

# DISCOVER AMERICA

## Course 27 - Faith Supplement



Parting Principles:  
Perspectives from  
Washington's Farewell  
Address

# Memory Verse



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## **Psalm 133:1 (NIV)**

How good and pleasant it is when  
God's people live together in unity!

## **Relevant Scripture:**

Ephesians 4:22

# Instructional Goals

- **Understand the Concept of Unity:** Students will comprehend what unity means and recognize its importance in building a strong community, both in historical and biblical contexts.
- **Connect Historical Themes to Biblical Teachings:** Students will explore how the themes of unity and working together in George Washington's Farewell Address relate to teachings in the Bible.
- **Memorize and Interpret the Memory Verse:** Students will memorize Psalm 133:1 and discuss its meaning, relating it to their own experiences of unity.
- **Enhance Bible Literacy:** Students will practice locating and reading verses in their Bibles, improving their familiarity with scripture.
- **Encourage Reflection on Leadership and Influence:** Students will consider how leaders like George Washington and teachings from the Bible can guide their actions and interactions with others.

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### ***Objectives***

- To introduce students to George Washington's Farewell Address in an age-appropriate manner.
- To explore how the themes of unity and leadership in Washington's address relate to biblical teachings.
- To encourage students to use their Bibles to find and read relevant scriptures.
- To engage students in a fun and interactive activity that reinforces the lesson.

### ***Materials Needed***

- Simplified excerpts from George Washington's Farewell Address (provided below)
- Children's Bibles or age-appropriate Bible storybooks
- Whiteboard or chart paper
- Markers or crayons
- Construction paper
- Glue and scissors
- Stickers and decorative items (optional)

### ***Introduction***

- Welcome and Prayer:
  - Begin the class with a simple prayer asking God to help us learn and understand.
- Warm-Up Activity:
  - Ask students, "What does it mean to work together?" and "Why is working together important?"
  - Write their answers on the board.

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### ***Memory Verse Activity***

- Introduce the Memory Verse:
  - Read Psalm 133:1 aloud together.
- Discussion:
  - Explain what "unity" means in simple terms (getting along, helping each other).
  - Ask students how they feel when everyone gets along.

### ***Introducing George Washington***

- Story Time:
  - Share a brief story about who George Washington was:
    - The first President of the United States.
    - A leader who helped start our country.
- Farewell Address Simplified:
  - Explain that when George Washington stopped being president, he wrote a special letter to everyone.

### ***Reading Excerpts***

- Simplified Excerpts:
  - On Unity:
    - "We should all stick together as one big family to keep our country strong."
  - On Working Together:
    - "Let's be careful not to fight among ourselves, because it can make us weak."

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### ***Group Reading***

- Read the excerpts aloud with the students.
- Ask them what they think George Washington is trying to say.

### ***Connecting to the Bible***

- Bible Exploration:
  - Help students find Psalm 133:1 in their Bibles.
  - Discussion:
    - How does this verse relate to what George Washington said?
    - Why does God want us to live together in unity?
- Additional Scripture:
  - Ephesians 4:32:
    - "Be kind and compassionate to one another."
  - Read and discuss how kindness helps us stay united.

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### UNITY CHAIN CRAFT

#### ***Materials Needed***

- Strips of construction paper (about 1 inch wide)
- Markers or crayons
- Glue or tape

#### ***Instructions***

- Give each student several strips of paper.
- On each strip, students write or draw ways they can promote unity and kindness (e.g., "Help a friend," "Share toys," "Say kind words").
- Connect the strips to form a paper chain.
- Combine all the students' chains to make one large class unity chain.

#### ***Discussion***

- Hang the chain in the classroom as a reminder.
- Talk about how each of us contributes to unity.
- Just like George Washington and the Bible teach us, when we work together and are kind to one another, we make our world a better place!

#### ***Recap and Closing***

- Review Key Points:
  - George Washington wanted us to work together and be united.
  - The Bible teaches us the importance of living in harmony.
- Memory Verse Repetition:
  - Repeat Psalm 133:1 together.
- Closing Prayer:
  - Thank God for teaching us about unity and ask for help to be kind and work together.



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### ***Assessment***

- Participation:
  - Observe students' engagement during discussions and activities.
- Craft Activity:
  - Check that students contributed to the unity chain with thoughtful ideas.
- Memory Verse:
  - Encourage students to practice the verse at home.

### ***Extension Activities***

- Unity Role-Play:
  - Have students act out scenarios where they practice unity and kindness.
- Story Sharing:
  - Ask students to share times when they worked together with others.

### ***Notes for Teachers***

- Simplify Concepts:
  - Keep explanations clear and age-appropriate.
- Encourage Sharing:
  - Make sure all students have a chance to participate.
- Be Supportive:
  - Help students look up Bible verses, offering guidance as needed.

### ***Summary***

This lesson helps elementary students understand the importance of unity as emphasized by George Washington and in the Bible. Through interactive activities and discussions, students learn how they can contribute to a harmonious community both in class and beyond.