



# The Wall

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A boy and his father come to Washington, D.C., to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and to find the name of the boy's grandfather, who was killed in the conflict. This moving story takes LeVar to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial where viewers meet Maya Lin, the young architect who designed it. Then it is on to look at other special monuments that help us remember our past. Mount Rushmore in South Dakota is a giant tribute to our nation. Completed in 1941, it is the sculpture of four of our leading presidents. Viewers also visit a mural dedicated to Louis Armstrong, a great jazz trumpeter, and meet its creator.

**Here are several activities you and your child can do together after watching this episode.**

## Especially for Grandparents

STOP and do something special for grandparents today! Here are a few ideas:

1. Write a special letter or note. Have your children design their own stationery using stickers, markers, stencils, or fingerprint creatures. Tell grandparents who live far away what the family has been doing. Don't forget to include a recent photo.
2. Make a special bookmark for each grandparent who loves to read. Cut construction-paper strips for our children to decorate with colorful pictures, designs, or stickers. Laminate the strips, punch a hole in the top, and attach a yarn tassel.
3. Bake a special treat to take to your grandparents' home - maybe a special cookie, muffin, or coffeecake recipe. Better yet, invite Grandpa and Grandma to dinner. Have your children make special place cards for the table.

You don't have to wait until Grandparents' Day to remind them that they are special.

## Letters

You will need:

- stationery
- pencils, pens
- envelopes
- crayons, markers, or decorations

Does your family know someone that has been in the armed forces and gone to serve the country during some kind of conflict? Perhaps you could take this opportunity to write a letter thanking them for what they did for everyone in our country. Your child can illustrate or decorate the letter to make it ever more interesting...and especially from you!

## A Special Wall

A wall can be a special thing like the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Suggest that your child make a wall of their own. You will need:

- cardboard box
  - wrapping paper
  - glue
  - construction paper
  - decorations for the wall
1. Cut open a box for our child by removing the top and bottom and slitting down one side. Now you have four connected panels that can stand up and serve as a miniature wall.
  2. Help your child cover one or both sides of "the cardboard wall" with wrapping paper.
  3. Now your child is ready to decorate his or her wall by attaching a name sign, stickers, pictures, photos, mementos, cutout shapes, stickers, or whatever is special. Your child may want special friends to sign their names on the wall. When finished, place the wall in a special corner of your child's room.

Alternate ideas: Make a family wall using a larger box. Cover it with photos and mementos of family trips and holidays. If the box is large enough, the "wall" could serve as a divider in the corner of a room. Depending on how you attach items, you could change and update it periodically.

Is there a family member who is ill? The entire family can work together to create a Get Well Wishes Wall that can be transported to the person.

## Visit Your Community Library

Here are some books you can check out on your next trip to the library

- ◆ **Tillie And The Wall** by *Leo Lionni*
- ◆ **All Those Secrets Of The World** by *Jane Yolen*
- ◆ **My Grandson Lew** by *Charlotte Zolotow*



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