



Family Newsletter for Unit 3

The English Colonies

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- how the thirteen colonies were established and what life was like there
- how the Middle and Southern colonies were founded and what life was like there

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

Talk About It

Chapter 5: The Thirteen Colonies Grow

Farming and fishing Many colonists in New England made a living by farming or fishing. What types of jobs do people in your community have? Do you know any people who farm or fish? Discuss how the work that people do now is different from that done in colonial times.

Chapter 6: The Middle and Southern Colonies

Growing cities The cities of New York and Philadelphia became very important to the Middle Colonies. What are the important cities in your area? Talk about how large cities serve as the centers of information for the areas around them, such as the center for newspapers and TV and radio stations.

Make It

Words of wisdom Benjamin Franklin wrote many wise sayings about ways to live. Working with your child, write some words of wisdom, such as “A penny saved is a penny earned.” Discuss these wise sayings with your child and then put them together in a small pamphlet or binder.

Read to Learn More About It

African-Americans in the Thirteen Colonies, by Deborah Kent. The author presents an overview of social conditions and achievements of both free and enslaved African Americans.

. . . *If You Lived in Colonial Times*, by Ann McGovern. Text and pictures tell what it was like to live in colonial New England.

William Penn: Quaker Colonist, by Kieran Doherty. The author offers an in-depth look at the life of William Penn, the English Quaker who founded Pennsylvania.



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