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The United States Constitution was written to provide justice for each person. The liberty and justice in America is for all Americans. It is not just for a certain race or only for wealthy people. It is for all.

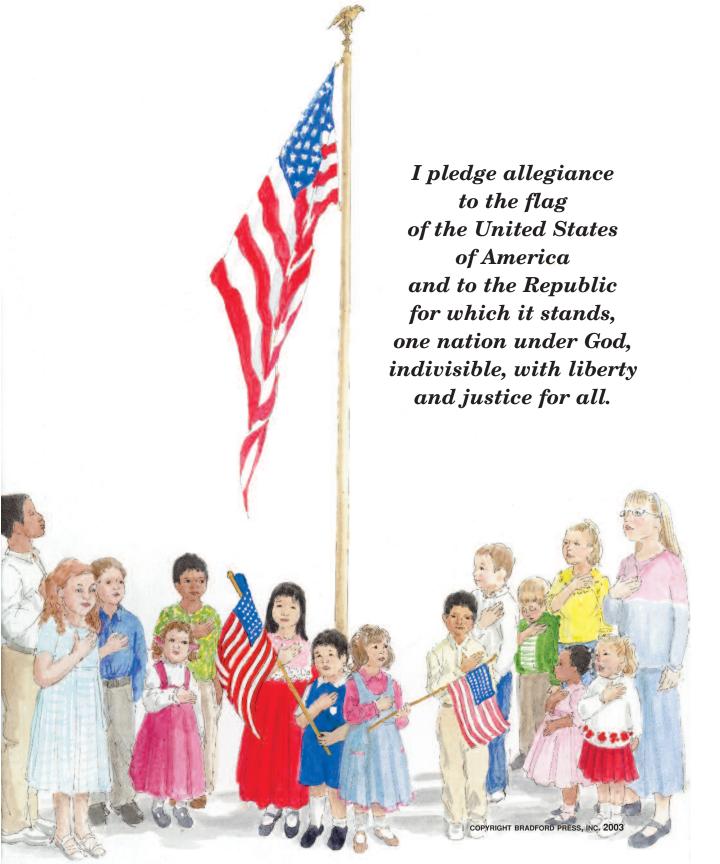
Each American has a responsibility to preserve the Constitution. Each man, woman, boy, and girl must work to keep the civil government true to God's plan, as taught in the Bible.

The Pledge of Allegiance

The flag of America is a banner which represents the liberty of the nation. In school and many public meetings, Americans repeat a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

What does it mean to *pledge our allegiance*? When we pledge our allegiance, we are promising to be loyal to the United States of America. We are not just pledging to the flag, but to the nation the flag represents — *to the Republic for which it stands*.

What is a *Republic*? A Republic is a nation in which the people choose representatives. The representatives make the laws.



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In the pledge of allegiance, we say that America is *one nation under God*. During the early days in America, there were thirteen separate colonies. With the signing of the Constitution, those thirteen colonies became one nation.

God has a plan for each nation in the world. The United States of America was designed to show God's plan for people who govern themselves. When the people are self governed, they can enjoy great liberty.

In the pledge, we say that the nation is *indivisible*. Indivisible means that it cannot be divided.

The last phrase of the pledge says, with liberty and justice for all. This is a promise that the United States will continue to protect liberty for each boy and girl, and each man and woman.

It is not easy for a nation to protect liberty and justice for each person. When the representatives wrote the Constitution, Benjamin Franklin said that Americans had been given a Republic, *if you can keep it*. Benjamin Franklin knew that it would be easy for the nation to change. He knew that each boy and girl, and each man and woman must take responsibility to *keep a nation with liberty and justice for all*.