

America's Government

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- about local, state, and federal governments
- how citizens in our country have rights and responsibilities
- how leaders are chosen in elections

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Lesson 3: Citizens Make a Difference

Being a Good Citizen We are all citizens of our community and our nation.

Talk with your child about ways to be a good citizen and why being a good citizen is an important responsibility.

Lesson 4: Our Leaders

Voting in an Election What can citizens do to choose the best leaders?

Talk with your child about the process you go through before you vote in an election.

Lesson 5: National Government

Our Democracy During the American Revolution, leaders fought to be part of the government. They created a democracy with the Constitution. Discuss with your child what it means to have a government “of the people, by the people, and for the people.”

Make It

A Family Flag Every nation has its own flag. Why shouldn't families have flags, too? Working together, design your own family flag. Use colors or symbols that reflect what makes your family special.

Read to Learn More About It

Stars and Stripes: The Story of the American Flag, by Sarah L. Thompson. Dramatic illustrations and spare text explore the colorful history of the American flag.

If I Were President, by Catherine Stier. Six children take turns posing as the President while providing information about the responsibilities of the office.

Vote!, by Eileen Christelow. Using a fictional town's mayoral election as a model, this lively introduction to voting covers every step in the process.

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