

Thanksgiving, the USA, & the Church



Read: *Thanksgiving, the USA, & the Church (CBCG)*

What do you know about Thanksgiving & the USA? Complete the table below with what you think you know now & things you may wonder about. At the end of this study, complete the area with things you have learned.

What I Know	What I Wonder	What I Learned

Who controls the world behind the scenes?

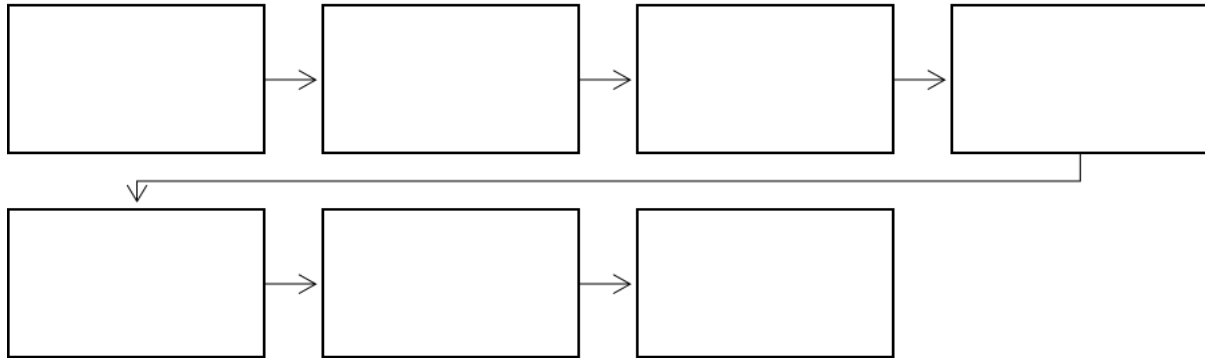
_____ & _____

Instead of relying on God, what has America done?

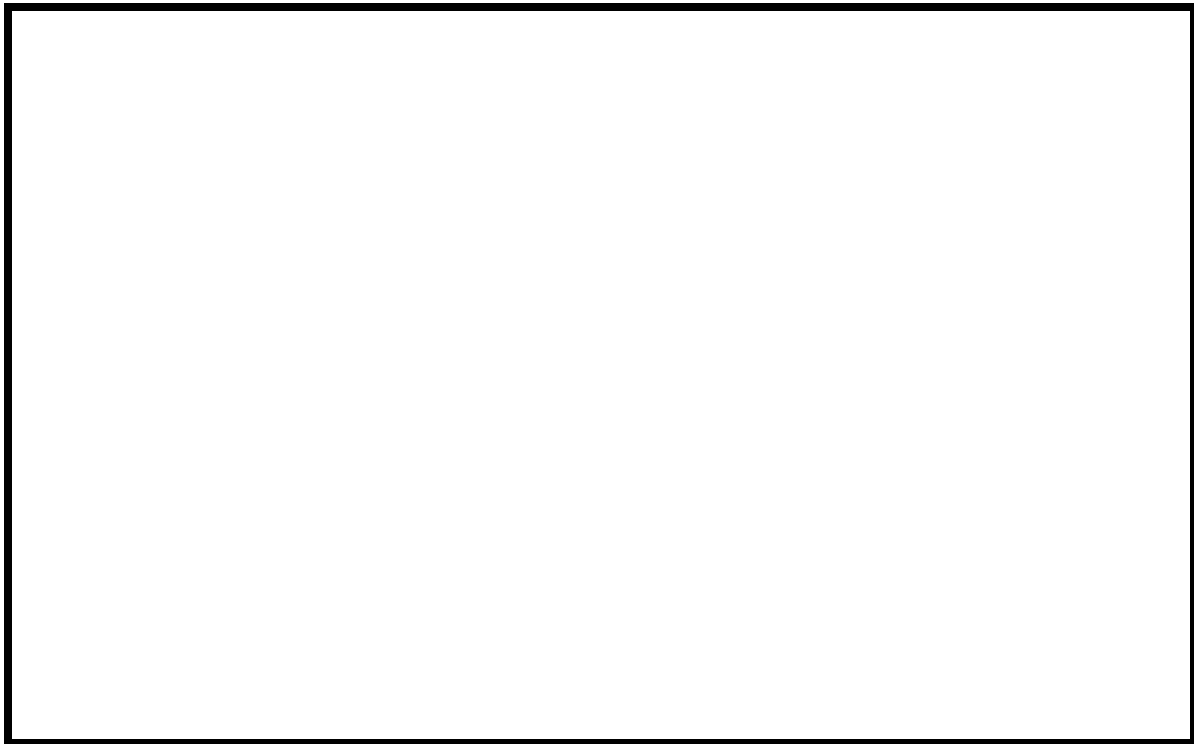


Lesson of King Nebuchadnezzar

Read Daniel 4. Complete the flow map of main events that taught King Nebuchadnezzar to praise & fear God in a spirit of gratitude & humility.



Draw a picture of one of the events in the king's experience.





Joseph's Blessing

America's blessing started with the blessings of God given to Joseph. Two of his sons, _____ & _____ received the bulk of this blessing. They later became the countries that are know as _____ & _____ today.

These blessings were prophesied in the book of _____.



True or False?

- ___ God doesn't speak to non-believers in dreams.
- ___ God deals with the nations of men as well as with individuals.
- ___ God's Word can change the attitudes & hearts of those who are not converted as well as the converted.
- ___ God can use evil men to bring about His plan.
- ___ America was closer to God when it was formed than it is now.
- ___ God sends blessing & cursing based on obedience.



America's Beginning

Who lived in America when the colonists first arrived? _____

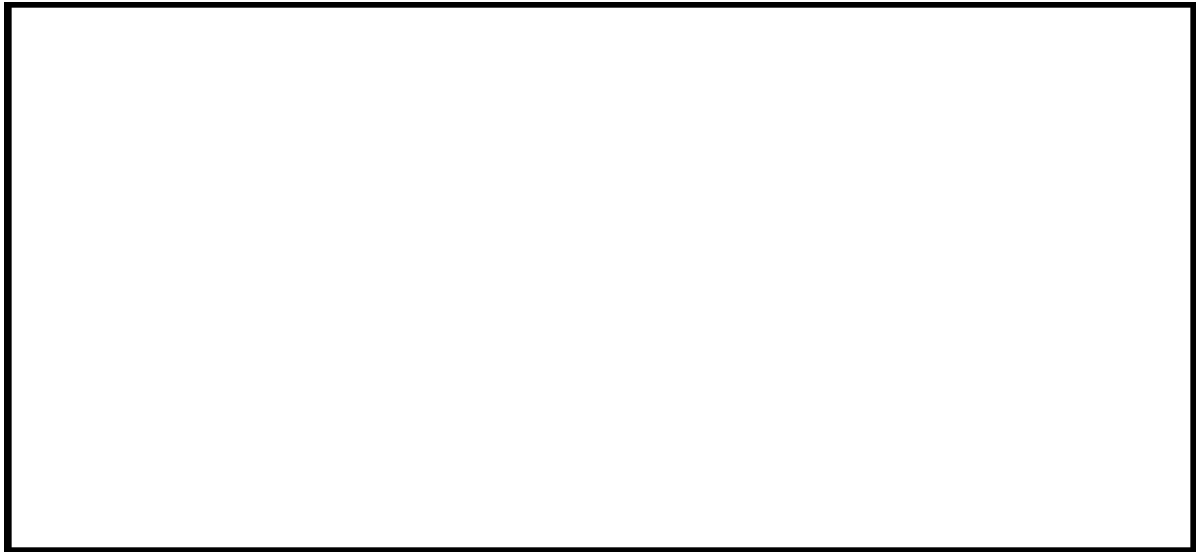
What date did they first arrive in Virginia? _____

Why were they punished by losing their land? _____

How did the colonists feel upon arriving in Virginia?

How did they express their feelings to God?

Draw a picture of the first Thanksgiving Feast.



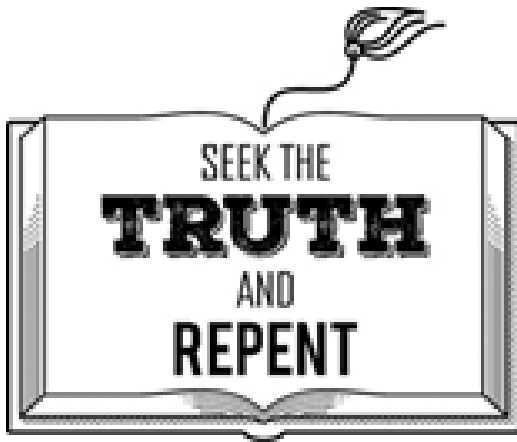
True or False?

- ☐ **The North American Indians were Christians.**
- ☐ **The first laws of the settlers in America were based on the Bible.**
- ☐ **Where there is no repentance, corruption decreases.**
- ☐ **Abraham Lincoln encouraged repentance, prayer, & fasting.**
- ☐ **The first Americans feared God & relied on Him for guidance.**
- ☐ **The first Bible was printed in America.**



Proclamations of the Founding Fathers

Skim the proclamations of America's founding fathers on pages 5-7.
Think of 5 words that describe their relationships with God.



What does this message have
to do with Thanksgiving?



The Founding of a Nation

Read Psalm 127:1-3. How does this explain the commitment of the
founding fathers to God?

What does this passage mean for your life?

What is the everlasting lesson we are to learn in this passage? (p. 8)

Thanksgiving

N S R O R E D U T I T A R G C
Z O E D E S N B S B K Q L H L
R Z I C P U E S L X P N A O Y
R M C T N R R Y V E K G W U B
G Q I E U A A G X Z S H A L F
H N X J W T T Y C J J S B A M
U W I I N Q I N E E L B I B Z
M B D R E M S T E R R T D N J
I S K D A N Z R S P H K I Q G
L W B O T E W G E N E V N O J
I M T G U W F J V H O R G F H
T T T F R E E D O M T C N B E
Y V Q I W E S C O S G A U E R
B N T S J I W H N G C C F Y N
V W A M E R I C A L T A J P N

CONSTITUTION
BIBLE
FATHERS
GOD
PRAYER
BLESSING
AMERICA
REPENTANCE
FREEDOM
HUMILITY
LAWABIDING
GODFEARING
FAITH
GRATITUDE





A Lesson from the Israelites

America was a sort of promised land. The Israelites were also sent to a land of promise. What did God warn the Israelites about before they entered the promised land?

The people were to...

If not, God warned that they would become _____ of _____.

The proclamations of the founding fathers describe a very different attitude about God and America than what is seen in this country today. How is it different? _____

As we read the proclamations of the America's founding fathers, we should... (check all that apply)

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| ☐ repent as a nation | ☐ repent as an individual |
| ☐ feel proud of America | ☐ examine America's behaviors |
| ☐ examine your own life | ☐ pray for American leaders |
| ☐ fast for America | ☐ brag about America's successes |





Giving Thanks

Psalm _____ describes how Thanksgiving should be. Read it & list 5 words or phrases that should how Thanksgiving should be:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Which Holy Day will be like a continuous Thanksgiving?

Those who wrote the US Constitution knew that in order for it to be effective, “we the people” would need to fulfill 2 things:

1. Agree to be _____-abiding citizens.
2. Be _____ - fearing in all things.



True or False?

___ Our founding fathers read & understood the Bible.

___ Our hearts, minds, & attitudes do not impact God’s actions – He has already decided what He will do.

___ America’s founding fathers looked to God for direction.

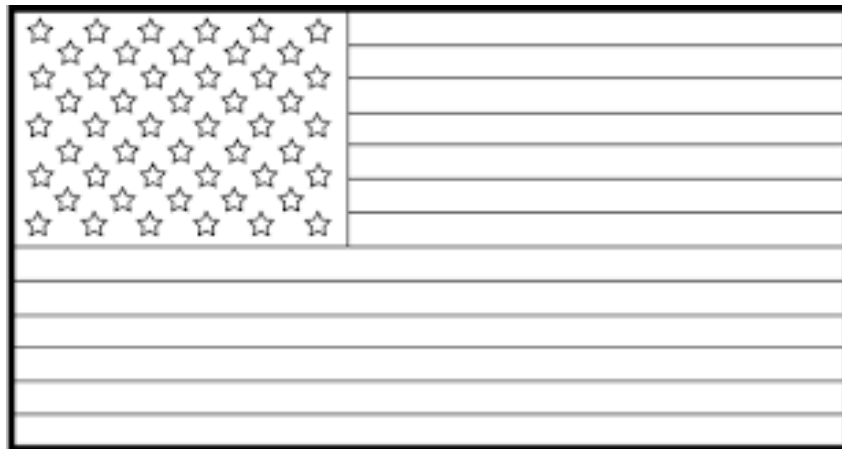
___ America still depends on God to fight their battles & wars.



How Has America Changed?

The words in the box below describe America. Place the words in the correct flag to describe how America has changed as a result of moving away from God & His Word.

America with the Bible



America without the Bible



Word Bank

grateful	narcissistic	selfish	steadfast	prideful
uncivilized	disciplined	moral	arrogant	lawless
competitive	collaborative	immoral	generous	humble



What Now?

What must Christians in the United States do to help this country come back to God?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Your Response to God

**Be sure to complete the table on page 1 with what you learned.
Write a prayer for the United State in the speech bubble below.**

