of Stories* (on MFA website at [https://momsforamerica.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/sampling\\_of\\_stories.pdf](https://momsforamerica.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/sampling_of_stories.pdf))
- ❑ *Is There Hope for a Future of America* (on MFA website at <https://momsforamerica.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Is-There-Hope-for-a-Future-of-America.pdf>)
- ❑ We highly recommend the *Freedom Series*, a 12 volume beautifully bound collection of books full of stories written in the golden age of literature (late 1800 and early 1900s) when authors wrote to inspire patriotism, encourage faith, and develop strong character. They are available to purchase from [https://www.librariesofhopestore.com/store/c2/Freedom\\_Series.html](https://www.librariesofhopestore.com/store/c2/Freedom_Series.html)

## 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.



- ❑ *Something the Lord Made* (2004)  
Rated: TV-PG



- ❑ *Miracle* (2004)  
Rated: G



- ❑ *Same Kind of Different as Me* (2017)  
Rated: PG-13



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



- ❑ *Glory Road* (2006)  
Rated: PG



- ❑ *Felicity* (2005)  
Not Rated



- ❑ *Hidden Figures* (2016)  
Rated: PG



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

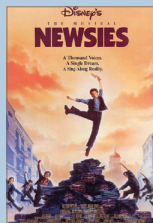
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Alone, Yet Not Alone (2013)  
Rated: PG-13



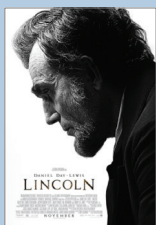
Newsies (1992)  
Rated: PG



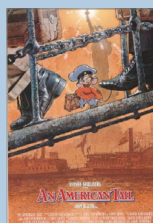
Miracle at Midnight (1998)  
Rated: TV-PG



McFarland, USA (2015)  
Rated: PG



Lincoln (2012)  
Rated: PG-13



An American Tail (1986)  
Rated: G



Davy Crockett: King of the Wild Frontier (1955)  
Rated: Approved



Liberty Kids (2002-2003)  
*an animated history TV series that aired on PBS.*  
Every episode can be accessed on YouTube, [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5pJi9mLly38m2e\\_u3sboKQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5pJi9mLly38m2e_u3sboKQ)  
or the entire series can be purchased on Amazon.