

Flag Day

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Introduction

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Red, white, and blue—when we hear those words stated together, we automatically think of our flag! It is a patriotic symbol of America, fought for and died for, cared for and appreciated. It is important that we continue to share this knowledge with generations to come, just as it was shared with us. This flag represents the people, places, beliefs, and ideals that this country was founded on, and all that we aspire to. We need to remember what the flag represents and the people who have risked everything to keep it flying.

I remember flags flying on most homes on Flag Day when I was a child. Today, in many neighborhoods, Flag Day is forgotten. I would like to see that changed and raise awareness of this holiday. Did you ever go to a parade as a child and receive a small flag to wave from the sideline? I remember seeing that field of flags being waved up and down the parade route—what a pretty sight that was! That was a special time, and we were proud to hold those flags. If you haven't done so yet, consider getting your own family flag and putting it on display as frequently as possible. Flag-flying in a neighborhood can be contagious, and it is great to look down our street now and see Old Glory on many homes.

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Now that you are beginning *Flag Day* in the Download N Go™ Series, get ready for a wonderful learning adventure about this holiday and all that it holds. Your child will investigate the history of the flag and learn about Betsy Ross, Francis Scott Key, and other patriotic heroes. Each day your child will explore and investigate, creating and adding more learning components to his Flag Day lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning to be enjoyed for years to come.

With this holiday, let's bring the flags out of the back of the closet. Let's care for the flag and teach these same concepts to our children. Let's make Flag Day a special day

to remember how far this country has come: from 13 stars to 50 stars, from an upstart young country to a country that represents freedom to the rest of the world. The flag has been there through it all, lifting the spirits of our soldiers and brightening our darkest days with hope. May God continue to bless America!

Let's get ready for the adventure, and thanks for spending a week with us as we begin exploring *Flag Day*!

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Daily Objectives

Day 1: What Is Flag Day?

1. When is Flag Day?
2. What is celebrated on Flag Day?
3. Learn about the first American flag.
4. Patriot of the Day: Betsy Ross

Day 2: The History of Flag Day

1. What do we know about the history of Flag Day?
2. When did Flag Day become a holiday in the United States?
3. Learn about the national anthem.
4. Patriot of the Day: Francis Scott Key

Day 3: Celebrating Flag Day

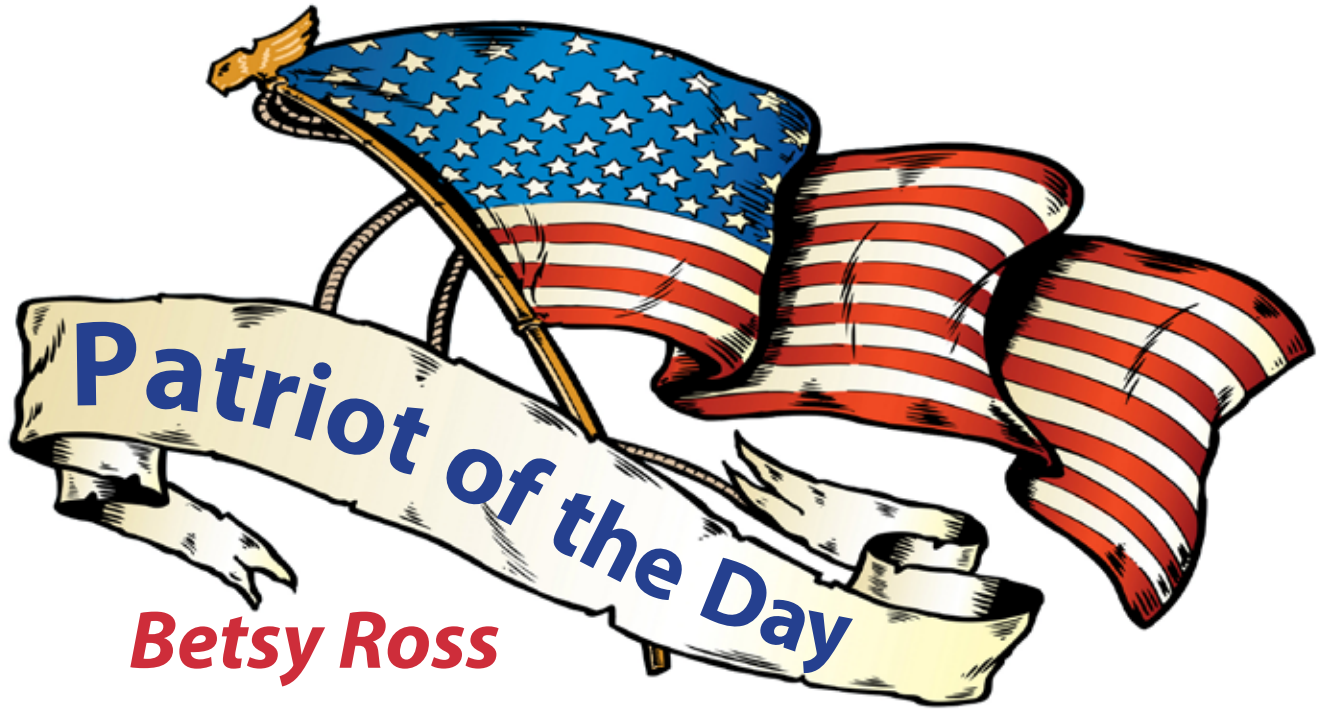
1. How is Flag Day celebrated?
2. What is a pledge?
3. Learn about the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Patriot of the Day: Paul Revere

Day 4: Patriotic Songs and Symbols

1. Investigate patriotic songs.
2. What is a patriotic symbol?
3. Learn about the Statue of Liberty and Mount Rushmore.
4. Patriot of the Day: John Adams

Day 5: Goodies and Gadgets for Flag Day

1. Investigate goodies to make for Flag Day.
2. Learn about respect for the American flag.
3. What exactly is vexillology?
4. Patriot of the Day: Samuel Adams



When was Betsy Ross born? *Write your answer below.*

[The Life of Betsy Ross](#)

What famous colonial city did she live in? *Mark this city on [your map](#).*

[The Life of Betsy Ross](#)

[Famous City](#)

[Map](#)

Why is Betsy Ross remembered? *Write your answer below.*

[Betsy Ross](#)

[Betsy Ross](#)

Video: [Learn More About Betsy Ross](#)

Day 2

The History of Flag Day

Before we begin today's adventure, take a few minutes to watch these videos:

Video: [About the American Flag](#)

Video: [Raising the Star-Spangled Banner at Fort McHenry](#)

Today, we are going to learn a bit about the history of Flag Day. Follow these links to investigate some of the history of the holiday.

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What is the name of the man who is believed to have introduced the first celebration of the American flag? *Write your answer below.*

[Father of Flag Day](#)

Where was he born? *Find this state on [your map](#) and color it **blue**.*

