



CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

Family Activities

Learning the Constitution Together

BIBLE VERSE

“Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law. For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess.”

Deuteronomy 32:46, 47

FOR THE PARENT OR GRANDPARENT

These activities need not be done in order or all at once. One a week is a good pace, and the Preamble, the prayer list and the weekly Constitution reading are worth coming back to.

Why learn together?

The Constitution was written for “We the People.” That means every American should understand the freedoms and responsibilities it teaches.

One of the best places to learn is at home. Family government is the one appointed by God to teach children.

Parents and grandparents are the first teachers of a child. As families read, discuss, and practice these principles together, children begin to understand that freedom is not just something we enjoy—it is something we must preserve.

This chapter contains simple activities to help families grow together in knowledge, wisdom, and gratitude.



Memorizing the Preamble

Read the Preamble aloud together every day for one week. It is 52 words. After a few days, try saying it without looking. Talk about what each phrase means and the virtuous trait it teaches. See who can recite the entire Preamble from memory!

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Day 2

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Day 7

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THE PREAMBLE

“We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”



Constitution Scavenger Hunt

Have a family member ask questions like these:

- 1 Which branch makes the laws?
- 2 What branch enforces laws?
- 3 Which amendment protects freedom of speech?
- 4 Which amendment protects the right to keep and bear arms?
- 5 Which amendment protects against unreasonable searches?
- 6 Which amendment protects states' rights?

The first person to give the correct answer earns one point.

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FOR THE PARENT OR GRANDPARENT

Answers: 1 • the Legislative Branch, Congress. 2 • the Executive Branch, the President.
3 • the First Amendment. 4 • the Second. 5 • the Fourth. 6 • the Tenth.

Founder Match-Up

Match the Founder with his or her accomplishment.

Draw a line from each Founder to the right accomplishment.

FOUNDER

George Washington ●

James Madison ●

John Adams ●

Patrick Henry ●

Gouverneur Morris ●

Roger Sherman ●

Mercy Otis Warren ●

ACCOMPLISHMENT

● Father of the Constitution

● “Give me liberty...”

● Patriot writer

● First President

● Great Compromise

● Second President

● Wrote much of the Constitution’s final wording

Family Court

Create a pretend disagreement.

Example, two children both claim the same baseball glove.

Assign family members to be:

Judge

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Jury

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Witnesses

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PRACTICE:

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Listening carefully.

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Asking good questions.

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Making an honest decision.

Discuss why hearing both sides matters.

Read Proverbs 18:17 together,

“The first one to plead his cause seems right, Until his neighbor comes and examines him.”

This practice will help you make better judgments in life.

Build the Three Branches

Using building blocks or index cards, create three towers.

LABEL THEM:



Discuss the job of each branch.

Then remove one tower.

ASK:

“What might happen if only one branch had all the power?”

Talk about why the Constitution separates powers. Why are checks and balances so important in our Fallen world?



Rights and Responsibilities

Fold a piece of paper into two columns. On one side write rights and the other responsibilities.

Rights

Examples:

- ◆ Worship freely.
- ◆ Speak respectfully.
- ◆ Own property.
- ◆ Receive a fair trial.

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Responsibilities

Examples:

- ◆ Tell the truth.
- ◆ Obey just laws.
- ◆ Respect others.
- ◆ Vote when you are old enough.
- ◆ Serve your community.

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Discuss why every right comes with a responsibility.

Visit Your Community

Visit one or more of these places on field trips in homeschool:

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City Hall

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County Courthouse

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State Capitol

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Local library

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Historical museum

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Veterans memorial

**Ask questions. Meet community leaders.
Learn how government serves the people.**



Pray for America

This activity is very important, young people.

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Pray together for:

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The President

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Congress

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Supreme Court Justices

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Governor

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Mayor

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Police officers

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Firefighters

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Parents

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Military members

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Elders in church

Remember that God asks His people to pray for those in authority.



Read the Constitution Together

Read one short section each week.

ASK:

1 What does it say?

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2 Why was it important?

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3 What Biblical principle does it remind us of?

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4 How can we live this truth today?

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Small lessons learned faithfully become great wisdom over time.



Family Service Project

Freedom is strengthened when citizens serve others.

Choose one activity where you can share the Gospel of the Kingdom:

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Visit a nursing home.

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Write thank-you cards to veterans with Scripture verses.

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Help clean a neighborhood park and invite people to church.

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Collect food for a local food pantry and pass out Bibles.

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Help an elderly neighbor with yard work and pray for them.

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Volunteer at your church.

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Go on a mission trip.

Talk afterward about how serving others makes your community stronger.



Constitution Challenge

Can your family answer these questions?

1 What are the three branches of government?

2 Why was the Bill of Rights added?

3 What does “We the People” mean?

4 What is the supreme law of the land?

5 What is the rule of law?

6 What does the First Amendment protect?

7 What does the Tenth Amendment teach?

8 Who is called the Father of the Constitution?

9 What does the Declaration of Independence say about our rights?

10 Why is good character important in a Constitutional Republic?

FOR THE PARENT OR GRANDPARENT

Every answer is somewhere in this book. Let the children hunt back through the earlier chapters before you help.

Family Constitution and Crest

Work together to write your own family constitution and make your own family crest.

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Our family mission

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Five family values

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Responsibilities for each family member

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Ways we show kindness and respect

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How we solve disagreements

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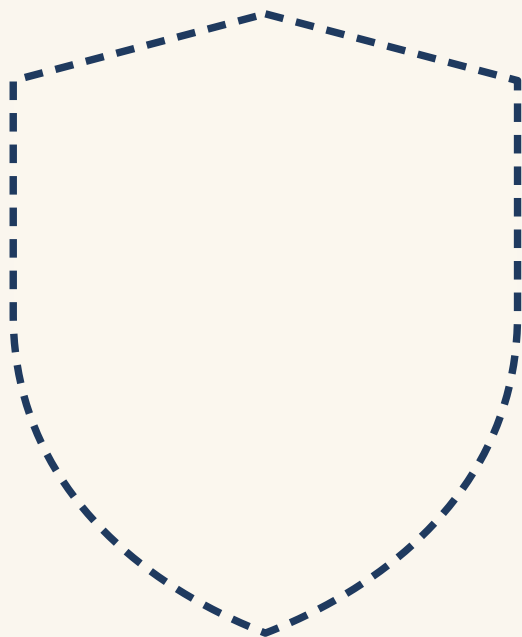
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A favorite family Bible verse

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OUR FAMILY CREST



Have every family member sign it.

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Display it where everyone can see it.



MEMORY VERSE

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6



A GRANDPARENT'S CHALLENGE

The Constitution was never meant to sit on a shelf, collect dust, and be forgotten. It was meant to be understood, discussed, and improved.

The Founders believed that a free people must also be a knowledgeable people. They expected parents to teach their children, churches to teach Biblical virtues, citizens to know history, and stay involved in their communities.

Most importantly, God commands parents and grandparents to pass truth from one generation to the next.

One day, your children and grandchildren will become the guardians of America's freedoms.

Teach them not only what the Constitution says, but why it matters and how it can be improved in the future.

Show them that freedom is a precious gift, justice is worth defending, and character is the foundation upon which liberty stands.

When families learn together, pray together, and serve together, they help build stronger homes, stronger communities, and a stronger nation for generations yet to come.

Let us pray, “Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:9, 10).