

Abraham Lincoln - February 12, 1809!

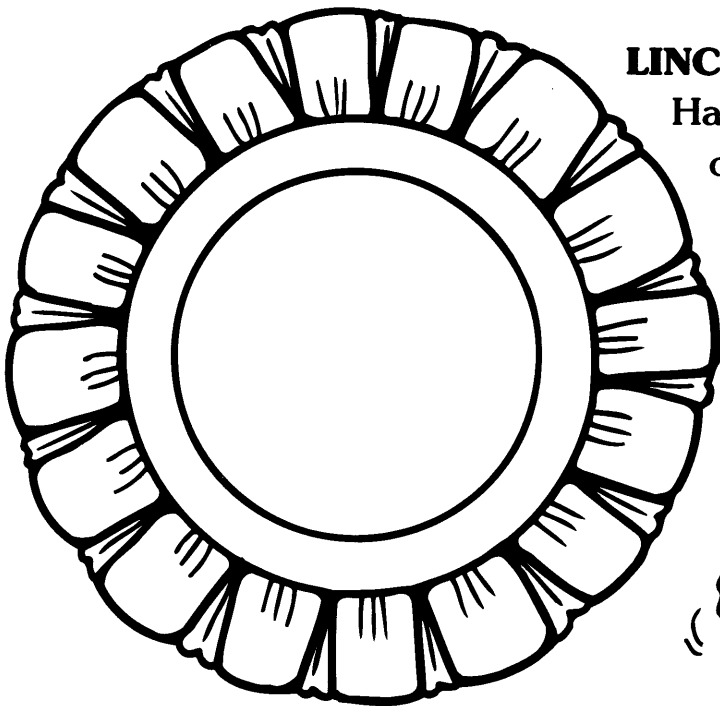
Abraham Lincoln is thought by most Americans to be one of our greatest presidents. He was born on February 12, 1809, in a rural area now known as the state of Kentucky. Lincoln had a special love for reading and spent many evenings by the fire with his favorite books. He taught himself many things, including law, using the books he read. As a young man, Lincoln split rails and worked as a clerk in a general store. His kind nature and honesty gained him the respect of local townspeople.

In 1834, Lincoln was elected to the House of Representatives and later senator from the state of Illinois. In 1860, Americans voted in Abraham Lincoln as our 16th president.

Lincoln was an impressive man, standing six feet and four inches. He had a high-pitched voice and deep-set eyes. When he stood to speak, people were astonished by his grand appearance.

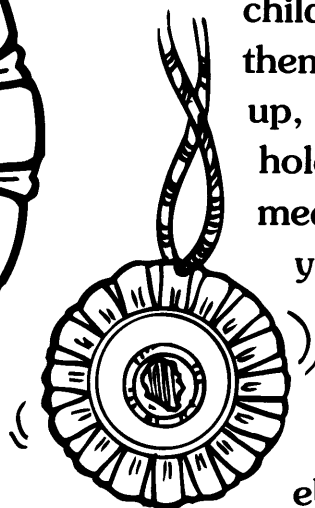
Abraham Lincoln was a man of great insight, intelligence and wit. He was able, quite easily, to bring his ideas to the people through his speeches. One of his best known speeches is the Gettysburg Address.

Abraham Lincoln was shot by an assassin on April 14, 1865. It is unfortunate that he did not live to see the fulfillment of his dream: the abolition of slavery.



LINCOLN PENNY MEDALLIONS

Have each child cut this pattern from red or blue construction paper. Give each child a new penny and ask them to glue it, Lincoln side up, to the center. Punch a hole at the top of each medallion and thread with yarn.



Children will love wearing these easy to make medallions to celebrate Lincoln's birthday.