



Our Nation's Godly Heritage

Best Use

America was founded on Godly principles. Use this guide to celebrate our heritage while teaching these truths about our country's history to the next generation.

Value

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. The Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. This day represents the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

Advance Preparation

- Locate a copy of the Declaration of Independence.
- Locate an American flag or find a picture of it to view.
- Have your Bible handy.
- Have paper and pen/pencil available.

Game Plan

Do: Read the Declaration of Independence and find four references to God. As believers, we celebrate that our country was founded on faith. [Modify for younger children and just read relevant portions to them.]

Read: Ephesians 3:12 (NIV) together: "In Him [Christ] and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence."

Discuss: Observe the American flag; note the colors and the symbolism behind them. Red represents bravery; blue, perseverance; and white, purity. These are three strong principles upon which our country is founded. Discuss the importance bravery, perseverance, and purity as we live out our faith today.

Do: Use the example below or write a simple document declaring your own family's dependence on God. Invite your family to sign it and then read aloud your family's testimony of your dependence upon God.

"We declare our dependence on God as a family and acknowledge that family is central to the Creator's plan. We declare our marriage is a sacred covenant before the Lord and our children are a heritage from the Lord. Therefore, as a family, we depend on Him in all things, we declare His unfailing provision and we demonstrate a life of gratitude for the freedom He has given."

Pray: Thank God for the freedom that we have living in the United States and the freedom we have in Him. Ask God to help your family be brave, to persevere, and to have purity as you celebrate our freedoms. Ask God to help your family trust His divine leadership for America and for your family.



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