Learners with Littles Session II: American Revolution

Lesson for Children

- Instructor reads *George Washington the First President*
- Emphasis on
  - George Washington was the commander of the army during the Revolutionary War.
  - Washington's flag when he was in camp looks like…
    - Show an image of George Washington's headquarters flag from the Revolutionary War.
    - The astronaut John Glenn brought a reproduction of this flag to space. Here is a picture of that reproduction from the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia.
  - Washington had the opportunity to be king of America, but he wanted America to be self-governed, so he chose to retire and go home.
  - Washington became the first U.S. president
  - Everyone wanted Washington to continue as president, but he chose to retire and go home so presidents that follow did not serve for life.
- **Toddlers can dismiss to their table if they are wiggly, but may like what's coming up**
- Instructor reads section from *The First Spymaster: George Washington and the Culper Spy Ring*
  - Washington was a spymaster during the Revolutionary War
  - The Culper Spy Ring was the most important group of spies
    - Operated on Long Island New York to get information about New York City
    - Spy: Abraham Woodhull—cabbage farmer
    - Spy: Caleb Brewster—owned and operated a whale boat
    - Spy: Anna Strong—her husband was imprisoned by the British and she helped to pass on messages
      - Anna Strong would use her laundry as a signal. If she hung her black petticoat, it signaled to Caleb Brewster and Abraham Woodhull there was a message to gather. There were 6 coves on the Long Island Sound shoreline. The number of handkerchiefs she hung would show which cove to meet in.
        - Volunteers get up to represent Anna, Caleb, and Abraham looking for the signal on the laundry
- Separate to craft stations
  - George Washington's camp headquarters flag
  - George Washington's portrait
  - Coloring Washington's hunting dog, Sweetlips
  - Writing a spy letter to General Washington
  - Culper Code Book activity