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A Visit with Mr. Lincoln

Children's Program

This is Mr. Lincoln's standard program for children, in which he speaks both about his own life and story and the history of the United States of America during his time. It is age-appropriate and can be adapted to children as young as six or as old as teenagers/youth.

Mr. Lincoln talks about growing up on the frontier, his family, his lack of formal education, his love of reading and his great desire to learn, the different kinds of jobs he had, what our country was like back then, how he got the nickname "Honest Abe", why he grew a beard, what he keeps inside his hat, his love of animals, what it was like to be President, his boys' experiences living in the White House, how the holiday of Thanksgiving came about, etc. He also explains why our country was divided and how it came to be united again, and quotes from some of his most famous speeches such as his "House Divided" speech, his First and Second Inaugural Addresses, and his Gettysburg Address.

Abraham Lincoln is one of our nation's most beloved and esteemed historical figures and his story is an inspiration to us today, of how he rose from a humble background to the highest office in the land through self-study, hard work, ambition, and a strong moral character.

This program is appropriate for children from six years old on up. Depending on the age of the children, it might run from 30 to 60 minutes, and it includes a time of Q&A, photos, and informal interaction at the end. It is also available virtually, whether live via video conferencing (Zoom) or live-streaming (Facebook Live or YouTube Live) or as a pre-recorded video. And it is also available in Spanish (*Una visita con el Sr. Lincoln*).

Mr. Lincoln is portrayed by Kevin Wood, a professional Lincoln presenter who bears a remarkable resemblance to "the Great Emancipator" and who is extremely knowledgeable about his life and times. Mr. Wood has been portraying Mr. Lincoln since the year 2000, and on a professional basis since 2015. He has made over 1,300 appearances in 31 states plus Washington DC and two foreign countries: Canada and Spain. Mr. Wood also writes a blog – "*Loath to Close... Still!*" – which encourages others to reflect upon and learn from President Lincoln's life and legacy. For more information, visit www.mrlincoln.com.