

This Month's Lesson:

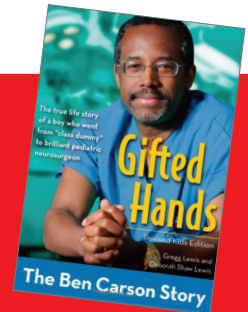
There's No Place Like Home



Objective:

This theme introduces the significant role of the home and family in society and personal development and establishes the principle that liberty begins at home.

Read-Aloud
Book of the
Month:



*Gifted Hands:
The Ben Carson Story
(Kids Edition/Revised
Kids Edition)*
by Gregg Lewis and
Deborah Shaw Lewis

Weekly Lessons:

Week 1: Let's Explore Questions & Make a Flag Collage Activity

Week 2: Let's Explore Questions & Play Jenga Activity

Week 3: Let's Explore Questions & Phrases Activity

Week 4: Let's Explore Questions & Fly a Kite as a Family Activity

Week 1 : Lesson

Home is the BEST Place to Learn Liberty

Let's Explore

1

"It is not the government's job to raise and teach our children it is ours.



2

We cannot count on others to do our job for us and we cannot legislate our rights and responsibilities away and expect liberty to simply sustain itself in the name of democracy." – Kimberly Fletcher

Questions to Ask!

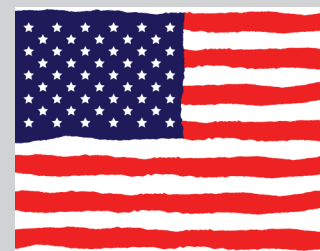
Ask the children to give an example of how they can express Liberty at home.



Activity:

Make a collage of the American Flag

As a family, make a collage of the American Flag. Look for pictures in magazines with red, white, and blue hues. Tear the pictures into pieces, group them by color and glue them onto a paper to create an American Flag. Discuss details about the flag design and history before, during, or after the activity.



Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth: Start a book club! For your first book, you could use *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story* (Kids Edition/ Revised Kids Edition), *Anne of Green Gables*, *Little Women*, or choose your own book with a family/home theme.

Week 2 : Lesson

The Importance of Family Foundation

Let's Explore

"There is no doubt that it is around the family and the home that all the greatest virtues.... are created, strengthened, and maintained."

– Winston Churchill

Questions to Ask!

- 1 With this quote in mind, what activities does your family do to make it strong?
- 2 What important lessons have you learned from your parents to a build a strong family?



Activity: Play the Jenga game

Play the Jenga game. Explain that in the game you can see that a strong foundation is important or the stack of blocks will fall over and that for our communities and nation strong families are an important part of the foundation that our country needs to uphold honorable government.



Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth: Learn how to stack cards to make a tower/house by watching videos online. As you build the foundations for your card formations, think about or discuss how important families are to the foundation of America.

Week 3 : Lesson

The Strength of a United Family

Let's Explore



Watch the video clip from The Incredibles Family
Click here: <https://youtu.be/reTz59nkhBw>



Questions to Ask!



1

What went wrong with the family dinner?

2

What could they do different to unite their family during dinner time?



Activity:

Write/print and cut out the phrases from this list on slips of paper:

- Set the table for dinner
- Yell at a brother/sister for taking your toy without asking
- Give a hug to a crying brother/sister
- Do chores immediately when asked
- Remind family to pray
- Get angry and throw things when you ask mom if you can have a snack and she says no
- Pull your brother/sister's hair when they aren't listening to you
- Tell your mom thank you for making lunch
- Tell your dad "I love you"

Directions:

Put the slips of paper in a cup and pull out one at a time. Ask if the action on the paper hurts or strengthens your foundation of family. Feel free to add more to the list or make your own list.

Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth: Memorize and discuss this quote from Benjamin Franklin: "Marriage, or a union of the sexes, though it be in itself one of the smallest societies, is the original fountain from whence the greatest and most extensive governments have derived their beings." What does this quote mean to you?

Week 4 : Lesson

The Role of Family in Society

Let's Explore

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old,
he will not depart from it. –Proverbs 22:6

"The foundation of all free government and all social order must be laid in families." – Noah Webster

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men" – Frederick Douglas

Keeping these messages in mind, let's explore the following questions

Questions to Ask!

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What is the role of our family in our society?

2

How will growing up in our family help
to prepare you for your future and
help our country?



Activity:

Fly a kite
as a family

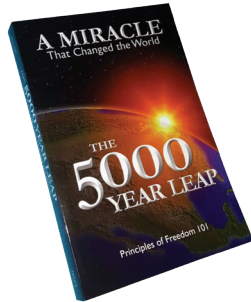
Fly a kite as a family. Talk about the importance of the string on the kite, that the kite will fall to the ground if we let go of the string. This can be likened to government – as long as we hold onto correct principles we are free. If we let go of those principles, our country will fall.



Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth: *The 5000 Year Leap*: Principle 26 The Core Unit Which Determines the Strength of Any Society is the Family; Therefore, the Government Should Foster and Protect Its Integrity. Read *The 5000 Year Leap*: Principle 26 then use a notebook to record your answers to the following questions on page 6.

Suggestions for Older Kids or Youth:

This book resource is available in our store at: <https://store-mfa.com/5000-year-leap/>



1. de Tocqueville's first quote:

- Where does he say disturbances in society come from?
- In your understanding, what does the quote say is the root of the difference between Americans responding well to law and order and Europeans wanting to violate law and order?
- What do you like about this quote?

2. Do husbands and wives have some rights specific to their role?

3. Fill in the blanks: In theory, God's law made man first in governing his family, but as between himself and his wife he was merely first _____ .

4. What is the difference between the rights of minors and the rights of adults? In what ways does Locke say a person should be mature by the time they are an adult or 21?

5. What are the responsibilities of parents to children and children to parents?

6. Fill in the blanks: ...the strength and stability of the family is of such vital importance to the culture that any action by the government to debilitate or cause dislocation in the normal trilateral structure of the family becomes, not merely a threat to the family involved, but a _____ to the very _____ _____ itself.



Other Helpful Resources

Other Suggested Books:

- ❑ *Home in the Woods* by Eliza Wheeler
- ❑ *This Is Our House* by Hyewon Yum
- ❑ *Young Thomas Edison* by Michael Dooling
- ❑ *The Impossible Patriotism Project* by Linda Skeers
- ❑ *Rolling Thunder* by Kate Messner
- ❑ *Going Down Home with Daddy* by Kelly Starling Lyons
- ❑ *One Big Family* by Marc Harshman
- ❑ *Home is a Window* by Parsley Ledyard
- ❑ *The House That's Your Home* by Sally Lloyd-Jones
- ❑ *Anne of Green Gables* by Montgomery
- ❑ *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- ❑ *Be a Maker* by Katey Howes
- ❑ *When Grandma Gives You A Lemon Tree* by Jamie L.B. Deenihan
- ❑ *The Wonderful Things You Will Be* by Emily Winfield Martin
- ❑ *Bernards Bath* by Joan Elizabeth Goodman
- ❑ *Copy Me, Copycub* by Richard Edwards
- ❑ *Only One You* by Linda Kranz
- ❑ *What We'll Build* by Oliver Jeffers
- ❑ *I'll Meet You in Your Dreams* by Jessica Young
- ❑ *I Prayed for You* by Jean Fischer



Special Note:

See the **Cottage Kids-2-2-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.



Courageous (2011)
Rated: PG-13



Parent Trap (1998)
Rated: PG



Meet the Robinsons (2007)
Rated: G



Coco (2017)
Rated: PG



Cheaper by the Dozen (2003)
Rated: PG



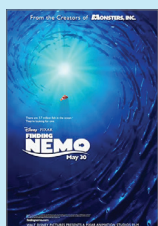
The Greatest Showman (2017)
Rated: PG



Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey (1993)
Rated: G



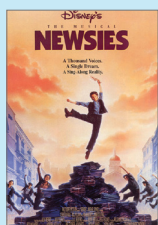
Mary Poppins (1964)
Rated: G



Finding Nemo (2003)
Rated: G



Mulan (1998)
Rated: G



Newsies (1992)
Rated: PG



The Incredibles (2004)
Rated: PG

Suggested Movies: (continued...)

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Akeelah and the Bee (2006)
Rated: PG



The Pursuit of Happyness (2006)
Rated: PG-13



Little Women (1994)
Rated: PG



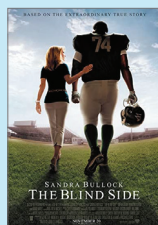
Facing the Giants (2006)
Rated: PG



The Sound of Music (1965)
Rated: G



Agenda:
Grinding Down America (2010)
Documentary
Available on Amazon
(heavy content, but would be appropriate for mature teenagers)



The Blind Side (2009)
Rated: PG-13