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George Washington “Father of Our Country” Family Home Evening Packet



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Scripture, Treat Recipe

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Closing Song

Closing Prayer

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Suggested Songs: “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”, pg. 339 (Hymn)
“America The Beautiful”, pg. 338 (Hymn)
“The Star-Spangled Banner”, pg. 340 (Hymn)

Scripture: 1 Nephi 13:19, D&C 101:80

Story: Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics, etc.

Patriotic Fireworks

Ingredients

- 1 bag of large pretzel rods
- 1 bag of white chocolate morsels
- Red, white and blue sprinkles

Directions:

This is a great treat to get the whole family involved with. Carefully melt the white chocolate morsels according to bag directions, being careful not to burn the chocolate. While the chocolate is hot, dip 2/3 of the pretzel rod into the chocolate and then immediately sprinkle with red, white and blue sprinkles. Place the rods on waxed paper or stand the rods up in a container to cool.

Game - “Patriot Puzzle Quest: Game Preparation - Laminate and cut in half, the “Patriot Puzzle Quest” sheets. Color the “Quarter” puzzles, laminate and cut out. Be sure to keep each quarter’s puzzle pieces separate. Before Family Home Evening, decide how many puzzles you are going to play during the activity. Choose which puzzle you will be using on the puzzle key sheet. Blacken in the boxes as shown on the puzzle key sheet with either a dry erase marker or a waterbased, non-permanent marker and write in any punctuation marks that may be shown in the particular puzzle you are using in the box designated on the puzzle key sheet. You will need a pen or pencil and a scrap piece of paper for this game.

Play - Divide the family into two teams. Give each team their “Quarter” puzzle pieces and have them assemble the “Quarter” puzzle in front of them on the playing surface. Give each team a pen or pencil and a piece of blank paper. Place the “Patriot Puzzle Quest” sheet that has been prepared ahead of time in the center of the playing surface. Choose which team will go first. The “Host” (the person who prepared the “Patriot Puzzle Quest” sheets that knows the puzzle answer) gives the clue to the puzzle (found at the bottom of the puzzle answer, such as: STATEMENT, PERSON, ETC.) The first team begins by choosing a letter of the alphabet. The “Host” informs the team if the letter is a correct or an incorrect response. If the letter is a correct response, the “Host” writes the letter as it fits into the puzzle. For example, if a team chooses an “E” and the puzzle answer is “Peter Piper”, the host would fill in three “E’s” in the appropriate boxes. The team then gets to choose another letter and continues in this manner until an incorrect response is given. At that time, each team writes the incorrect letter down on their paper so that they remember not to choose that letter. The team then loses one of their “Quarter” puzzle pieces. The opposing team then gets to take their turn. Once a team has lost all of their puzzle pieces, they are out of the game. If a team figures out what the puzzle is, they may solve the puzzle on their turn. The first team to figure out the puzzle wins the game.



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George Washington

George Washington, General Washington, President Washington, America's first hero, Father of Our Country and the list goes on. He was a man of many titles, but most importantly he was instrumental in the Revolution and the founding of this great country, The United States of America. He ensured that religious principles governed its formation and repeatedly acknowledged God's hand in their victories. His name is praised and revered by many. He has one state, seven mountains, eight streams, nine colleges, ten lakes, thirty-three counties and one hundred twenty-one towns named after him.

George Washington was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, near the banks of the Potomac River, on February 22, 1732 (New Style). His parents were Augustine Washington, better known as Gus and Mary Ball Washington (his second wife after losing his first wife). George's father, a third generation Virginian, owned "Wakefield", a tobacco plantation and also built a small ironworks. George had two half brothers from his father's first marriage named Lawrence and Augustine Jr. Lawrence would later have a huge influence on his younger half brother George.

George received the majority of his schooling between the ages of seven and eleven. His writing skills were not the best, but George was a whiz at math and loved numbers. George loved learning in general. Lord Fairfax, one of the young Washington's mentors and the man who gave George his first job said of the sixteen year old Washington, "a man who will go to school all his life." George's hobbies included collecting facts about history, geography, the lives of famous people and horses and horseback riding. He loved horses!

The young lad learned from a very early age to memorize the Ten Commandments. His mother was insistent that he learn them. Gus, George's father saw to it that George not only memorized the Ten Commandments but that he understood what they meant as well. His father made sure that it was crystal clear that members of the Washington family did not lie, steal or cheat. George's whole life exemplified these precepts.

"Additionally, the young Washington lived by basic rules of conduct from the New England Primer, which small children were required to memorize. Some of these rules were: 'I will fear God and honour the King. I will honour my Father and Mother. I will obey my superiors. I will submit to my elders. I will love my friends. I will hate no man. I will forgive my enemies and pray to God for them. I will, as much as in me lies, keep all God's Holy commandments.' " (Ezra Taft Benson) George also recopied the "Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation." He worked all of his life to live by these sayings and they helped shape the man that he later became.

Augustine Washington, George's father died in April of 1743. George was only eleven years old. He left his widow and seven children an estate that included ten thousand acres and forty-nine slaves. Lawrence was now the most important person in George's life.

George had a great respect for his mother, but was not fond of her. He thought she was a strict, cold person and really wanted little to do with her. His half brother Lawrence invited the fourteen year old Washington to move to Mount Vernon to live with him and his family. Guided by his brother, George continued to learn and study. He learned the art of surveying, measuring land and determining boundary lines. He was very polite and gained great admiration in social crowds. But how did George gain his popularity and fame with his countrymen?

Back in those days, British officers bought and paid for their commissions in the British army. In other words they paid for their ranks such as lieutenants, majors, colonels, etc. Washington could not afford a commission due to his small inheritance, but there was another way he could get one and that was to earn one. And that he did, he worked his way up. At the beginning of the Revolution he was nominated as commander in chief of the Continental Army. Washington refused to take salary, because he said he would not "serve his country for personal profit."

Washington was no military genius, but he had great respect from all those that knew him and he cared more for his men and their cause than himself. Lafayette, a French officer described Washington's influence on his men - "His presence stopped the retreat . . . His fine appearance on horseback, his calm courage, roused to animation by the vexations of the morning, gave him the air best calculated to excite enthusiasm."

Even though Washington commanded great respect, he was a very humble man who had a firm belief in God. George would seek divine guidance frequently as to how to command his troops and to ask for his creator's assistance in their cause. George Washington acknowledged Almighty God and knew the impossibility of success without His help.

The Revolutionary war had taken a huge toll on Washington's men. The American troops were plagued with bitter cold, hunger and tattered clothing. They were malnourished and starving. Their spirits were quite low. On December 18th, 1777, Washington led his men to winter quarters, Valley Forge. Temperatures were continually dropping. Most men did not even have proper attire for their feet and the frozen mud ridges would slash their feet as they marched. Some men had to have their feet or legs amputated because of the freezing cold. The American Continental Army had received the Lord's assistance on a number of occasions, but few times did they need His help more than now at Valley Forge.

A Continental soldier described the conditions of Valley Forge in his journal - "Here comes a bowl of beef soup full of dead leaves and dirt. There comes a soldier. His bare feet are seen through his worn out shoes - his legs nearly naked from the tattered remains of an only pair of stockings - his breeches are not sufficient to cover his nakedness - his shirt hanging in strings - his hair disheveled - his face meagre." (Albigense Waldo)

Today, we have a famous painting of George Washington, kneeling in a grove of trees at Valley Forge, fervently praying to his Father in Heaven for assistance in his desperate hour. "Today, in a quiet grove at Valley Forge, there is a heroic-sized monument to Washington. He is depicted not astride a charging horse nor overlooking a battlefield of glory, but kneeling in prayer, calling upon the God of Heaven for divine help. To gaze upon the statue prompts the mind to remember the oft-heard expression, 'A man never stands taller than when upon his knees.' " (Thomas S. Monson)

"Washington recognized the hand of our Father in Heaven in America's struggle. His final military order of the war, issued April 18, 1783, noted the assistance of the Creator. 'The Commander in chief orders the Cessation of Hostilities between the United States of America and the king of Great Britain to be publicly proclaimed tomorrow at 12 O'clock . . . after which the chaplains with the several Brigades will render thanks to almighty God for all His mercies.' " (Jonathan A. Dibble)

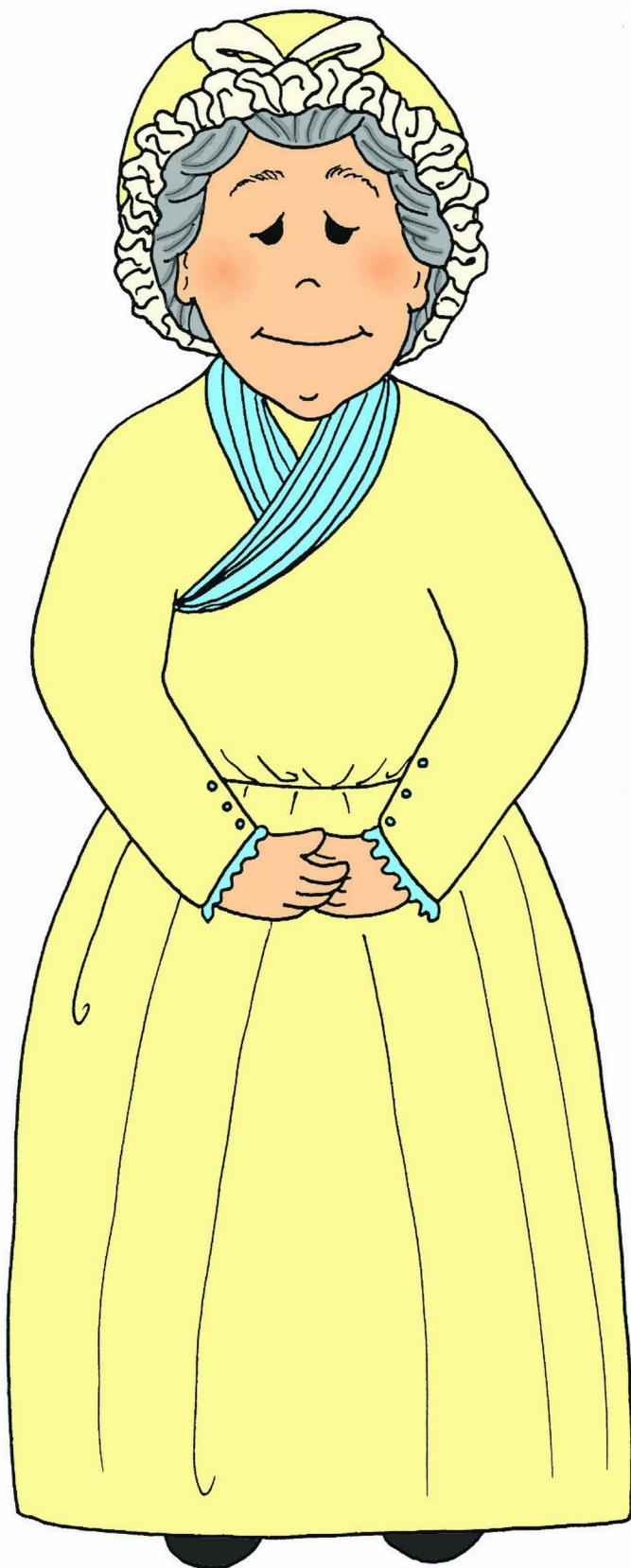
"Heroic patriots alone did not achieve the American victory. Without providential intervention, the small, outnumbered force of Americans would not have won their independence." (Jonathan A. Dibble) George Washington knew this. He knew that our country's freedom was not possible without the Lord's divine assistance. Washington, with the help of his Father in Heaven, fulfilled Nephi's prophecy of a people "delivered by the power of God out of the hands of all other nations" (1 Nephi 13:19), for the gospel to be restored through the prophet Joseph Smith.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to George Washington, and the heroic and brave men who served under him. Men who sacrificed all that they had, including their very lives to give us what we have today, this wonderful country and our freedom.

DISCUSSION

- Why was the Revolutionary war so important for us today?
- Would the restoration of the gospel have been possible without our victory in the war?
- How can we show our gratitude to our Heavenly Father, George Washington and the brave men who brought about our freedom?

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George Washington's mother,
Mary Ball Washington

George Washington's half
brother, Lawrence



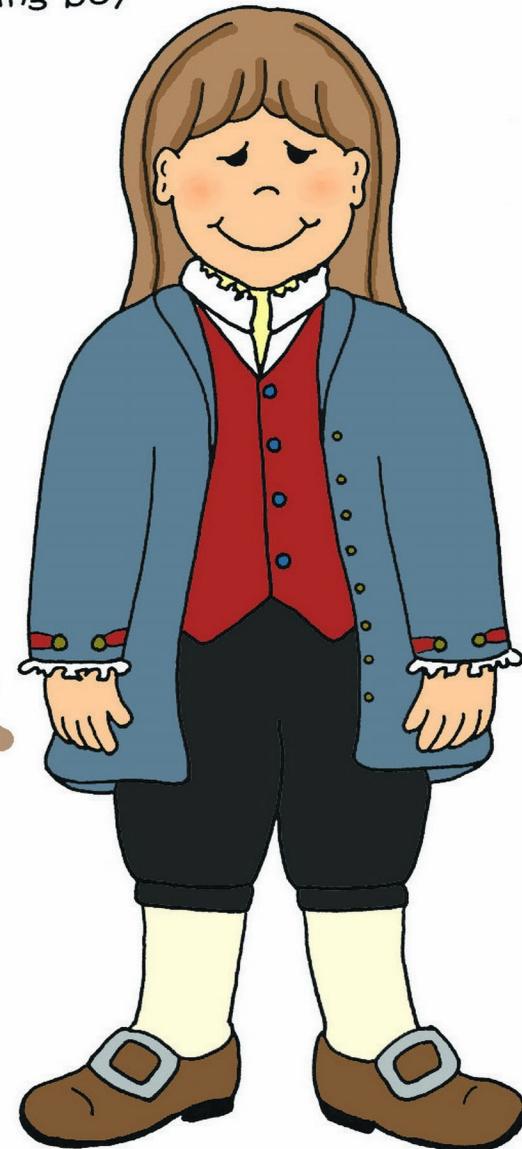
A soldier
at Valley Forge
trying to
get warm

(Remember to color
this picture with snow
on the ground)



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George Washington
as a young boy



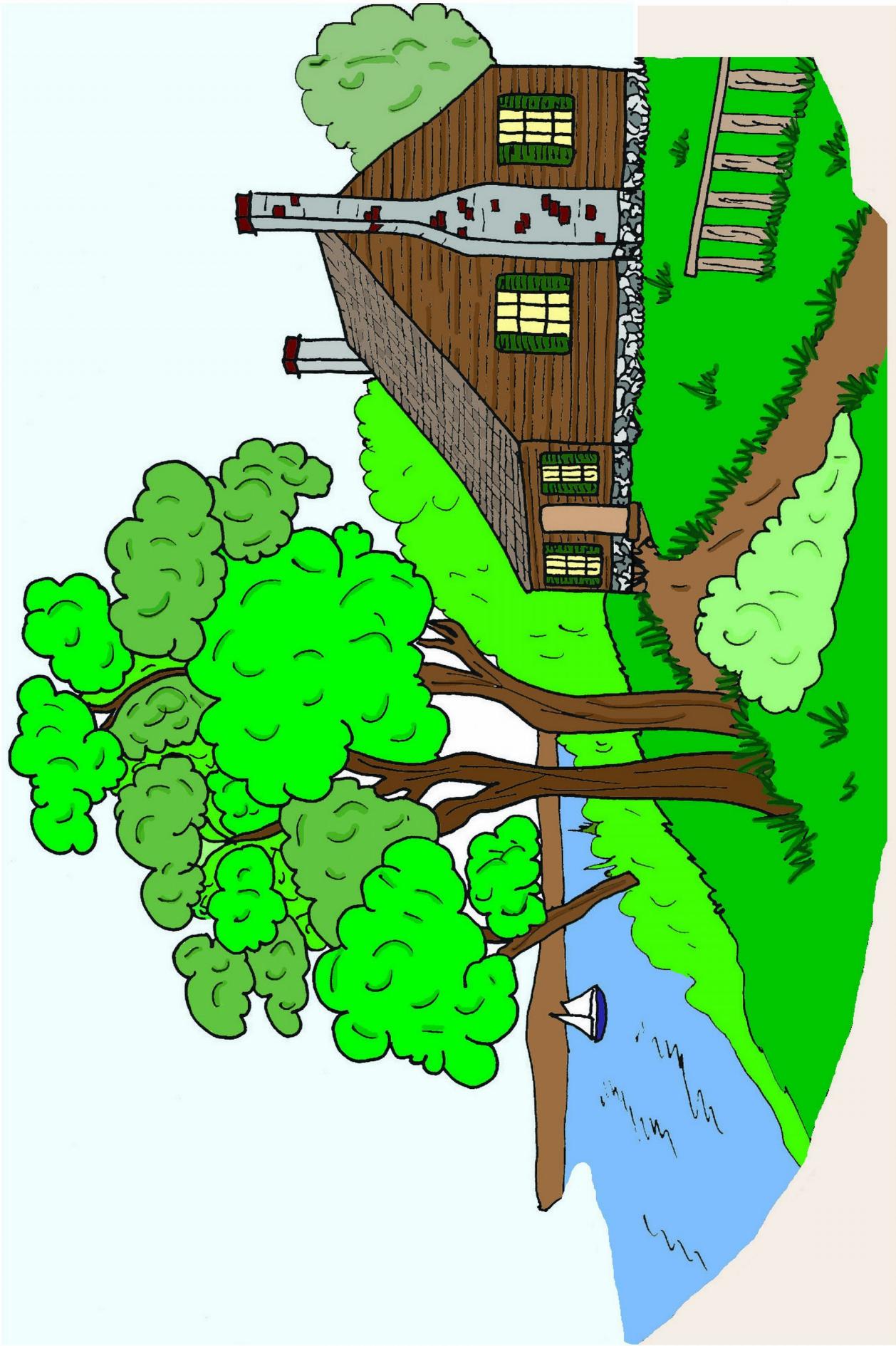
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A sketch of Washington's last life
portrait in 1798. The artist of the
original painting was
Charles de Saint-Memim

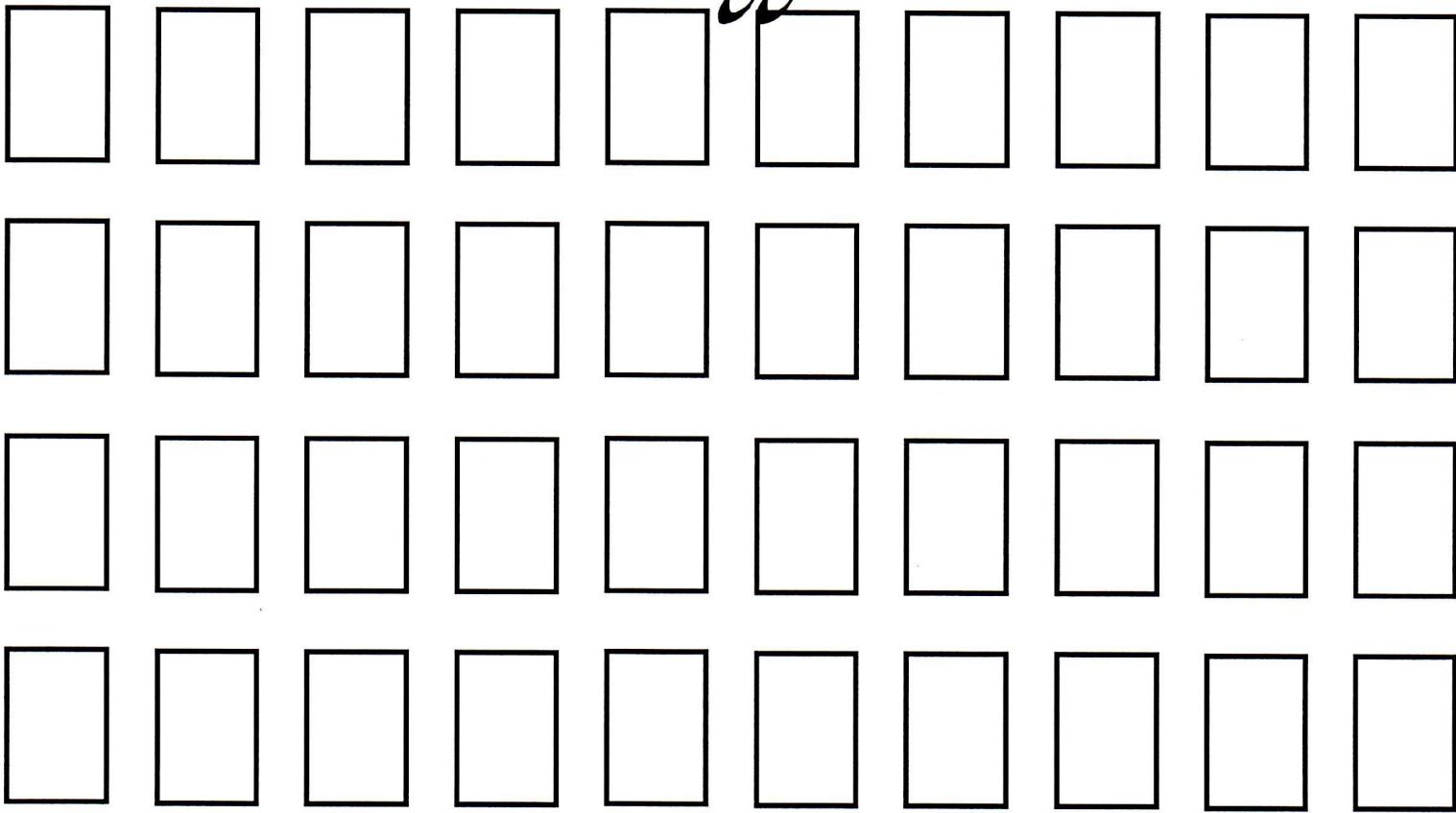
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A sketch of George Washington's birthplace
in Westmoreland County, Virginia,
near the banks of the Potomac River



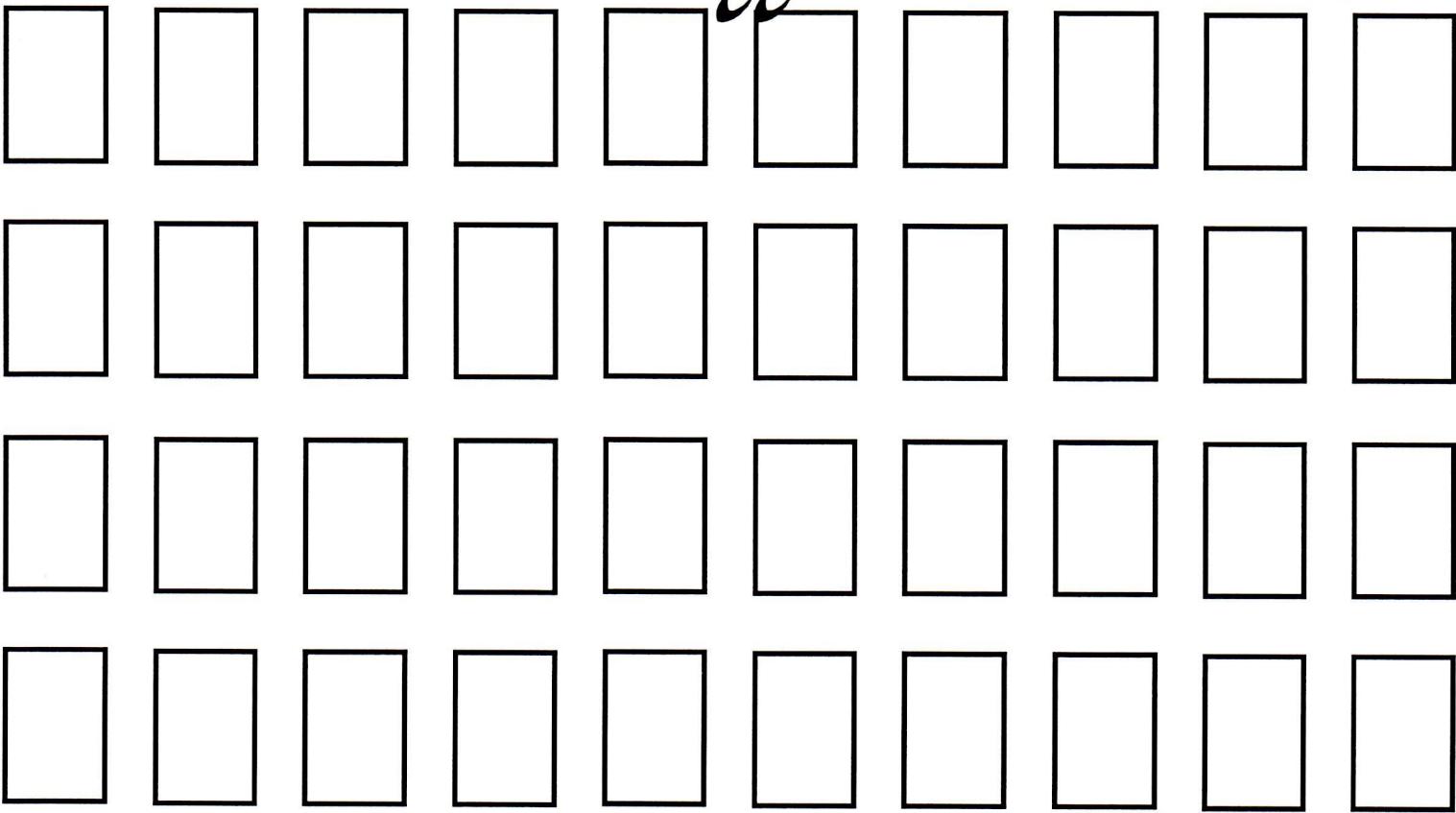
Patriot Puzzle Quest

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Patriot Puzzle Quest Key Sheet

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Puzzle #1 WASHINGTON SOUGHT DIVINE GUIDANCE STATEMENT	Puzzle #2 RAISED UP UNTO THIS VERY PURPOSE SCRIPTURE	Puzzle #3 FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY STATEMENT	Puzzle #4 MARTHA DANDRIDGE WASHINGTON PERSON
Puzzle #5 LAWRENCE WASHINGTON PERSON	Puzzle #6 THE THIRTEEN COLONIES GROUP	Puzzle #7 GEORGE WASHINGTON LOVED HORSES STATEMENT	Puzzle #8 WASHINGTON WAS NO MILITARY GENIUS STATEMENT
Puzzle #9 VALLEY FORGE WAS VERY DIFFICULT STATEMENT	Puzzle #10 AUGUSTINE WASHINGTON GEORGE'S FATHER PERSON	Puzzle #11 WAKEFIELD, THE FAMILY TOBACCO PLANTATION PLACE	Puzzle #12 NEVER LIE, STEAL, OR CHEAT WASHINGTON FAMILY VALUES
Puzzle #13 GEORGE WAS A WHIZ WITH NUMBERS STATEMENT	Puzzle #14 HIS CALM COURAGE STATEMENT	Puzzle #15 I WILL FEAR GOD AND HONOUR THE KING NEW ENGLAND PRIMER RULE	Puzzle #16 I WILL HONOUR MY FATHER AND MOTHER NEW ENGLAND PRIMER RULE
Puzzle #17 BE GRATEFUL FOR HIS BENEFITS QUOTE	Puzzle #18 GEORGE COLLECTED GEOGRAPHY FACTS STATEMENT	Puzzle #19 I WILL LOVE MY FRIENDS NEW ENGLAND PRIMER RULE	Puzzle #20 I WILL OBEY MY SUPERIORS NEW ENGLAND PRIMER RULE
Puzzle #21 WASHINGTON WAS AMERICA'S FIRST HERO STATEMENT	Puzzle #22 THE AMERICAN PATRIOTS GROUP	Puzzle #23 MARY BALL WASHINGTON PERSON	Puzzle #24 WASHINGTON WAS NOT CLOSE TO HIS MOTHER STATEMENT
Puzzle #25 FEBRUARY TWENTY - SECOND DATE	Puzzle #26 GEORGE LOVED TO LEARN STATEMENT	Puzzle #27 WESTMORELAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA PLACE	Puzzle #28 WASHINGTON COMMANDED GREAT RESPECT STATEMENT



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