

# PREPARING TO LEAD

(Presidents' Day)



**Message:** Leading by Biblical principles

**Scripture:** George Washington quote

**Props:** a quarter for each child

I have something to show you today. It's something you see all the time. (*Pass out quarters to all the children.*) You know what that is, right? A quarter.

Let's take a look at that quarter. Do you see the picture of a man on it? Do you know who that is? It's George Washington. And who was George Washington? The first president of the United States.

In fact, George Washington was one of our greatest presidents. That's why they put his picture on all our quarters – and on all our dollar bills, too. And today I'd like to talk about one of the reasons why George Washington was such a great president.

Now, usually when I give a Children's Message I read you a scripture from the bible. But because tomorrow is President's day I'm going to read you a quote from George Washington instead. Here's what he said one time; "It is impossible to govern without God and the Bible".

You see, one reason George Washington was such a great president is because he led the country according to principles found in the Bible. And, of course, you know that anyone born in America can grow up to be president of the United States. In fact, it might be one of you! And if you do grow up to be president of the United States, I hope you'll lead the country according to principles found in the Bible, just like George Washington did.

By the way, while you're waiting to become president, you can prepare yourself by leading your life according to the principles in the Bible. Then when you're president, you'll be ready. That's something we can pray about: Heavenly Father, we thank you that we live in a country in which we so much freedom – especially the freedom to come together and worship. Please help us to live our lives according to the principles You've given us in Your holy scriptures, the bible. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.