US Flag & Symbols Explorer

Category: USA Knowledge | Ages: 4–6 | Time: 15 min | Prep: 3 minutes | Mess: Low | Indoor

Why it matters

In US preschool and kindergarten classrooms, children learn about American symbols like the US flag, the Bald Eagle, and the Statue of Liberty during morning circle time and national holidays. Exploring these symbols through hands-on crafting helps children connect colors, patterns, and numbers (like 50 stars for 50 states) to real meaning.

Materials checklist

[ ] Red, white, and blue construction paper, star stickers (or paper stars), and a glue stick

Step-by-step instructions

1. Show a picture of the US flag and notice the three colors together: red, white, and blue.
2. Point out the repeating stripe pattern: red, white, red, white—13 stripes in all.
3. Glue red paper strips onto a white sheet to build a mini flag with a blue corner rectangle.
4. Stick white or gold star stickers onto the blue corner while counting them out loud.
5. Look at a US quarter or $1 bill together to spot the Bald Eagle and talk about what makes it special.

What to say

- “Look at the stripes—can you say the pattern with me: red, white, red, white?”
- “Every star on our flag stands for one of the 50 states in America!”
- “Can you spot the Bald Eagle hiding on the back of this quarter?”

Notes & observations: