



FAITH & FAMILY CONNECTION



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V I R T U E O F T H E W E E K

PATRIOTISM

Patriotism is defined by the Disciple of Christ curriculum as paying due honor and respect to one's country, with a willingness to serve. In the book of Philippians, Paul writes to remind us that even though we live in this world, our ultimate citizenship is in heaven. Does this mean we disregard the laws and leaders of our country? Absolutely not. As Christians, we are called to honor, serve, and abide by the laws and leaders of the country in which we live. We need to pray for our leaders, as they have been placed there by God (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we know that this land is ultimately not our home and we should live in a way that reflects the eternal hope of Jesus Christ. What kind of patriotic example are you setting for your children?

Ideas for Families:

- **Read & Discuss together:**
Romans 13:1-7
- **Pray:** Give thanks to God for our country, its leaders, our freedoms, and those who put their life on the line to protect them everyday.

**"BUT OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN,
AND WE EAGERLY AWAIT A SAVIOR FROM
THERE, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST."**

PHILIPPIANS 3:20