

Washington: A Man of Prayer Curriculum Content

First Inauguration Timeline:

- George Washington is elected the first President of the United States on April 6, 1789.
- Mr. Washington is at home in Mt. Vernon, Virginia, when he learns that he had been chosen as the president.
- On April 16, 1789, Mr. Washington begins his trip to New York City.
- He travels through Alexandria, Georgetown, Washington DC, and Baltimore.
- On April 20, 1789, Washington arrives in Gray's Ferry, Philadelphia, to a great celebration.
- April 21, 1789, there is another great celebration in Trenton, New Jersey.
- April 23, 1789, he arrives in Upper New York Bay.
- He is greeted with a 13 gun salute by the Spanish Warship *Galveston* and with a responding salute from the *North Carolina*.
- Washington lands at Murray's Wharf, the foot of Wall Street.
- He is greeted by New York Governor George Clinton.
- April 30, 1789, at 9:00 a.m., church bells ring a call to come and pray. Services are held at all churches until 12:00 p.m.
- Washington leaves his home on Cherry Street and begins to make his way to Federal Hall, by way of Queen Street and Great Dock (both now Pearl Street) and Broad Street.
- Washington wears a brown suit made in America, white silk stockings, and brown shoes with silver buckles. He carries his sword at his side.
- Washington moves to the second floor balcony.
- The Bible used in the inauguration is provided by the Masonic Lodge. It is placed on red velvet and opened to Genesis 49:13, 50
- He takes the oath of office that is administered by the Chancellor of New York, Robert Livingston.
- At the closing of the oath, Livingston shouts, "Long Live George Washington, President of the United States."
- The first inaugural address is delivered by Washington in the Senate chamber. He appears nervous and his voice is unsteady and low.
- Washington leads the congressmen and leaders to St. Paul's Church.
- Washington and the national leaders offer prayers of thanksgiving and guidance. Washington prays, dedicating the United States to God. This makes the United States and Israel the only 2 nations that have been dedicated to God.

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