

**MODULE, STRANGERS ON THE COAST—LEIF ERICSON AND JOHN CABOT (Day 1)**

*History Objective #3: The child learns that Leif Ericson and John Cabot are both credited with having found the North American continent, within about 500 years of each other.*

**Text Books**

TSOC:	The Norsemen (22-26)
TSOC:	John Cabot (26-30)
CGOAN:	Exploration (50-51)
CGOAN:	Introduction (52-53)
CGOAN:	The Vikings (54-55)
CGOAN:	Europe in the Age of Exploration (56-57)
CGOAN:	European Explorers (58-59)
CGOAN:	Questions (66-67)
TIHOC:	Leif Ericson (20)
TIHOC:	Comments about John Cabot (20, 21, 70, 71)
TIHOC:	The European Invasion (69-73)

**If You Happen to Have...**

FCS: Contains a short story of John Cabot.

Leif the Lucky: One of the D'Aulaire classics! Available from Beautiful Feet Books, 139 Main Street, Sandwich, MA 02563, (508) 833-8626. This is a Christian view of the life of Leif Ericson. A must-read.

TV: With this interesting book containing short paragraphs on a variety of topics related to the Vikings and Leif Ericson, your child could: do some back-yard archaeology, get an introduction to Norse mythology, write with runes (alphabet), play a Viking board game, write a saga, make his own Viking weapons, make a Viking helmet, build a Viking house, do a Vinland crossword puzzle.

**Activities**

Leif Ericson, in about 1000 A.D., and John Cabot, in 1497, discovered North America and told their world about it. Eventually, Europeans settled here. Discuss the importance to world history and to Canada's history in particular of explorers and adventurers like Ericsson and Cabot. Are there any disagreements between historians about their discoveries? If you had lived long ago, would you have been an explorer? Why or why not? Pretend to be one or the other and make preparations for a great voyage of discovery. What do you need to do? Take? Know? Keep a diary about the whole adventure. When you have found some new land, give it a name and build a settlement on it. Live there for awhile. Are there any difficulties? Do you feel homesick? What do you think God might want you to do when you grow up?