

Mentors for Our Children: Our Amazing Founding Fathers

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We constantly search for wise mentors for our children, yet often fail to see our Founding Fathers as great mentors to teach wise principles. America's Revolutionary War offers rich material to teach our Christian values to our children.

Patrick Henry gave passion to the American cause, to stir the desire for freedom in the hearts of the common people. Well-directed passion for life is essential; youth need the passion for goodness and truth.

What was life like in colonial America? What did children do then, and how did they learn to work? What brought families together? The answers are found in the shops and farms nestled in verdant rolling hills and along busy rivers. America's work ethic made her strong.

The women of the Revolutionary War contributed greatly to colonial America's victory over the powerful British. Women joined the war on the battlefield, in their home, on family farms and in her shops. We sometimes overlook their contributions.

George and Martha Washington teach us sacrifice. This concept, so foreign to modern society, is essential to stable, mature adulthood.

Children also played a part in America's freedom. The boys of Boston, in their own way, found the courage to confront British oppression.

Revolutionary General Nathaniel Greene teaches integrity. His devotion to Washington and liberty were pivotal to success.

Henry Knox lived the principle of tenacity, with the 58 cannon he brought to Washington. Without those cannon, America would have lost the war.