

# Teacher's Supplement - America the Promised Land

## PROCEDURE

### Lesson Development ( minutes)

#### Section 1 (15-20 minutes)

##### Why America is Choice to the Lord

1. Scripture texts for Ether 13:2 and Ether 2:12 located below.

#### 4. America – Choice (Special) Land

- Chosen by the Lord
- Choice above all other lands
- People should serve Jesus Christ
- Freedom from captivity and bondage

**Q:** Can you name one person that the Lord brought to America? **Answers:** Jared, Lehi, Christopher Columbus, Pilgrims, indigenous peoples, our ancestors...

### Review/Assessment (10 minutes)

#### Section 1

**Song:** *Saints Hymnal* #185, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee (Lyrics located in below.)

#### Section 2

##### **GAME: America – Choice Land**

Play a game of TRUE or FALSE. Read each statement and allow students to respond with "True" or "False." Ask them to give the correct answer for each "False" response.

1. America was preserved for wealthy people. FALSE
2. The Lord determined that America would be a choice land after the fall of the Berlin Wall. FALSE
3. The Lord promises to protect people in America if they worship Him. TRUE

4. The Pilgrims left England to enjoy religious freedom. TRUE
5. The Pilgrims adjusted easily to life in the New World. FALSE
6. It is important for people who live in America to obey the Lord's commandments. TRUE
7. America is a land of liberty and freedom for those who serve Jesus Christ. TRUE

### Life Application (15-20 minutes)

#### **Section 2: Liberty Hat Craft Instructions**

1. Cut a 3' sheet of butcher block paper for each student. Place one sheet of paper on a student's head and press the paper against the head with your hand, conforming it to the shape of the crown.
2. With masking tape, create a hat band by taping around the circumference of the paper (still on the head) at the forehead level.
3. With the paper still on the student's head, crunch and roll the ends of the paper toward the head to form the brim of the hat. Shape the brim into any form to create a unique hat.
4. Take the hat off the head and allow student to decorate it.
5. Proceed in the same manner for all students.

#### **Suggestions/Scriptures for Further Study/ Exploration/ Extension of Topic**

##### Church Education Lessons

- Abinadi Teaches God's Commandments,
- Lehi Receive the Blessing of a Land of Promise,
- Righteousness
- The Jaredites Travel to the Promised Land,
- The Jaredites Receive the Promise of a Choice Land,
- To Be Highly Favored of the Lord

## America – Choice Land - Scriptural Texts

**Ether 13:2**, “...after the waters had receded from off the face of this land it became a choice land above all other lands, a chosen land of the Lord; wherefore the Lord would have that all men should serve him who dwell upon the face thereof...”

**Ether 2:12**, “...this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations,...if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ...”

## Pilgrims Word Puzzle Clues

1. The Pilgrims lived in England under the rule of the king.
2. They were forced to go to the king's church, the Church of England, but they were dissatisfied.
3. The Pilgrims did not like the ceremonies and majestic music in the Church of England. They did not like the fancy robes and gowns that the church leaders wore, either.
4. The Pilgrims wanted to worship God in simple ways. They did not wear fancy clothes and they did not want church leaders to wear fancy clothes. The Pilgrims wanted to purify or get rid of things that they did not like in the king's church.
5. The people who did not like ceremonies and fancy clothes were called Puritans. Puritans who left or separated themselves from the Church of England called themselves Separatists.
6. To obtain freedom to worship the Lord the way they desired, the Separatists left the country of England and traveled to the New World (America). They traveled by ship.
7. Traveling by ship across the Atlantic Ocean was difficult. Many people on board the ship became ill and died. Those who survived arrived at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts.
8. Living in the Promised Land was difficult for the Pilgrims. They had no homes and no stores to buy food or supplies. Many people used sailcloth to make a tent in which to live. The winter was harsh and cold with snow. About a quarter of the Pilgrims died the first year from hunger, exposure, and disease before a ship from England brought fresh supplies.
9. A Native American chief, named Massasoit, befriended the Pilgrims, and taught them how to survive. What types of things would they need to learn? They would need to learn how to plant seeds, how to trap and hunt animals, how to make tools, how to make clothes out of fur, and weave cloth, how to build homes, how to store food through the winter, how to use the plants for medicine, and many other things.
10. After the first year of living in the New World, the Pilgrims were able to harvest crops. They held a celebration of Thanksgiving in the year 1621 with the Native People who had helped them survive. Many other Puritans followed the Pilgrims to the New World as the years passed.

Information taken from *the Young People's Encyclopedia of the United States*, published in 1992 by The Millbrook Press Inc. and *The Book of Mormon*

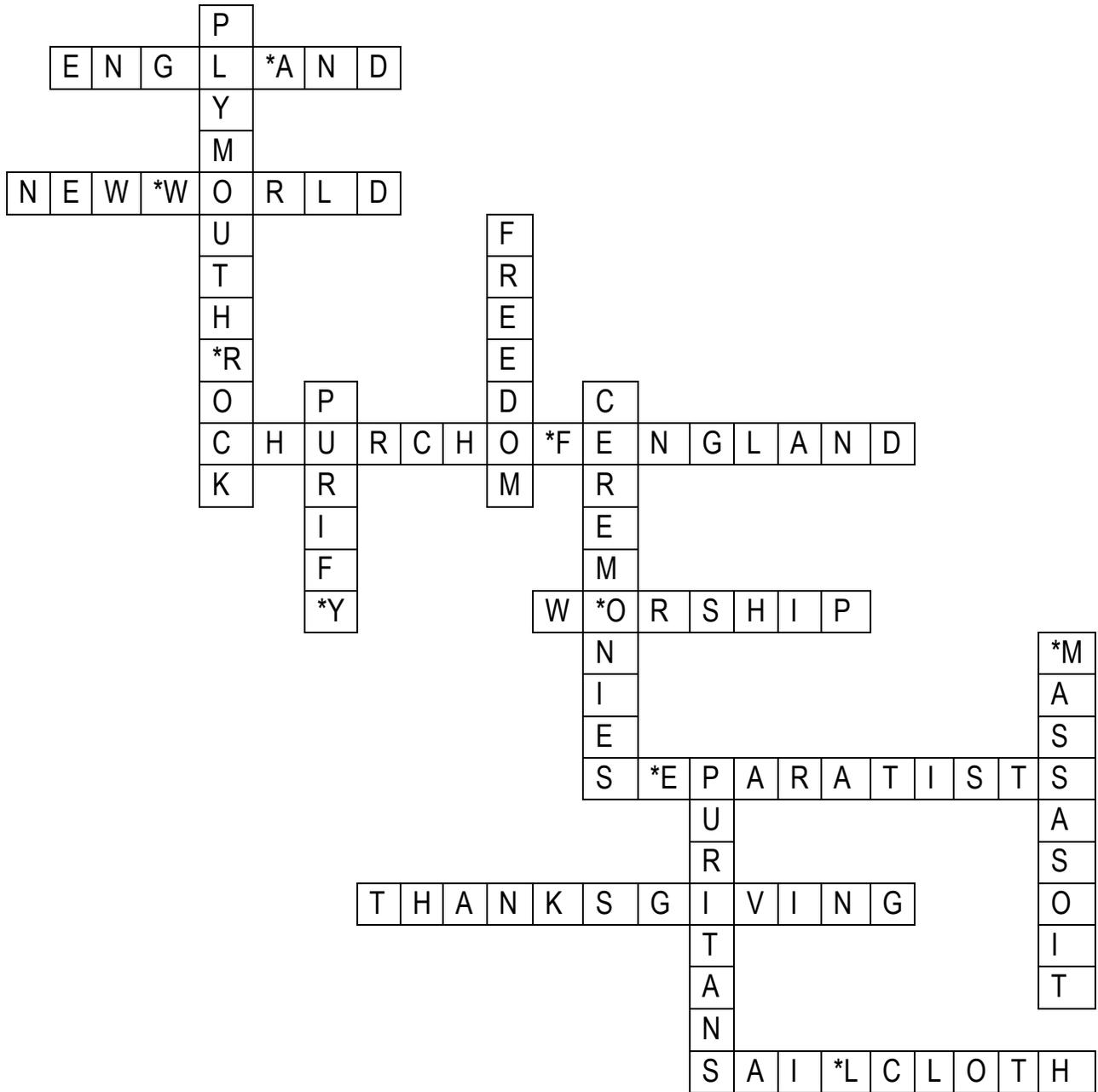
### Instructions for Pilgrims Word Puzzle:

Solve puzzle by placing the underlined words from the clues in the correct spaces.

Hint: Count the number of letters in each of the underlined words. Write that number above the word.

Find a row or column that matches the number of letters in the word or word group. Write one letter in each box. Use all the boxes. Do not leave any spaces between words. Begin with "Church of England")

## Pilgrims Word Puzzle - Answers



Arrange the letters from the boxes with an (\*) to form the name of the ship on which the Pilgrims sailed to the Promised Land.

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# Pilgrims Word Puzzle

The crossword puzzle grid consists of the following boxes with asterisks (\*):

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## **My country 'Tis of Thee - Lyrics**

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountain side Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God! To Thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.