

1. Watch chapter 6 from the animated Complete Learning System, *George Washington* DVD. (Video clip is also provided for viewing online.)

2. Do you know why we celebrate George Washington's birthday?

(Americans celebrated George Washington's birthday while he was still alive, because they were grateful for a leader who had proven a democratic government could work. The Federal statute designates the 3rd Monday in the month of February as **Washington's Birthday** [commonly known as Presidents' day] so we can continue to honor this great and compassionate leader.)

3. George Washington, the first President of the United States, is known as the "father of our country". He believed in Christ and was guided by God in establishing a free nation.

Why do you think Heavenly Father helped George Washington lead his soldiers to victory during the American Revolution? (So this nation could be established with a constitution that would provide religious freedom, where the gospel could be restored through the Prophet Joseph Smith.)

4. A retired general and patriot by the name of William H. Wilbur, said "[George Washington] had an almost **Godlike capacity for leadership.**" One of George Washington's soldier wrote this about him, "We are sitting in Valley Forge and waiting....Although we are suffering here terribly, I am loyal with all my heart to George Washington....He gazes with compassion upon the soldiers who are suffering from the cold. And sometimes he approaches one of the sleeping soldiers and covers him, as a father would cover his son."
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Is compassion a Godlike quality? (Yes.)

"The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy."
(Ps. 145:8.)

5. What does it mean to show compassion and how can we show compassion to others? (Discuss ideas.)

6. Does Heavenly Father expect us to be compassionate, like George Washington was? (Yes.)

"Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:" (Zech. 7: 9.)

7. If we follow the Savior's and George Washington's examples, and show compassion towards one another, how can our family be happier?

8. What are some of the things we can do to show compassion to others? (Discuss ideas. [For help see this lesson's activity].)

9. Should we show compassion to everyone? (Yes.)

President Ezra Taft Benson shared these words, "My heart has been filled with an overwhelming love and compassion for all members of the Church and our Heavenly Father's children everywhere. I love all our Father's children of every color, creed, and political persuasion. My only desire is to serve as the Lord would have me do." *Ezra Taft Benson, November 11, 1985, press conference © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved*