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**Family Home Evening Lessons
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**Additional Lessons For Easter, Christmas,
And General Conferences**

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1-Joseph's First Vision

(Joseph Smith and the First Vision)

Song: An Angel Came to Joseph Smith (CS p. 86)

Scripture: D&C 1:1

Lesson: Friend, April 1984 - There was an unusual excitement about religion in Manchester, New York, and the surrounding area in 1820, and everyone living there seemed to be affected by it. Preachers of different churches each claimed to have the true religion. Because some preached one doctrine and some another, there was confusion and bad feelings among the people.

Joseph Smith, Jr., a fourteen-year-old boy who had recently moved into that area with his family, was also confused. With all the commotion and with the churches clamoring for members, he found it extremely difficult deciding which church to join.

Joseph was a boy with deep feelings, and he wanted to find the true church. One day while he was reading the Bible, he came to a verse in the epistle of James that stated, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

Joseph said later, "Never did any passage of scripture come with more power to the heart of man than this did at this time to mine. I reflected on it again and again, knowing that if any person needed wisdom from God, I did."

After much pondering, Joseph came to the conclusion that either he must remain in darkness and confusion or he must do as James directed and ask God for the information he sought. If the scripture he had read was true and God really would give wisdom to those who lacked it, he felt that he should pray to his Father in Heaven.

On a beautiful spring morning Joseph walked to a secluded spot in the woods near his home. Looking around to make certain he was alone; he knelt down and began to pray. He was immediately seized by some power that bound his tongue so that he could not speak. Thick darkness gathered around him, and he thought he was doomed to destruction. Exerting all his strength, Joseph called upon God to deliver him from the evil power that had seized him. It was not an imaginary enemy; it was "the power of some actual being from the unseen world."

Just when Joseph felt that he was about to be destroyed, he saw a pillar of light directly over his head. The light was brighter than the brightness of the sun, and as it descended upon him, Joseph was delivered from the enemy of darkness.

In the light Joseph saw two glorious Personages standing above him in the air. One of them, Heavenly Father, spoke and called Joseph by name. He said, pointing to the other Personage, *"This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!"*

Joseph was filled with awe at being in the presence of God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. When he was finally able to speak, Joseph asked which of all the churches was right and which he should join.

The answer was that Joseph must join none of them, for they were all wrong. Jesus explained: "They draw near to me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me, they teach for doctrines the commandments of men, having a form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof." Again forbidding Joseph to join any of the churches, Jesus proceeded to tell him many other things.

When Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ left, Joseph found himself lying on his back, "looking up into heaven." The experience had drained him of his strength, but he soon recovered enough to return home.

Later, when Joseph related his sacred experience to his family, they believed him; but nearly everyone else who heard his story refused to believe that the Lord had once again spoken to man on earth. They began to ridicule and torment Joseph cruelly.

Heavenly Father had chosen Joseph Smith for an important mission here upon the earth. After the visit of God the Father and Jesus Christ, other heavenly visitors also helped direct Joseph in his work.

Through the power of God, Joseph Smith translated the Nephite records from the gold plates and published them as the Book of Mormon. He was given the necessary keys and powers of the priesthood to restore the gospel and to organize the Church of Jesus Christ in the latter days. He testified to the world that Jesus Christ lives and is the Savior of mankind.

In spite of all he suffered, Joseph's testimony never changed: "I had seen a vision; I knew it, and I knew that God knew it; and I could not deny it, neither dared I do it." Eventually Joseph gave his life as a martyr for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Activity: Coloring Page - Joseph Smith



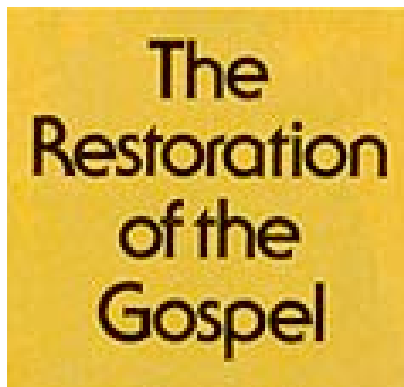
2-The Gospel Is Restored

(The Apostasy and the Need for the Restoration of Jesus Christ's Church)

Song: Oh, How Lovely Was the Morning (Hymn #136)

Scripture: D&C 1:37-38

Lesson: Friend, April 1985 - The most important message that could be given to the world in this dispensation is that the gospel has been restored. And now, with the miracle of television and satellite transmission, it is possible to broadcast this message to almost everyone everywhere. The general conferences that are broadcast from the Salt Lake Tabernacle the first Sunday of April each year commemorate the organization of the Church on April 6, 1830. Here is a story, which you can "broadcast," about the important events that happened when the gospel was restored to the earth.



1. The Restoration of the Gospel Adapted from *Doctrine and Covenants Stories*



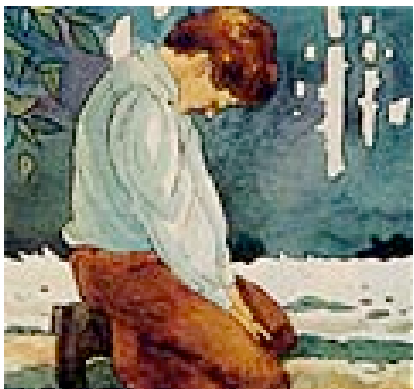
2. *Restoration* means a bringing back of something to its former condition.



3. For example: A teacher was very sick. She had “lost” her good health. Many people prayed for her. Heavenly Father blessed her by *restoring* her good health.



4. The restoration of the gospel means that we again have a church like the one Jesus organized when He was upon the earth.



5. In the spring of 1820, Joseph Smith prayed to find out which church was true.



6. Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ appeared to Joseph. They told him that the true church was not upon the earth.



7. The angel Moroni visited Joseph and instructed him. In 1827 Moroni delivered the gold plates to Joseph Smith.



8. These plates, engraved with reformed Egyptian characters, were a record made by prophets who lived in the Western Hemisphere long ago.



9. After Joseph translated the plates into English, many gospel teachings that had been lost to the world were restored.



10. These translated writings were published as the Book of Mormon.



11. On May 15, 1829, John the Baptist appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery. He restored the Aaronic Priesthood to the earth.



12. Once again someone on the earth had the priesthood authority to baptize.



13. Soon afterward Peter, James, and John restored the Melchizedek Priesthood.



14. With this priesthood, the gift of the Holy Ghost could again be given to those who had been baptized and confirmed, and other sacred ordinances could be performed.

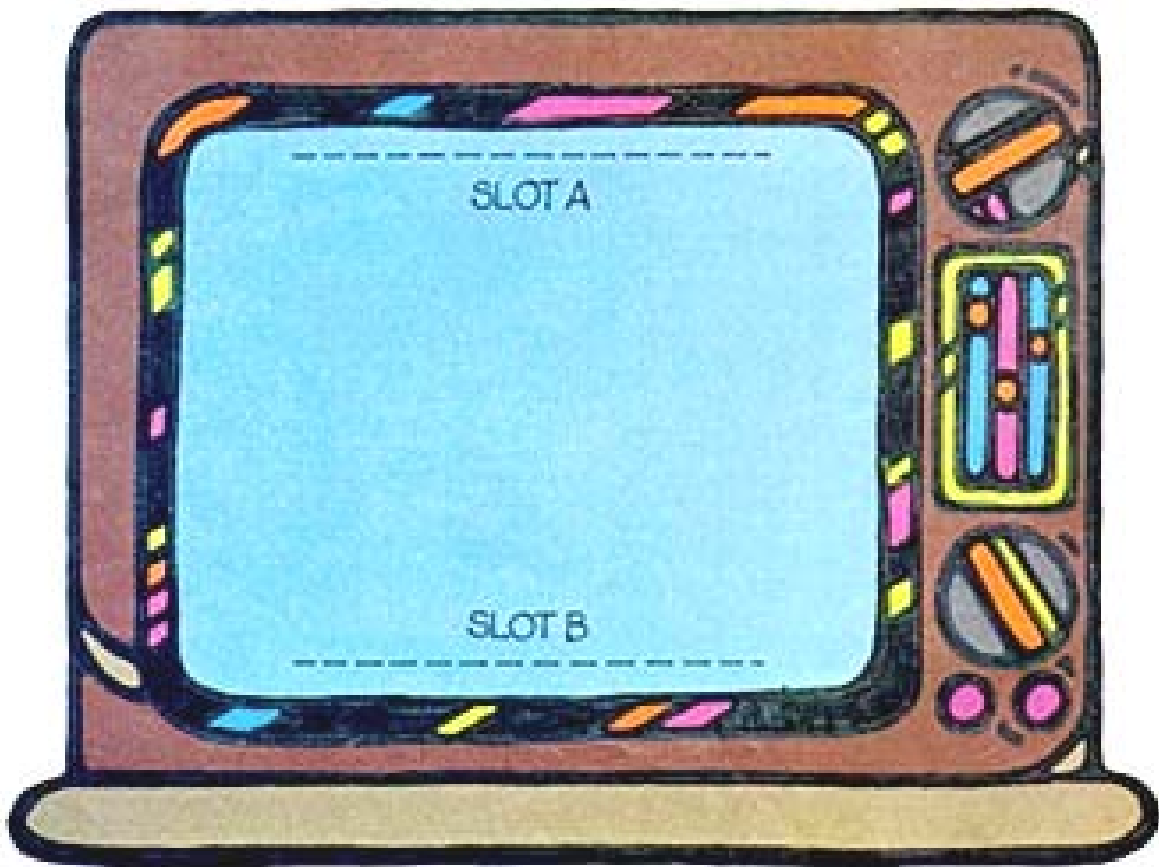


15. On April 6, 1830, a meeting was held at the home of Peter Whitmer, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized.



16. At last the true Church was restored to the earth! That is the important message that we give to the world.

Activity: Mount TV on lightweight cardboard, then trim. Cut slots A and B along broken lines. Cut out vertical story strips. Insert strip 1 through slot B from back of TV and through slot A from front. Read each part of story as you slide picture frames into place. Pictures could also be taped into one long strip and used in roller-box TV. (See *Friend*, October 1981, page 42)



3-An Angel from on High!

(The Angel Moroni Visits Joseph Smith)

Song: Seek the Lord Early (CS p. 108)

Scripture: D&C 1:29

Lesson: Friend, October 1978 - Lucy cut into a large, round cheese that had been rubbed with cream and salt. She layered the yellow wedges onto a wooden trencher, alongside thick slices of crusty wheat bread. "Supper's ready," she announced.

Family members came from every direction, pulling up benches of half-logs around the sawbuck "eating table." This was their usual Sunday supper, along with mugs of milk and apple cider. Alvin watched his younger brother all during the meal. A corner of cheese was all Joseph ate.

When Lucy and Sophronia had cleared away the food, Alvin leaned across the table on suntanned arms. "You ailing, Joseph?"

"I'm well enough." "You haven't eaten."

Trust Alvin to notice and be concerned, Joseph thought. No wonder /love him so much. Alvin continued to study Joseph. "And you haven't said more than ten words during supper," he added.

"My thoughts have been too busy running round in my head to break loose, I expect. I've been trying to put answers to some questions."

Alvin smiled knowingly, sympathetically. "Like why you haven't heard from the Lord?"

"Yes. And is it because of something I've done or *haven't* done?"

Alvin sat upright on the bench. "We all have weaknesses, Joseph. Your strong conscience is apt to exaggerate and turn boyish errors into sinful offenses."

"I've tried to be true-really tried! But I've not always been able to weight the virtues and failings of others. Sometimes I've been led into foolish errors." Joseph leaned toward Alvin. Even in the dim flickering light, Joseph's eyes had never seemed so clear and blue. "For days I've turned those questions over in my mind. Finally, I've determined what I must do. I'm going to take them to the Lord."

After chores, Joseph climbed the ladder steps to his bedroom in the low garret under the roof. As he placed the candleholder on a trunk by his bed, a little gray spider scrambled up her silken thread. He watched until she merged into the black bulk of a slanting overhead

beam. But his thoughts went beyond, toward heaven, as if they, too, were drawn on a silver thread.

In the soft circle of candlelight, Joseph undressed and put on his nightshirt. Then he blew the light into darkness. As he knelt by his bed, Joseph's thoughts swept over the past three years since his vision. He had tried to remain true to his trust. But shunned by his old friends and longing for companionship, he had sometimes associated with fun-loving boys who were not inclined toward religion. Joseph remembered the joking, loud laughter, and thoughtless remarks. *Maybe that foolishness was offensive and not in keeping with God's expectations of me*, he thought.

Tears wet Joseph's cheeks as he imagined the Lord's disappointment and displeasure. He began to pray from the depths of his soul for forgiveness and to beg for strength to overcome his weaknesses. Then he pleaded with all the power of his spirit that the Lord would let him know what his standing was before Him.

Suddenly the darkness thinned. A growing, glorious light filled the room until it shone brighter than at noonday. In the midst of this lightning-bright glory stood a personage, wearing a loose robe of exquisite whiteness. A whiteness beyond anything earthly Joseph had ever seen. And not only his robe, but his whole person was brilliant beyond description. His hands and arms were bare a little above the wrists as were his feet and legs a little above the ankles.

Joseph raised himself onto the bed, then watched wide-eyed, frightened, and puzzled as the personage moved toward him without touching the floor. This was not the Father nor the Son as before. He was like Them in an exquisite glory, yet different. Then he spoke, calling Joseph by name and announcing that he was Moroni, a messenger sent from God.

Because his voice was full of tenderness and comfort, the fear left Joseph. Then the angel went on to say that God had a work for him to do. Joseph's whole being burned with the desire to do whatever was asked of him, for the angel was proof that the Lord still found him worthy.

Moroni went on to say that Joseph's name should be had for good and evil among all nations, kindreds, and tongues, for he was to bring forth a book buried in a hill close by, an ancient record engraved upon plates of gold. The plates contained a history of the nations that had previously lived on the American continent and from whence they had come.

Joseph was spellbound. The angel explained that the fullness of the everlasting gospel, given by the Savior to these ancient peoples, was also written on the golden plates. Then the heavenly messenger described two stones, set in silver bows that were hidden in the ground with the plates. These stones, fastened to a breastplate, were called the Urim and Thummim.

Fascinated, Joseph heard Moroni explain that men in ancient times had become seers through the use and possession of the Urim and Thummim. Joseph was amazed to learn

that he also would become a seer and able to foretell events. And with the two stones he could understand and translate the ancient writings engraved on the plates of gold.

Suddenly, Joseph saw so clearly the particular spot on a hillside where these treasures were buried that he knew he would be able to go directly to the place without difficulty. But Moroni cautioned Joseph that it was not yet time for the record to be translated. He would have to prepare himself for the work. Joseph was also warned against showing the hidden treasures to anyone unless commanded to do so by his Heavenly Father.

Before Moroni left, he quoted ancient prophecy and revealed that God's power and kingdom would be restored to the earth through Joseph. He learned about the second coming of the Savior and His ministry on the earth. Moroni told of wickedness and troubled times and explained many things to Joseph. When the angel ceased speaking, the light in the room seemed to gather immediately around him. Instantly, Joseph saw a tunnel of light, extended into heaven, through which the heavenly messenger disappeared.

The light diminished and the darkness fell around him once again. Joseph marveled at what he had seen and heard.

While he was still trying to comprehend, Moroni suddenly appeared by Joseph's bed a second time. In blazing glory he solemnly repeated the same things he had revealed during his first visit. Joseph thought his heart would stop beating as the angel described the judgments in the form of famine, sword, and pestilence that would soon come upon the earth.

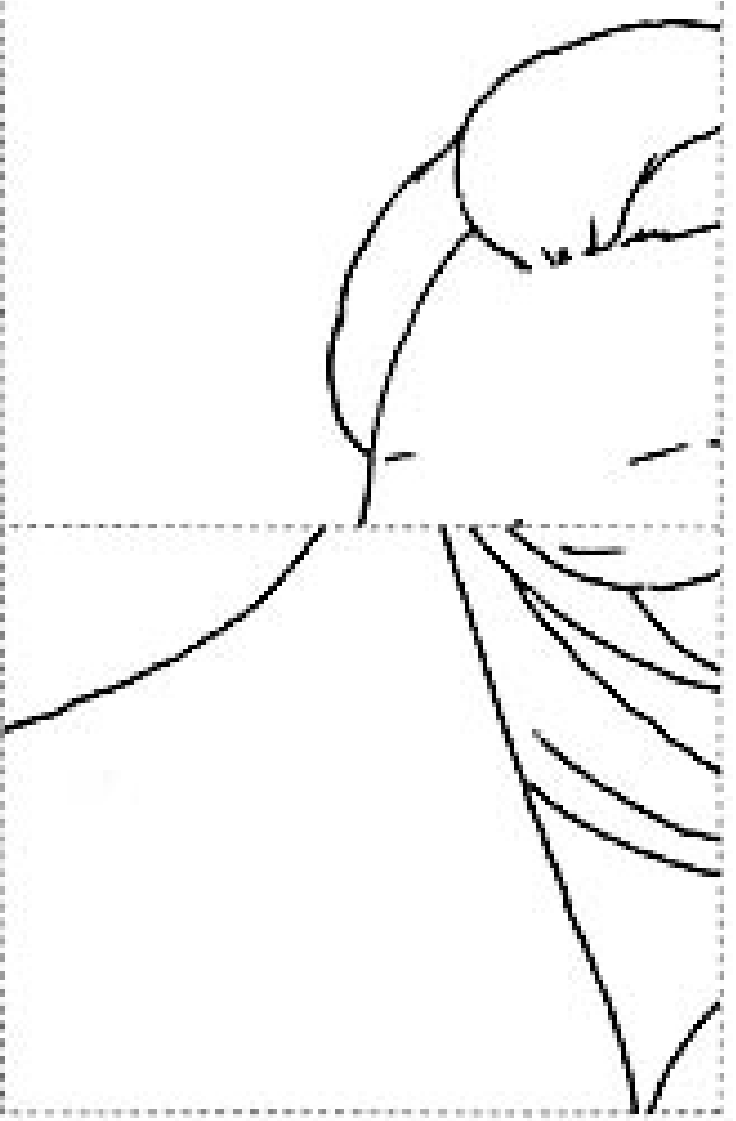
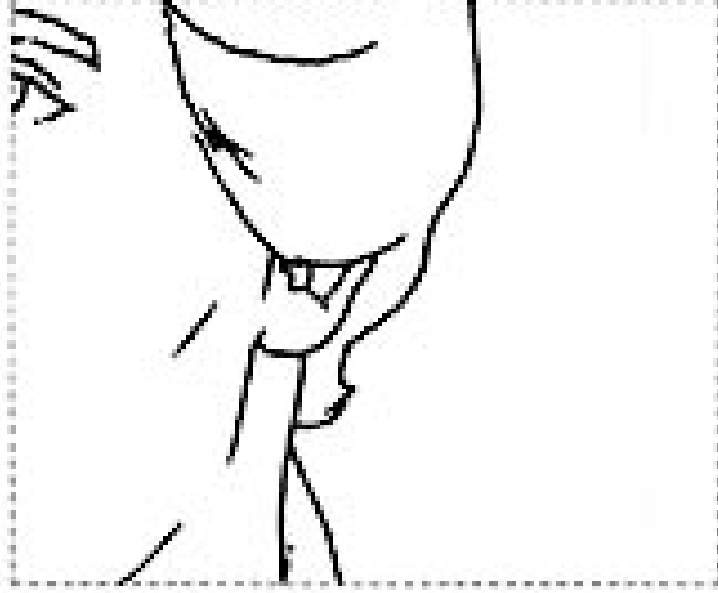
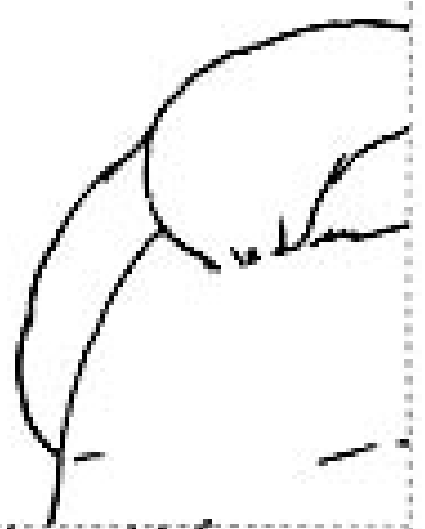
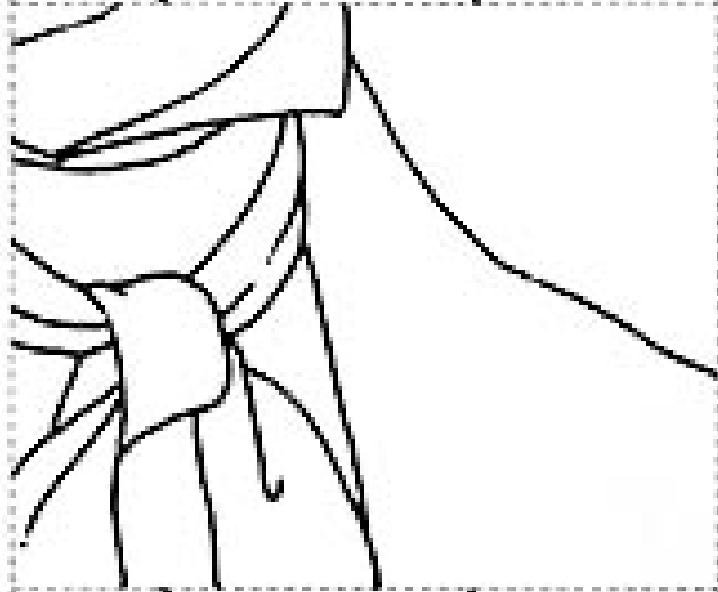
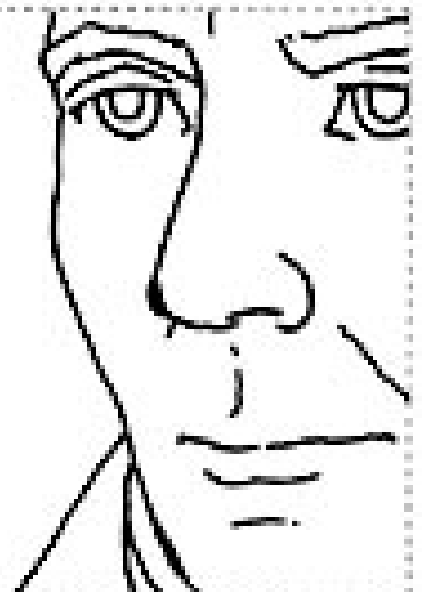
When Moroni ascended the second time, all thought of sleep was gone from Joseph's mind. He lay on his bed completely overwhelmed at what he had heard.

Suddenly Joseph was astonished to see the visitor yet a third time. Moroni repeated the message as before, and then warned that Satan would try to tempt Joseph to sell the plates so that his family could have the riches of the world. He reminded Joseph that the golden plates would be withheld if they were used for anything except to glorify God and build His kingdom.

Immediately after Moroni left for the third time, Joseph heard a cock crow in the yard. It was dawn and the angelic visits had lasted the whole of the night.

The message from Moroni was deeply impressed on Joseph's mind. And it was suddenly clear that the past three years of waiting had been a period of testing. The Lord had been preparing him to be a prophet! (To be continued.)

Activity: Joseph Smith Puzzle - Friend, January 1993



4-Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon

(Joseph Smith Prepares to Receive the Gold Plates)

Song: The Golden Plates (CS p. 86)

Scripture: D&C 1:30

Lesson: Friend, February 1986 & September 2004 - The Book of Mormon was translated from five sets of plates: the brass plates, the large plates of Nephi, the small plates of Nephi, the plates of Ether, and the plates of Mormon. You can make a replica of these plates to remind you what the Book of Mormon was translated from.

Brass Plates: The plates of brass contained the writings of Moses and other early prophets and a record of the Jews, including the genealogy of Lehi's forefathers.

Large Plates of Nephi: The large plates of Nephi were begun by Nephi soon after Lehi's colony left Jerusalem. At first they contained mostly the day-to-day history of Lehi and his descendants, but later they included things of spiritual importance too.

Small Plates of Nephi: The small plates of Nephi, written by Nephi, contained the religious record of the Nephite nation.

Plates of Ether: The plates of Ether contained the history of the Jaredites. These plates were found by the people of Limhi in the days of King Mosiah.

Plates of Mormon: The plates of Mormon were started by Mormon and contained his comments, his abridgment of the books that were written on the Large Plates of Nephi, and a continuation of the history of the people by him and by his son Moroni. These plates were given to Joseph Smith by the angel Moroni.

Activity: Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon - Friend, September 2004 - Read the captions for each picture.

Or Book of Mormon Activity - Friend, February 1986 - Cut out plates and descriptions along broken lines. Punch holes in sides as marked, and then fasten together with yarn, brass fasteners, or rings.

Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon

Instructions: Read the captions under each picture, then color the picture. You could use these captions and pictures for a family home evening lesson or a Primary talk.



1. One night, 17-year-old Joseph Smith went to his bedroom and prayed (see Joseph Smith—History 1:28–29).



2. The angel Moroni appeared to Joseph three times during the night and told him about a book of gold plates hidden in a hillside (see Joseph Smith—History 1:30–35, 44–47).



3. Joseph went to the Hill Cumorah the next day. Using a stick, he moved a large rock and found a stone box containing the gold plates and the Urim and Thummim—“seer” stones fastened to a breastplate (see Joseph Smith—History 1:50–52).



4. Moroni appeared to Joseph and told him not to remove anything but to come back each year for the next few years. Joseph returned every year and was taught by Moroni. Four years later, on September 22, 1827, Moroni told Joseph to take the plates and Urim and Thummim (see Joseph Smith—History 1:53–54, 59).



5. Joseph used the Urim and Thummim to translate some of the plates. At different times he asked Oliver Cowdery, Martin Harris, Emma Smith (his wife), and a few other people to write down what he said as he translated from the gold plates (see Joseph Smith—History 1:62, 67; D&C 3:preface; 25:1, 5–6).



6. In 1830, Joseph Smith took the Book of Mormon to a printer in Palmyra, New York (see *History of the Church*, 1:71).

BOOK OF MORMON ACTIVITY

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5-Obtaining the Plates

(Joseph Smith Receives the Gold Plates)

Song: On a Golden Springtime (CS p. 88)

Scripture: JS-H 1:50

Lesson: Friend, February 1997 - Over three years after the First Vision, on the evening of September 21, 1823, Joseph Smith was praying when a glorious being, Moroni, appeared to him. Moroni told him about a book written upon gold plates and showed him in a vision where the book was buried. He said that one day Joseph would be given the records to translate. The angel also gave Joseph commandments and taught him about the restoration of the gospel. Three times that night, Moroni appeared to repeat his message. By the time the third visit was over, it was nearly daybreak.

I shortly after arose from my bed, and, as usual, went to the necessary labors of the day; but ... I found my strength so exhausted as to render me entirely unable. My father, who was laboring along with me, discovered something to be wrong with me, and told me to go home. I started with the intention of going to the house; but, in attempting to cross the fence out of the field where we were, my strength entirely failed me, and I fell helpless on the ground

The first thing that I can recollect was a voice speaking unto me, calling me by name. I looked up, and beheld the same messenger standing over my head

He then again related unto me all that he had related to me the previous night, and commanded me to go to my father and tell him of the vision and commandments which I had received.

I obeyed [My father] told me to go and do as commanded by the messenger. I left the field, and went to the place where the messenger had told me the plates were deposited Convenient to the village of Manchester, Ontario County, New York, stands a hill On the west side of this hill, not far from the top, under a stone of considerable size, lay the plates, deposited in a stone box

The middle part of [the stone] was visible above the ground, but the edge all around was covered with earth.

Having removed the earth, I obtained a lever ... and with a little exertion raised it up. I looked in, and there indeed did I behold the plates, the Urim and Thummim, and the breastplate

I made an attempt to take [the plates] out, but was forbidden by the messenger, and was again informed that the time for bringing them forth had not yet arrived, neither would it, until four years from that time: but he told me that I should come to that place precisely in

one year from that time, and that he would there meet with me, and that I should continue to do so until the time should come for obtaining the plates.

Accordingly ... I went at the end of each year, and at each time I found the same messenger there, and received instruction and intelligence from him at each of our interviews, respecting what the Lord was going to do, and how and in what manner his kingdom was to be conducted in the last days

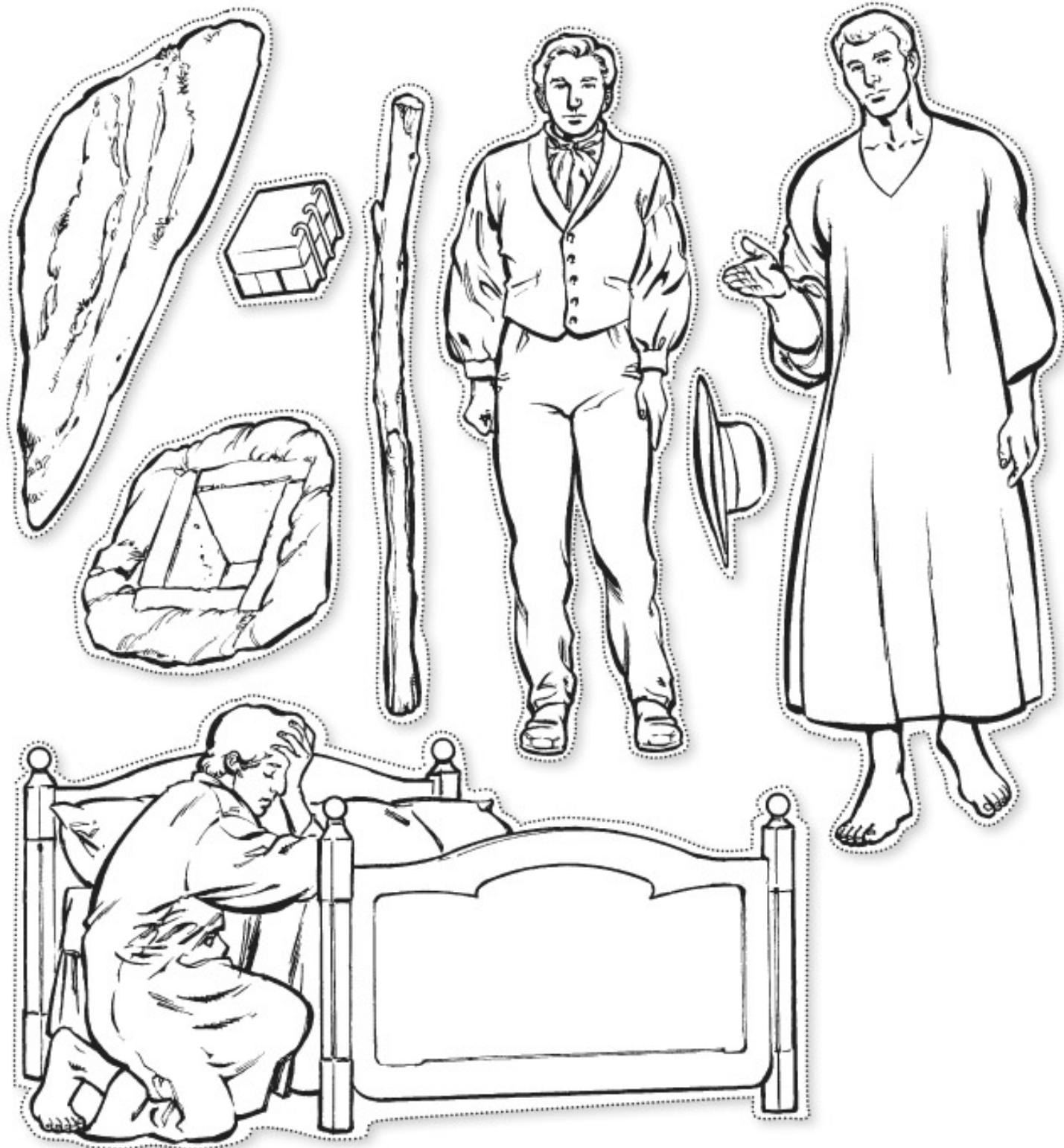
At length the time arrived for obtaining the plates, the Urim and Thummim, and the breastplate. On the twenty-second day of September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, having gone as usual at the end of another year to the place where they were deposited, the same heavenly messenger delivered them up to me with this charge: that I should be responsible for them; that if I should let them go carelessly, or through any neglect of mine, I should be cut off; but that if I would use all my endeavors to preserve them, until he, the messenger, should call for them, they should be protected. (JS-H 1:48-54, 59.)

Activity: Joseph Smith Receives Gold Plates - Friend, May 2008 – Cut, color, and retell the story of Joseph receiving the Gold Plates.



JOSEPH SMITH RECEIVES THE GOLD PLATES

Instructions: Remove this page from the magazine and color the figures. Mount them on heavy paper and cut out. Read the story on pages 40–41, then retell the story using the figures.



Note: If you do not wish to remove pages from the magazine, this activity may be copied or printed from the Internet at www.friend.lds.org.

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6-The One Hundred and Sixteen Lost Pages

(Joseph Smith Begins to Translate the Gold Plates)

Song: The Sacred Grove (CS p. 87)

Scripture: D&C 3:7

Lesson: Friend, March 1997 - After he received the gold plates, Joseph Smith's life was threatened and many attempts were made to steal the plates. Joseph and Emma, his wife, moved to Harmony, Pennsylvania, and Martin Harris, a friend from Palmyra, New York, came to visit.

Mr. Harris ... returned again to my house about the 12th of April, 1828, and commenced writing for me while I translated from the plates, which we continued until the 14th of June following, by which time he had written one hundred and sixteen pages of manuscript ... Mr. Harris ... began to importune (beg) me to [let] him ... carry the writings home and show them; and desired of me that I would inquire of the Lord ... if he might not do so. I did inquire, and the answer was that he must not.

However, he was not satisfied with this answer, and desired that I should inquire again. I did so, and the answer was as before. Still he ... insisted that I should inquire once more ... Permission was granted ... on certain conditions; which were, that he show them only to his brother, Preserved Harris, his own wife, his father and his mother, and a Mrs. Cobb, a sister to his wife. In accordance with this last answer, I required of him that he should bind himself in a covenant to me ... that he would not do otherwise than had been directed He bound himself as I required of him, took the writings, and went his way.

Martin Harris had been gone for three weeks, and Joseph had heard nothing from him. Joseph took a stagecoach, then walked the last twenty miles in the dark to his parents' home in Manchester, near Palmyra. He immediately sent for Martin. Several hours later, Martin arrived and explained that the manuscript pages had been lost.

Notwithstanding ... the great restrictions which [Martin Harris] had been laid under, and the solemnity [seriousness] of the covenant which he had made with me, he did show [the manuscript pages] to others, and by stratagem they got them away from him, and they never have been recovered unto this day.

I should have been satisfied with the first answer which I received from the Lord; for he told me that it was not safe to let the writing go out of my possession.

I returned immediately home. Soon after my arrival, I commenced humbling myself in mighty prayer before the Lord ... that if possible I might obtain mercy at his hands and be forgiven of all that I had done contrary to his will.

Both the plates and the Urim and Thummim were taken from me ... ; but in a few days they were returned to me, ... and the Lord said thus unto me:

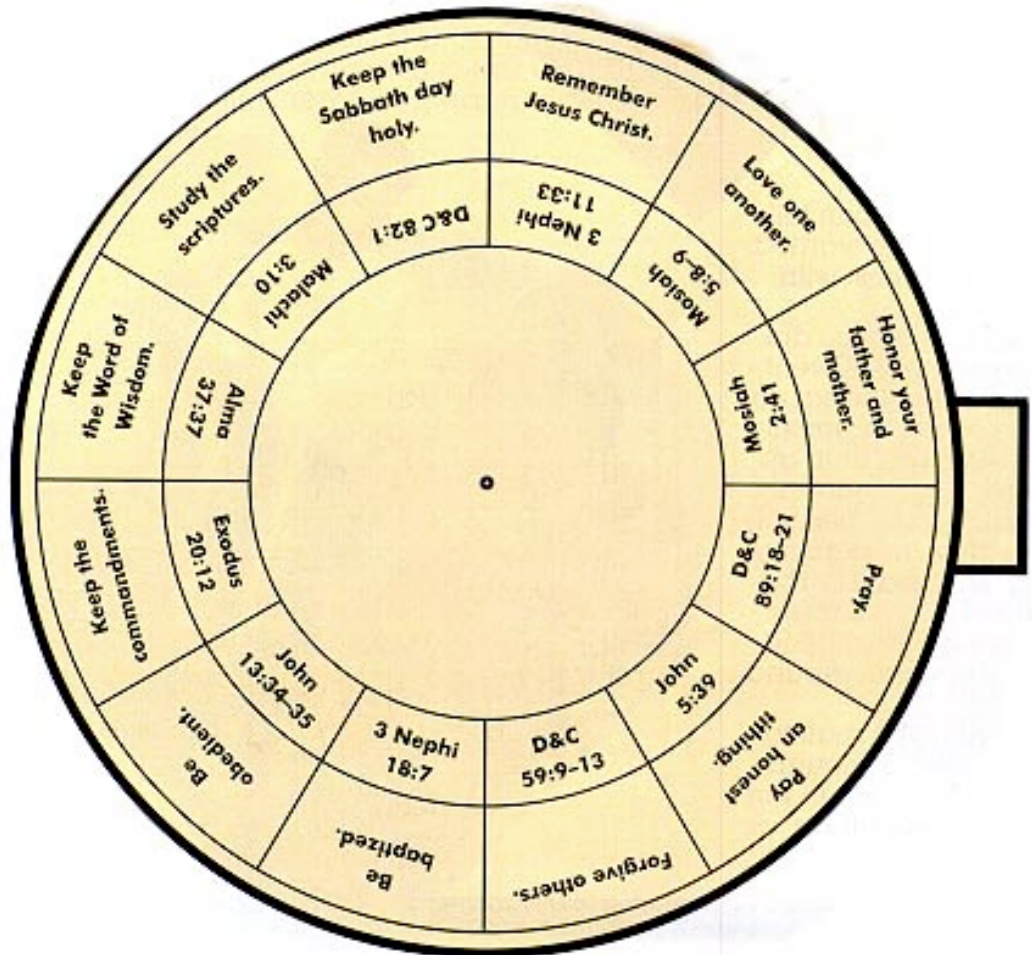
"Now, behold, I say unto you, that because you delivered up those writings ... into the hands of a wicked man, you have lost them.

"And you also lost your gift [of translation] at the same time, and your mind became darkened.

"Nevertheless, it is now restored unto you again; therefore see that you are faithful and continue on unto the finishing of the remainder of the work of translation as you have begun." (D&C 10:1-3.)

The Lord told Joseph Smith that the people who stole the manuscript planned to change some of the words. If Joseph translated the same plates again, the thieves would show the pages they had altered and say that Joseph wasn't a prophet because the two translations weren't identical. The Lord long ago commanded the Book of Mormon prophet Nephi to prepare a second set of plates covering the same things, and He told Joseph to translate this set, instead.

Activity: My Choices have Consequences - Friend, March 1997 - Remove this page from the magazine and mount it on heavy paper. Cut out the two disks and the windows in the top disk. Punch holes in the center of each disk, place the top disk on top of the bottom disk, and insert a paper fastener through the center of the disks. Turn the top disk to see a commandment from Heavenly Father. Read the scripture in the other window to find out what blessings are promised to those who keep that commandment.



7-Translation of the Book of Mormon

(Joseph Smith Translates the Gold Plates)

Song: Book of Mormon Stories (CS p. 118)

Scripture: D&C 6:35

Lesson: Friend, April 1997 - *After Joseph Smith allowed Martin Harris to take the 116 Book of Mormon manuscript pages, which Martin lost, the plates and Joseph's gift to translate were taken from him. After repenting and humbling himself in prayer, the plates were returned to him with a promise that someone would come to help him with the translation.*

On the 5th day of April, 1829, Oliver Cowdery came to my house He stated to me that [while] teaching school in the neighborhood where my father resided, [my] family related to him the circumstance of my having received the plates, and accordingly he had come to make inquiries of me. Two days after the arrival of Mr. Cowdery. I commenced to translate the Book of Mormon, and he began to write for me.

Whilst continuing the work of translation, during the month of April, Oliver Cowdery became exceedingly anxious to have the power to translate bestowed upon him, and in relation to this desire the following [revelation was] obtained:

"Ask ... that you may translate and receive knowledge from all those ancient records which have been hid up, that are sacred; and according to your faith shall it be done unto you" (D&C 8:11).

Oliver Cowdery translated a few words, but was not able to continue. The Lord revealed the reason why:

"Behold, you have not understood; you have supposed that I would give it unto you, when you took no thought save it was to ask me.

"But, behold, I say unto you, that you must study it out in your mind; then you must ask me if it be right, and if it is right I will cause that your bosom shall burn within you; therefore, you shall feel that it is right." (D&C 9:7-8.)

About the same time an old gentleman came to visit us. Mr. Joseph Knight, Sen. ... who ... very kindly and considerately brought us a quantity of provisions, in order that we might not be interrupted in the work of translation by the want of such necessities of life; . he several times brought us supplies, a distance of at least thirty miles.

Shortly after commencing to translate, I became acquainted with Mr. Peter Whitmer, ... and also with some of his family. In the beginning of the month of June, his son, David Whitmer, came ... and brought with him a two-horse wagon, for the purpose of having us accompany him to his father's place, and there remain until we should finish the work. It was arranged

that we should have our board free of charge, and the assistance of one of his brothers to write for me, and also his own assistance when convenient. ... There [we] resided until the translation was finished and the copyright secured.

Our translation drawing to a close, we went to Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, secured the copyright, and agreed with Mr. Egbert B. Grandin to print five thousand copies for the sum of three thousand dollars.

I wish to mention here that the title-page of the Book of Mormon is a literal translation, taken from the very last leaf, on the left hand side of the collection or book of plates, ... and that said title page is not by any means a modern composition.

Oliver Cowdery made a copy of the entire manuscript for the printer so that the original translation could be kept safe. The printer was given only a small number of pages at a time. When manuscript pages were delivered to the printer, whoever was taking them was accompanied by a guard. The guard also guarded the house where the manuscript was kept. All these precautions were taken so that the manuscript wouldn't be lost or tampered with again. In March 1830 the printing was completed and copies of the book were available for sale. (See History of the Church, vol. 1, pages 32-76.)

Activity: Restoration Church - Friend, May 2005 - Cut out the church, fold the walls, and glue the tabs in place so the church is standing. Then cut out the pictures. The scriptures on each side of the church tell about one aspect of the Restoration of the Church. Read each scripture and match the event in the scripture to one of the pictures. Then glue each picture to the appropriate side of the church. You may want to use the church as a visual as you learn more about these events during family home evening.



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8-The Priesthood Is Restored

(The Priesthood is Restored)

Song: The Priesthood Is Restored (CS p. 89)

Scripture: 5th Article of Faith

Lesson: Friend, April 1990 - How much light does a light bulb give when it is not screwed in? How much work does a windmill do when there is no wind? How much energy does a waterwheel produce when there is no water to make it move? These man-made inventions need a source of power in order to function.

Jesus knew that men could not direct His church on earth without power from God. He said that this power would be given by the laying on of hands by those who are in authority.

When He lived on the earth, Jesus laid His hands on the heads of His apostles. He gave them the priesthood, the power and authority to act in God's name, so that they could "preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof." After the apostles died, this authority was eventually taken from the earth.

In 1829, under the direction of the ancient apostles Peter, James, and John, John the Baptist appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery. He laid his hands upon their heads and conferred the Aaronic Priesthood upon them. Oliver Cowdery said, "Think for a moment, what joy filled our hearts, and with what surprise we must have bowed, (for who would not have bowed the knee for such a blessing?) When we received under his hand the Holy Priesthood" (JS-H 1:71 footnote).

Later, along the banks of the Susquehanna River in New York or Pennsylvania, Peter, James, and John, the same apostles who had received their authority from Jesus Christ, conferred the Melchizedek Priesthood on Joseph and Oliver.

Without the priesthood, the Church could not have been organized, no one could be baptized or receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, no one could receive the blessings of the temple, and no one could return to live with Heavenly Father. How wonderful it is that a kind and loving Heavenly Father restored the priesthood so that His servants on the earth could have the power to act in His name!

Activity: Print "*Priesthood - The Authority to Act in God's Name*" on large squares of cardboard, one letter per square, and place them facedown. Take turns guessing which letters of the alphabet are on the squares. When a correct letter is guessed, the corresponding square is turned over. The one to guess the phrase wins. Explain the offices of the priesthood and the different responsibilities that come with each. (See D&C 107.)

9-The Witnesses and the Gold Plates

(Witnesses See the Gold Plates)

Song: Praise to the Man (Hymn #27)

Scripture: D&C 17:1

Lesson: Friend, Aug-Sept 1984 - The Witnesses and the Gold Plates



1. After Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery had translated the Book of Mormon from the gold plates, the Lord wanted other people to read the book. The Lord also wanted someone besides Joseph to see the gold plates so that they, too, would know—and testify—that the plates were real. (See D&C 17:1–6.)



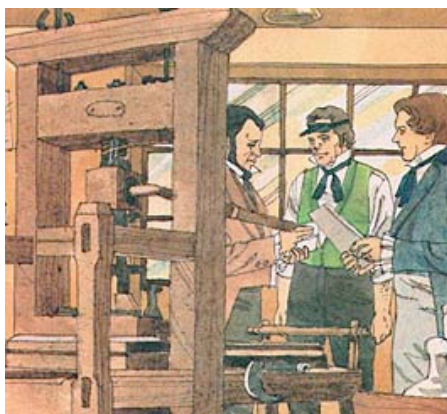
2. For this special privilege the Lord chose three witnesses: Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer, and Martin Harris. One day after they and the Prophet Joseph had prayed fervently in a nearby woods, an angel of God came and showed them the plates with the writing on them. The angel instructed the witnesses to testify to others of what they had seen. (See Book of Mormon: Introduction—Testimony of the Three Witnesses.)



3. Joseph was next instructed to show the plates to eight other witnesses: Christian Whitmer; Jacob Whitmer; Peter Whitmer, Jr.; John Whitmer; Hiram Page; Joseph Smith, Sr.; Hyrum Smith; and Samuel H. Smith. These men saw the plates and held them in their hands. (See Book of Mormon: Introduction—Testimony of the Eight Witnesses.)



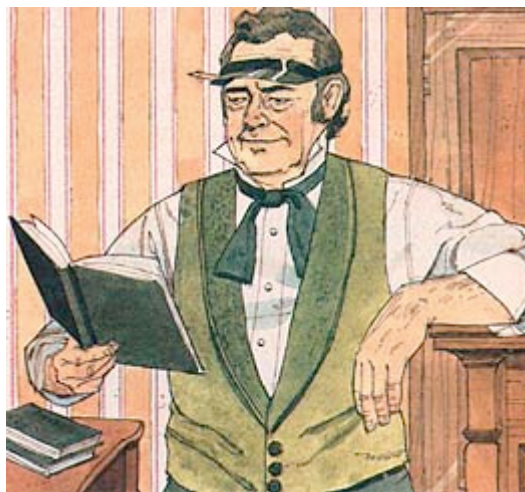
4. After Joseph Smith had translated the gold plates and they had been seen by the eleven witnesses, he gave the plates back to the angel Moroni. (See Book of Mormon: Introduction—Testimony of the Prophet Joseph Smith.)



5. When the translation of the Book of Mormon was completed, Joseph took the manuscript to a printer to have it published. The Lord commanded Martin Harris to pay the printer's bill. (See D&C 19:26, 35.)

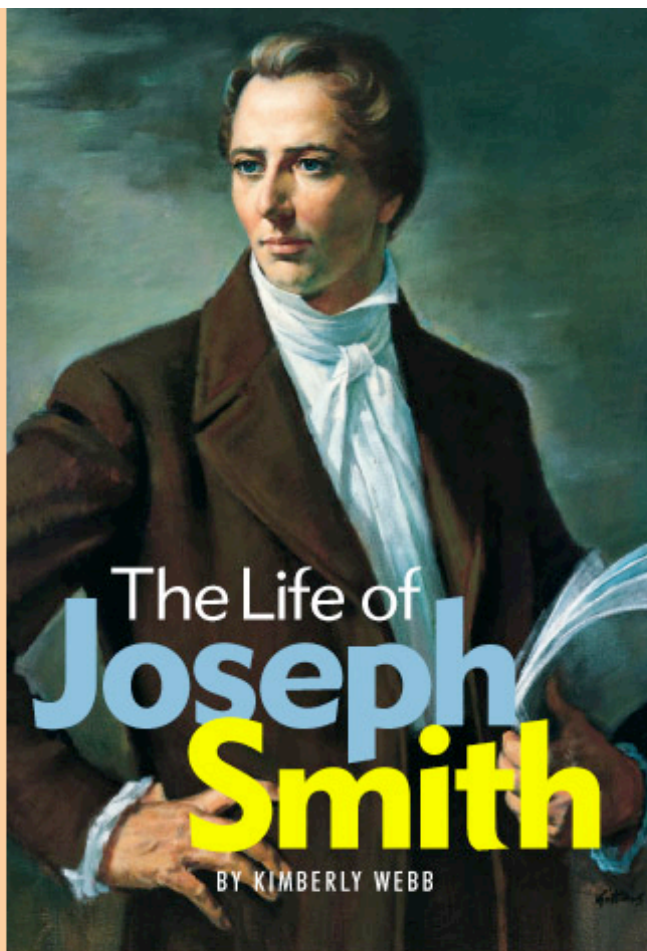


6. Satan inspired wicked men to steal some of the manuscript pages of the Book of Mormon while it was still at the printer's. (See *History of the Church*, 1:75–76.)



7. However, the work of the Lord could not be stopped. On March 26, 1830, the Book of Mormon was published in Palmyra, New York. Five thousand copies were printed. At last the fulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ could be shared with many more people. (See *History of the Church*, 1:71.)

Activity: The Life of Joseph Smith - Friend, June 2003 - To remember some of the things the Prophet Joseph did, remove pages 24–25, and glue them to heavy paper. Cut out the pictures on page 27, then read each event on the time line and find the picture that matches it. Glue the picture of the event on the map where it took place. Some places will have more than one event. If you wish, draw arrows on the map to indicate the order in which the events took place.



The Life of Joseph Smith

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During the month of June, we remember the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph Smith. More importantly, we celebrate his life and the works he accomplished. President John Taylor (1808–1887) said, “Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it” (D&C 135:3).

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23 December 1805 Joseph Smith Jr. is born in a small cabin in Sharon, Vermont, to Lucy Mack and Joseph Smith Sr.

Spring 1820 In answer to Joseph’s prayer, God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, appear in a grove of trees near Joseph’s home in Palmyra, New York.

18 January 1827 Joseph marries Emma Hale in South Bainbridge, New York.

22 September 1827 After years of preparation, Joseph receives the golden plates from the angel Moroni at the Hill Cumorah, near Palmyra.

15 May 1829 John the Baptist ordains Joseph and Oliver Cowdery to the Aaronic Priesthood on the banks of the Susquehanna River in Harmony, Pennsylvania.

26 March 1830 The first edition of the Book of Mormon, published by E. B. Grandin in Palmyra, New York, is completed.

6 April 1830 Joseph is sustained as prophet of the newly organized Church at the Peter Whitmer farm in Fayette, New York.



(See Joseph Smith—History 1:3–4, 14–17, 57, 59; D&C 13; heading; D&C 27:12; *Ensign*, Jan. 1995, 30–35; D&C 21; heading; D&C 57; *History of the Church*, 1:145–46, 260–64; *Ensign*, Nov. 1998, 46; D&C 109–110; *Ensign*, Aug. 1986, 11; *Ensign*, Sep. 1979, 12–13; D&C 135.)

February 1831 In obedience to revelation, Joseph and the Saints move to Kirtland, Ohio. Joseph and Emma live for a time with Newell K. Whitney in an apartment connected to his store.

24 March 1832 While staying with the Johnsons in Hiram, Ohio, Joseph is dragged from the house and tarred and feathered. The next day he preaches a sermon.

May–June 1834 Joseph marches with Zion’s Camp from Ohio to Jackson County, Missouri, to try to reclaim the Saints’ land from which they had been driven.

27 March 1836 Joseph dedicates the Kirtland Temple. On 3 April, the Savior appears in the temple to accept it as His house.

December 1838–April 1839 Joseph is imprisoned in Liberty, Missouri. Though his suffering is great, he receives sacred revelations, given us in sections 121–23 of the Doctrine and Covenants.

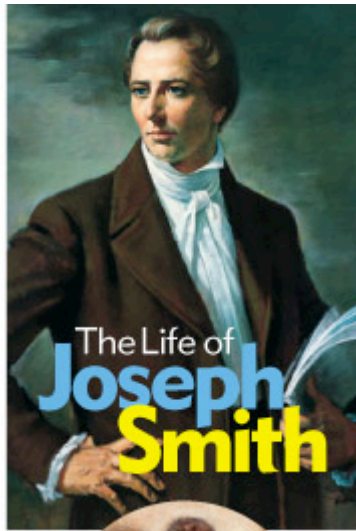
April 1839–June 1844 Joseph oversees the building of Nauvoo, Illinois, and also leads the Saints to begin building another temple. He reveals the ordinances of sealing, the endowment, and baptism for the dead.

27 June 1844 After being imprisoned in Carthage, Illinois, the Prophet and his brother Hyrum are martyred by a mob.

(See instructions on page 24.)



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10-To the Children of the Church

(The Book of Mormon is Published)

Song: I Am a Child of God (CS p. 2)

Scripture: 3 Nephi 17:18-24

Lesson: Ezra Taft Benson - Friend, June 1989 - My dear brethren and sisters, how I have rejoiced in the messages I have heard delivered from this pulpit at this great general conference of the Church.

The messages are true. They are important. They are vital to our personal salvation, and with all my heart I commend them to you. In previous general meetings of the Church, I have spoken specifically to the mothers and to the fathers, to the young men and to the young women, to the single adult sisters and to the single adult brethren.

For my closing message at this conference, I would now like to speak to the children of the Church—yes, to *you*, our precious children. And as you listen, I pray that you will know that this is a personal message just for you.

How I love you! How our Heavenly Father loves you!

Just like the beautiful Primary song you sing, each of you truly is a child of God. For you, rich blessings *are* in store, and if you learn to do His will, you *will* live with Him once more. I know this to be true. (See “I Am a child of God,” *Hymns*, 1985, no. 301.)

Today I desire to teach you what our Heavenly Father wants you to know so that you can learn to do His will and enjoy true happiness. It will help you now and throughout your life.

First, may I say how thrilled I am to know how you children are learning about the Book of Mormon. This is one of the very important things Heavenly Father wants you to do.

I know you are reading the Book of Mormon, for I have received hundreds of personal letters from you telling me that you are reading this sacred book. It makes me weep for joy when I hear this.

Many of you have read the Book of Mormon all the way through. In family home evening and in Primary you have dramatized Book of Mormon stories, you have sung songs about the Book of Mormon, you have learned the names of the books in the Book of Mormon, you have played Book of Mormon games, you have learned about wonderful Book of Mormon prophets. Some of you have even earned money to send copies of the Book of Mormon around the world.

How pleased I am to hear of your love for the Book of Mormon. *I* love it too, and Heavenly Father wants you to continue to learn from the Book of Mormon every day. It's Heavenly

Father's special gift to you. By following its teachings, you will learn to do the will of our Father in Heaven.

I also hope your parents and leaders will give you opportunities to learn from the Doctrine and Covenants, the Pearl of Great Price, and the Bible as well.

Now, there are other important things Heavenly Father wants you to do.

He wants you to pray to Him every day. He wants to help you because He loves you, and He *will* help you if you pray to Him and ask Him for His help. In your prayers also thank Him for your blessings. Thank Him for sending our oldest brother, Jesus Christ, into the world. He made it possible for us to return to our heavenly home. Thank Him for your family. Thank Him for the Church. Thank Him for this beautiful world you live in. Ask Him to protect you. In your prayers, ask Him to help you know what to do in your life. When you make mistakes, your Heavenly Father still loves you. So pray to Him, and He will help you try again to do right.

Pray to Heavenly Father to bless you with His Spirit at all times. We often call the Spirit the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is also a gift from Heavenly Father. The Holy Ghost helps you to choose the right. The Holy Ghost will protect you from evil. He whispers to you in a still, small voice to do right. When you *do* good, you *feel* good, and that is the Holy Ghost speaking to you. The Holy Ghost is a wonderful companion. He is *always* there to help you.

My dear boys and girls, honor your fathers and mothers. They will help you make good decisions. Enjoy and respect your grandparents. Be a real friend to your brothers and sisters. Choose friends who have high ideals. Choose friends who will help you to be good.

Attend sacrament meeting. Listen carefully to what your bishop says. He is an important spiritual leader who has a special calling from Heavenly Father to help you.

Enjoy Primary, and attend every week. Bring your member and nonmember friends to Primary. Learn the Primary songs well. They are wonderful. Memorize the Articles of Faith and earn the Gospel in Action Award.

Be honest. Do not lie nor steal. Do not cheat. Do not use profanity, but be clean in your thoughts and speech.

Be a *true* Latter-day Saint. Stand up for your beliefs. One of my favorite Primary songs is "Dare to Do Right." Some of the words are,

Dare to do right! dare to be true!

You have a work that no other can do;

Do it so bravely, so kindly, so well,

Angels will hasten the story to tell." (Sing with Me, B-81.)

Remember, Satan does not want you to be happy. He does not want you to dare to do right. He wants you to be miserable, as he is. He has captured the hearts of wicked men and women who would have you participate in bad things such as pornography, drugs, profanity, and immorality. Stay away from these evils. Avoid books, magazines, videos, movies, and television shows that are not good. As the scriptures tell us, avoid the very *appearance* of evil. (See 1 Thes. 5:22.)

Dress modestly. Choose clothing that covers your body properly. Behave in a courteous and polite way. Live the Word of Wisdom. Keep the Sabbath day holy. Listen to good music. Do your best to be good.

Do well in your schoolwork and strive to be a good student.

With help from your parents, begin your own library of favorite tapes, books, and pictures which are available at Church distribution centers. Enjoy reading each month in your home the *Friend* magazine or the international magazines.

Love the country in which you live. Be a good citizen. Be patriotic. Fly your country's flag on special holidays. Pray for your country's leaders.

Primary boys, plan and look forward to serving a full-time mission for the Lord. Young girls, be prepared for missionary service if you are called. But also, young girls, learn from your mothers the important homemaking skills you will use in your own home.

Now I want to say something to you children who do not feel safe and who are frightened or hurt and do not know what to do. Sometimes you may feel all alone. You need to know that even when it seems that no one else cares, your Heavenly Father does. He will always love you. He wants you to be protected and safe. If you are not, please talk to someone who can help you—a parent, a teacher, your bishop, or a friend. They will help you.

I am sure each of you has favorite stories from the scriptures. One of my favorite stories is found in the seventeenth chapter of 3 Nephi in the Book of Mormon. It tells about the visit of Jesus to the people on the American continent after His resurrection. It tells about Jesus healing the sick and teaching the people and praying to Heavenly Father for them.

Now, this is one of my favorite parts of that story:

“And it came to pass that when Jesus had made an end of praying unto the Father, he arose; but so great was the joy of the multitude that they were overcome.

“And it came to pass that Jesus spake unto them, and bade them arise.

“And they arose from the earth, and he said unto them: Blessed are ye because of your faith. And now behold, my joy is full.

“And when he had said these words, he wept, and the multitude bare record of it, and he took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and prayed unto the Father for them.

“And when he had done this he wept again;

“And he spake unto the multitude, and said unto them: Behold your little ones.

“And as they looked to behold they cast their eyes towards heaven, and they saw the heavens open, and they saw angels descending out of heaven as it were in the midst of fire; and they came down and encircled those little ones about, and they were encircled about with fire; and the angels did minister unto them.” (3 Ne. 17:18–24.)

I promise you, dear children, that angels will minister unto you also. You may not see them, but they will be there to help you, and you will feel of their presence.

Favored little ones were they,

Who towards him Jesus drew!

Who within his arms he took

Just as loving parents do,

Christ the Lord “Our living head.”

This of little children said,

“Such shall of my kingdom be,

Suffer them to come to me.”

Listen to the Savior’s plea,

“Let the children come to me.” (Sing with Me, B-14.)

Dear children, our Heavenly Father sent you to earth at this time because you are some of His most valiant children. He knew there would be much wickedness in the world today, and He knew you could be faithful and obedient.

Dear child, you are God’s gift to your parents, and the gift your parents can give God is to bring you back to Him sweet and pure and faithful.

He expects your parents and leaders to teach you, to walk beside you, and to be shining examples to you so that you will know the way you should go. They must spend time with you and love you and pray *with* you and for you.

Your leaders must call faithful men and women to teach you in Primary. We must provide experiences for you early in your life that will help you know how to live the gospel.

God bless the children of this Church. How I love you! How Heavenly Father loves you! And may we, as your parents, teachers, and leaders, be *more* childlike—more submissive, more meek, and more humble.

I close my message to you this day with the prayer that we may ever respond to your plea as *you* so sweetly sing:

Teach me to walk in the light of his love;

Teach me to pray to my Father above;

Teach me to know of the things that are right;

Teach me, teach me to walk in the light.

And then, as your parents, we sing to you:

Come, little child, and together we'll learn

Of his commandments, that we may return

Home to his presence, to live in his sight—

Always, always to walk in the light.

And *together* we sing:

Father in Heaven, we thank thee this day

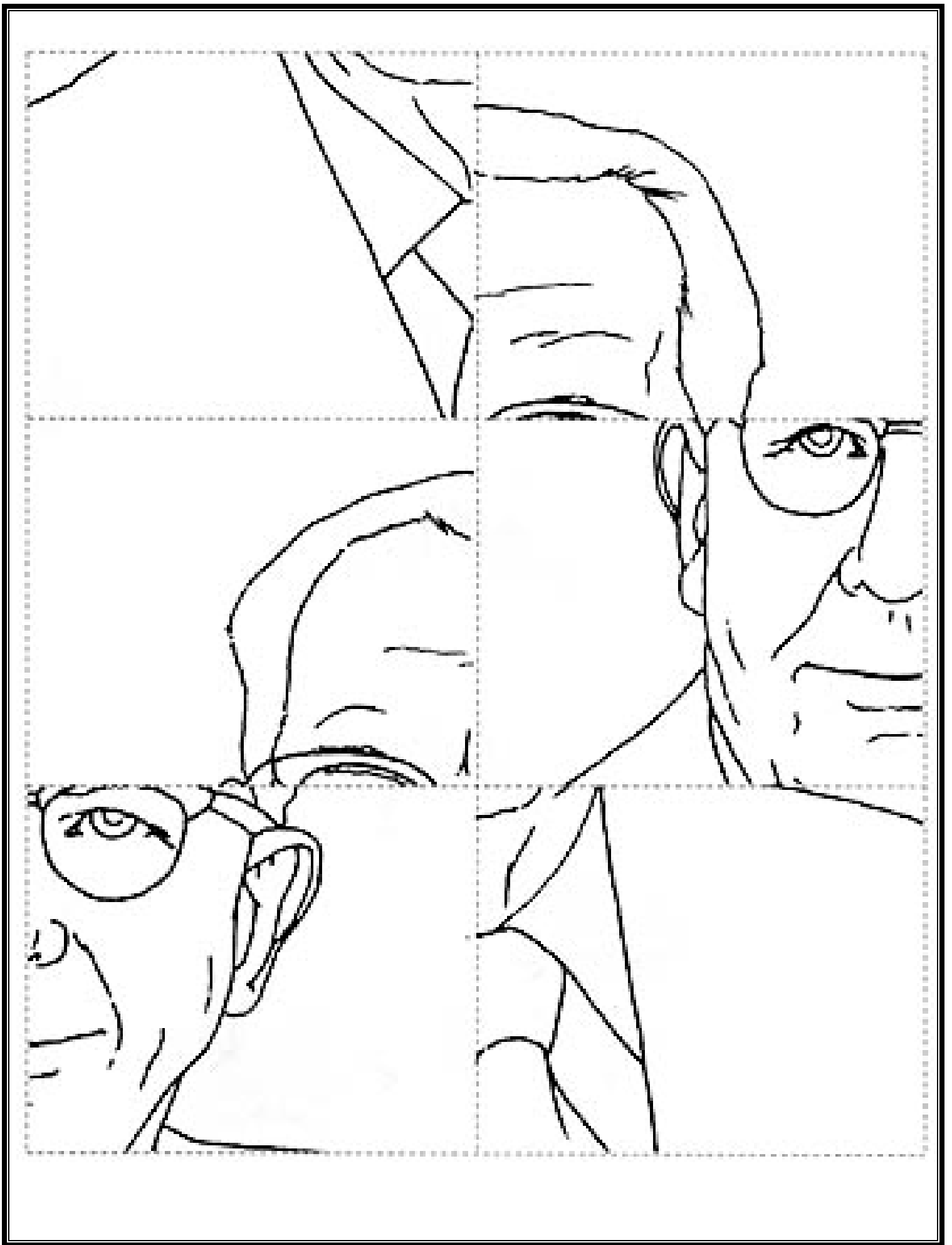
For loving guidance to show us the way.

Grateful, we praise thee with songs of delight!

Gladly, gladly we'll walk in the light. (Hymns, 1985, no. 304.)

For this I fervently pray for the children of the Church, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Activity: Ezra Taft Benson Puzzle - Friend, December 1993



11-I Belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

(The Restored Church of Jesus Christ Is Organized)

Song: The Church of Jesus Christ" (CS, p. 77)

Scripture: D&C 115:4

Lesson: Friend, January 1990 - Over three million children around the world belong to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They speak different languages, wear different styles of clothes, and live in different kinds of houses. They live on every continent-in North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Europe, and Australia-and on the isles of the sea. Can you find Bangalore, India, and Surabaya, Indonesia, on a map? That's where some children who belong to the Church live.

Many children who belong to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints go to church in large brick, wood, or stone meetinghouses that have many rooms. Children in Nairobi, Kenya, often hold their meetings under large banyan trees.

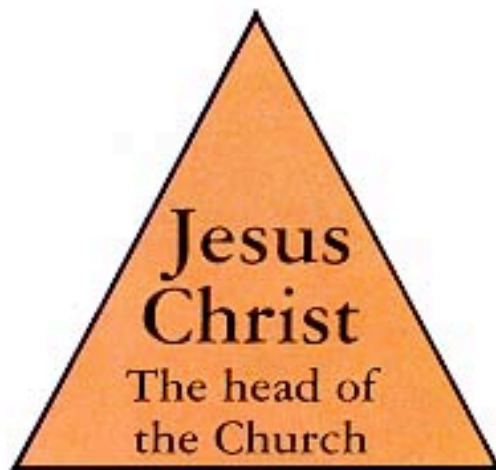
Children in Bangalore, India, hold Primary on the flat rooftops of houses. In the Philippines, some children go to Primary in nipa huts that stand on bamboo stilts and have woven bamboo walls. Many children in Guatemala have church in cabanas (homes made with mud walls and thatched roofs). And in the San Bias Islands off the coast of Panama, children often attend Primary in buildings made of corn husks.

When we belong to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, it doesn't matter where we live, what language we speak, or what kind of building we meet in, because we all believe the same important principles. Some of the more important ones are-

1. Jesus Christ is at the head of the Church.
2. There is a prophet to guide us.
3. The correct teachings of Jesus are in the scriptures.
4. We have the blessings of the priesthood-the power and authority to act in God's name.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is "the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth, with which I, the Lord, am well pleased" (D&C 1:30).

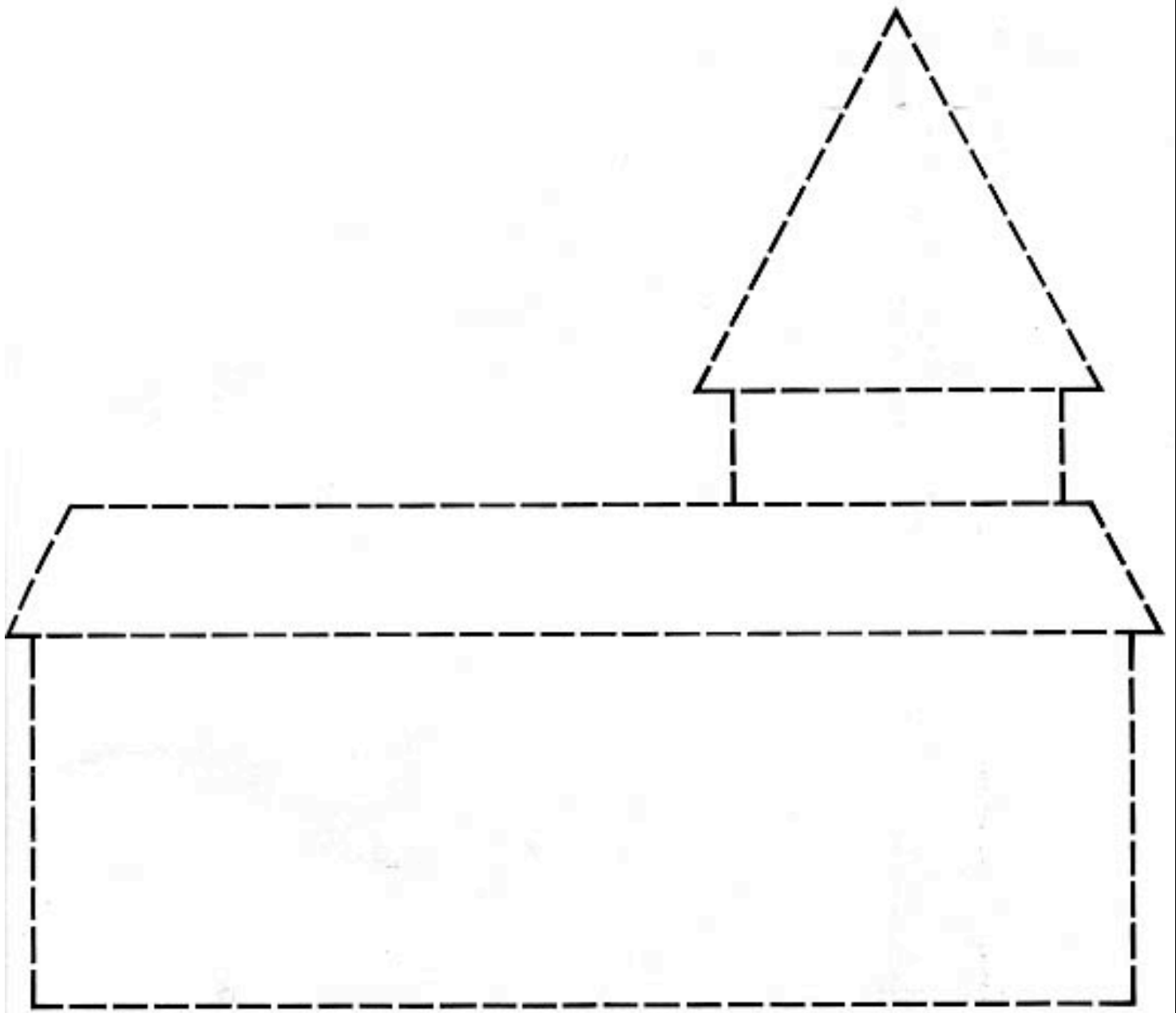
Activity: I Belong to the Church of Jesus Christ - Friend, January 1990 - Cut out the labeled blocks and glue them where they fit on the dotted outline of the meetinghouse.



A Prophet
To guide us

Priesthood
The power and authority to act in God's name

Scriptures The correct teachings
of Jesus



12-Baptism and the Aaronic Priesthood

(Important Ordinances Are Restored)

Song: Baptism (CS p. 1 00)

Scripture: JS-H 1:70

Lesson: Friend, May 1997 - *While translating the Book of Mormon from the gold plates, Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, his scribe, read about baptism. They realized that there was no longer anyone upon the earth who had authority from God to perform baptisms.*

On a certain day [Oliver Cowdery and I] went into the woods to pray and inquire of the Lord respecting baptism for the remission of sins, that we found mentioned in the translation of the plates. While we were thus ... praying ... , a messenger from heaven descended in a cloud of light, and having laid his hands upon us, he ordained us, saying:

Upon you my fellow servants, in the name of Messiah, I confer the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the ministering of angels, and of the gospel of repentance, and of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; and this shall never be taken again from the earth until the sons of Levi do offer again an offering unto the Lord in righteousness . .

He commanded us to go and be baptized, and gave us directions that I should baptize Oliver Cowdery, and that afterwards he should baptize me

I [then] laid my hands upon his head and ordained him to the Aaronic Priesthood, and afterwards he laid his hands on me and ordained me to the same Priesthood-for so we were commanded.

The messenger who visited us on this occasion and conferred this Priesthood upon us, said that his name was John, the same that is called John the Baptist in the New Testament, and that he acted under the direction of Peter, James and John It was on the fifteenth day of May, 1829, that we were ordained under the hand of this messenger, and baptized

No sooner had I baptized Oliver Cowdery, than the Holy Ghost fell upon him, and he stood up and prophesied many things which should shortly come to pass. And again, so soon as I had been baptized by him, ... I prophesied concerning the rise of this Church, and many other things connected with the Church

Our minds being now enlightened, we began to have the scriptures laid open to our understandings.... In the meantime we were forced to keep secret the circumstances of having received the Priesthood and our having been baptized, owing to a spirit of persecution which had already manifested itself in the neighborhood.

We had been threatened with being mobbed, from time to time ... by professors of religion. And their intentions of mobbing us were only counteracted by the influence of my wife's

father's family (under Divine providence), who ... were willing that I should be allowed to continue the work of translation without interruption; and therefore offered and promised us protection.

Activity: Jesus Restored the Fulness of Gospel through Joseph Smith - Friend, April 2010 - Make the story wheel on page 41. Cut out the two wheels, and attach them with a brass fastener. Use the wheel to teach someone how Jesus Christ restored the fulness of the gospel through Joseph Smith.



Jesus Christ
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Joseph Smith



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13-Warning in the Night

(The First Missionaries Preach the Gospel)

Song: We'll Bring the World His Truth (CS p. 172)

Scripture: 1 Nephi 1:20

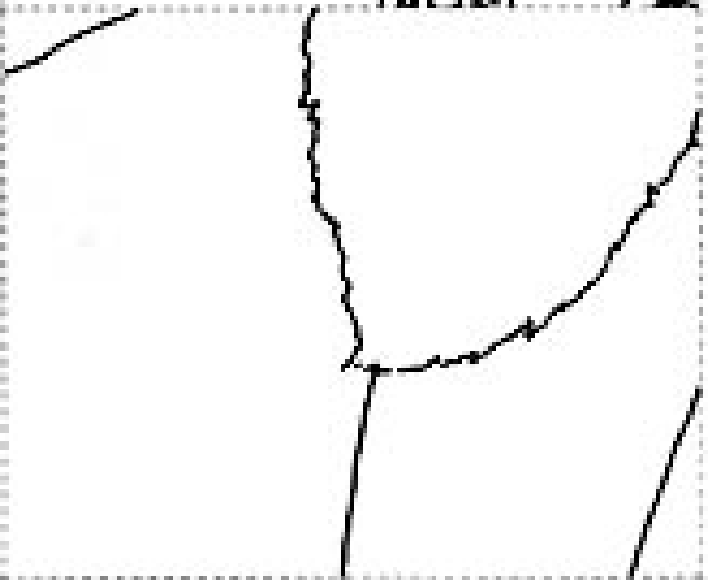
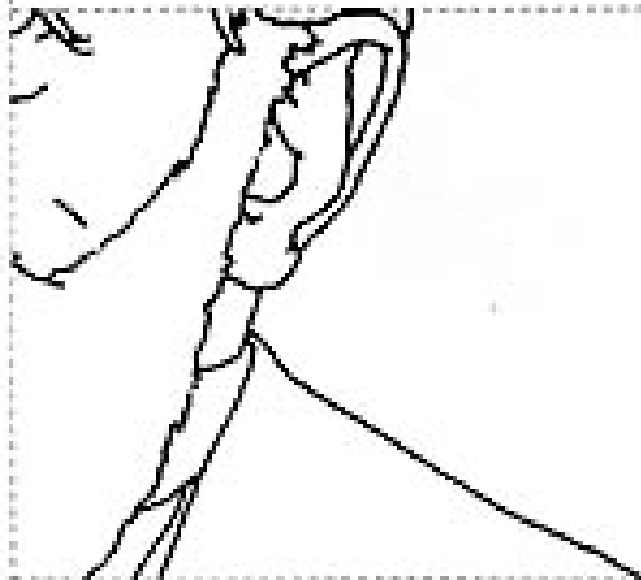
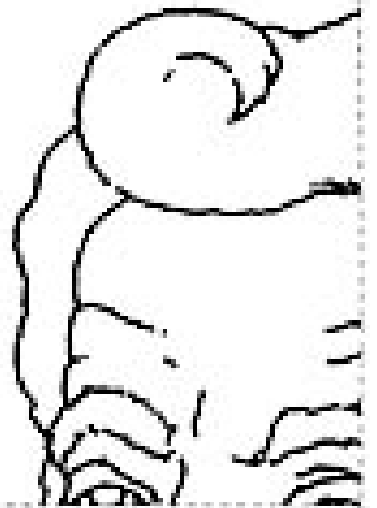
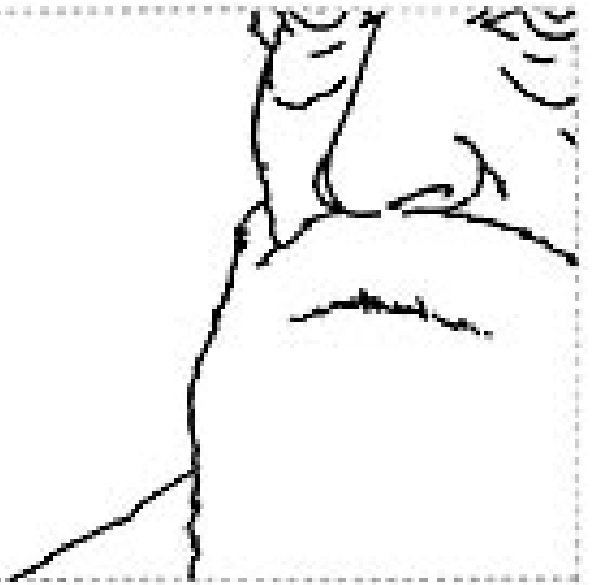
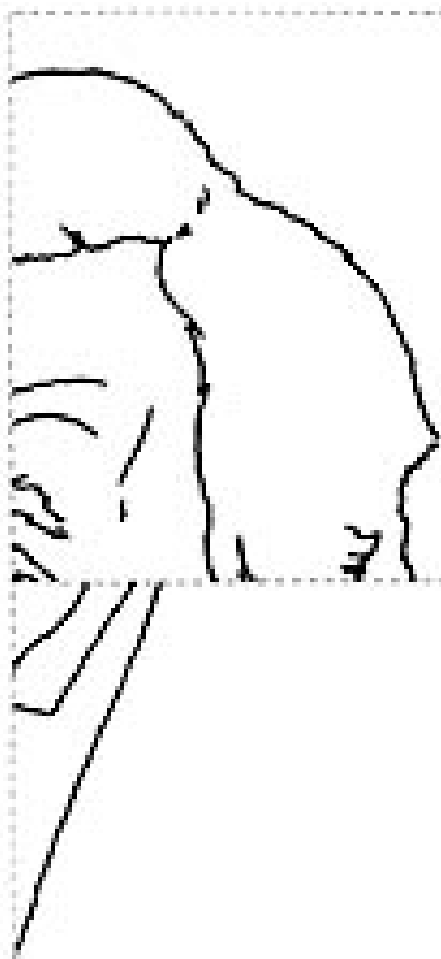
Lesson: Friend, April 1992 - Lorenzo Snow, the fifth President of the Church, had many frightening experiences as a young man while serving as a missionary.

While preaching the gospel in Ohio, Lorenzo had a dream one night in which he saw an angry mob attacking him in a schoolhouse. He awoke frightened and prayed for the Lord to protect him as he preached the gospel.

Later that same day, two well-dressed men came to Lorenzo and asked him to come to a schoolhouse where a crowd was waiting to hear him preach. Remembering the dream, Lorenzo refused to come. The men tried harder and harder to get him to come, but Lorenzo would not. The men finally left, shouting angry words at him. Lorenzo soon found out that they weren't really wanting to hear him preach. Instead, they and a group of other men were waiting to attack Lorenzo at the schoolhouse.

Another time, while serving a mission in Kentucky, Lorenzo was warming himself by a fire one evening at the end of a church meeting. An unfriendly man standing beside him (who was part of a gang waiting to attack him) accidentally bumped against Lorenzo and felt his scriptures in the pocket of his jacket. The scriptures were a gift from Joseph Smith, Sr., father of the Prophet Joseph Smith. However, thinking the object in Lorenzo's jacket was a gun, the man immediately left without causing a fight. Lorenzo said a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for taking care of him while he preached the gospel.

Activity: Lorenzo Snow Puzzle - Friend, April 1993



14-Gratitude for Music

(Emma Smith Selects Sacred Hymns)

Song: A Song of Thanks (CS p. 20)

Scripture: D&C 25:12

Lesson: Friend, November 1985 - It has been 150 years since the first Church hymn book was published. Three months after the Church was organized, Joseph Smith received a revelation instructing his wife Emma to "make a selection of sacred hymns" (D&C 25:11).

Emma's first collection of ninety hymns, published in August 1835, measured 3" x 4 1/2" (8 em x 11 em) and contained only the words, which were sung to familiar melodies. It was not until 1889 that words and music were published together in an official third Church hymnbook.

This year the Church published a new edition of its hymnbook. A larger book-6" x 9" - it contains 341 hymns. The new hymn book has over 75 new hymns (including 10 Primary songs), 7 helpful indexes, brackets suggesting what part of the music can be played for an introduction, birth and death dates of composers and authors, and scripture references to help explain the messages of the hymns.

We can express our gratitude for music by singing the hymns from our hearts. The words and music help us to learn the gospel and to feel the Spirit of the Lord in our homes and in our meetings.

Activity: Hymn Hunt

1. What is the purpose of the hymnbook? (See the statement in it by the First Presidency, preface.)
2. How would you lead/conduct "Called to Serve"? (Locate the hymn number in the alphabetical title index, read the time signature at the beginning of the hymn, then turn to "How to Use the Hymn book" and find the correct beat pattern.)
3. Name two songs about missionary work. (See the topical index under "Missionary.")
4. Look up the scripture references given for "The Spirit of God." (See the lower right-hand corner of the hymn page.)
5. Name three hymns by the same composer. (See the composer/author index.)
6. About when was "Prayer of Thanksgiving" written? (See the lower left-hand corner of the hymn page.)
7. Hum the introduction for "I Am a Child of God." (Follow the brackets at the beginning and the end of the song.)

15-Doctrine and Covenants- Voice of Warning to All People

(The Prophet Receives Revelation for the Church)

Song: I Want to Live the Gospel (CS p. 148)

Scripture: D&C 1:4

Lesson: Friend, January 1989 - *President Ezra Taft Benson has said, "The Book of Mormon brings men to Christ. The Doctrine and Covenants brings men to Christ's kingdom, even The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 'the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth'" (Ensign, May 1987, page 83).*

Unlike the Bible, the Book of Mormon, and the Pearl of Great Price, the Doctrine and Covenants is a book of modern revelation received from 1823 to 1978. One of the most important differences between the Church and other religions today is the belief in continuing revelation from the Lord to His prophets.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized on April 6, 1830. In June of that year, Joseph Smith read the Articles and Covenants of the Church in a conference, and they were accepted by the Church members (D&C 20, 22).

The Lord told Joseph Smith to begin making copies of the revelations he had received. In 1831 the Lord gave Joseph Smith His approval to publish the revelations by giving him the preface for the new book (D&C 1).

President Joseph Fielding Smith said, "The Doctrine and Covenants is the only book in existence which bears the honor of a preface given by the Lord himself. It was not written by Joseph Smith, but was dictated by Jesus Christ, and contains his and his Father's word to the Church and to all the world that faith in God, repentance from sin and membership in his Church might be given to all who will believe."

In 1833, sixty-five sections were published in the *Book of Commandments*. Unfortunately, a mob destroyed the press and most of the printed copies. In 1835, the book was printed again; it was called the Doctrine and Covenants and included 102 sections. A new edition, published in 1876, contained 136 sections divided into verses.

Several sections of the Doctrine and Covenants pertain to messages revealed to Joseph Smith by heavenly messengers-Angel Moroni (D&C 2), John the Baptist (D&C 13), an unnamed angel (D&C 27), and Jesus, Moses, Elias, and Elijah (D&C 110).

Joseph Smith used the Urim and Thummim to receive many of the revelations (sections D&C 3, D&C 6, D&C 7, D&C 11, D&C 14, D&C 15, D&C 16, D&C 17).

Some of the revelations given to Joseph Smith were for certain individuals. Emma Smith, for instance, was told that her first responsibility was to her husband. She was also commanded to make a selection of hymns for the Church (D&C 25).

On Christmas Day in 1832, Jesus prophesied to Joseph Smith that there would be a civil war in the United States. He also revealed that there would be future wars in the world (D&C 87).

Many of the Church's teachings, such as the Atonement, repentance, baptism, priesthood, marriage, tithing, and the Word of Wisdom are revealed in the Doctrine and Covenants (see Index).

The will of the Lord concerning the Saints' exodus to the West was revealed to President Brigham Young at Winter Quarters (D&C 136).

When a new edition of the standard works was published in 1981, both Joseph Smith's vision of the celestial kingdom (D&C 137) and President Joseph F. Smith's vision of the redemption of the dead (D&C 138) were included. A summary of the revelation to President Spencer W. Kimball, giving priesthood and temple blessings to worthy men of all races in the Church was also added (OD 2).

Activity: Coloring Page - The Scriptures are the Word of God - Friend, January 2011



The scriptures are the word of God.

Feast upon the words of Christ; for behold, the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do (2 Nephi 32:3).

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16-A Gathering of Saints

(The Saints Gather to Kirtland, Ohio)

Song: Pioneer Children Sang As they Walked (CS p. 214)

Scripture: D&C 37:3

Lesson: Friend, March 1993 - In 1830 almost everyone in Kirtland, Ohio, was talking about the “Golden Bible” that missionaries had brought from New York. Many people were excited about the gospel, had been baptized, and were telling friends about their new faith. Others were offended by this new religion and went about warning their neighbors against it. It seemed that there was not even a mousehole where the Church was not being either commended or condemned.

All this talk caused a great curiosity about the Church and the Book of Mormon. Twelve-year-old Mary Elizabeth Rollins, a recently-baptized member, wanted to see the Book of Mormon, but at that time there were very few copies of it available. When she heard that a neighbor, Isaac Morley, had one, she went to his home to see it. When she first glimpsed the book, an overwhelming desire came over her to read it. Gathering her courage, she asked if she could take the book home and read it while Brother Morley attended a missionary meeting that evening.

Brother Morley hesitated but finally said, “Child, if you will bring this book back before breakfast tomorrow morning, you may take it.”

Mary hurried home with the book, threw open the door, and exclaimed to her uncle and aunt, “Here is the ‘Golden Bible!’”

Immediately her aunt and uncle sat down with her and begin taking turns reading until late at night. Mary got up the next morning as soon as it was light enough to see and memorized the first verse. Then she hurried to Brother Morley’s house to return the book.

Upon greeting her, Brother Morley said, “I guess you did not read much in it.” When Mary showed him how far they had read, he was surprised. “I don’t believe you can tell me one word of it,” he said. Mary repeated the verse she had memorized and told him the story of Nephi. At that, Brother Morley gazed at her and said, “Child, take this book home and finish it. I can wait.”*

In December 1830, the Lord gave the Saints a commandment now found in Doctrine and Covenants section 37. He told them to gather together with the Saints already living in Ohio. This was very difficult for the Saints living in New York. It meant that they would have to sell their homes and leave their families and friends. Many even had to leave behind personal belongings that wouldn’t fit into their few trunks. It was a great trial, but most of them realized that it was also a great blessing to be gathered where they could worship together and help each other.

At the end of January 1831, Joseph and Emma Smith traveled to Kirtland, Ohio, in a horse-drawn sleigh. It was very cold, and Emma was expecting a baby. They arrived safely in front of Newel K. Whitney's store in Kirtland the first part of February. As they stopped, the prophet sprang from the sleigh, entered the store, and approached Brother Whitney, whom he had never met before. "Newel K. Whitney!" he declared, extending his hand to shake. "Thou art the man."

"You have the advantage of me," replied Brother Whitney. "I could not call you by name as you have me."

"I am Joseph the Prophet. You prayed me here, now what do you want of me?" Joseph then explained that while he was still in New York he had seen Brother Whitney in a vision, praying for him to come to Kirtland. With great joy the Whitneys made room in their home for the Smiths until they could find another place to live.**

As soon as they were able to sell their homes, other members of the Church followed Joseph. Some also went by sleigh, and some by stagecoach or wagon. Now, in western New York and Ohio there are many rivers and lakes. Canals had been dug to connect these waterways, so most of the Saints went by barge and boat. Three groups from New York made the journey to Kirtland in this way. They were the Colesville, Fayette, and Palmyra-Manchester branches of the Church.

The Fayette group was led by Thomas B. Marsh and the Prophet Joseph's mother, Lucy Mack Smith. Lucy had called the twenty adults and thirty children together and reminded them that they were traveling by commandment of the Lord, just as father Lehi had when he left Jerusalem. She then said that if they would remain faithful, they could expect the blessings of God just as Lehi's people had.

The group traveled on the Cayuga and Seneca Canal to Buffalo, New York, where they planned to take a steamboat across Lake Erie to Kirtland. But when they arrived in Buffalo, ice blocked the harbor and further travel was impossible.

They experienced hardships, including hunger and sickness, while they waited for the ice to break. After several days, they put their belongings on a boat, and Lucy persuaded the group to ask the Lord to break the twenty-foot ice barriers that jammed the harbor.

No sooner had they finished praying than a thunderous noise exploded in the air. The captain cried, "Every man to his post!"

The Fayette Saints looked up to see the ice parting to make a passageway just large enough for their boat. When the boat entered the opening, the ice was so close on both sides of it that buckets were ripped from its waterwheel.

As soon as the boat passed through, the opening closed and no other boat could get through. Once again the prayers of the people had been heard! Because people on shore saw the ripping of the waterwheel, they thought that the boat would sink in the icy harbor.

So when the Fayette Saints arrived in Kirtland, many people there were surprised to see them.**

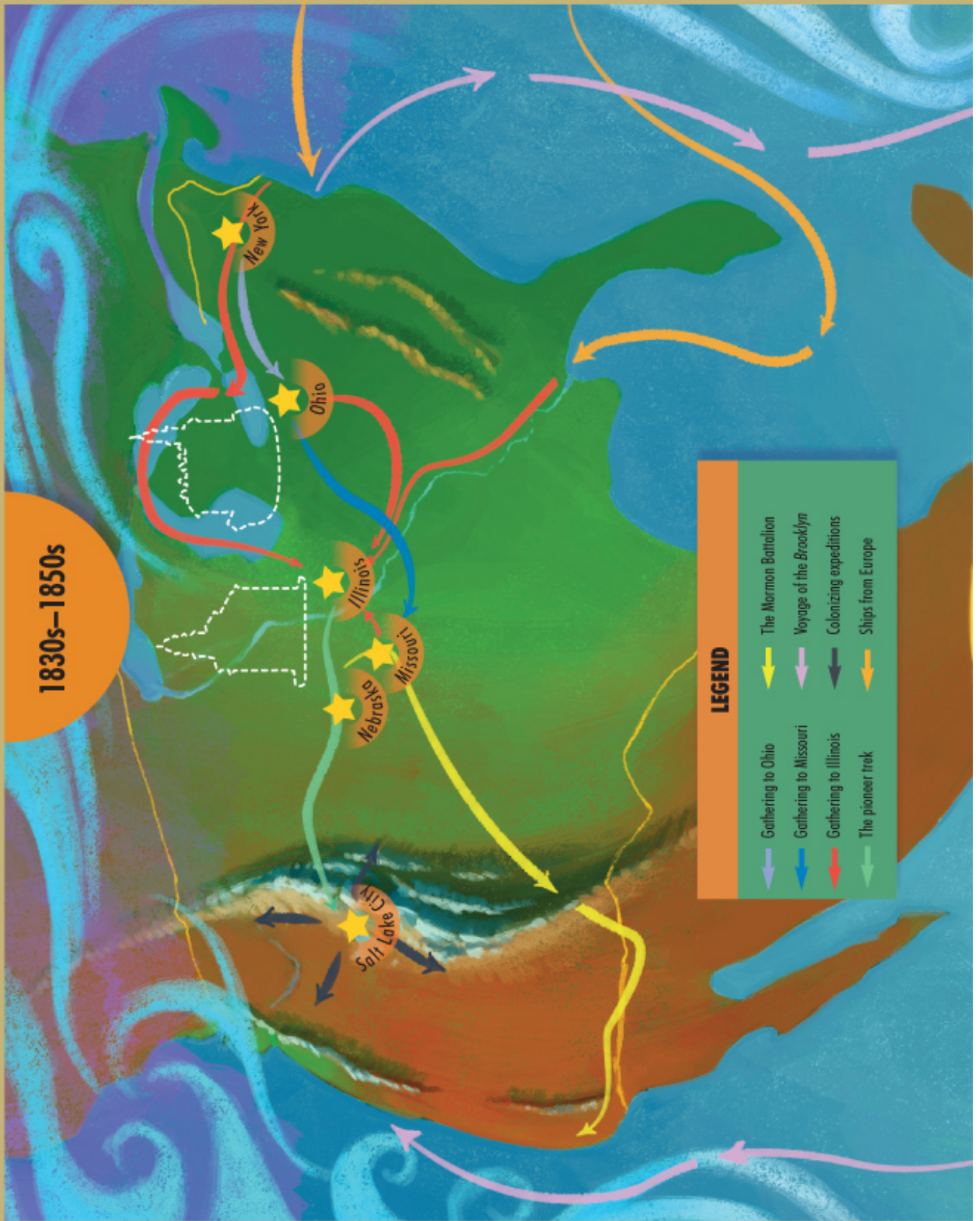
Soon the other New York Saints arrived and found new homes. It had been very difficult to make the move, but it was worth it to be with others who believed in the divine message of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Activity: Gathering to Zion - Friend, July 2007 - To honor pioneers of the past, cut out these pictures, and place them on the map, which is on pages 24–25. Refer to the legend to decide where each picture should go. The Kirtland and Nauvoo Temples have been outlined to help you. To honor today's pioneers who gather in their own countries, place the four families on the world globe.



ILLUSTRATIONS BY BRANDON DOMAN

1830s–1850s



See the instructions for this activity on page 28.

Gathering to Zion

Today

ILLUSTRATIONS BY EMBARDON DORWAN

17-The First Bishops of the Church

(Edward Partridge Is Called as the First Bishop)

Song: The Iron Rod (Hymn #274)

Scripture: D&C 41:9

Lesson: Friend, May 1985 – The First Bishops of the Church



1. Wicked people living among the Saints in New York made it necessary for them to leave. In January 1831 the Lord instructed Joseph Smith to move to Ohio. Joseph; his wife, Emma; Sidney Rigdon; and Edward Partridge moved to Kirtland, Ohio, where Joseph and Emma lived with Newell K. Whitney, a member of the Church. (See *Church History* 1:142, 145–146.)



2. By February nearly one hundred members of the Church were living in Kirtland. Because there were parts of the gospel that the Saints didn't understand, the Lord told Joseph that they needed a full-time bishop to help them live the gospel. Edward Partridge was called to be the first bishop of the Church. (See D&C 41:9; D&C 41:preface.)



3. The Lord told Joseph Smith that the bishop was to take care of the Lord's storehouse, where food, clothing, and other necessities were to be kept for the needy. The bishop was also charged with the care and wise use of any money contributed to the Church by the Saints where he presided. (See D&C 72:10–12.)



4. As more people joined the Church, more bishops were needed. Newell K. Whitney was appointed and ordained to be the second bishop in the Church. (See D&C 72:8.)



5. Bishops should love the Saints and try to help them. They should meet often with priesthood members and encourage them to help the Saints under their stewardship. (See D&C 72:5, 11.)

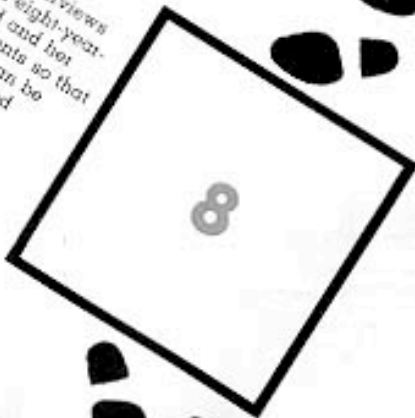


6. Bishops oversee all that goes on in their wards. Branch presidents are like bishops, and they are the overseers in their branches. Today there are thousands of these brethren in the Church.

Activity: A Day with the Bishop - Friend, July 1989 - Here are pictures of things a bishop might do. Cut out the pictures and paste them in the correct squares. Then follow his footsteps to see many things that he does to help you and others live the gospel.



8. Interviews an eight-year-old and her parents so that she can be baptized



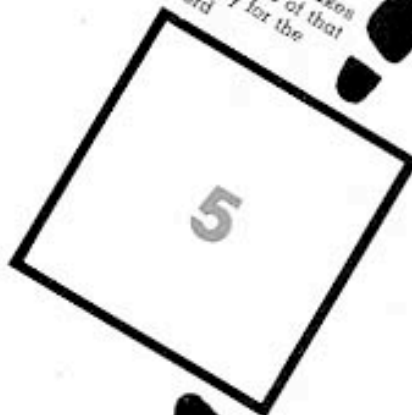
7. Interviews a Blazer so that he can be ordained a deacon



6. Calls a ward member to be a Primary teacher



5. Accepts your tithing and takes good care of that money for the Lord



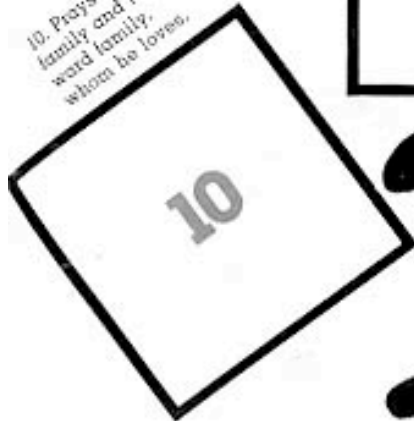
9. Helps a family in need through the welfare program of the Church



4. Makes sure that you are taught the gospel in your meetings



10. Prays for his family and for his ward family, whom he loves.



2. Greets you and shakes your hand at church



3. Sometimes visits Primary and encourages you to obey Heavenly Father



1. Meets with ward leaders to discuss what is happening in the ward



18-Friend to Friend: Alexander B. Morrison

(The Lord Reveals the Law of Consecration)

Song: Stand for the Right (CS p. 159)

Scripture: D&C 42:45

Lesson: Friend, November 1997 - Three children of the Goodman family of Sandy, Utah, were killed in an automobile accident a few weeks before Christmas last year. As I attended the funeral for these children, my heart was touched by the outpouring of love and support from the Goodmans' ward and stake. More than 1500 people attended the funeral. They are a remarkable family, and the children were remarkable. The twelve Goodman children and their parents have sung together in many parts of the world, sharing their message of love and the importance of the family. Three other family members were seriously injured in the accident. The Goodmans said that the outpouring of love and kindness from others helped them through this tragedy. The love and help that the Goodman family received is an example of people following the Savior's teaching: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

In the midst of all the suffering of the pioneer handcart companies are numerous examples of Saints who, through their actions, showed great love for the Savior. One of these was a young English girl named Emily Wall, who had come across the plains with her brother, Joseph. They had been promised that they would live to come to the Salt Lake Valley. That faith sustained them through all the terrible sufferings they endured. Their mother had given each of them extra pairs of shoes to wear during the journey, and they gave most of those away to Saints who had no shoes at all.

Partway across the plains, Joseph, who was then eighteen, fell sick. The leaders of the group felt that they would have to leave him behind—not because they were cruel but because they simply could not stop and wait for him to get better. To do so would endanger the lives of everyone in the group. They said that if Joseph got well, he could catch up to the company. Emily said, "I can't leave him. We have both been promised that we will live to get across the plains, so I'll put him in the handcart and I will push it myself." So fifteen-year-old Emily, with the help of another girl, pulled the heavy handcart for three days while Joseph recovered. Soon he was able to get back on his feet, and the two of them proceeded as part of the Martin Company.

Emily later married a man she met at Devil's Gate after the handcart company was rescued. The couple had twelve children who followed the example of their mother's faith and obedience to the Lord's commandments.

Showing love to the Savior by keeping His commandments does not have to be a big thing. Little acts of kindness demonstrate our love as much as grand efforts. Many years ago, two

unmarried women took a neighbor's children to Primary each week. At that time, Primary was held on a weekday afternoon. The children lived in difficult conditions, and their parents were not active in the Church. The Primary sisters washed the children's faces, combed their hair, tidied or washed their clothes, and mended the torn knees of their trousers. As a result, the whole family began to change. The oldest boy went on a mission. When he returned, he married a fine Latter-day Saint girl who herself had been a missionary. He is now serving as a bishop. One of his sisters also served a mission. The family is now fully active. They were always good people, but they needed a little help. That whole family was changed for eternity because two dear ladies cared enough to take those children to church.

African Latter-day Saints are special people who openly show their love for the Savior. There is a unique spiritual nature about the African Saints. They love Christ. They love the scriptures. They love the prophet. They are obedient. They are eager to learn. They need only be taught to understand. They have been prepared for these last days in the Lord's vineyard. I can remember going to a district conference in West Africa when it was extremely hot—110° F (43° C) and very humid. Everybody was suffering from the heat. Afterward the children came up to me with big smiles, offering me bananas, plantains (a type of banana), yams, and many other fruits of the season just because they love people. It touched my heart.

Alma the Younger speaks about receiving the Light of Christ in our faces: "And now behold, I ask of you, my brethren of the church, have ye spiritually been born of God? Have ye received his image in your countenances? Have ye experienced this mighty change in your hearts?" (Alma 5:14.) I see that question answered in President Gordon B. Hinckley's face. I see in him a man purified by age and wisdom and determination and faith and consecration. I see in his face the Light of Christ because he has earned it.

This shouldn't be thought of as something unique to prophets. Anyone can have the Light of Christ who pays the price for it. The price you have to pay is the price that all righteous men and women pay—a life totally dedicated to Christ and His cause. A life of keeping the commandments every day and enduring to the end. A life of doing the thousand little acts of goodness and kindness that change us and make our faces show who we really are—divine children of our Heavenly Father. Harold B. Lee said, "The gods we worship write their names in our faces." And in truth that is so.

Activity: Showing the Love in Your Heart - Friend, September 2009

An Old-Fashioned Poem

See if you can guess what some of the old-fashioned words in the poem mean.

1. He was off to the garden swing.

- a. He went to play on the swing in his yard.
- b. He went to swing the hoe in his vegetable garden.

2. Leaving his mother the wood to bring.

- a. His mother had to bring in the wooden toys that had been left outside.
- b. His mother had to bring in wood to burn in the family's stove that keeps the house warm.

3. Till her mother rejoiced when she went to play.

- a. Her mother didn't love her or want to be around her.
- b. Her mother was relieved because she was tired of hearing her teasing and seeing her pouting.

4. How glad I am that school doesn't keep.

- a. I'm glad that there is no school today.
- b. I'm glad that we don't have a school nearby.

Answers: (1) a, (2) b, (3) b, (4) a.

Three Meanings of Love

Love has at least three different meanings: (1) It is a feeling in your heart. (2) It is a word you can say. (3) It is an action. The best way to show the love you feel in your heart is to tell others you love them and do something nice for them too.

Look at these pictures. What can the child in each situation do to show love for someone? Color the four scenes.



19-Choices and Gospel Guideposts

(The Saints Are Taught to Recognize Good and Evil)

Song: I Will Be Valiant (CS p. 162)

Scripture: D&C 19:23

Lesson: Friend, February 1989 - Choices! Choices! Life is full of choices! Should you wear your blue shirt or your red one? Should you play a game or do your work? Should you watch TV or read a book?

Making choices is a very important part of life on earth. Your right to choose was given to you when you lived in Heaven with Heavenly Father and Jesus. Heavenly Father held a council with you and all His other spirit children and presented an important plan. If you followed His plan, you would come to earth, receive a body, and be tested to see if you would choose to keep His commandments. If you did, you would be able to live with Him again.

Satan wanted to change the plan. He said that he would not give people any choices. He would force everyone to keep the commandments. Jesus liked Heavenly Father's plan. He wanted people to be able to choose for themselves how they would live. He said that He would come to earth and be our Savior and Guide. Everyone who lives on earth chose to follow Jesus and Heavenly Father's plan.

Activity: Choices and Gospel Guideposts - Friend, February 1989 - Read each of the situations and decide what you would do. Cut out teachings of Jesus, match them to appropriate situations, and glue to gospel guideposts. By following Jesus, you will make right choices. Then you will be able to live with Him and Heavenly Father again.

1



Your friends have invited you to a movie. When you get there, you realize that it is not a good, wholesome one. Your friends decide to see it anyway. What choice will you make?

2



Someone wants you to try drugs, smoke, or drink alcoholic beverages, saying that using such things will make you feel good. Will you do it to see if he is right?

3



You break the cookie jar while getting some cookies. Your mother asks you what happened. Will you avoid the blame by telling her that you don't know who broke it?

4



Some of your friends swear. Will you swear, too, so that you can be more acceptable to the group?

5



Your friends invite you to go to the circus on Sunday after your church meetings are over. What will you tell them?

6



You don't know an answer on a test at school. You promised your parents that you would try to get a good grade. Will you look at your neighbor's paper for the right answer?

7



You earn some money to buy a new toy. When you go to pay for it, it costs more than you thought. Will you add your tithing money to what you have saved so that you can buy the toy?

8



Someone tells you some gossip about a friend. Will you pass it on to your other friends?

9



You're very tired and get into bed before remembering to pray. Will you skip praying for one night?

10



Your brother is being mean and teasing you, and you want to get even with him. What will you do?

11



Your mother asks you to do your chores. Your friends just called you to play a game of ball. Which will you do first?

12



You see a student put some money into his desk at school. Will you take it so that you can buy some candy on the way home?

JESUS' TEACHINGS

Remember
the sabbath
day, to keep it holy
(Mosiah 13:16;
Exodus
20:8).

Honour
thy father
and thy mother
(1 Nephi 17:55;
Mosiah 13:20;
Exodus
20:12).

Be
faithful,
and yield to
no temptation
(D&C
9:13).

Thou
shalt not
speak evil of
thy neighbor, nor
do him any harm
(D&C
42:27).

Ye
must pray
always
(2 Nephi
32:9).

Charity
is the pure
love of Christ
(Moroni
7:47).

Let
every man
deal honestly
(D&C
51:9).

Swear
not at all
(3 Nephi 12:34;
Matthew
5:34).

Those
who have
thus been
tithed shall pay
one-tenth of all
their interest
(D&C
119:4).

Thou
shalt not
steal
(Mosiah 13:22;
Matthew
19:18).

Thou
shalt not lie
(D&C
42:21).

Strong
drinks are
not for the
belly, (and) tobacco
is not for the
body (D&C
89:7-8).

20-The Word of God

(Joseph Smith Translates the Bible and Other Scriptures)

Song: The Things I Do (CS p. 170)

Scripture: 8th Article of Faith

Lesson: Friend, July 1995 - Throughout history, Heavenly Father has given His children scriptures to teach them how to live so that they may return to Him.

When Lehi and his family left Jerusalem, the Lord commanded them to return for the brass plates of Laban—the scriptures. Lehi and his family were not to travel to a new land without them. Nephi said, “It is wisdom in God that we should obtain these records, that we may preserve ... the words which have been spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets, which have been delivered unto them by the Spirit and power of God” (1 Ne. 3:19–20).

Over six hundred years later, after He was baptized, the Savior spent forty days fasting in the wilderness. Then He returned “to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

“And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias.” (Luke 4:16–17.) The scriptures are so important that Jesus himself taught the people about who He was by reading from them.

Centuries later Joseph Smith read in the Bible, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him” (James 1:5). After reading this verse, Joseph Smith went to the Sacred Grove to pray about which church he should join. He was told to join none of them. Later he was given the gold plates from which he translated the Book of Mormon. In 1830 the Church was formally organized again upon the earth and the Book of Mormon was published.

We believe in the Bible as far as it is translated correctly. As Joseph Smith wrote, “Many important points touching the salvation of men ... had been taken from the Bible, or [had been] lost before it was compiled” (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, page 10).

We also believe that the Book of Mormon contains the fulness of the gospel. Joseph Smith said, “I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book” (Book of Mormon—Introduction).

As members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we are privileged to be able to study both the Bible and the Book of Mormon, as well as our other scriptures. Each of us also has the right to know for ourself that these scriptures are true.

Just before he sealed up and hid the Book of Mormon plates, Moroni wrote: "When ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost" (Moro. 10:4).

Activity: The Words of Christ - Friend, March 1996 - Color the picture of "Scripture-Study Sam" and the picture strips. Cut out along all the heavy black lines. Carefully cut out the windows above Sam's shoulder. Then fold along the dotted line and glue or tape the edge to the back of Sam, forming a flattened tube. Glue or tape end to end the long picture strips containing the situations and the scripture references. Slip the resulting strip inside the tube. As you move the strip, a difficult situation will appear in the large window and a helpful scripture reference will appear in the small window. Be sure to look up the reference to see how the scripture can help Sam resolve each difficult situation he faces.

Or Ways to Study the Scriptures - Friend, September 2005 - Instructions: Read the caption under each picture; then color the picture. You could use these captions and pictures for a family home evening lesson or a Primary talk.

SCRIPTURE-STUDY
SAM

cut out

cut out

FOLD HERE



"THE WORDS OF CHRIST WILL TELL YOU
ALL THINGS WHAT YE SHOULD DO"
(2 NEPHI 32:3).

GLUE OR TAPE

Someone
you love is
very sick.
You wish
that you
could help.



James 5:15

On your way
to school you
see a little
child fall
down.



Matthew 25:40

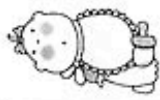
Some one
teases you
because you
go to church
and keep
the com-
mandments.



Matthew 5:10

GLUE OR TAPE

You feel like
yelling at
your little
brothers
and sisters.



Proverbs 21:23

You want to
have the
Holy Ghost
with you.



D&C 121:45-46

You want to
know what
Heavenly
Father, Jesus
Christ, and the
Holy Ghost are
like.



D&C 130:22



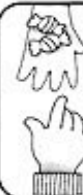
You borrowed
a game from
a friend a
long time ago
and have not
returned it.

Mosiah 4:28



Your brother
tells you that
he took some
money from
your drawer
and that he is
sorry.

3 Nephi 13:14



You have two
pieces of
candy left,
and you see
someone
with none.

2 Corinthians 9:7



Your parents
won't let you
see a TV show
you want to
see.

Colossians 3:20



You want to
bear your
testimony but
are afraid.

2 Timothy 1:7-8



You want to
know if the
Book of
Mormon is
true.

Moroni 10:4-5

Ways to Study the Scriptures

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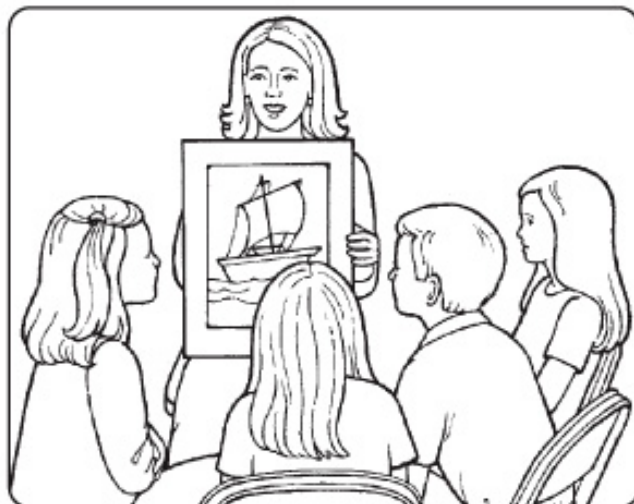
1 Set a goal to read one or more verses of scripture each day.



2 Read the scriptures aloud with your family.



3 Read the illustrated scripture stories in the *Friend* or in *Old Testament Stories*, *New Testament Stories*, *Book of Mormon Stories*, and *Doctrine and Covenants Stories*. Read the stories to yourself or to younger children.



4 After hearing a scripture story in church, find it in the scriptures and read it at home.

21-From the Life of President John Taylor: Defender of the Faith

(Joseph Smith Is Tarred and Feathered)

Song: Called to Serve (CS p. 174)

Scripture: D&C 18:18

Lesson: Friend, August 2003 - *Elder John Taylor was a man who stood up for his beliefs. Many people called him "Defender of the Faith." One example of his courage happened when he went to Columbus, Ohio, to speak at a Church conference.*

Church member 1: Elder Taylor, many people from the town will be there. Many of them wish to tar and feather you tonight.

Church member 2: Our advice is to not go and so avoid this danger altogether.

John: I did not come to Ohio to be scared off. I will go and speak. If you do not want to come with me, I will go alone.

When Elder Taylor arrived, he started by telling the congregation that he was from Canada—a country still ruled by a monarch.

John: Gentlemen, I now stand among men whose fathers fought for and won freedom, the greatest blessing ever given to the human family.

John: I have been informed that you plan to tar and feather me for my religious opinions. Is this what you have inherited from your fathers? If so, you now have a victim!

Elder Taylor then opened his vest.

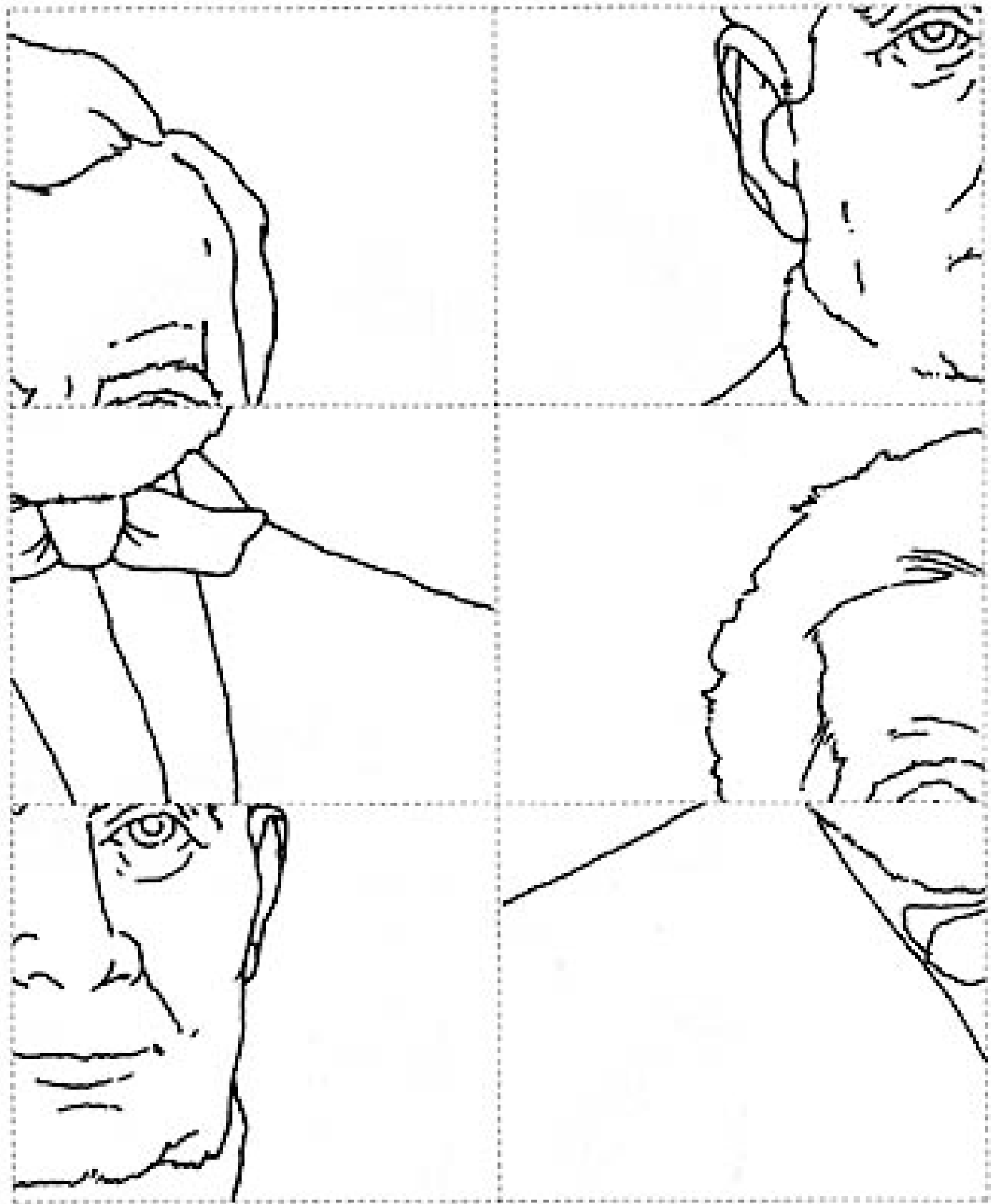
John: Gentlemen, come on with your tar and feathers. Your victim is ready!

No one moved. No one spoke. No one came forward. After a pause, he spoke for three hours!

After the conference, community leaders came up to speak with him.

Leaders: Mr. Taylor, we apologize for any bad intentions of some of the community members.

Activity: John Taylor Puzzle - Friend, February 1993



22-The Doctrine and Covenants

(The Latter-day Revelations Are Published)

Song: Come, Listen to a Prophet's Voice (Hymn #21)

Scripture: D&C 20:26-28

Lesson: Friend, December 1985 - The Doctrine and Covenants



1 Joseph Smith and some of the other Saints went to Missouri, where Joseph dedicated the site where a temple will someday be built. Then he returned to Kirtland, Ohio.



2 By this time Joseph had received many revelations from the Lord, and it was His will that they be printed in a publication called the Book of Commandments. Later it became the Doctrine and Covenants and had more revelations in it.



3 The Lord said that everyone, no matter where he lives, should have the opportunity to know these modern-day revelations.



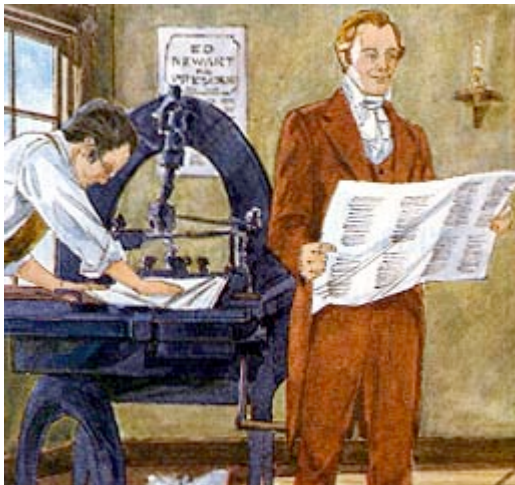
4 By studying the Doctrine and Covenants, we learn many things, such as the importance and divinity of the Book of Mormon.



5 We learn more in the Doctrine and Covenants about the priesthood than in any other place.



6 Many of the revelations in the Doctrine and Covenants are given to explain things to us and to encourage us in doing good to others.



7 Oliver Cowdery and John Whitmer were appointed to take the hand-written revelations to Independence, Missouri. William W. Phelps, who lived there, was to publish them for the Church.

Activity: Coloring Page - Searching the Scriptures - Friend, March 1991



I CAN GAIN A TESTIMONY BY SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES.

Search the scriptures (John 5:39).

23-The Three Kingdoms of Heaven

(The Prophet Receives a Vision of the Three Degrees of Glory)

Song: I'll Walk with You (CS p. 140)

Scripture: D&C 18:36

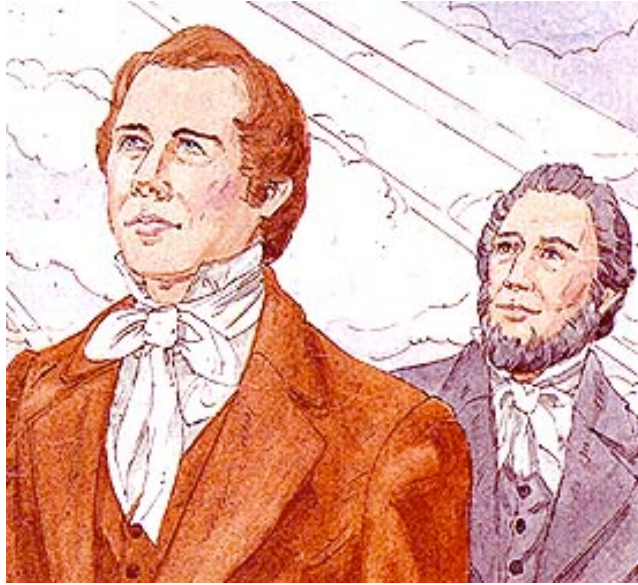
Lesson: Friend, February 1986 – The Three Kingdoms of Heaven



1 One day, while Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon were reading the New Testament, they came upon a scripture that said good people go to heaven after they are resurrected. Joseph wondered if all people go to the same place in heaven, so he and Sidney prayed about it.



2 Heavenly Father answered their prayer with a vision. Joseph and Sidney saw Jesus on the right side of Heavenly Father. They also saw angels worshipping Them.



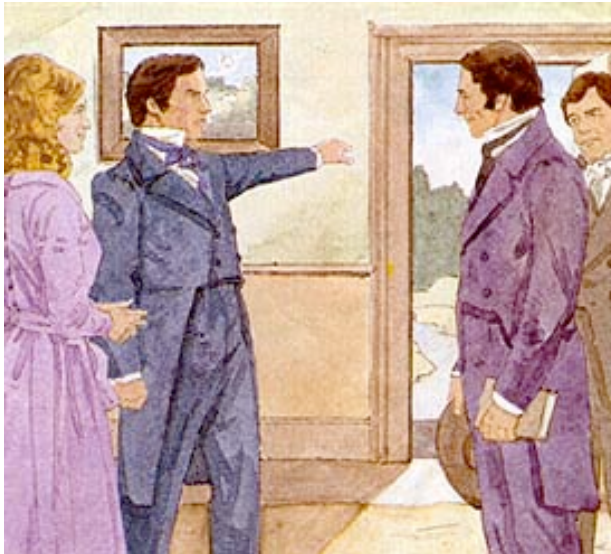
3 Joseph and Sidney testified that they saw Jesus and Heavenly Father and that they heard the voice say that Jesus created the world and that we are God's sons and daughters.



4 Joseph and Sidney learned that there are three places for people to go in heaven when they are resurrected. Righteous Saints will be glorified and go to the celestial kingdom, where Heavenly Father and Jesus live. And everything that They have the Saints there will have too.



5 Next Joseph and Sidney saw the terrestrial kingdom of heaven. People in the terrestrial kingdom were good people on earth, but they did not have faith in Jesus and did not obey all of the commandments.



6 Some of the people in the terrestrial kingdom did not believe the gospel when they heard it on earth but did accept it after they died. These people may see Jesus, but they cannot live with Him or Heavenly Father.



7 Then Joseph and Sidney saw the telestial kingdom of heaven. Angels will visit them, and the Holy Ghost will teach them, but they will not see Jesus or Heavenly Father.



8 The people in this third kingdom were not righteous on earth. They did not believe in Jesus or the prophets. They were not baptized. They did not obey God's commandments.



9 Joseph and Sidney saw other things in their vision, and we can read about some of them. But Joseph and Sidney did not write down everything they saw. However, the Holy Ghost will make them known to us if we love God and become truly holy.

Activity: Plan of Salvation - Friend, January 2008 - Cut out each shape on the solid black lines, and attach a piece of flannel or rough material to the back. Use the illustration of the completed flannel board to help you put the flannel board shapes in their correct places. Learn about the plan of salvation, and share what you have learned with your family.

The Plan of Salvation

Birth

Death

Premortal Life

Spirit World

Earth Life

Note: If you do not wish to remove pages from the magazine, this activity may be copied or printed from the Internet at www.friend.lds.org.



Resurrection

Final Judgment

Telestial Kingdom

Terrestrial Kingdom

Celestial Kingdom

24-Joseph Smith Receives a Revelation

(The School of the Prophets and the Word of Wisdom)

Song: I Pray in Faith (CS p. 14)

Scripture: D&C 89:20

Lesson: Friend, June 1992 - Joseph Smith started a school for men in the Church called the School of the Prophets. In a room in Newel Whitney's store in Kirtland, Ohio, he taught the men about the priesthood and the scriptures.

While they were learning together, many of the men smoked pipes or cigars. The room was filled with smoke. Some men chewed tobacco, and the floor became dirty. The room always needed cleaning when the men went home.

Joseph wondered if men should smoke or chew tobacco. He prayed and asked God what was right.

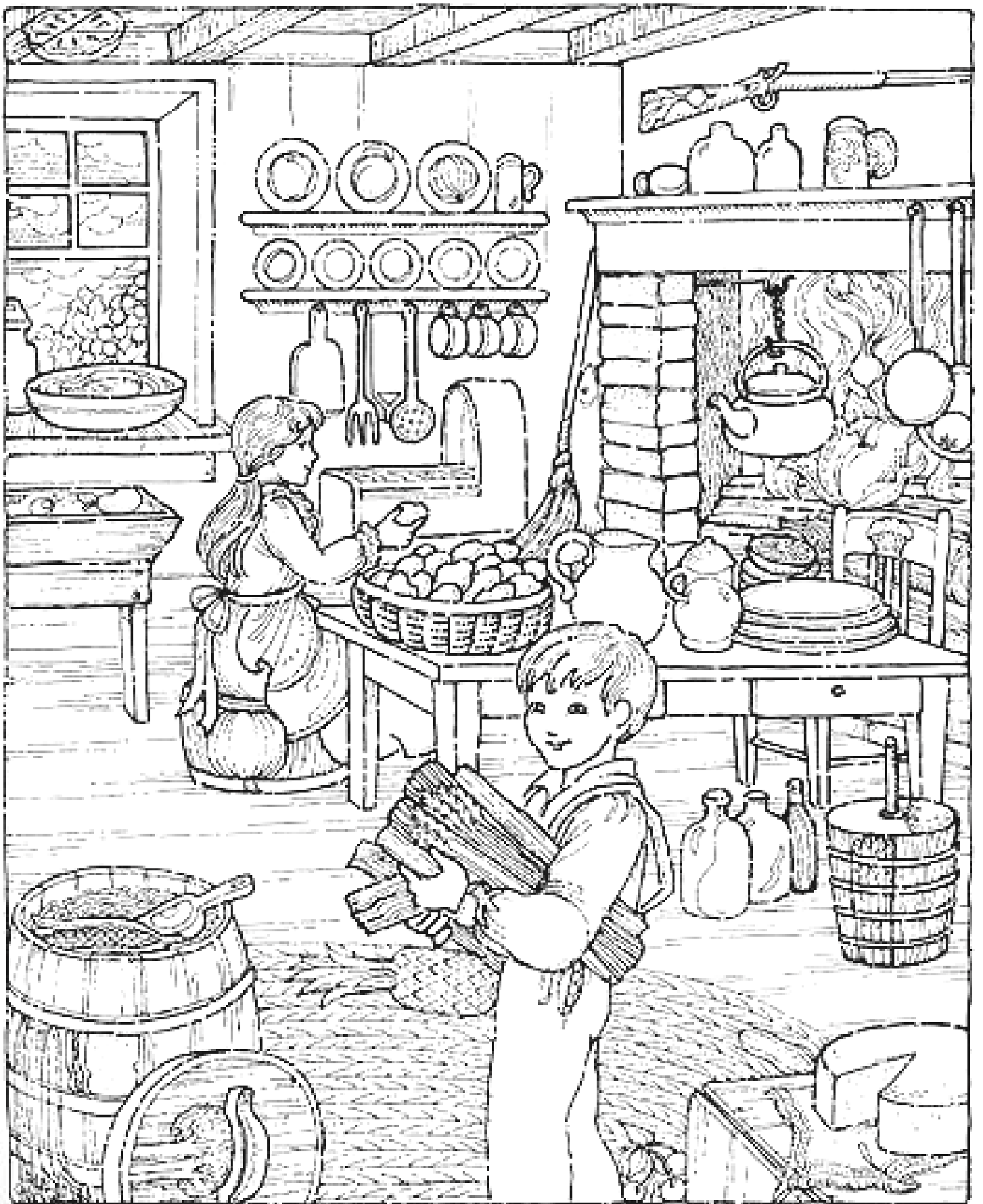
In answer, the Lord told him that people should not use alcohol, tobacco, tea, or coffee. He said, "Strong drinks are not for the belly, ... tobacco is not for the body, ... hot drinks are not for the body or belly." (D&C 89:7-9.) Joseph was told that fruits, vegetables, and grains are good for people to eat. He learned that people should not eat too much meat. (See D&C 89.)

The Lord told Joseph that if people would take only good things into their bodies, they would have good health, be wise, and be able to learn many things.

Joseph was happy to be able to teach the people of the Church about the things that they should and should not take into their bodies.

We can show respect, honor, and love for ourselves and Heavenly Father by refusing to ever use tea, coffee, tobacco, alcohol, or any harmful drugs. When we eat those things that are good for us, and give our bodies the right amount of exercise and sleep, we are showing reverence.

Activity: <http://www.lds.org/friend/1992/06/sharing-time-joseph-smith-receives-a-revelation?lang=eng> - Find the hidden pictures of things that are good for your body: a loaf of bread, carrot, head of lettuce, sheaf of grain, roasted chicken, pie, bell pepper, peach, fish, steak, bean, pea pod, peanut, bunch of asparagus, strawberry, cucumber, squash, pineapple, carton of milk, pumpkin, tomato, muffin, slice of watermelon, banana, sandwich, half grapefruit, radish, plum, cracker, mushroom, pear, lemon, beet, pickle, an apple, ear of corn, egg, eggplant, olive, onion, celery, cherries, broccoli, and grapes. Now color the picture.



25-Kirtland: A House for the Lord

(The Kirtland Temple Is Constructed)

Song: I Love to See the Temple (CS p. 95)

Scripture: D&C 109:4

Lesson: Friend, June 1993 - In Kirtland, Ohio, in 1836, Joseph Smith dedicated the first latter-day temple so that “the Son of Man might have a place to manifest himself to his people” (D&C 109:5). Work had begun on the temple on June 5, 1833. For the next three years the Saints endured many trials and hardships in order to build a house for the Lord.

Most of the people had few possessions and little money. But every able man worked one day each week on the temple. They worked in the quarry, cutting sandstone to form the walls of the temple. They worked as carpenters, painters, teamsters, and in many other jobs. Sometimes as many as a hundred men worked on the temple at a time. The women spun, knitted, wove, and sewed to make draperies and carpets. They also made clothing and food for the construction workers.

Everyone was busy, but it was not just the Saints’ time and talents that the Lord required. The large three-story building cost between \$40,000 and \$60,000, an enormous amount of money at a time when the average worker earned only around two or three dollars a day. Many of the Saints gave almost everything they had to build the temple.

Some people in the area opposed its construction. Mobs came at night to destroy work done and to steal tools and supplies. It became necessary for men to stand guard each night. When the temple was completed, it was the most beautiful building for miles around. Inside were two curved stairways and beautiful wood moldings and railings. But it will be remembered forever not for its beauty but for the marvelous events that happened there.

On Sunday, March 27, 1836, hundreds of Latter-day Saints came to Kirtland for the dedication. The doors opened at 8:00 A.M., and one thousand people entered. Hundreds more were left outside. They had also worked and sacrificed for the building of the temple. Seeing their disappointment, Joseph Smith decided to repeat the dedication on Thursday.

The choir opened the meeting, then President Sidney Rigdon spoke for two and a half hours. After a brief intermission, the officers of the Church were sustained. Then the Prophet offered the dedicatory prayer, given to him by revelation. This prayer is now section 109 of the Doctrine and Covenants [D&C 109]. After the prayer, the choir sang “The Spirit of God,” which had been written specifically for the dedication.

The congregation ended the seven-hour service by standing and giving the sacred Hosanna Shout. Sister Eliza R. Snow said that it was given “with such power as seemed almost sufficient to raise the roof from the building.”

That evening over four hundred priesthood bearers again met in the temple, and while George A. Smith was speaking, “a noise was heard like the sound of a rushing mighty wind which filled the temple, and all the congregation simultaneously arose, being moved upon by an invisible power.” Many men began to speak in tongues and to prophesy. Others saw glorious visions, including angels who filled the temple.

People living nearby heard the sound, too, and ran to see what was happening. As they approached, they beheld a pillar of fire resting upon the temple, saw angels hovering over the temple, and heard heavenly singing.

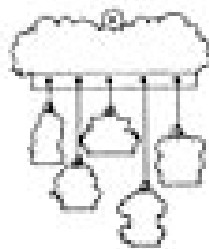
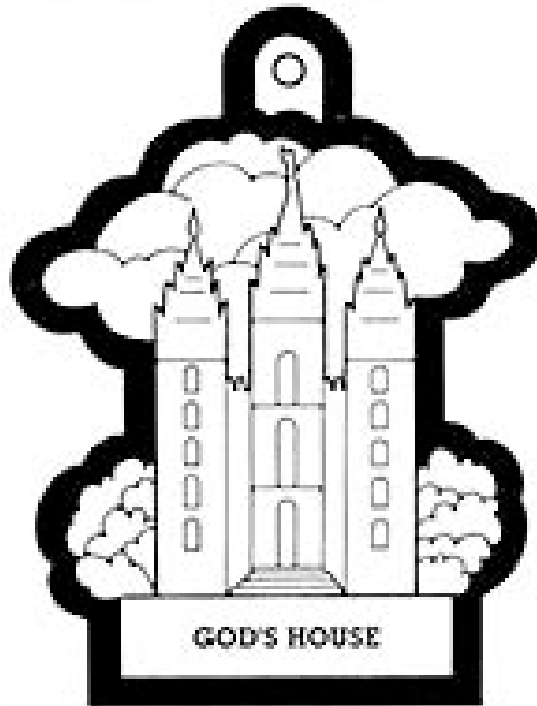
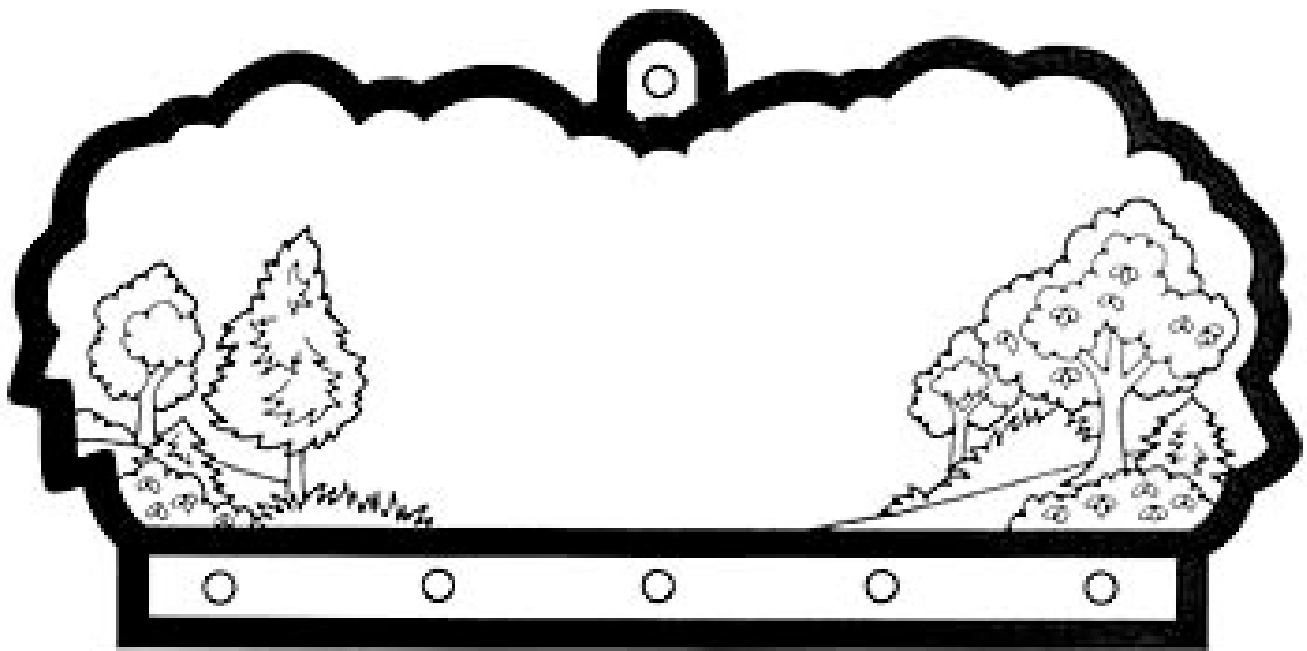
Many other spiritual manifestations took place in the temple that year. Prescindia Huntington described how a little girl came to her door during one meeting and called out in excitement, “The meeting is on top of the meeting house!” Prescindia looked outside and saw angels walking back and forth on the temple. Many children in Kirtland saw the angels and remembered the glorious sight the rest of their lives.

One week after that first dedication, on Easter Sunday, April 3, 1836, Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery stood in the pulpit area of the temple and dropped the veils around the pulpit so they could be alone to pray. After their prayer, they saw the Lord standing upon the pulpit. “His eyes were as a flame of fire; the hair of his head was white like the pure snow; his countenance shone above the brightness of the sun; and his voice was as the sound of the rushing of great waters” (D&C 110:3). Jesus told Joseph and Oliver that He accepted the temple and that in that house He would “appear unto my servants, and speak unto them with mine own voice, if my people will keep my commandments, and do not pollute this holy house” (D&C 110:8).

After this vision, Moses, Elias, and Elijah appeared and gave to Joseph and Oliver the keys necessary to continue the Lord’s work upon the earth. Among these keys was the sealing power that seals husbands to wives and children to parents for all eternity.

This was a time of rich blessings. Even though the temple was used only for a few years before the Saints were driven out of Kirtland, it was worth every dollar spent, every minute worked, and every hardship endured, because the Lord had indeed manifested Himself to His people. (Information included in this article came from *History of the Church*, volume 2, page 428; *Joseph Smith’s Kirtland*, by L. Anderson, page 177; and *Eliza R. Snow, an Immortal: Selected Writings of Eliza R. Snow*, by Nicholas G. Morgan, page 62.)

Activity: The Temple is a Happy Place - Friend, June 1993 - In the space provided, draw a picture of the temple nearest your home, then color and cut out each picture, and punch holes where indicated. Use string to tie the smaller pictures beneath the picture of your own temple and hang the mobile.



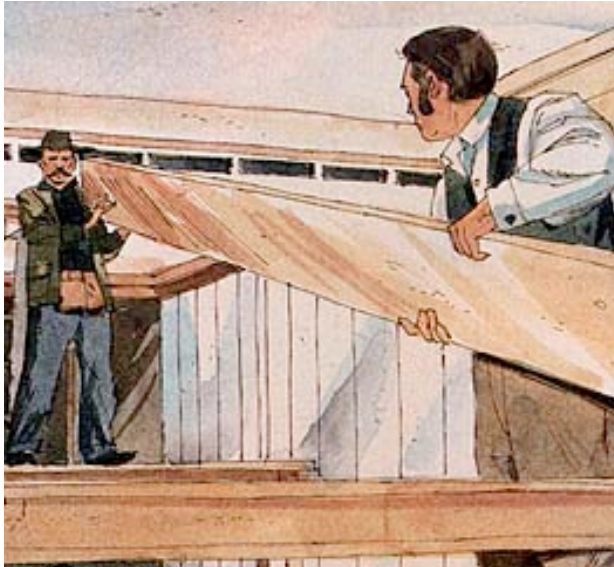
26-The Kirtland Temple Is Dedicated

(The Kirtland Temple Is Dedicated)

Song: We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet (Hymn #19)

Scripture: D&C 137:7

Lesson: Friend, March 1987 - The Kirtland Temple is Dedicated



1. The Saints in Kirtland, Ohio, worked hard on the temple there. As soon as a few rooms in it were finished, they held meetings in them.



2. During the first meeting, the Prophet Joseph Smith had a vision in which he saw his brother Alvin, who had died before the Church was restored.



3. The Lord told the Prophet that Alvin and every righteous person who has ever lived and not known the gospel will have the chance to accept it and enter the celestial kingdom.



4. And all children who die before they are eight years old, the Lord said, will also go to the celestial kingdom.



5. When the temple was completed, it was dedicated to the Lord in a prayer by the Prophet Joseph.

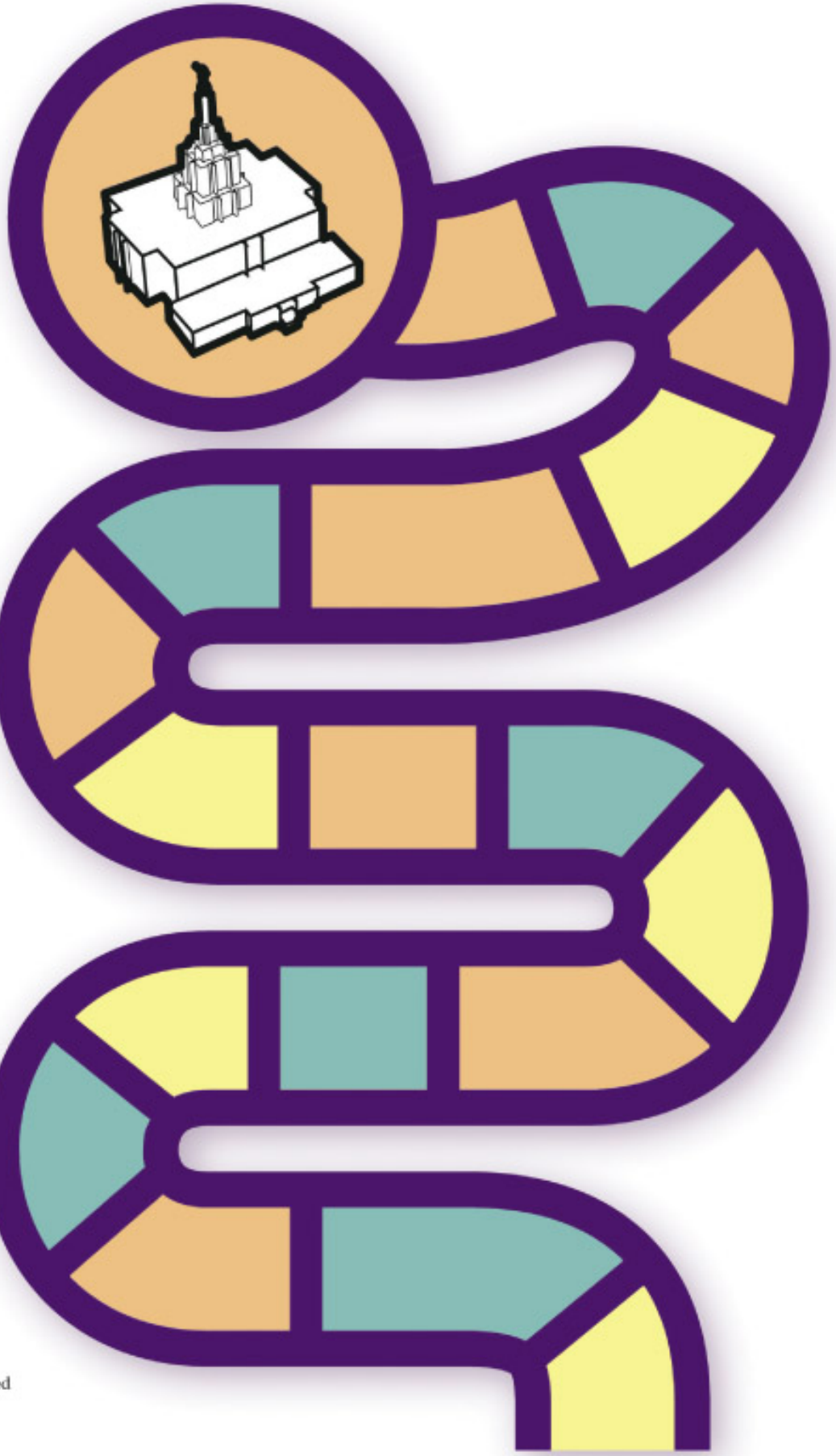


6. In that solemn assembly for the dedication, the Saints sustained Church officers and sang hymns of praise and thanksgiving for the temple.

Activity: The Temple - I'm Going there Someday - Friend, August 2009 - Cut out the wordstrips and put them in a bowl, bag, or jar. Use buttons for game pieces. Taking turns, choose a wordstrip, and read it out loud. Then count how many words it has, and move your game piece that many spaces. Continue until everyone's game piece has reached the temple.

Or Temples in all Times - Friend, June 2002 - Draw a modern temple in the blank space. Cut out the temples and the title. Punch holes at the circles. Using yarn, hang the title piece from a clothes hanger or stick. Then hang each temple at different lengths from the title piece so that the mobile is balanced.

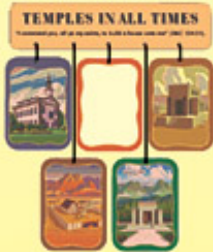
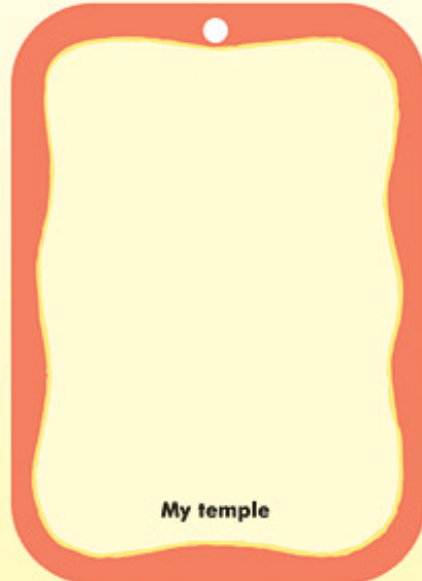
<i>Be baptized and confirmed</i>
<i>Attend church</i>
<i>Take the sacrament</i>
<i>Repent</i>
<i>Follow the prophet</i>
<i>Be obedient</i>
<i>Be kind</i>
<i>Have good thoughts</i>
<i>Pay tithing</i>
<i>Study the scriptures</i>
<i>Pray</i>
<i>Obey the Word of Wisdom</i>
<i>Be honest</i>
<i>Forgive others</i>
<i>Honor your parents</i>
<i>Have faith in Jesus Christ</i>
<i>Show love to your family</i>
<i>Love the Lord</i>
<i>Serve others</i>
<i>Keep the Sabbath day holy</i>



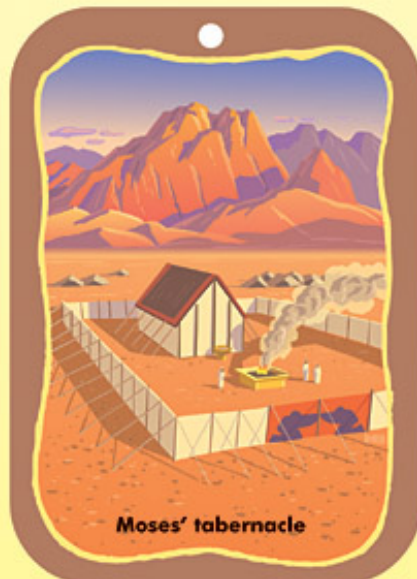
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TEMPLES IN ALL TIMES

"I command you, all ye my saints, to build a house unto me" (D&C 124:31).



Illustration



27-The Saints Leave Jackson County, Missouri

(The Saints Are Expelled from Jackson County)

Song: Oh, Holy Words of Truth and Love (Hymn #271)

Scripture: D&C 70:4

Lesson: Friend, October 1986 - The Saints Leave Jackson County, Missouri



1 While Joseph Smith was in Kirtland, Ohio, he received revelations about the Saints in Jackson County, Missouri.



2 The Lord said that the Saints were to build a temple in Missouri from the tithing they contributed to the Church. The temple would help them “in all things pertaining to the kingdom of God on the earth.”



3 But the building of the temple had to be put off because the Saints were being persecuted. Some of them suffered physically.



4 The mobs destroyed much of the Saints' property.



5 The Saints were forced to leave their homes, and some of them died in the bitter winter weather.



6 When they turned to the Lord for help, He told them that they had caused much of their own suffering by arguing with and cheating each other and by doing other wicked things.



7 The Lord said that the Saints ought to be forgiving.

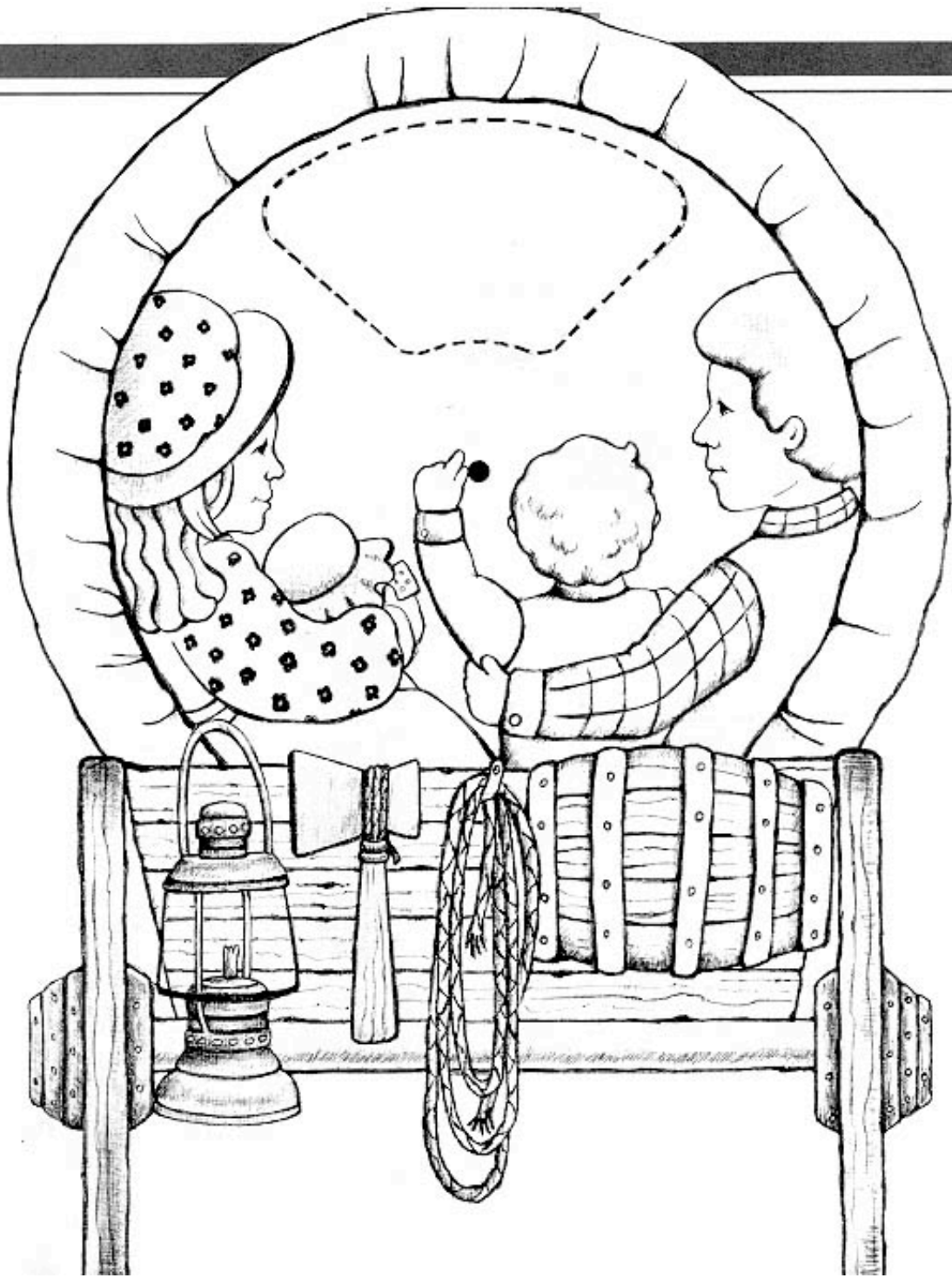


8 Furthermore, not only should they obey the laws of the land, but they should also seek to vote good men into public office.



9 The Lord said that if the Saints would repent and be obedient, He would help them.

Activity: Gratitude for God's Creations - Friend, July 1984 - Color and cut out covered wagon and picture wheel, then mount on heavy paper. Remember to cut out "window" of covered wagon along broken lines. Place picture wheel behind covered wagon, matching •s, then attach with brass fastener through center of •s. Read description of each scene as you turn wheel. Think of other things that the pioneers would have seen, and tell why they would have been grateful for them. Do finger-play actions while reading poem.





28-March of Zion's Camp

(Zion's Camp Marches to Missouri)

Song: Whenever I Think About Pioneers (CS p. 222)

Scripture: D&C 105:5

Lesson: Friend, May 1993 - It was still quite dark at four o'clock in the morning when reveille sounded from a battered French horn, sending a tired army to prayer and then to preparing for the long day's march. Like most armies, they were ready for battle. But this was no ordinary army. This was Zion's Camp.

The Zion's Camp journey began in May 1834 with about 100 men. As they marched, new recruits joined them. By the middle of June, the group numbered 207 men, 11 women, 11 children, and 25 baggage wagons. The oldest member of the army was Samuel Baker, who was 79; the youngest member was sixteen-year-old George A. Smith, a cousin to the Prophet Joseph.

Originally the Lord had asked for 500 men to march to Missouri to help Church members regain lands that mobs had driven them from. But He also said that if 500 couldn't be found, fewer would do—but no fewer than 100. The Lord promised, "Mine angels shall go up before you, and also my presence" (D&C 103:20).

The march was one thousand miles (1600 k) long, and the discomfort of the summer storms, heat, and humidity was intensified by the fact that there was not enough food. George A. Smith remembered being so tired, hungry, and sleepy that while he walked, he dreamed of a beautiful, shaded stream of water with a loaf of bread and a bottle of milk laid out on a cloth by the side of it.

Most of the men bore the burden of the march in faith, but some complained and caused contentions. Sylvester Smith—no relation to the Prophet—complained that Joseph's watchdog kept him awake at night.

On May 17th, Joseph Smith asked the men to humble themselves and be peacefully united. He told them that if they didn't, they would meet with misfortunes before they left that place.

The following morning the men woke up to find that nearly every horse was either sick or lame. Once more the Prophet told the men that if they would humble themselves and repent of their discord, the horses would be healed. Most of the men did, and by noon all but one of the horses were healthy again. That one horse, Sylvester Smith's, died.

The lesson was short-lived, however, for soon the complaining and contention began again. Joseph warned the men that the Lord had revealed that a scourge would come upon the camp in consequence of the rebellious spirits among them. He prophesied that many would

die like sheep with the rot. He also again promised that if they would repent and humble themselves before the Lord, the scourge might be turned away.

After they reached Clay County, Missouri, news arrived that a mob of nearly four hundred men were preparing to destroy them. When Joseph heard the news, he knelt beneath the clear blue summer sky and prayed for divine protection.

Not far off, gunfire sounded. The men of Zion's Camp wanted to fight, but Joseph counseled them to wait and see what God would do.

Suddenly a small black cloud appeared in the west. It moved eastward, growing bigger as it moved, until it filled the heavens with darkness. The first ferryboat of mobbers had crossed the Missouri River south of Zion's Camp and was returning for another load, when a violent burst of wind hit the boat. Rain poured and the wind soared so hard that the members of Zion's Camp ran from their tents and found shelter in an old Baptist meetinghouse nearby. Safely inside, Joseph told them that God was in that storm.

The horizon filled with the snaking of lightning bolts—not one after another, but atop and beside each other so that the sky was continually lit, and the thunder roared without stopping. Large hailstones broke branches from trees and destroyed crops. Torrents of rain soaked the mobbers' ammunition and made it useless. The sights and sounds of the storm frightened the mobbers' horses away, leaving the mobbers to find their way home, wet, horseless, and frightened.

The next morning, Fishing River, which had been only ankle deep, was more than forty feet (12.2 m) deep. One of the mobbers told Joseph Smith that he knew that God was protecting the Mormons.

Despite the miracles, many members of the camp were still disgruntled. Why, after one thousand miles (1600 k) and forty-five days of marching, had the Lord commanded the army not to fight? Joseph explained that like Abraham of old, it had been a test of obedience for the men.

But for some, this was a test they could not endure. Their testimonies crumbled, and in anger they left the Church. Joseph pleaded with the men to remain faithful, and he reminded them of the prophesied scourge that would befall them if they refused to humble themselves.

His words fell on many deaf ears. Two days later Zion's Camp was struck with the dreaded disease cholera. About midnight on June 24, moans and cries pierced the darkness. Men on guard duty fell to the ground, guns still in their hands. Violent attacks of vomiting and cramps turned strong men into writhing victims. Before it ended, sixty-eight people were stricken and fourteen members of the camp died.

As the first few men were taken sick, Joseph tried to give them a blessing, but he was immediately struck with the disease himself. From this painful experience, he learned that when God decrees destruction upon any people, men must not try to stop it.

Slowly Zion's Camp began to disband. Some stayed in Missouri. Some went on missions. Most returned to their homes and shared the things they had learned with their friends and families.

We, too, can learn from the experiences of Zion's Camp the importance of obedience, being tested, and overcoming trials. Although a few men failed the test of Zion's Camp, many were made stronger and more faithful by it. It prepared them for future leadership positions in which their faith and strength would be needed. When the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and the first Quorum of the Seventy were organized in 1835, nine of the twelve Apostles and all seventy-one members of the Quorum of the Seventy had served in Zion's Camp. One of the faithful, Brigham Young, said that he wouldn't have exchanged the knowledge he got during the march for all of Geauga County, Ohio.

Sometimes it's hard for us to understand the ways of God. But if we simply trust instead of murmuring, all things will work for our good and for God's purposes, just as they did for Zion's Camp. Zion's Camp was no ordinary army. It will be remembered not for battles fought but for lessons learned.

(Historical information for this article is from the Institute manual *Church History in the Fulness of Times*, pages 140–152.)

Hark! Listen to the Trumpeters

Hark, listen to the trumpeters!

They sound for volunteers.

On Zion's bright and flowery mount

Behold the officers.

Their horses white, their armor bright,

With courage bold they stand,

Enlisting soldiers for their King

To march to Zion's land.

It sets my heart all in a flame

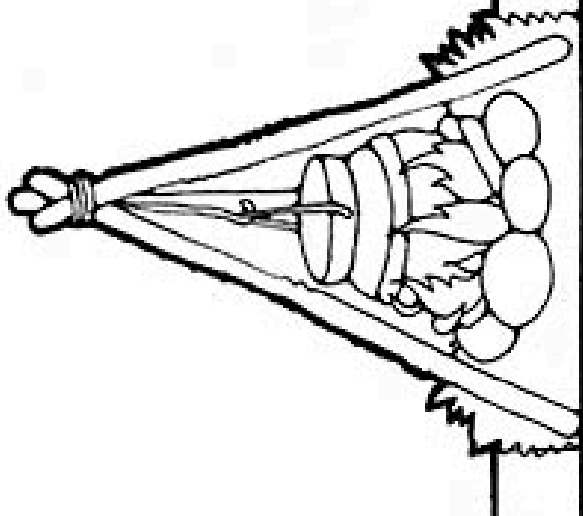
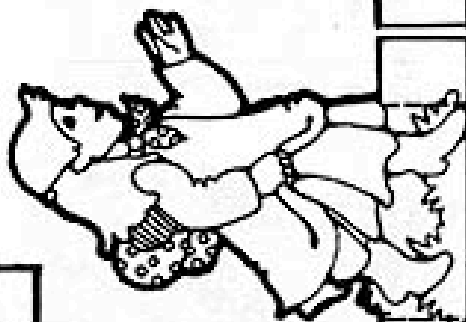
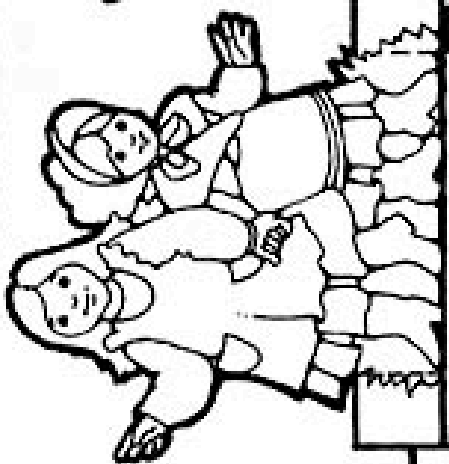
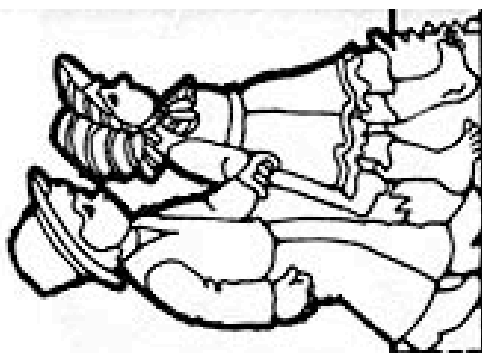
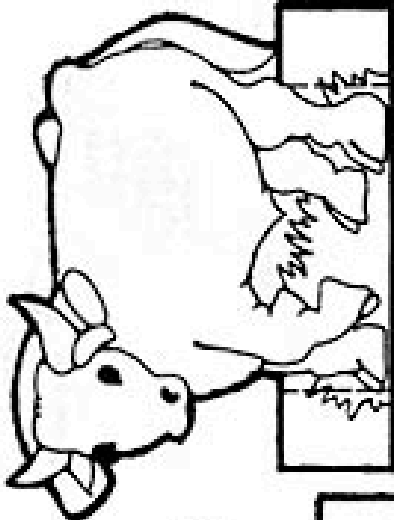
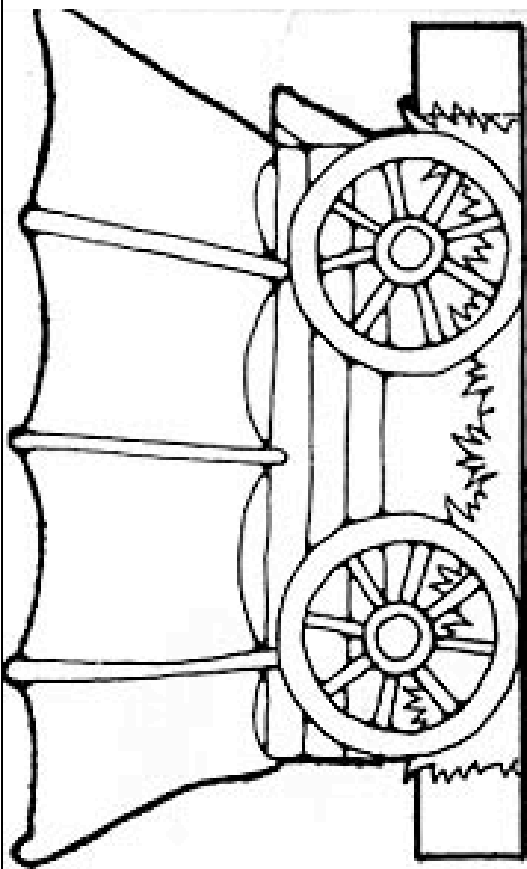
A soldier brave to be;

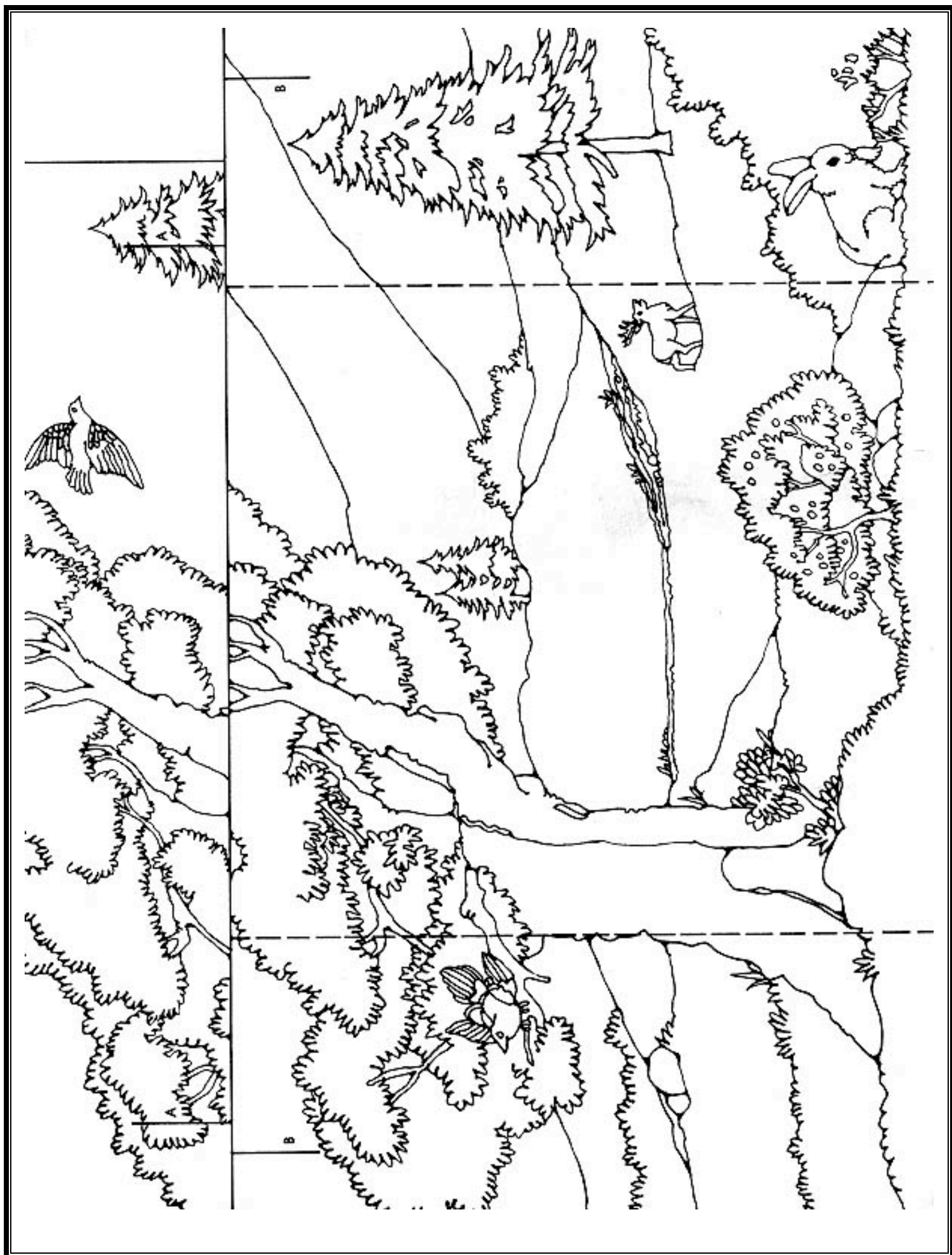
I will enlist, gird on my arms,

And fight for liberty.

We want no cowards in our bands
Who will our colors fly.
We call for valiant-hearted men
Who're not afraid to die.
To see our armies on parade,
How martial they appear!
All armed and dressed in uniform
They look like men of war.
They follow their great General,
The great Eternal Lamb;
His garments stained in his own blood,
King Jesus is his name.
The trumpets sound, the armies shout,
They drive the host of hell,
How dreadful is our God, our King,
The great Emmanuel!
Sinners, enlist with Jesus Christ,
Th' eternal Son of God,
And march with us to Zion's land,
Beyond the swelling flood.

Activity: Remembering the Pioneers - Friend, July 1982





29-Missionaries Publish Peace

(Missionaries Go to Other Nations)

Song: The Things I Do (CS p. 170)

Scripture Mosiah 15:16

Lesson: Friend, November 1994 - Did you know that missionaries publish peace? To publish peace means to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others.

The Book of Mormon records that years ago the prophet Abinadi stood in the court of wicked King Noah and his priests. With courage and power, Abinadi bore his testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He also gave thanks for all those who had published peace, or shared the gospel with others, for the missionaries who were still publishing peace, and for missionaries who would share the gospel message in the future. (See Mosiah 12:17–15:18.)

Alma was in the court of King Noah that day. As he listened to Abinadi's words, he was blessed with a testimony of Jesus Christ. Becoming a missionary himself, he taught the words he had heard Abinadi speak. Thus Alma published peace to as many people as would listen.

Many other good men and women throughout the history of the world have shared their testimonies of the gospel of Jesus Christ and published peace. We learn of four more of them in Mosiah 27: 34–37: "Their names were Ammon, and Aaron, and Omner, and Himni; these were the names of the sons of Mosiah.

"And they traveled throughout all the land of Zarahemla, and among all the people who were under the reign of king Mosiah, ... explaining the prophecies and the scriptures to all who desired to hear them.

"And thus they were instruments in the hands of God in bringing many to the knowledge of the truth, yea, to the knowledge of their Redeemer.

"And how blessed are they! For they did publish peace; they did publish good tidings of good; and they did declare unto the people that the Lord reigneth."

You may know missionaries who are preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ—who are publishing peace all over the world—now. Just as Abinadi expressed so many years ago, we are grateful for them!

You, too, can publish peace by sharing your testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Like Abinadi and Alma, like Ammon and Aaron and Omner and Himni, and like those from your family and your ward or branch, you can share the message of the gospel that comes from "the founder of peace, yea, even the Lord" (Mosiah 15:18).

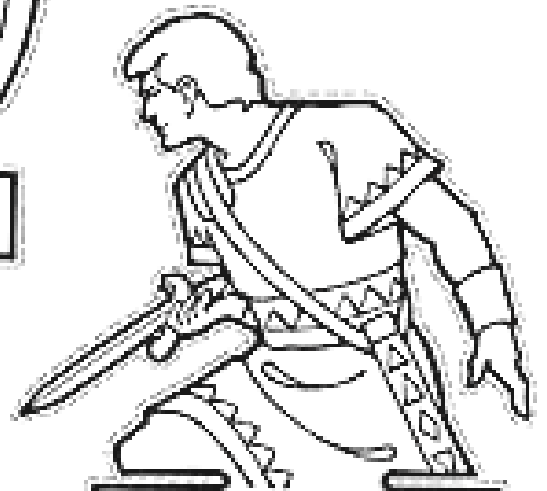
Activity: Missionaries Publish Peace - Friend, November 1994 - Make missionary finger puppets by coloring those on page 45. Then, on a separate piece of paper, draw and label more finger puppets to represent other missionaries you know and love—the missionaries who brought the gospel to your family; brothers, sisters, grandparents, or other relatives or friends who have served or are serving as missionaries—and a finger puppet of yourself! Cut out each puppet, form the label into a circle to fit your finger, and tape closed. Place the puppets on your fingers and tell about these missionaries who publish peace.



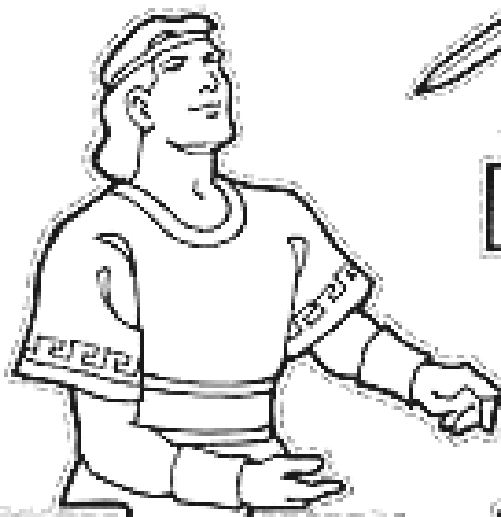
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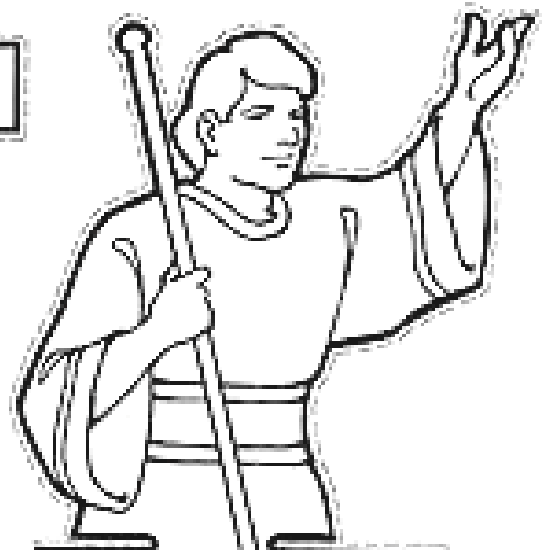
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30-Persecutions in Missouri

(Adam-ondi-Ahman)

Song: To Be a Pioneer (CS p. 218)

Scripture: D&C 101:2

Lesson: Friend, July 1993 - In 1831 most of the Latter-day Saints in the United States had gathered to two areas—Kirtland, Ohio, and Jackson County, Missouri. In 1833 the Saints in Jackson County were driven from their homes. They settled temporarily in Clay and Ray counties, where the local citizens helped the destitute members. But by 1836, tensions increased as the citizens of those counties became concerned about the number of Saints settling there. Two new counties, Caldwell and Daviess, were specifically created for the members to settle in, in hopes that by separating the Mormons from the non-Mormons, the troubles between the two groups would end.

Then, in 1838, when the Kirtland Saints were driven out of their homes in Ohio, they headed for Missouri. The non-Mormons in Missouri became alarmed when they saw hundreds of additional Church members moving in weekly. The Mormons spoke with a different accent and had different customs as well as a different religion. Many Missourians feared that the large Latter-day Saint population would take political and economic control of their state. Slavery was still being practiced in Missouri, and the people there, knowing that the Mormons opposed slavery, were afraid that they would vote to outlaw it.

Tensions also increased because the Lord had revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith that the New Jerusalem would be built in Missouri. As some Church members boasted about how Zion would be built in Missouri, the old settlers worried about what would happen to them and their homes. Some of them thought that the Mormons would drive them away, so they determined to drive the Saints away first.

During this time, problems grew within the Church. Some of the members, including four Apostles, were disobedient and used their leadership positions for personal gain. Some left the Church, then caused as many problems for the members as the mobs did. Elizabeth Barlow wrote, "We all felt more sorrowful at seeing Apostles leave the Church than we did over our trials and persecutions."*

One Mormon, Sampson Avard, formed a group, called the Danites, to seek revenge on the Missourians. He told his followers that the First Presidency had given permission for the group to rob, lie to, or murder its enemies. Of course, no such permission had been given. In fact, Joseph Smith was working with state and local leaders to establish peace. But when the Danites attacked the nonmembers, it only gave them more reason to distrust the Saints.

By October 1838, persecutions had intensified until many thought there would be civil war. After a battle between the Saints and the state militia at Crooked River, the governor of Missouri, Lilburn W. Boggs, blamed Church members for the confrontation and issued an

extermination order. In part, the order said, "The Mormons must be treated as enemies, and must be exterminated or driven from the state, if necessary for the public good. Their outrages are beyond all description."

Joseph Smith counseled all the members living in Missouri to gather to either Far West or Adam-ondi-Ahman for protection. However, Jacob Haun, who was the leader of the settlement of Haun's Mill, didn't want to leave his property. He counseled the others living there to stay; they would defend themselves if necessary.

On October 30, a mob of about 240 men approached Haun's Mill with the intent of carrying out the governor's extermination order. While the men in the settlement sought protection in the blacksmith shop, the women and children fled into the woods as the mob attacked. David Evans swung his hat at the mob and cried for peace, but the mob only shot at him. The mob also fired on the unarmed women and children.

Amanda Smith grabbed her two daughters and escaped across the millpond on a walkway. When the mob finally entered the blacksmith shop, seven-year-old Alma Smith saw them murder his father and brother. He himself was severely shot in the hip. His mother later found him, and through prayer and by following the instructions of the Spirit, he was healed. At least seventeen people were killed at Haun's Mill and thirteen others were wounded.

Things were getting more tense in Far West also. The state militia took over the city. In November 1838, many of the Church leaders were arrested and taken to prison. It was at this time that Joseph Smith and other brethren were taken to Liberty Jail, where they spent four difficult months. While they were there, the rest of the Saints got ready to leave Missouri and move to Illinois. As they prepared to leave their homes, Amanda Smith and many others were harassed by the mobs.

But the Lord was watching over them. One day Amanda had gone into a cornfield to pray. As she was leaving it, a voice spoke to her, a voice as plain as any she had ever heard. It repeated a verse from a hymn: "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose / I will not, I cannot, desert to his foes; / That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, / I'll never, no never, no never forsake!" (*Hymns*, 1985, no. 85.)

From that moment Amanda had no more fears. Like the other Saints who remained faithful and obedient, she knew that the Lord would watch over her.

Activity: Coloring Page - Pioneer Hidden Picture - Friend, July 2010

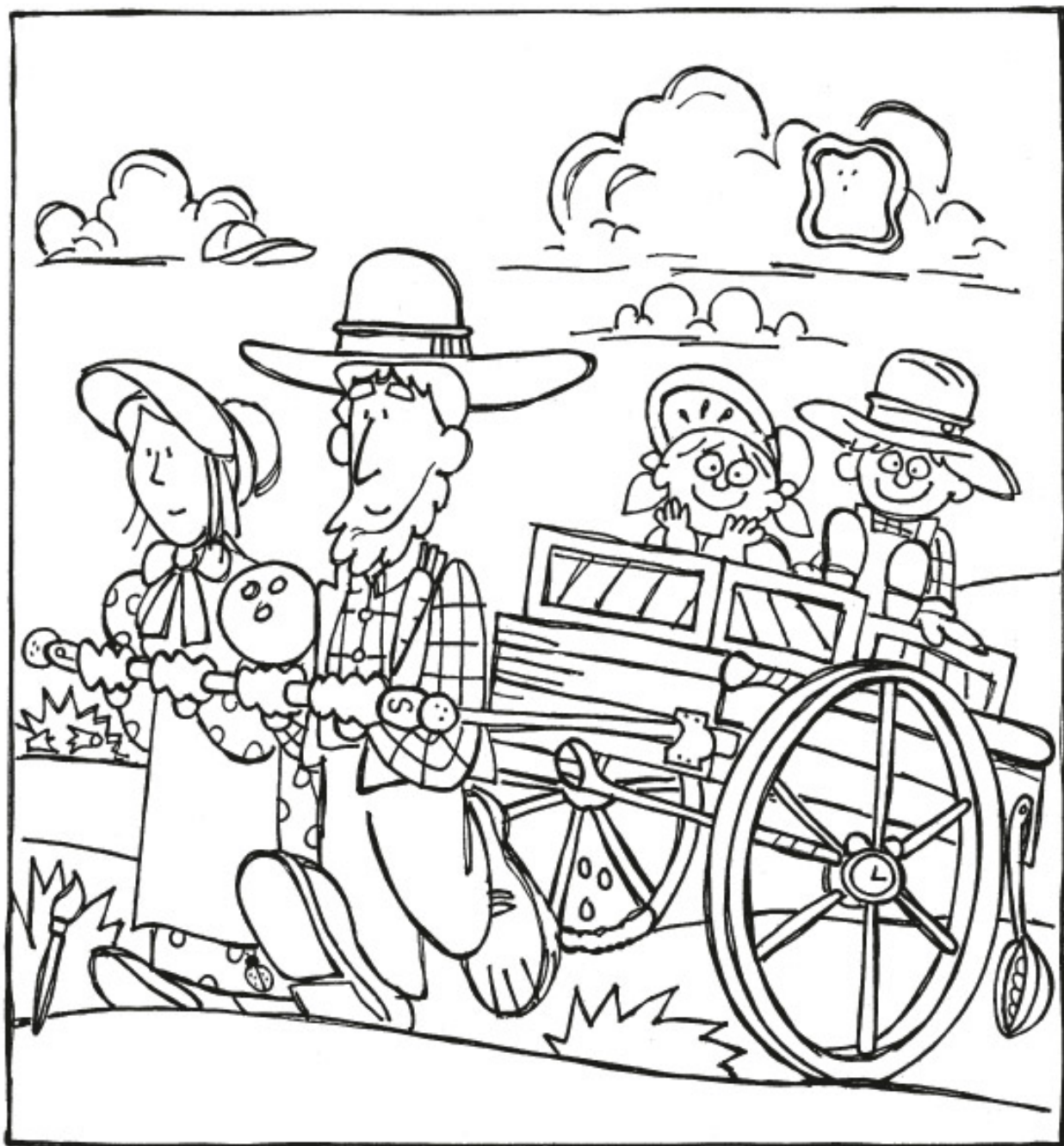
Pioneer Hidden Pictures

By Val Chadwick Bagley



In July 1847, the first pioneers arrived in the Salt Lake Valley after crossing much of what is now the United States. Many of them pulled handcarts. Look at this picture and see if you can find: an alarm clock, baseball

bat, bowling ball, cap, carrot, golf club, ladybug, paintbrush, peas in a pod, salt and pepper shakers, slice of bread, slice of pizza, slice of watermelon, toaster, and toothbrush. Then color the picture.



31-Fleeing Missouri: Prophet Joseph Smith's Own Account

(The Extermination Order)

Song: Keep the Commandments (CS p. 146)

Scripture: Alma 58:37

Lesson: Friend, October 1997 - *On October 27, 1838, after several conflicts between the Saints and other citizens of Missouri, Governor Lilburn Boggs ordered the state militia to go to war against the Saints, saying that they must be either driven from the state or exterminated. On October 30th, a large company of armed soldiers approached Far West.*

Thursday, November 1 [1838].— ... The militia went into the town, and ... plundered the houses, and abused the innocent ... inhabitants. ... They went to my house, drove my family out of doors, [and] carried away most of my property. ...

General Lucas ordered the [Saints] to give up their arms. ...

The mob ... then marched into town, and under pretense of searching for arms, tore up floors, upset haystacks, [stole] the most valuable [things] they could lay their hands on, ... and destroyed a great amount of property. ... About eighty men were taken prisoners, the remainder were ordered to leave the state. ...

Friday, November 2.— ... Myself and fellow prisoners ... were [allowed] to see our families.

Saturday, November 10.— ... General Wilson ... ordered every family to be out of Diahman [a Mormon town in Missouri] in ten days, with permission to go to Caldwell [County], and there tarry until spring, and then leave the state under pain of extermination. ...

The Saints had to leave their crops and houses, and to live in tents and wagons, in this inclement [exceptionally cold] season of the year. As for their flocks and herds, the mob had [stolen] them. ...

And now what did they hate us for? Purely because of the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Thursday, February 14 [1839].—The persecution was so bitter against Elder Brigham Young ... and his life was so diligently sought for, that he was compelled to flee ... [to] Illinois. ...

Friday, February 15.—My family arrived at the Mississippi, opposite Quincy, [Illinois], after a journey of almost insupportable hardships. ...

A group of citizens in Quincy held a meeting and decided that “the strangers recently arrived here from the state of Missouri, known by the name of the ‘Latter-day Saints,’ are entitled to our sympathy and kindest regard, and that we recommend to the citizens of Quincy to extend all the kindness in their power to bestow on the persons who are in affliction.” The Prophet and some of the other imprisoned brethren escaped on April 14, 1839, and headed for Illinois.

Monday, April 22.—We [the Prophet Joseph and fellow escaped prisoners] continued on our journey, both by night and by day; and after suffering much fatigue and hunger, I arrived in Quincy, Illinois, amidst the congratulations of my friends, and the embraces of my family. ...

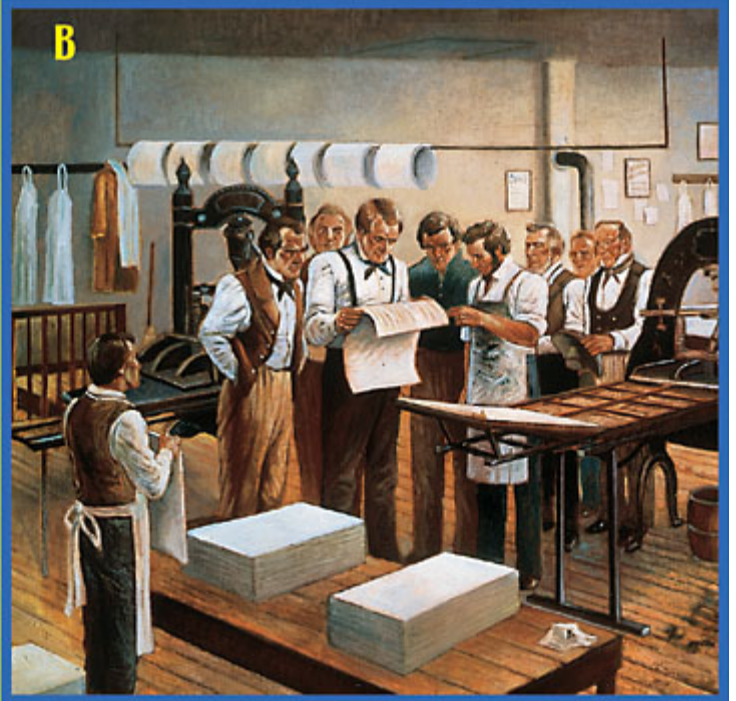
I have been preserved and delivered out of [my enemies’] hands, and can again enjoy the society of my friends and brethren, whom I love, and to whom I feel united in bonds that are stronger than death; and in a state where I believe the laws are respected, and whose citizens are humane and charitable.

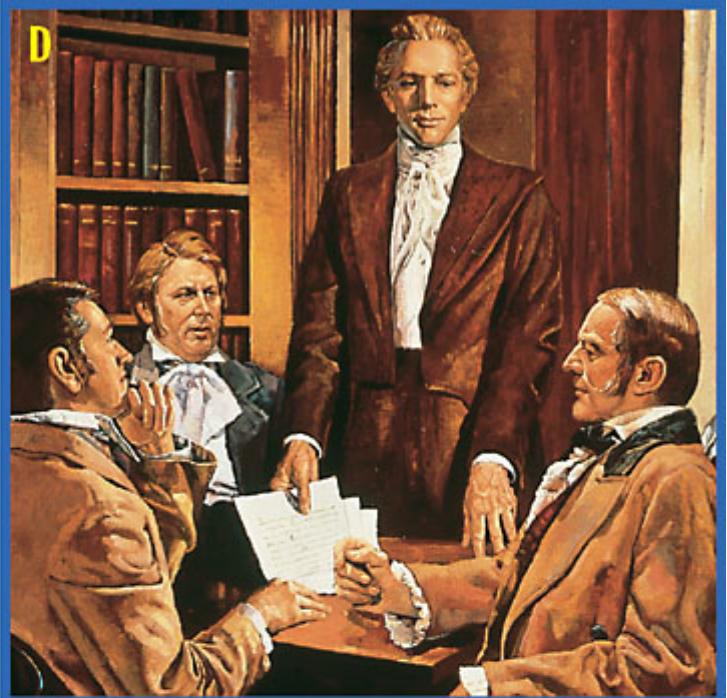
Soon after arriving in Quincy, Illinois, the Church purchased land near Commerce, Illinois, and began building the beautiful city of Nauvoo.

(History of the Church, vol. 3, pages 191–193, 207, 229, 261–262, 268, 327, 328.)

Activity: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was Organized - Friend, April 2001 - Cut out the pictures and the list of events and dates. Place the pictures facedown. A player turns one picture over, tells what that picture represents (others can help, if needed), then matches it with the event and date listed. Repeat until all pictures have been turned over. You might discuss why the events took place in the order they did.

Or make into a booklet and practice re-telling the Restoration.





1. The First Vision—spring, 1820
2. Moroni's first appearance to Joseph Smith—September 21, 1823
3. Joseph Smith receives the gold plates—September 22, 1827
4. The Aaronic Priesthood is restored by John the Baptist—May 15, 1829
5. The Melchizedek Priesthood is restored—between May 1829 and April 3, 1830
6. The Book of Mormon is printed—from July 1829 to early 1830; it goes on sale—March 1830
7. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is organized—April 6, 1830

32-Joseph's Experiences in Jail

(Joseph Smith Is Jailed Unjustly)

Song: Dare To Do Right (CS p. 158)

Scripture: D&C 128:22

Lesson: Friend, October 2008 - The Latter-day Saints had many problems in Missouri. In the autumn of 1838, Governor Boggs told leaders of the state militia (army) to force the Saints to leave the state.

The Mormons must be treated as enemies.

Joseph and other Church leaders were arrested for crimes they did not commit. The militiamen mocked the prisoners and kept them out in the rain without any shelter.

The commander of the militia told General Alexander W. Doniphan to shoot Joseph and the other prisoners. The prisoners prayed that they would not be killed. Their prayers were answered.

It is cold-blooded murder. I will not obey this order.

The next day the guards watched closely as the prisoners said good-bye to their families in Far West. Joseph's wife and children were grateful to see him alive but very sad to see him go away. Joseph worried about them.

God alone can protect them and deliver me from the hands of my enemies and restore me to my family.

The militia took many Latter-day Saint prisoners to Independence, then to a jail in Richmond. Later, Joseph and a few other men were moved to a jail in Liberty.

The guards treated the prisoners badly. One night the guards at the Richmond jail told each other about the terrible deeds they had done to the Latter-day Saints. Joseph stood up and rebuked them.

Silence! In the name of Jesus Christ I rebuke you and command you to be still.

I will not live another minute and hear such language.

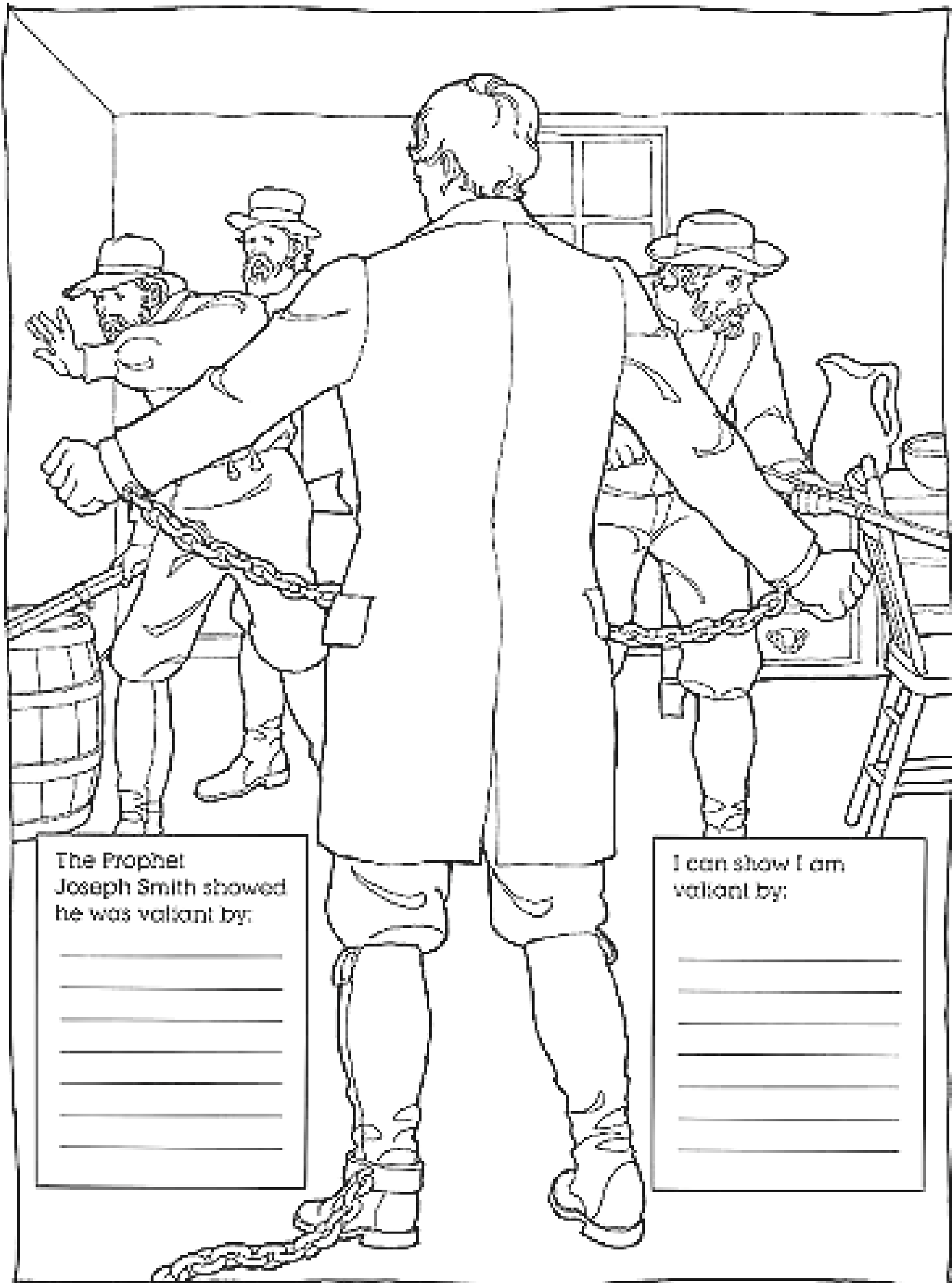
The guards apologized. They were quiet for the rest of the night.

Other guards watched over the prisoners as they traveled to a different county for a court trial. One night the guards got drunk. They allowed Joseph and the other men to take their horses and escape.

I shall take a drink and go to bed, and you may do as you have a mind to.

After spending almost six months in prison, Joseph was reunited with his family in Quincy, Illinois.

Activity: Joseph Smith: Valiant Servant of God - Friend, October 1997 - Fill in the blanks, color the picture, and hang it up somewhere in your room. Each time you look at the picture, remember how valiant the Prophet Joseph Smith was; then try to be a valiant servant, too, by choosing the right.



The Prophet Joseph Smith showed he was valiant by:

I can show I am valiant by:

33-Our Beautiful Nauvoo

(The Saints Work to Build Nauvoo, the Beautiful)

Song: I Know My Father Lives (CS p. 5)

Scripture: D&C 125:4

Lesson: Friend, April 1986 - Every year thousands of people visit the restored town of Nauvoo, Illinois. Missionary couples, called by the Church, give free tours of the various sites. They explain the history of the city and give demonstrations of some of the skills of the early Saints who helped the city flourish.

In 1839, under the direction of Joseph Smith, several hundred acres of land on the Mississippi River in Illinois were purchased to build a new city where the Saints could gather. The city was called Nauvoo, meaning “Beautiful Place.”

Between 1840 and 1846 the city grew until it became one of the largest cities in the midwest. The bustling community was home to craftsmen, tradesmen, lawyers, and doctors. There were schools, factories, a library, and three halls where dramas were performed.

As the city grew, so did the conflicts with nonmembers in neighboring communities. In 1846 the Saints were forced to begin an exodus from the city, abandoning their homes and many of their possessions.

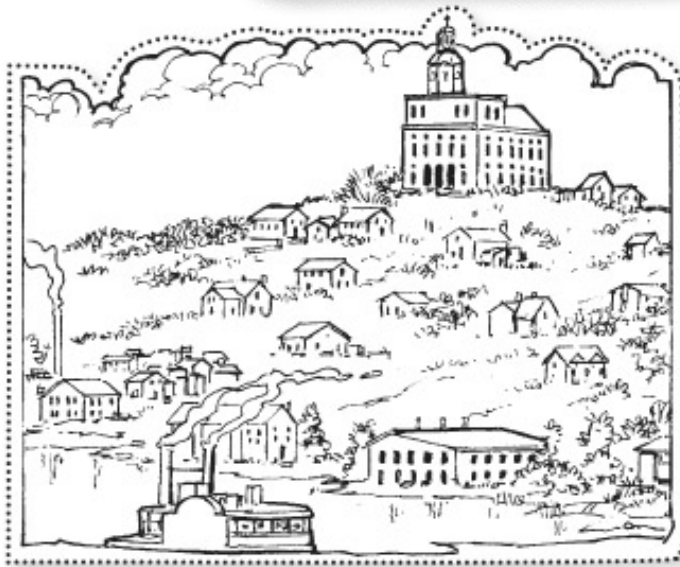
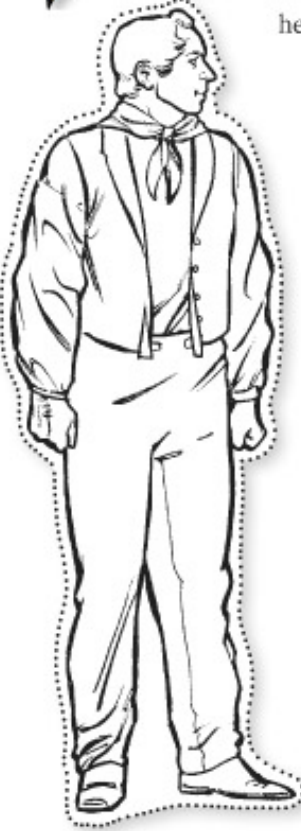
The purpose of the Nauvoo restoration is to “restore the historically important part of the old town of Nauvoo as it was when it flourished during the period 1839–1846, as one of the vibrant forces in the westward expansion of America; and to give an understanding of the people of Nauvoo as shown by the homes they built and the way they lived, and an understanding of ... the strength of their faith” (Articles of Incorporation, Nauvoo Restoration, Incorporated).

Activity: Joseph and the Saints Build Nauvoo - Friend, November 2008



JOSEPH AND THE SAINTS BUILD NAUVOO

Instructions: Remove this page from the magazine and color the figures. Mount them on heavy paper and cut out. Read the story on pages 44–45, then retell the story using the figures.



Note: If you do not wish to remove pages from the magazine, this activity may be copied or printed from the Internet at www.friend.lds.org.

ILLUSTRATIONS BY SAL VELLURO

34-Temples Are Places of Service

(Joseph Smith Teaches about Baptism for the Dead)

Song: Truth from Elijah (CS, p. 90)

Scripture: D&C 138:58

Lesson: Friend, July 1993 - Heavenly Father wants every person to have the blessings of the gospel. Because some people have lived and died without ever hearing of Jesus or His teachings, Heavenly Father has provided a way for the gospel to be preached to them. Just as there are missionaries here on earth who teach it to people, there are also missionaries in the spirit world who teach it to people who have died. Those people can then accept it just as people here can. But even if the people in the spirit world accept the gospel, they cannot be baptized, confirmed, sealed, or perform any of the earthly ordinances because they don't have physical bodies. So people on earth, who have bodies, do it for them.

In order for living people to be able to do this for the dead, Heavenly Father commanded His prophets to have temples built. The ordinances performed in them are both for the living and the dead. Living people do this work for the dead. It is a wonderful plan. Living people are baptized and confirmed, endowed, and sealed as families for those who have died. In this way, all people who have lived on the earth have the opportunity to receive all of Heavenly Father's blessings.

Here are the meanings or descriptions of some of the terms that are used in temple work:

Baptism for the Dead—the ordinance performed in the temple font, which usually rests on the backs of the sculpture of twelve oxen

Confirmation—the ordinance, performed after baptism, that permits a person to become a member of the Church and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost

Endowment—a blessing of special spiritual gifts

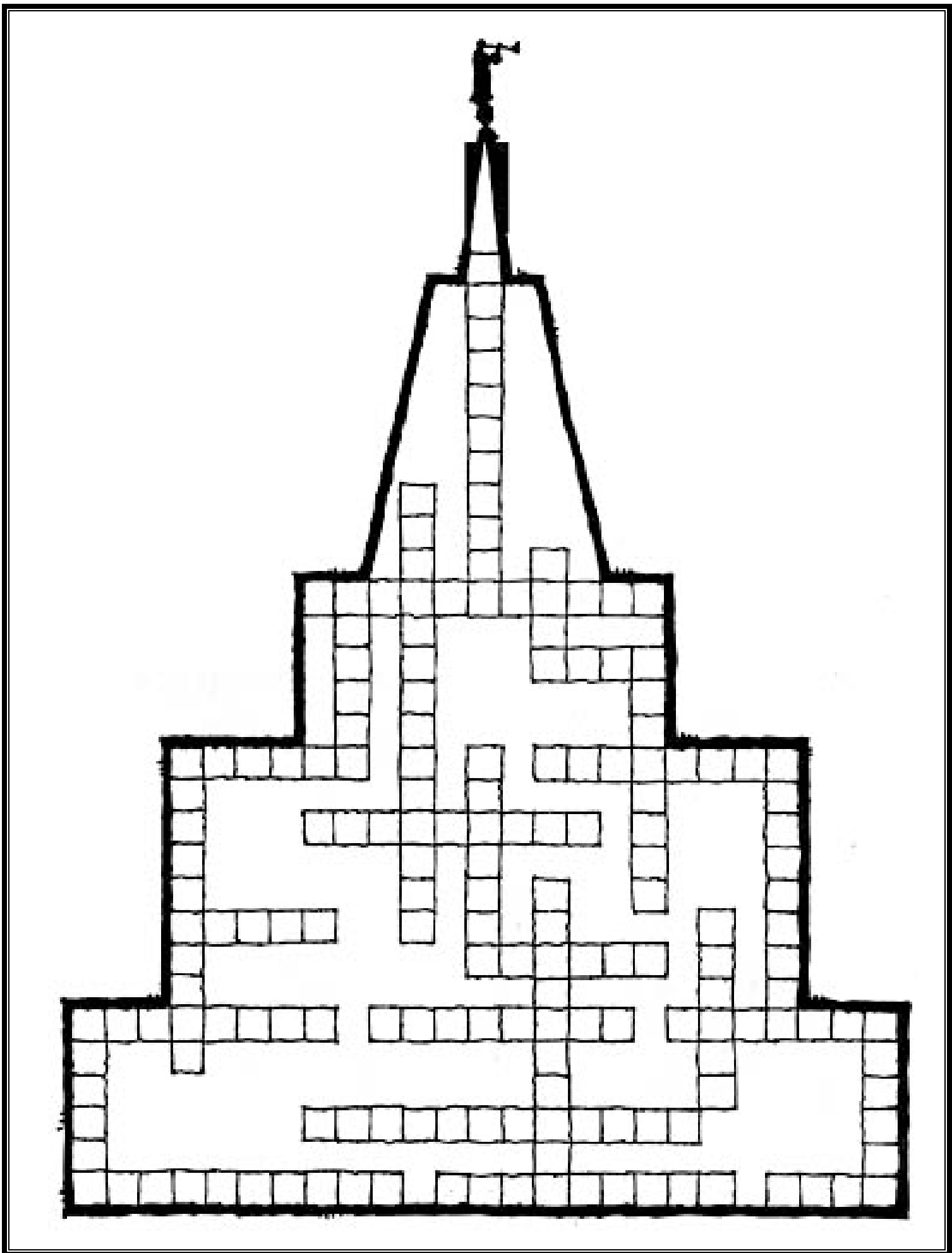
Marriage and Sealing—the ordinance that joins a man and a woman and their children for time and all eternity

Temple Ordinances—sacred ceremonies performed inside a temple; they include those mentioned above and are performed by living persons for themselves or for persons who have died without receiving them.

Activity: Temples are Places of Service - Friend, July 1993

Fit these words that relate to service in the temple into the diagram. Hint: Start by inserting those words that are the only ones with a particular letter count.

4 Letters	Member	Ceremony	Missionary
Font	People	Eternity	Twelve oxen
Hear	Preach	Marriage	11 Letters
Time	Temple	9 Letters	Jesus Christ
5 Letters	7 Letters	Endowment	Spirit world
Earth	Baptism	Holy Ghost	12 Letters
6 Letters	Sealing	Ordinance	Confirmation
Church	8 Letters	10 Letters	14 Letters
Gospel	Blessing	House of God	Spiritual gifts



35-The Nauvoo Temple

(The Nauvoo Temple Is Used for Sacred Ordinances)

Song: Truth from Elijah (CS p. 90)

Scripture: D&C 124:40

Lesson: Friend, April 1996 - One hundred fifty years ago, the Saints finished building the Nauvoo Temple in Illinois. It wasn't easy. It took more than five years, during which the Prophet Joseph Smith was murdered, preparations were made for the trek west, and Church members struggled with increasing persecution.

Although the Saints had already been forced to leave the Kirtland Temple because of persecution by their enemies, they dedicated themselves to completing their second temple, the Nauvoo Temple, which the Lord had commanded Joseph Smith and the Saints to build. (See D&C 124:31.)

Joseph taught that the sacred ordinances of endowments and marriage sealings, and the performing of temple work for the dead, would be available for every faithful member of the Church as soon as the temple was finished.

The Saints began building it in March 1841; since they had little money to pay workers, it was built mostly by donated labor. Most able-bodied men in Nauvoo worked in the quarry, where the limestone for the temple came from, or on the temple site.

Many donated one day in ten as tithing labor. Relief Society sisters helped by sewing clothing and preparing meals for the workers, and by donating one penny a week to the temple fund. Those who were able to do so contributed large sums of money to it. Joseph Toronto handed Brigham Young \$2,500 in gold, saying that he "wanted to give himself and all he had" to the Church.*

When the temple was first being built, the Saints thought that at last they had found a place where they could live the gospel and worship in peace. Then, on June 27, 1844, Joseph and Hyrum Smith were murdered in Carthage Jail by an angry mob. Grief-stricken, the members wondered what they would do without Joseph to lead them.

At the time, most of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles were in the east on missions. Two days before the murders, Parley P. Pratt, one of the Twelve, was impressed to leave New York and return to Nauvoo. He learned of the martyrdom on his journey home. As he walked across the plains of Illinois, filled with sorrow and wondering how to comfort the members in Nauvoo, he stopped and prayed for help. He wrote, "The Spirit said unto me: ... 'Go and say unto my people in Nauvoo, that they shall continue ... to build the House of the Lord which I have commanded them to build in Nauvoo.'"

Because the members carried on so well and the temple was still being built despite the death of the prophet, anti-Mormons increased their persecution of the members and made attempts to drive away the Saints. And so, on September 24, 1845, the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles announced that the Saints would leave the following spring. Even though the members knew that they would again be forced to leave their temple behind, they worked harder than ever to finish it. They wanted very much to receive its sacred ordinances before moving west.

Rooms in the temple were dedicated as soon as they were completed so that ordinance work could be performed immediately. The October 1845 general conference was held in the partly finished building. Brigham Young offered the opening prayer, calling the temple “a monument of the saints’ liberality [generosity], fidelity, and faith.” He and Heber C. Kimball began giving endowments to faithful Latter-day Saints on December 10, and so many people wanted to receive them that endowment sessions were continued until three o’clock the next morning.

The Church’s enemies, upon seeing all the activity at the temple, tried to have Brigham Young arrested. On December 23, government officials waited outside the temple to arrest him. Learning that they were there, Brigham prayed for guidance and protection so that he could “live to prove advantageous to the Saints.” Then he saw William Miller, a man his same height, nearby.

Brother Miller agreed to act as a decoy. He wore Brigham’s cloak and climbed into Brigham’s carriage. The officers arrested him and took him to the Mansion House, where the Church members also pretended that he was Brigham Young. It wasn’t till his captors had taken him to Carthage that someone identified him! Meanwhile, Brigham Young and the other Apostles had gone into hiding.

The Brethren endowed as many faithful members as possible before leaving Nauvoo. In January 1846, Brigham Young wrote, “Such has been the anxiety manifested by the Saints to receive the ordinances [of the temple], and such the anxiety on our part to administer to them, that I have given myself up entirely to the work of the Lord in the Temple night and day, not taking more than four hours sleep, upon an average, per day, and going home but once a week.”

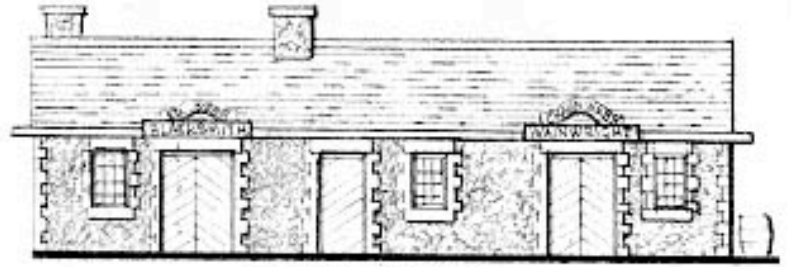
On February 3, Church leaders had planned to stop the ordinance work. Brigham Young left the temple to make final preparations to leave for the West the next day, but when he saw a large crowd gathered to receive their endowments, he returned to the temple to serve them. This kept him there another two weeks! More than five thousand Saints received their endowments before heading west.

The Nauvoo Temple was dedicated privately on the night of April 30, 1846. Orson Hyde, one of the Twelve Apostles, dedicated it publicly the next day, even though only a few members were still in Nauvoo to see it, most of the Saints having already started the trek west. By the end of the year, the majestic temple stood unused. Two years after the Saints

left Nauvoo, an arsonist set fire to the temple, and in 1850 a tornado destroyed three of the walls. The remaining wall was leveled in 1865 for safety reasons.

Soon after the Saints settled in Utah, they began the construction of the Salt Lake, St. George, Manti, and Logan Temples. The St. George Temple, completed in 1877, was the first temple to be built in the west—and the first temple the Saints were not forced to leave.

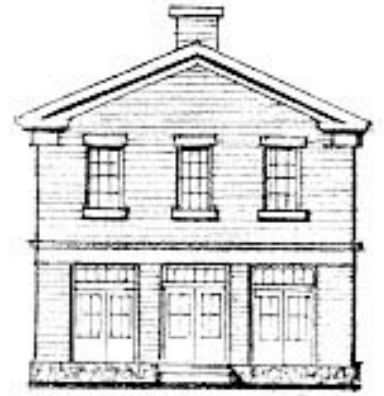
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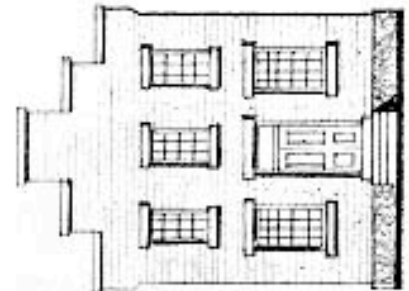
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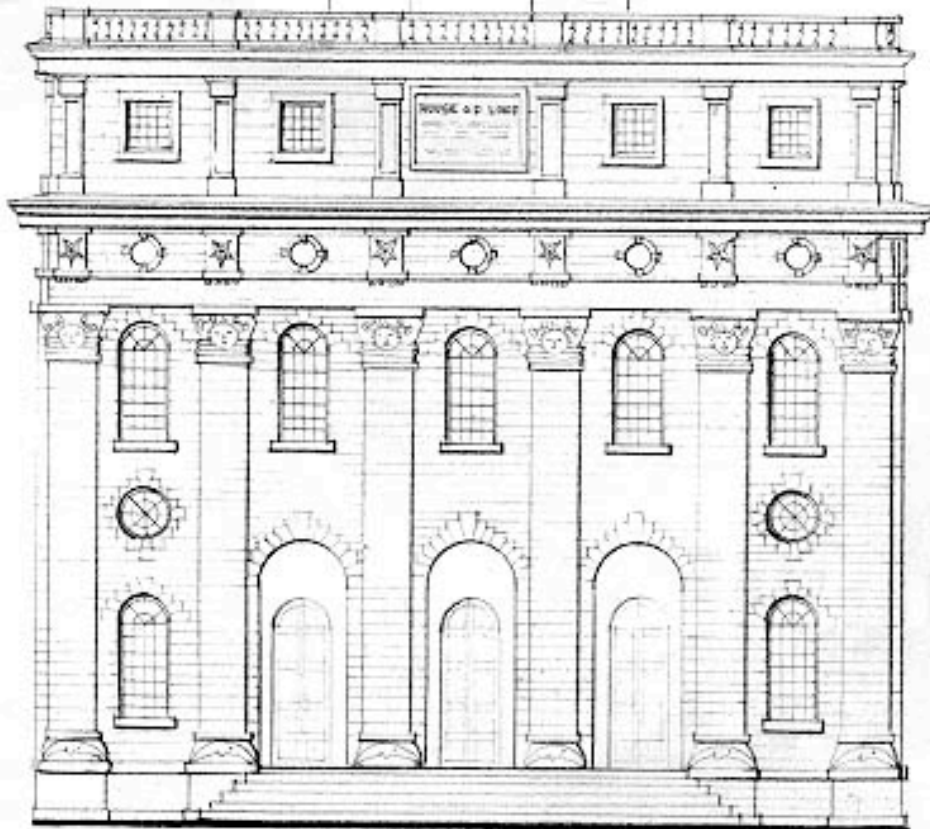
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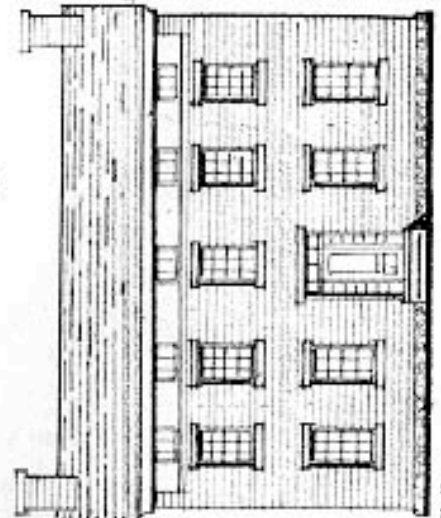
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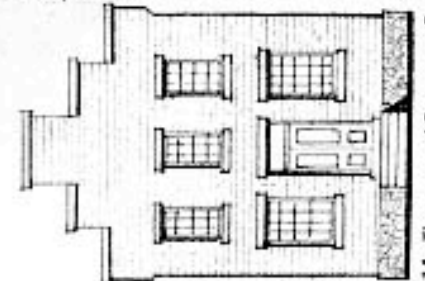
12 Print Shop



6 Temple Site



14 Times and Seasons Building



20 Blacksmith Shop

The Ives Webb brothers' blacksmith and wagon shop was opened in 1843 in this stone building. Many of the wagons used by the Saints to travel westward were built by these men. The building was eventually destroyed, but it was rebuilt in 1969-1970 on its original foundation.

23 Joseph Smith Store

A general store was operated on the first floor of this two-story building located near the Mississippi River. On the second floor Joseph Smith had a private office where he did translating and received revelations. On May 4, 1842, the inauguration of the endowment ceremonies took place in an upstairs meeting room. Today the building is owned and maintained by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

18 Noble-Lucy Mack Smith Home

When she was in her seventies, the mother of Joseph Smith, Lucy M. Smith, asked to stay behind in Nauvoo and join the Saints later, after they were settled in the West. The Church leaders agreed, and in the spring of 1846 they purchased this two-story home for her. It had been built in 1843 by Joseph B. Noble, a justice of the peace. Lucy M. Smith died in Nauvoo in 1855.

8 Scovil Bakery

Lucius Scovil operated a bakery and catering service. Baked goods, crackers, and candy were made and sold here. During the restoration, two indoor ovens and an outdoor oven used for summer baking were discovered.

12 Print Shop

14 Times and Seasons Building
In 1845 this three-building complex was purchased by Elias Smith for \$3,400. The buildings were used as a printing center for the *Times and Seasons* (semi-monthly periodical) and the *Nauvoo Neighbor* (a weekly newspaper), a bookstore, and a book bindery. The middle building served as living quarters for the editors.

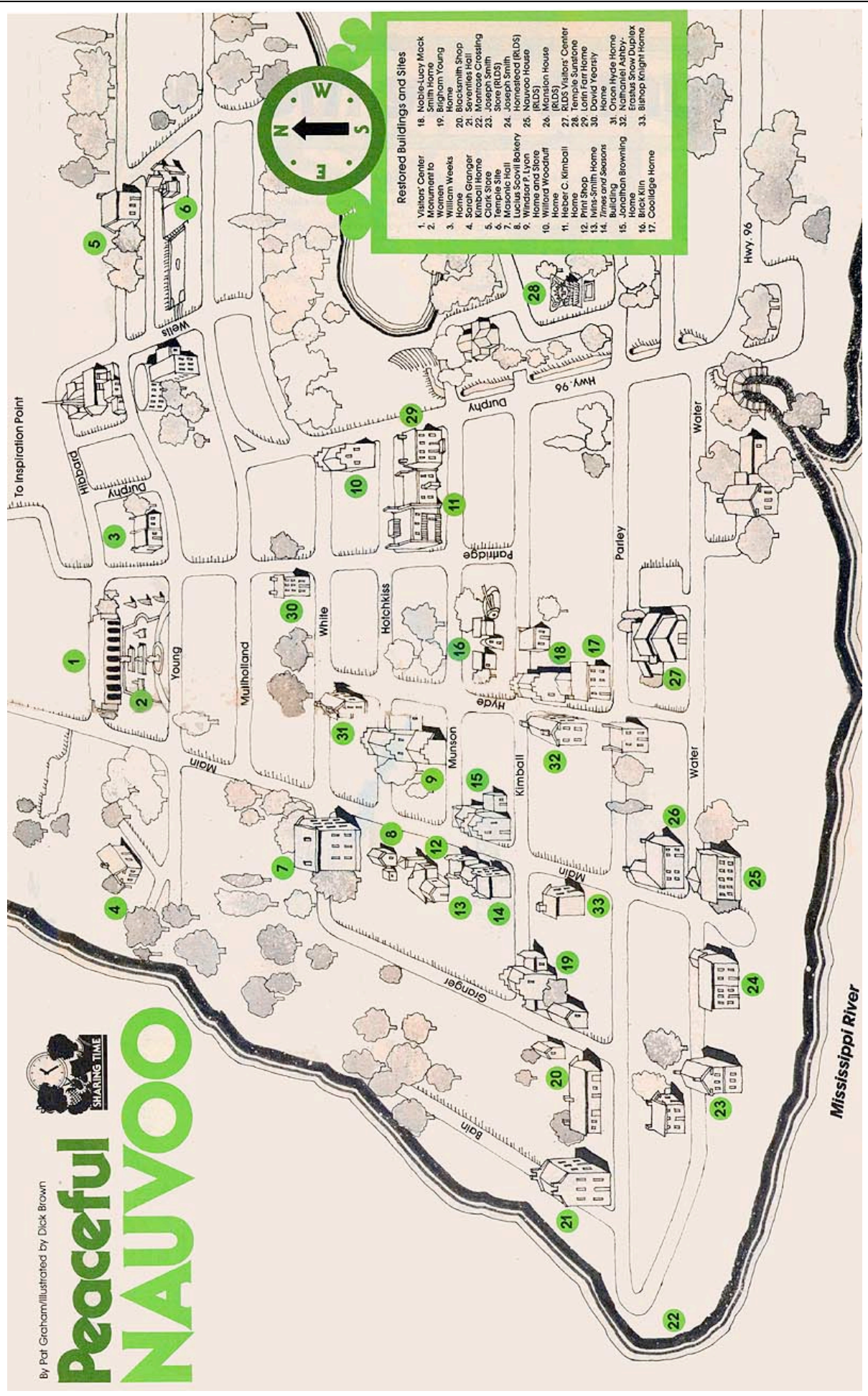
6 Temple Site

Construction on the Nauvoo Temple began in April 1841. The Saints gave many hours of labor and donated many personal belongings to purchase the necessary materials. Unfortunately, many of the Saints had to leave Nauvoo for the West before the temple was dedicated on May 1, 1846. In 1848 the building was damaged by fire and in 1850 was completely destroyed by wind. Most of the gray limestone blocks have been used in other buildings.

By Pat Graham/illustrated by Dick Brown



Peaceful NAUVOO



- ### Restored Buildings and Sites
1. Visitors Center
 2. Monument to Nible-Lucy Moeck Smith Home
 3. William Weeks Home
 4. Sarah Granger Kimball Home
 5. Clark Store
 6. Temple Hall
 7. Marston House
 8. Lucius Scoyil Bakery Home and Store
 9. Windsor F. Lyon Home and Store
 10. Willford Woodruff Home
 11. Home C. Kimball Home
 12. Print Shop
 13. Irvin-Smith Home
 14. Times and Seasons Building
 15. Joseph Browning Home
 16. Brick Kiln
 17. Coolidge Home
 18. Nible-Lucy Moeck Smith Home
 19. Highorn Young Home
 20. Blacksmith Shop
 21. Sevensies Hall
 22. Monrose Crossing
 23. Joseph Smith Store (RDS)
 24. Homestead (RDS)
 25. Nauvoo House (RDS)
 26. Marston House (RDS)
 27. US Visitors Center Home
 28. Temple Sunstone Home
 29. Linn Farm Home
 30. David Yearis Home
 31. Orion Hyde Home
 32. Erastus Snow Duplex Home
 33. Bishop Knight Home

NAUVOO Cutouts

Drawings by Steven Baird

Instructions: Color and cut out each building. Read the information on the back of each picture, then locate the building on the map found on pages 34 and 35. Remember to watch for other buildings to be printed in the October 1984 issue of the *Friend*.



21 Seventies Hall



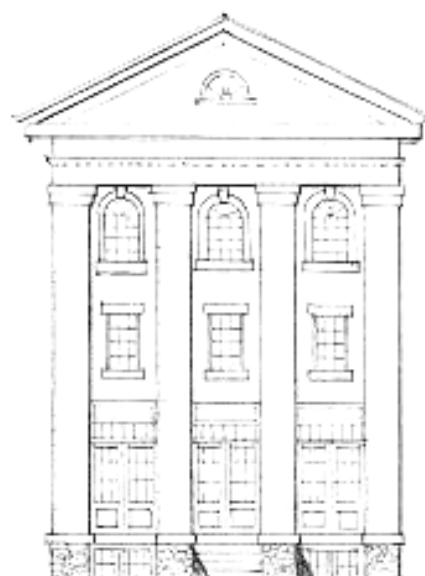
19 Brigham Young Home



3 Willam Weeks Home



11 Heber C. Kimball Home



7 Masonic Hall



10 Willford Woodruff Home



15 Jonathan Browning Home

Sharing Time Ideas

1. Assign children to tell about information on back of buildings, then locate them on map. Buildings might be drawn larger. More information about Nauvoo and the people who lived in the homes can be researched.
2. Sing songs like "Keep the Commandments" (*More Songs for Children*, page 14) and "Teach Me to Walk in the Light" (*Sing with Me* B-45).

19 Brigham Young Home

Brigham Young completed his redbrick home on May 31, 1843. After the death of the Prophet, the Young home became Church headquarters. On February 22, 1846, the Young family left their home and headed west. The home was sold at a public auction for \$600. Later Brigham Young became the second President of the Church.

21 Seventies Hall

While this building was being built a tornado blew down one of its walls. Finally the building was dedicated on December 27, 1844, and served as an office and a missionary training center for the Seventies. A community library and museum were located on the second floor. When the Saints left Nauvoo, the building was sold. It was a Presbyterian church, then a school, before it was destroyed.

7 Masonic Hall

Many civic and cultural events were held in this white stucco three-story building after it was completed in April 1844. Wheat was stored in its basement. After the Saints left Nauvoo, the building was used in turn as a grocery store, a hotel, and after the top floor was torn down, a home.

11 Heber C. Kimball Home

The Kimball family moved into their unfinished redbrick house in late fall of 1845. Unable to sell the home before they journeyed west, they had to abandon it. Heber C. Kimball, a blacksmith and a potter, was one of the first Apostles of the Church. Later he became Brigham Young's first counselor. In 1954 a great-grandson purchased and restored the Kimball home, which marked the beginning of the Nauvoo restoration.

3 William Weeks Home

William Weeks, a skilled architect, designed the Nauvoo Temple. Besides it and his home, he also helped plan the Masonic Hall, Nauvoo House, and the Nauvoo Arsenal.

15 Jonathan Browning Home

Jonathan Browning was a talented gunsmith who invented several repeating rifles. About three years after Jonathan and his wife Elizabeth were converted to the Church, they moved from Quincy, Illinois, to Nauvoo. They purchased a half-acre and lived in a two-room log cabin until their brick home and shop could be built.

10 Willford Woodruff Home

Willford Woodruff wrote in his diary on May 3, 1844, "I hung 4 doors primed them & laid my lower floors." The next day he wrote, "I moved into my new brick house." A week later he left his wife and three children to serve a mission in the New England states. At the age of eighty-two he became the fourth President of the Church.

36-Using the Articles of Faith

(Joseph Smith Writes the Articles of Faith)

Song: The First Article of Faith (CS p. 122)

Scripture: Alma 37:35

Lesson: Friend, January 1995 - A taxicab driver in Washington, D.C., displayed a picture of his two children on the sun visor in front of him. "They are beautiful children," I said. "You must love them very much to carry their photos in your cab. I have children, too, and grandchildren, and I miss them when I'm away from them."

"Why are you away?"

"I'm here for Church meetings. Are you a religious man?"

"Yes, ma'am. I am a Christian."

"So am I! That's wonderful!" I said. "You and I are alike in two ways—we both love our children, and we both are Christian."

"Ma'am, do you believe in the Holy Spirit?" he asked.

"I do. I'm a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."

He looked puzzled.

"Have you heard of the Mormons?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"That's another name for our Church," I explained. "We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost."

That started a discussion based on the first five articles of faith. The fifth article of faith led to our talking about the authority and power to seal families forever. This interested him—he had seen the beautiful Washington Temple.

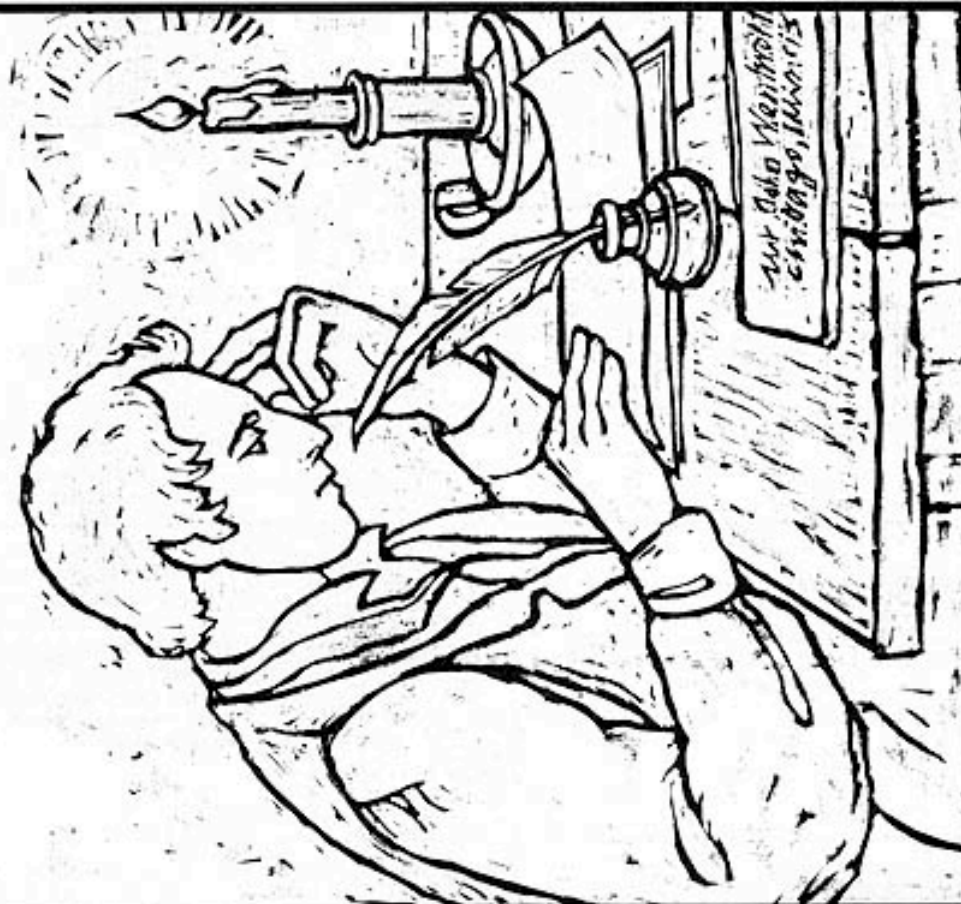
I asked him if he'd like to know more. He said that he would, and he agreed to listen to the missionaries. I had him write his name and address for me, and as soon as I reached my hotel, I telephoned the mission office and gave his name to the elder who answered.

The Articles of Faith are a good way for us to share the gospel. While they don't tell all of our beliefs, they were written by a prophet of God, Joseph Smith, and they are scripture. They have stood the test of time as a way to help us understand and tell others what we

believe. But learning the Articles of Faith is only worthwhile to us as we let them be part of our lives. They are words and beliefs to plant firmly in our hearts and minds and actions.

Activity: Articles of Faith - Friend, January 1995 - Stack three pieces of paper evenly. Punch two holes in the top or left side of them. Thread yarn or string through them to make a book; tie with a bow. Color the picture of Joseph Smith writing the Articles of Faith and fill in your name at the bottom. Cut out the picture and glue it on the front of your book. On the second page, write the heading: "The Articles of Faith." As you learn about them now and during the rest of the year, you can write them on this page. Color the other pictures on page 37. Cut out the pictures and the questions. Glue each question, and the picture that answers it, on the third page of your book. During the year, you will add words and pictures to your book to help you better understand the Articles of Faith.

MY ARTICLES OF FAITH BOOK



Name _____

1995

What are the Articles of Faith?



In the Pearl of Great Price.

Who wrote the Articles of Faith?



At general conference, October 1880.

Why were the Articles of Faith written?



Thirteen statements of LDS beliefs.

Where do we find the Articles of Faith?

When did the Articles of Faith become scripture?



Joseph Smith.

How did the Articles of Faith become scripture?



Church members voted for them.



To answer questions about LDS beliefs.

37-The Martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith

John Taylor's Account

(Joseph and Hyrum Smith Are Martyred)

Song: God is Watching Over Us (CS p. 229)

Scripture: D&C 98:13

Lesson: Friend, December 1997 - *Because of continued threats against the Saints in Nauvoo, Joseph and Hyrum Smith decided to turn themselves over to the law, hoping that their enemies would leave the rest of the Saints in peace. They were imprisoned in a small, two-story stone jail in Carthage, Illinois, as they unsuccessfully appealed to the government for justice. After spending two nights there, they were surrounded by a large, angry mob that broke into the jail and killed Joseph and Hyrum. This is the account given by John Taylor, the third President of the Church, who witnessed the deaths of the Prophet and his brother.*

To seal the testimony of this book [the Doctrine and Covenants] and the Book of Mormon, we announce the martyrdom of Joseph Smith the Prophet, and Hyrum Smith the Patriarch. They were shot in Carthage jail, on the 27th of June, 1844, about five o'clock P.M., by an armed mob—painted black—of from 150 to 200 persons. Hyrum was shot first and fell calmly, exclaiming: I am a dead man! Joseph leaped from the window, and was shot dead in the attempt, exclaiming: O Lord my God! ...

John Taylor and Willard Richards, two of the Twelve, were the only persons in the room at the time; the former was wounded ... but has since recovered; the latter, through the providence of God, escaped, without even a hole in his robe.

Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it. In the short space of twenty years, he has brought forth the Book of Mormon, which he translated by the gift and power of God ... ; has sent the fullness of the everlasting gospel, which it contained, to the four quarters of the earth; has brought forth the revelations and commandments which compose this book of Doctrine and Covenants ... ; gathered many thousands of the Latter-day Saints, founded a great city, and left a fame and name that cannot be slain. He lived great, and he died great in the eyes of God and his people; and like most of the Lord's anointed in ancient times, has sealed his mission and his works with his own blood; and so has his brother Hyrum. In life they were not divided, and in death they were not separated! (D&C 135:1-3.)

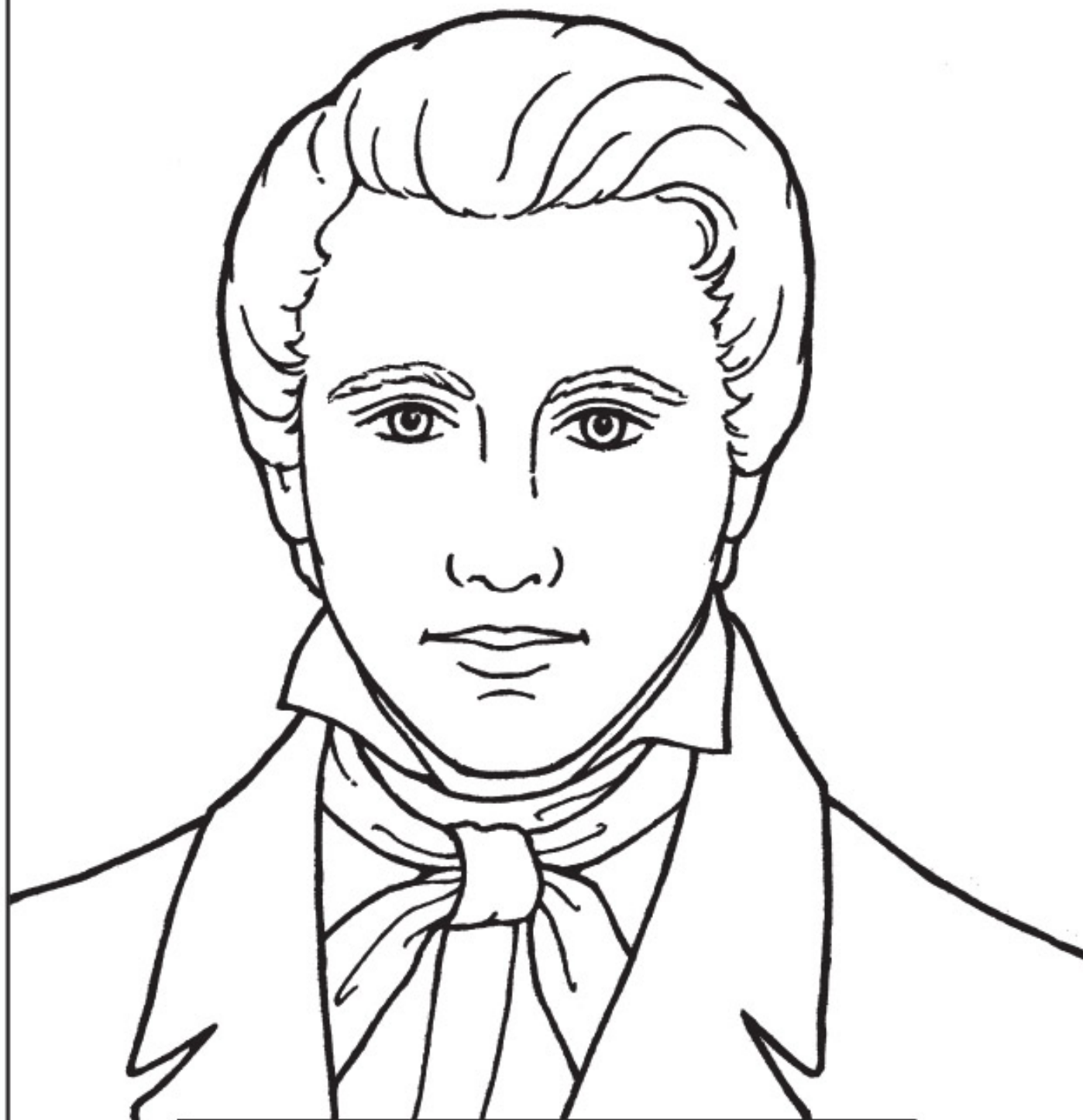
At the time of their deaths, Hyrum was forty-four years old and Joseph was thirty-eight.

A few days before he was killed, Joseph, aware of his danger, said, "I am going like a lamb to the slaughter; but I am calm as a summer's morning" (D&C 135:4). Because of their faith in

Jesus Christ, Joseph and Hyrum were not afraid to die. They had been obedient to His will and knew that they would be blessed in the life to come.

Henceforward their names will be classed among the martyrs of religion. ... They lived for glory; they died for glory; and glory is their eternal reward. (D&C 135:6.)

Activity: Coloring Page - Joseph Smith - Friend, April 2008



Prophet Joseph Smith

Joseph Smith, a young boy, asked which church was right.
He received the gold plates, restoring gospel truth.
Joseph organized the Church again upon the earth.

38-Brigham Young 1801-1877

(Brigham Young Leads the Church)

Song: Latter-day Prophets (CS p. 134)

Scripture: D&C 124:127

Lesson: Friend, January 1980 - "Brigham Young, second president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, succeeded Joseph Smith, founder of the Church, who was martyred at Carthage, Illinois. He was chosen as leader of the people in 1844 and sustained as president of the Church December 27, 1847.

"Earlier that year he led the Mormon pioneers from Winter Quarters (Omaha) to the Salt Lake Valley, arriving here July 24. In 1849 he became governor of the Provisional State of Deseret, and in 1850 governor of the territory of Utah."

These few words next to a native stone slab mark the final earthly resting place of Brigham Young, located two blocks east of the Salt Lake Temple.

Called Brother Brigham by many of his associates, President Young was known by others who loved and respected him as the Lion of the Lord. This valiant and fearless leader, who claimed less than a dozen days of formal schooling, combined his calling as a prophet, his practical sense as a builder, and his knowledge of human nature to become a pioneer leader and a statesman of unequalled ability. Yet in addition to his broad vision as spiritual leader and colonizer, he often directed his gentleness and concern for children to their parents:

"When your children arise in the morning, instead of sending them out of doors to wash in cold, hard water, with a little soft soap, and wiping them as though you would tear the skin off them, ... take a piece of soft flannel, and wipe the faces of your children smooth and nice, dry them with a soft cloth; and instead of giving them pork for their breakfast, give them good wholesome bread and sweet milk, baked potatoes ... and a little fruit, and I would have no objections to their eating a little rice. Rice is an excellent food for children."

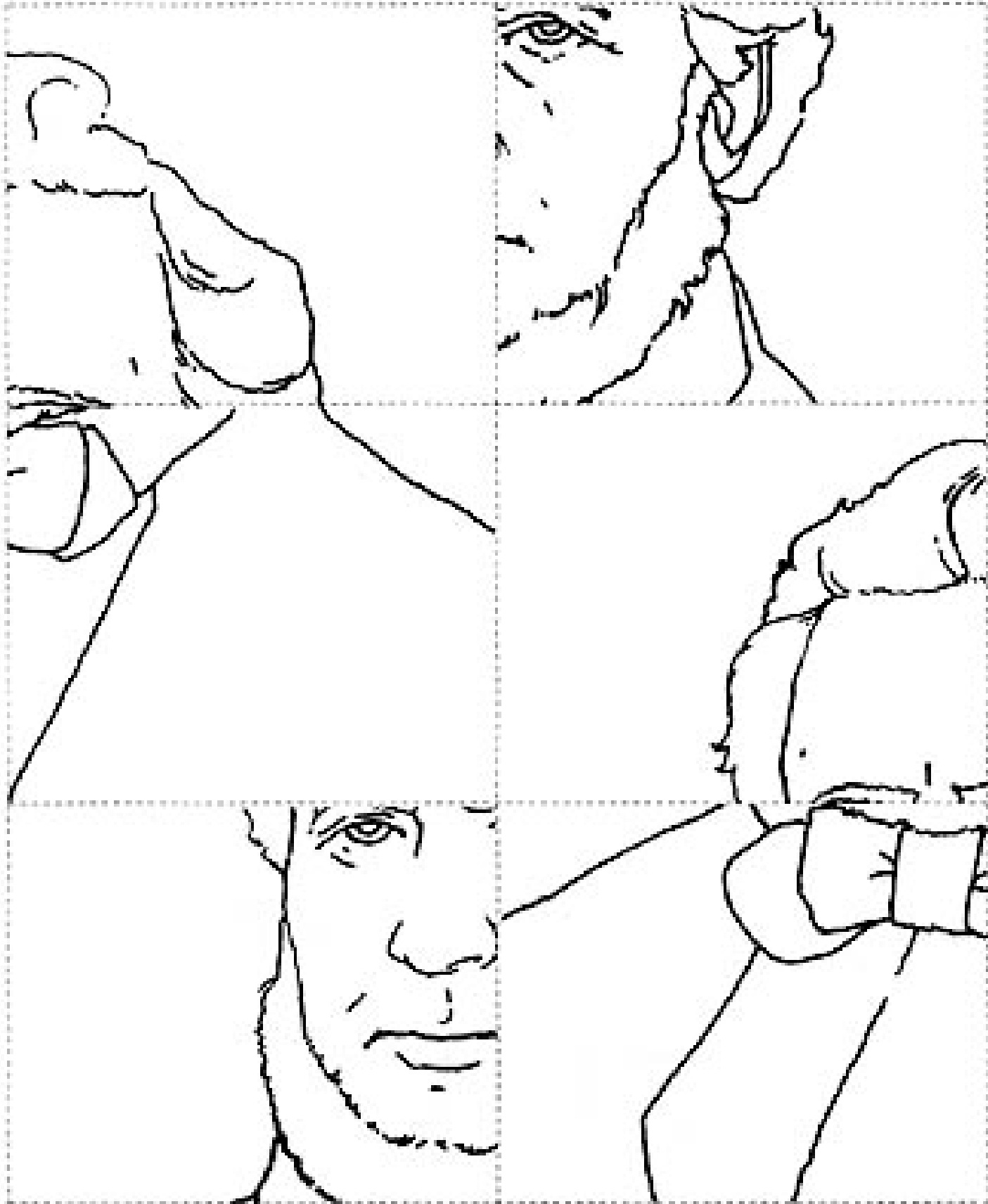
To children, Brigham Young counseled:

"Obey your parents, be good Although you are young you know good from evil."

After the death of Joseph Smith when even some staunch members fell away from the Church, Brigham Young's love for the Prophet and his loyalty to him and to the Church remained unchanged. Speaking to a congregation at the Bowery on Temple Square in Great Salt Lake City in 1855, he said:

“I feel like shouting hallelujah, all the time, when I think that I ever knew Joseph Smith.”
True to the end, Brigham Young’s last words before he died—as though the Prophet were calling him—were “Joseph! Joseph! Joseph! Joseph!”

Activity: Brigham Young Puzzle - Friend, February 1993



39-The Poor Camp

(The Saints Build Winter Quarters)

Song: I Feel My Savior's Love (CS p. 74)

Scripture: D&C 136:1-2

Lesson: Friend, October 1971 - Every Thursday the people in Winter Quarters gathered at the little log cabin that was used as a post office. Their independent mail service had been established by Brigham Young to serve the Saints living in Nauvoo, Garden Grove, Mt. Pisgah, Council Bluffs, and Winter Quarters. Each week a man brought this mail over a private route to Winter Quarters.

On Thursday, Tommy and Betsy, with their mother and Eliza and Elija, were waiting with the crowd for the mail. As Brother Clayton read off the names of those who had letters, Tommy heard his name called. He couldn't believe his ears! It was the first time in his life he had received any mail. His trembling fingers tore open the envelope. He was so excited, he could hardly read the letter, which was from his friend Joseph, who was still in Nauvoo.

Dear Tommy,

At last we are leaving. We finally sold our house and land for enough money to get a wagon and some supplies. We will cross the Mississippi River tomorrow.

Nauvoo has not been a happy place since you left. Some of the brethren went outside the city limits to harvest their grain. They were captured by a mob and beaten with hickory goads. No one is safe!

Most of the people have crossed the river by now, but they are still camped on the flats because they can't go on to Winter Quarters. Many of these people are elderly or sick. Some of them do not have provisions. Mother says she hopes that help will come for them.

I will be very glad to see you in a few weeks. We plan to leave immediately for Winter Quarters after we cross the river. Mother says that maybe we can go to school when we get there. I will be glad if we can.

Your friend, Joseph

That night when their chores were done, Elija and Tommy sat talking with Tommy's mother. "I've been thinking about those people who have been driven across the river from Nauvoo. I wish I could do something to help them," Tommy said.

"Brigham Young will certainly find a way to help them," his mother answered. "But right now it is time for you to get to bed."

The next day, while Tommy and Elija were herding their cattle, they saw Betsy and Eliza running toward them. "Is something the matter?" called Tommy.

"No," answered Eliza. "We have a message for you from Brigham Young. He wants to see both of you in his cabin right away."

"Why does he want to see us?" asked Elija.

"I don't know," Eliza replied, "but Betsy and I will watch the cattle while you find out."

When Tommy and Elija arrived at Brigham Young's cabin, Tommy's mother was there waiting for them. Brigham Young spoke as they entered. "Boys," he said, "I want each of you to take a wagon to the poor camp on this side of the river from Nauvoo. Some of the Saints there have been driven from their homes and are greatly in need of food, clothing, and shelter. Bring them to Winter Quarters. You are young for so great a task, but I know you will do it well. Brother Allen will have charge of the wagon train, and you will be under his direction. There will be about twenty wagons. You will leave in the morning."

Tommy's mother looked at the two boys. "The girls and I will be all right here," she smiled.

The long trip to Nauvoo was pleasant. As the boys neared the river, Tommy noticed that the sky had darkened, and he heard the sound of rushing wings. Then they saw thousands of quail flying overhead. Many of the birds settled down on the wagon covers, on the wagon seats, and on the heads and arms of the drivers.

When those in the wagon train entered the camp, they found quail on the ground, in the air, in the tents, and on the people. The birds did not move when touched. Even the sick could reach out and catch one without the quail offering any resistance. The joy of the people was boundless. "It's a blessing from heaven," said one of the men from the camp. "The people here were starving, and the Lord has sent them food."

Suddenly Tommy remembered hearing how the Lord had sent quail to the children of Israel who wandered in the wilderness long ago.

Just then Joseph came running up. He and Tommy threw their arms around each other in greeting. It was good to be together again, and good to know that all the people around them had food. "It's a miracle!" Joseph exclaimed, and Tommy nodded in agreement.

Activity: A Pioneer Story - Friend, July 2008 - Read the story below. Fill in the missing words using the letters in the wagon wheel. Start at the arrow and move clockwise around the wheel, choosing every other letter to complete the blanks. The first one is started for you. Answers: Nauvoo, Mississippi, Illinois, Grove, Young.

40-A Different Kind of Pioneer

(The First Pioneer Company Crosses the Plains)

Song: Love Is Spoken Here (CS p. 190)

Scripture: D&C 8:10

Lesson: Friend, July 1984 - Maria stirred her scrambled eggs around and around with her fork. "Mom," she asked, "do we *have* to go to church next Sunday?"

Mother looked surprised. "Why, of course!" she declared. "We always go to church on Sunday."

Maria continued to play with her food. Finally her mother asked, "Are you still worried about your talk?"

Maria nodded. She and two other children had been asked to give talks in Primary. Because it was the week of the Mormon Pioneer celebration, the topic of the talks was to be "pioneers in my family." Maria and her mother had been members of the Church for only a few years.

Mother had told Maria that her Primary teacher probably didn't realize this. She suggested that Maria talk about the early Mormon pioneers instead. Maria had followed her mother's advice, but she felt uneasy about it because she wasn't really following the assigned topic.

Maria finished her breakfast and hurried to school, but all day long she worried about her talk. It seemed forever until the three o'clock bell rang. When she came home, the apartment was empty. Mother wouldn't be home from work until six o'clock, so Maria fixed herself a snack and thought about her talk. Finally she decided that since she couldn't talk about pioneers in her family, she simply wouldn't give a talk at all. Maria was sure Sister Robinson would understand. Besides, Jason and Nancy would still be speaking.

When her Primary teacher answered the phone, Maria explained why she couldn't give the talk. Instead of agreeing with Maria, Sister Robinson said, "I gave the assignment to you, Maria, for a very special reason. Why don't you ask your mother if you can come over to my house after dinner, and we'll talk about it."

Later that evening Maria went to Sister Robinson's house. When she returned home, she had a talk all ready for Sunday.

After the opening exercises in Primary on Sunday, Jason stood up and told about his ancestors who had left Norway in 1860 and sailed to America. They had been persecuted in their homeland because they were Mormons.

Nancy read excerpts from her great-grandmother's diary. It told how she had traveled west in a covered wagon and settled in the Salt Lake Valley.

When Maria walked up in front of the class, her knees were wobbly because she had never given a talk in church before. She was grateful for her notes, because suddenly she had forgotten everything she was supposed to say. Finally, after a quick look at her notebook, Maria began: "Five years ago my mother and I were living in Germany, where I was born. I was in kindergarten then, and my mother was in medical school, studying to become a doctor. My father had just died. The following year my mother graduated, and she had the opportunity to do her internship in Baltimore, Maryland. That's how we came to the United States.

"On the plane coming over, we sat next to two young men who said they were Mormon missionaries. They had spent two years in Germany preaching the gospel. My mother and I had never met a Mormon before, and we thought they were very brave to leave their homes for such a long time.

"After we had been living in Baltimore for about six months, my mother found out that a doctor she was working with was a Latter-day Saint. She told him about the two missionaries she had met and how impressed she had been by them. The doctor invited us to his home later on, and we began to attend church with him and his family. After a few months my mother was baptized. When I turned eight, I was baptized too."

Maria paused and looked out over the room. "When Sister Robinson asked me to talk about pioneers in my family, I told her we didn't have any. I thought pioneers were only people who lived a long time ago, like Nancy's great-grandmother. Then Sister Robinson asked me to look up the word *pioneer* in the dictionary. I did, and it said that a pioneer is a person who goes before others and prepares the way for them. So, because my mother and I are the first Latter-day Saints in our family, we are pioneers!

"It's a great responsibility to be a pioneer, because it's up to us to set the example for our descendants. But I know that if I stay faithful to the Church, maybe a hundred years from now another girl will stand up in Primary and tell about how her great-grandmother Maria came from Germany with her mother and joined the Church."

When Primary was over, several people came over and told Maria how much they enjoyed her talk. One sister said that she, too, was a convert but that until Maria's talk she had never thought of herself as being a pioneer.

When Maria left church, she knew that this was one Pioneer Day that she would always remember.

Activity: Coloring Page - I Can be a Missionary Now - Friend, September 2011



I can be a missionary now.

This gospel shall be preached unto every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people (D&C 133:37).

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41-Life-Saving Lily

(The Saints Settle the Salt Lake Valley)

Song: I Thank Thee, Dear Father (CS p. 310)

Scripture: D&C 59:18

Lesson: Friend, July 1997 - Shortly after the pioneers entered the Salt Lake Valley, a young man named David Cannon brought his wife, Wilhelmina, to southern Utah to help start a settlement. Wilhelmina, or “Willie” as she was called, was not at all happy. She hated the hot, dry desert, and cried constantly. She pleaded with her husband to take her back east, where plants and trees grew more easily and the weather was more moderate.

“Everything is so ugly here,” she complained. “If you can show me just one beautiful thing in this place, I will make myself content and stop complaining.”

David went up into the mountains and returned with a beautiful three-petaled blossom with delicate colors. Willie honestly admitted to both David and herself that it was indeed a thing of beauty. She never again complained but went to work with her husband to make a productive farm and lovely home in the St. George area, where they lived for many years.

Amazingly, the same kind of plant that inspired one discouraged pioneer with its blossom, saved the lives of countless others with its nutritious roots. It was the sego lily.

In 1846, when wagon trains were being formed at Winter Quarters, the Saints were told to bring along provisions to last for eighteen months. Some did, but most just brought what they had or what they could afford to buy. When they arrived in the Salt Lake Valley, most of the pioneers had little or no food. They had been without sugar and flour for months; their few other provisions had also been used up on the long trip across the plains. Many were reduced to eating whatever they could find—crows, rabbits, wolves. One settler wrote that he made soup from water and a piece of animal hide! They had arrived too late in the season to plant enough crops, and they faced a long winter of cold and bitter weather with empty stomachs.

Fortunately, friendly Native Americans lived in the area, and they helped the pioneers find food that was already there, including the sego lily, which had a bulblike root, something like a radish. The Indians showed the pioneers how to dig, cook, and preserve these roots.

It took a lot of sego lilies to make a meal for a family. Although most of the root bulbs were about the size of a large marble, some were only as big as green peas! Some people said that the sego lily roots tasted like a turnip, and they were apparently better when freshly prepared. One pioneer wrote in her journal that when the cooked bulbs cooled, they became thick and stringy and looked like wallpaper paste!

Some people ground the roots and mixed them with corn meal or flour, if they had it. When they had more than they needed for immediate use, they hung the roots to dry, or stored them in a cellar for later use.

The bulbs had to be dug up with a sharpened stick or a knife. It was backbreaking work, but in those first few years, it meant the difference between surviving and starving. Brigham Young said many times that the pioneers would never have lived through that terrible first winter if it had not been for the sego lilies. Eventually wheat and corn were grown, and supply trains came from the east. But in the meanwhile, the sego lily was truly a heaven-sent source of food.

For many people, the sego lily came to symbolize the qualities of the pioneers themselves. It could survive in poor soil with very little water and still produce a beautiful flower and a life-giving root. It was hardy and tough and grew with no care or attention.

While not nearly as plentiful as it was in pioneer days, the sego lily is still found in some valleys and foothills throughout the area that was once known as the Utah Territory, which includes all of present-day Utah and Idaho, and parts of Nevada, Wyoming, and Arizona.

In 1911, the Utah Legislature formally designated the sego lily as the state flower. This was a fitting gesture of respect for the humble plant that was literally a lifesaver to the Latter-day Saint pioneers.

Activity: Coloring Page - Segoe Lily



CELEBRATING WILDFLOWERS

Calochortus nuttallii
Sego Lily or Utah Mariposa

42-Special Witness: Pioneer Sacrifices

(The Pioneers Show Their Faith in Jesus Christ)

Song: Choose the Right Way (CS p. 160)

Scripture: D&C 59:4

Lesson: Friend, July 2002 - *Did you know that Elder M. Russell Ballard likes to repair things? Both of his grandfathers were also Apostles. He speaks often of his love for his pioneer ancestors:*

Many of us are descendants of hardy pioneers, and we feel grateful and inspired by their faith-promoting examples of sacrifice. My great-grandmother, Margaret McNeil Ballard, recorded in her journal a pioneer experience of sacrifice that occurred when she was between nine and eleven years of age. [She had come from Scotland by boat with her family.] She wrote:

“After landing we planned to go west to Utah. ... The company we were assigned to had gone on ahead and as my mother was anxious for me to go with them she strapped my little brother James on my back with a shawl. He was only four years old and ... quite sick with the measles; but I took him since my mother had all she could do to care for the other children. I hurried and caught up with the company, traveling with them all day. That night a kind lady helped me take my brother off my back. I sat up and held him on my lap with the shawl wrapped around him, alone, all night. He was a little better in the morning. The people in the camp were very good to us and gave us a little fried bacon and some bread for breakfast.

“We traveled this way for about a week, before my brother and I were united with our family again.”

This brief episode in Great-grandmother’s life teaches me that our pioneer ancestors gave everything, even their lives, for their faith, for the building of the kingdom of God when the Church was in its infancy. It teaches also that they helped, nourished, and strengthened each other. ... Their ... love for one another and their devotion to their Lord and to the gospel were boundless.

Our commitment to the kingdom should match that of our faithful ancestors even though our sacrifices are different. ... Today we are not called to pull handcarts through the snow-swept plains of Wyoming. However, we are called to live, foster, and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is our privilege to invest our means and our time to bless others. (*Ensign*, May 1992, pages 75, 77.)

Activity: Pioneer Puzzle Game - Friend, July 2004

Pioneer Puzzle Game

To play the game, you will need: a die and a game piece such as a bean or a button for each player.

Instructions: Remove pages 24–25 from the magazine. Cut out the puzzle pieces in the center of the game board, glue them to heavy paper, trim, and set them aside. Then mount the game board on heavy paper. Take turns rolling the die to move forward from the square marked “start.” When you land on a square with words, follow the instructions or answer the question written on the square. If you can follow the instructions or answer the question, put a puzzle piece in place. If not, it’s the next player’s turn. If a player lands on the same square more than once, he or she can choose another player to follow the instructions on the square. Continue moving around the circle until the puzzle is completed.

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Some pioneers traveled by handcart. If you traveled that way, what are three important things you would take with you?

Pioneers loved their families. Tell what you love about each of your family members.

Pioneers were brave. Tell about a time when you had to be brave.

When pioneers reached the Salt Lake Valley, they started to build a temple. Name the temple closest to your home.

Some pioneers were born in other countries. Name where you were born and the places you have lived.

Pioneers followed the prophet. Name our current prophet. How can you follow him?

Pioneers were cheerful despite their challenges. How can you show a cheerful attitude?

Pioneers worked hard. Name two ways you can work hard and fulfill your responsibilities.

Pioneers were grateful. Name three things you're grateful for.

Where are you going to live when you're grown up?

Pioneers' testimonies helped them sacrifice for the gospel. Name one thing you can do to strengthen your testimony.

We know about the pioneers because many kept journals. Name something you'd like to remember to write about in your journal.

Pioneers were strong. What can you do to keep your body strong and healthy?

Before crossing the plains, pioneers accepted the gospel. What is one way you can prepare for baptism or keep your baptismal covenants?

Pioneers rested and worshipped on the Sabbath. Name one thing you can do to keep the Sabbath day holy.

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Pioneers helped each other. What is one thing you can do to be

Pioneers sometimes left their families for a time to serve missions. How can you prepare to be a missionary?

Pioneers enjoyed singing. Sing or recite the words to one verse of your favorite hymn or primary song.

43-Journey by Handcart

(Handcart Companies Come to the Salt Lake Valley)

Song: Come, Come Ye Saints (Hymn #30)

Scripture: D&C 52:43

Lesson: Friend, July & Aug 2000 - I'm very happy with my name, Janetta Ann McBride. Brigham Young gave me that name and blessed me when I was a baby. He was one of the elders who visited at my parents' home in Church Town, England, where I was born on Christmas Eve in 1839. It isn't everyone who can claim that a prophet gave them a name and a blessing.

My father was originally from Scotland. He came to England for work. There he met my mother and married her. They joined the Church just a few years later.

When I was six years old, my family moved to Island of Bute, Scotland. I attended the School of Industry, where I learned how to sew and keep house. I graduated when I was eleven years old. That's when most children began working to help their family with expenses.

I, too, would have gone straight to work, except I got sick. Instead, I was sent to live with my grandmother by the seashore. It was thought that the sea air would be good for my health. It must have been, because I got well. But Grandmother had a serious accident one day and died. By that time, my family had moved back to England, and I moved there to live with them.

At the age of fourteen, I was apprenticed to a dressmaker and learned how to make beautiful dresses. I worked for her for two years. Then my family made the decision to move to America. Times were hard in England. Jobs and food were both scarce. Also a call had gone out from the Church for the Saints to gather to Zion.

At age sixteen, I was the oldest of the children in our family. Heber had just turned thirteen. Ether was eight, Peter six, and Margaret was still a baby, not quite two years old. We loved the Lord with all our hearts. We had been commanded to gather to Zion, and so we began our journey, one step at a time. Little did we know what would face us on the journey ahead. I think, though, that even if we had known, we still would have gone.

The Church had a special fund at that time that loaned money to members for travel to Salt Lake City, Utah. In 1856, however, there wasn't much money in it. To cut expenses, it was decided that my family, along with many others, would travel across the plains by handcart. The journey from Liverpool, England, to Salt Lake City would then only cost about forty-five dollars per person—much less than the cost of using wagons and ox teams to cross the plains.

But first we had to sail to America!

I was excited when my family packed up their belongings and headed for Liverpool. It was a great seaport, teeming with ships of every kind. I loved watching the ships being loaded and unloaded with every kind of article you could imagine. Spices from India scented the air. Passenger ships were a hive of activity as their holds were loaded with food and water. There was so much to see!

Our ship was the *Horizon*, a good ship. We had fine weather all the way across the Atlantic, except for a few days when it was so foggy that we couldn't even get candles to burn! On June 30, 1856, we safely landed in Boston, Massachusetts. We were thrilled to be in the land where the gospel had been restored!

I don't think any of us had any idea how big America really was. When we landed in Boston, we didn't realize that our long journey was just beginning, rather than nearing its end.

From Boston, we traveled to Iowa City, Iowa, by railroad. The new railroad saved us weeks of traveling by wagon. The cattle cars were crowded, but we endured the journey well. The train stopped in Buffalo, New York, on the Fourth of July. We could only watch the people celebrate. How I wanted to join them!

Finally we arrived in Iowa City. From the train station, we walked three miles in rain and mud to the place where we were to meet the Church's agent in charge of organizing the trek. We had been assured that everything would be ready for us when we arrived, but it wasn't. The handcarts hadn't even been built! We camped and worked at preparing for the journey until all was ready.

Eventually the handcarts were obtained, and our family was assigned to Captain Edward Martin's company. Near the end of July 1856, we cheerfully began our journey to Zion. Our family had three carts when we started out. Each cart could carry about 120 pounds of baggage, 100 pounds of flour, cooking utensils, and additional food. There were 576 people in our company. I'd never been with so many members of the Church!

Pulling the handcarts wasn't bad at first. But many of them broke down because they were built of green wood. We pulled those carts three hundred miles to Florence, Nebraska. The last members of our company, and the Willie company, arrived there on August 22. As soon as we arrived, there was some disagreement as to whether we should continue on. Some said that it was too late in the year. They felt that we should set up a winter camp in Florence and wait until spring to travel to Salt Lake City. But most of the Saints were for starting immediately. After much discussion, it was decided to continue on. We were anxious to finish our long journey. About a thousand miles remained ahead of us, but we had already come so many miles that another thousand seemed like a short trip. We didn't know that the worst part of our journey was still ahead.

It was the 25th of August, almost the end of summer, when we left Florence, Nebraska, and headed for Salt Lake City. Everything went fine until Mother became really sick. It was hard

to see her ill. She had to ride in one of the handcarts, and I took her place pulling. Heber also was pulling a cart.

Traveling by handcart isn't bad if you have enough food and the weather stays nice. Many Saints traveled that way and found it a healthy and quick way to get to the Salt Lake Valley. On September 7, a group of missionaries returning to Salt Lake passed us. When they saw how late in the season we were traveling and that the weather was unseasonably cold, they said that they would hurry on to Salt Lake and report to Brigham Young that we would be needing help to get to the valley. We later learned that they had arrived in Salt Lake on October 4. The next day, the 5th, Brigham Young called upon the bishops to immediately organize supplies, wagons, and men to go out and help us reach the valley. The first group left Salt Lake City on October 7th. But, of course, we didn't know that.

When we arrived at Fort Laramie, we were starting to run low on food. Members of the company purchased what additional food they could. Our rations were also cut from 1 pound of flour a day per person to 3/4 pound. Later it was cut to 1/2 pound, and finally to 1/4 pound per person.

On October 17, just before crossing the North Platte River for the last time, we were told to lighten our loads so that we could travel more quickly. Blankets, extra clothing, and utensils were left behind. How I missed the clothing and bedding a few days later!

The North Platte River was freezing cold, deep, and swift. On October 19th, Father helped us across, then helped others. We were all wet and cold and hungry. No sooner were we across, than the first snowstorm hit us. Father worked hard helping set up camp, and he gave away much—too much—of his food to those in greater need. Most of the men worked too hard and ate too little. They couldn't bear to see the suffering of the women and children.

The night of October 21st was especially bitter cold and stormy. Nobody had enough clothing or blankets to stay warm. Sometime during the night, Father died of exhaustion, starvation, and the cold. Twelve others also died that night. They were all buried in the same grave. The ground was so frozen that digging in it was almost impossible. How hard it was to leave him out there on the frozen prairie. I felt sad and lonely.

Mother was still ill, Father was dead, and I was now in charge of getting our family to Salt Lake. There was no time to sit down and cry or wait for help. None of us had any choice but to keep moving toward Zion and safety. I used our family's flour to make a kind of biscuit. I kept pieces from my share of the bread in my pockets. When I couldn't get the boys or Margaret to keep going, I'd offer them a crumb of bread. Even though they were cold and exhausted, they were so hungry that it worked.

At the end of October, Brother Joseph A. Young and Brother Stephen Taylor arrived in our camp from Salt Lake City. They had wagons of food and clothing! We greeted them as angels of mercy. For the first time in many days, there was joy in our camp. They told us more food, clothing, and bedding were waiting for us at Devil's Gate.

We kept traveling through the snow to Devil's Gate and ran into the other wagons with provisions for us. How I wished for a pair of shoes, as my feet froze in the icy slush. But even shoes were less important than food. We left Devil's Gate with a single handcart for our family. Many of the handcarts were left behind. Those that had brought the provisions from Salt Lake City traveled with us.

At the Sweetwater River, I pulled our handcart through the slushy ice water, then went back for my brothers and sister. I carried them across one at a time. The river wasn't too deep, but it was many yards wide. It was so cold that my skirts froze around my legs. I wondered if I'd ever be warm again.

The snowstorms continued, and it was bitter cold at night. Sometimes we'd wake up in the morning with our hair frozen to the ground. One night, we thought my little brother Peter was dead, because he was frozen to his quilt. But he finally woke up and, after thawing out his hair, continued the journey.

Although we were much better off now, there still wasn't enough food or clothing to go around. It was still cold, it was still stormy, and I still had no shoes. Our company found a ravine that we later named Martin's Ravine, and we set up camp there. For three days there was a terrible blizzard. It was so cold! Even after the storm ended, we had to wait several days before we could travel over the fresh snow. Although there were now wagons and horses, I walked every step of the way. Only those who had frozen feet got to ride.

We camped at Fort Bridger for a few days of rest. More help came at that time. We kept right on traveling. We reached Salt Lake City on November 30, 1856, eleven months after we had left our home in England. Of the 576 people who had started with our company, about 150 of them had died and were buried along the trail, including my father.

We found a place to stay in Ogden with a family named Ferrin. Mother got better and cooked for this household of grown men in return for our board and room. I fell in love with one of the Ferrin brothers, Jacob Samuel. We were married in the Endowment House, and we moved to Provo with my brother Heber.

Later my husband and I moved to Arizona, where we were once again pioneers in an unknown territory.

Do I regret any moment of following the call of the prophet? No! Despite all the hard times, we made it to Zion. We had the gospel, and we were with the Saints. Jacob and I were married for eternity. It was what we had left England for, to obtain the blessings of the gospel. No matter what it cost, it was worth it! All my life I bore testimony of my thankfulness that I made that journey, no matter how hard it was.

Activity: Create Your Own Handcart - Friend, July 2008

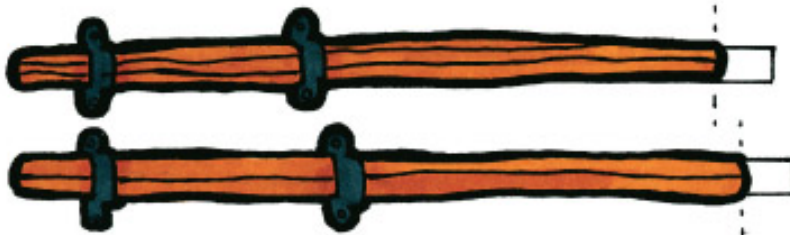
In 1856 the first handcart company of Latter-day Saint pioneers started its journey to the Salt Lake Valley. Over the next four years, more than 3,000 people pulled and pushed handcarts across the plains. To make your own handcart, follow these instructions. As you load the supplies, think about what you would have taken on the journey.

Instructions

Remove these pages from the magazine, mount them on heavier paper, and cut out the pieces. To make the bed of the handcart, fold up its sides, front, and back, and glue the tabs. Glue a wheel and a pulling shaft on each side. Glue the crossbar to the tabs on the ends of the pulling shafts. Fold the tabs on the rest of the figures so they can stand up. Place the father and mother inside the crossbar. (Glue the father's arm outside the shaft so it looks like he's pulling.) Put the daughter and supplies in the cart, and place the son where he can help push. Don't forget to hang the pot on the back!

CREATE YOUR OWN HANDCART





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44-A Star Out of Stone

(The Salt Lake Temple Is Constructed and Dedicated)

Song: The Lord Gave Me a Temple (CS p. 153)

Scripture: 1 Kings 5:17

Lesson: Friend, July 2002 - Have you ever taken scissors and tried to cut a star, or maybe a perfect circle out of paper? Can you imagine being asked to use a hammer and chisel to cut a star onto a 1,000-pound (450-k) stone, or to make a ball 3' (.9m) in diameter out of hard granite?

That was exactly the job of Peter Howell and many other stonecutters who worked on the Salt Lake Temple.* The outside of the temple is made entirely of granite, and each piece had to be cut and shaped with hand tools.

It took 40 years to build this temple to the Lord, and it required the skills of hundreds of workers. It was built to last, with walls 6' (1.8 m) thick. But the pioneers also wanted it to be beautiful. That is one reason why it has tall spires and carefully carved designs in the stone walls.

Carving a large granite stone took a great deal of strength and skill. A stonecutter's tools included a granite ax to flake off layers to help make the stone more smooth or square. They also included a chipping hammer and several kinds of chisels, with flat or sharp points on the end, to carve into the rock. The cutter pounded on one end of the steel chisel with a heavy sledgehammer so that the sharp point on the other end would chip out a piece of stone.

It took a heavy blow with an 8-pound (3.6-k) hammer on the chisel to make even a dent in the granite. To cut careful corners and points on stars took a strong arm that could keep pounding, as well as great skill with the chisel. A stonecutter also used trueing blocks to make sure that the stone had the exactly-square sides it needed to fit snugly into the walls of the temple, and that it matched the marks made on it by the pattern maker.

Pounding on stone dulls chisels and axes quickly. It took 6 to 8 blacksmiths working on the temple grounds beside the stonecutters to keep all the tools sharp and ready for work. All of the crews worked summer and winter.

The workers on the temples weren't all older men. Many teenage boys were apprentices, or helpers, to the stonecutters, blacksmiths, and masons who put the stones in place on the temple walls. In those days, it was common for a boy of about 14 to get a full-time job with a skilled worker who could teach him a trade like stonecutting.

Stone for the temple came from Little Cottonwood Canyon, more than 20 miles (32 km) away. Crews at the canyon rock quarry worked 6 days a week to cut large blocks of granite

from the hillside. A row of holes was drilled into the rock, then wooden wedges were pounded into the holes to split huge blocks away from the mountain.

The blocks sometimes were as big as their log cabins and weighed many tons. The stone had to be cut into smaller pieces of 2 to 10 tons (1.9 to 8.5 k) before being carried by wagon down to the temple area. In later years, a railroad line was built from the rock quarry to the temple grounds.

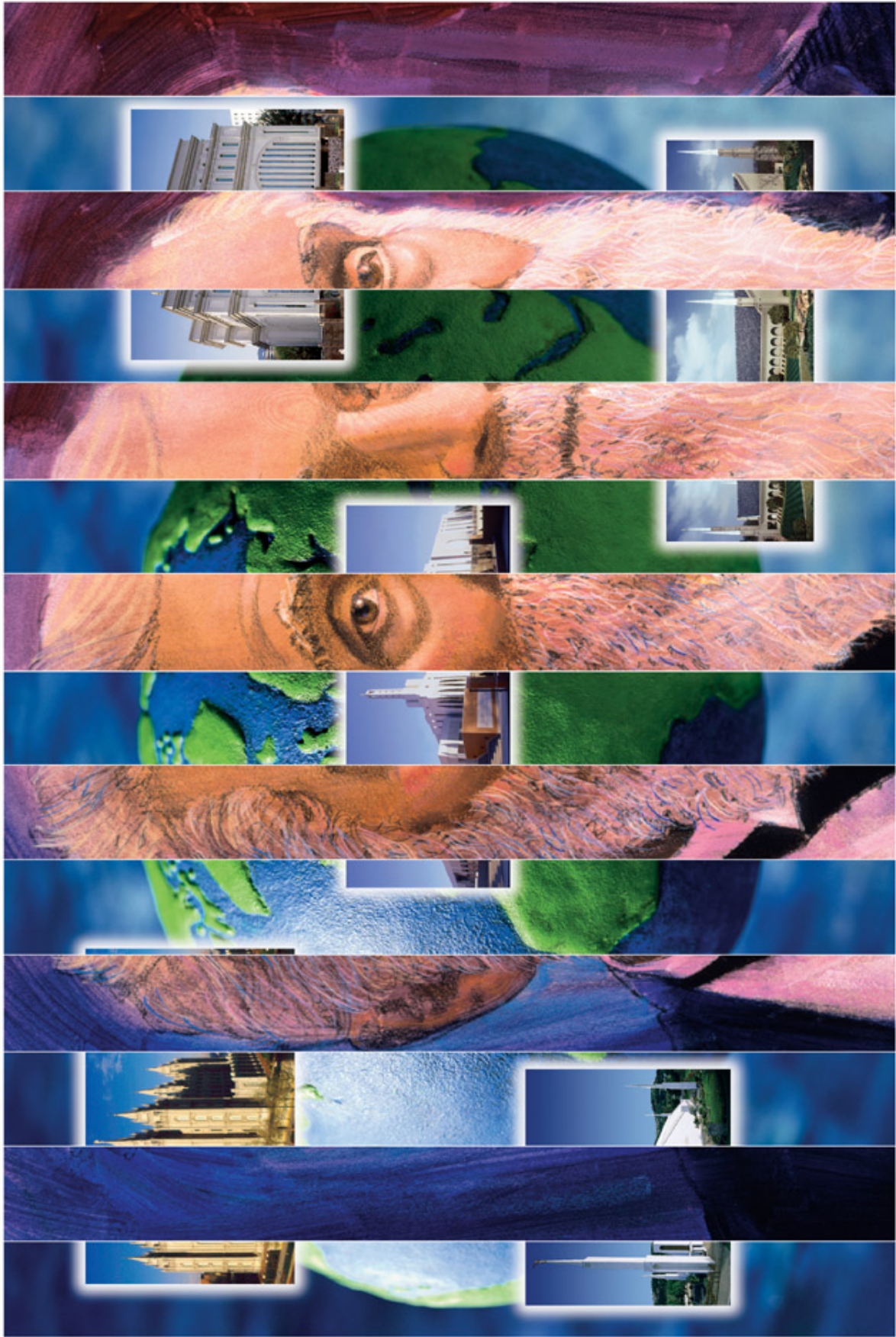
Once on the temple grounds, the stones were examined by supervisors for quality and size, then marked by the pattern makers. Each was given a number identifying exactly where in the temple it would be put and what size and shape it should be. Then the stonecutters went to work. They cut stone walls, stone steps, lovely curved-topped windows, and beautiful spires.

There are 145 stones carved with a star. A star stone sits above each of the tall windows, and some stars decorate the spires. There are 7 small stars carved onto the west side of the temple, arranged to look like the Big Dipper constellation. Around the lower level of the temple are 50 stones with a round Earth carved on the side of them.

One of the very last tasks of the temple stonecutters was to make the balls that decorate the tops of the 6 tallest spires. One of those balls would be the base for the Angel Moroni statue. For Peter Howell, who had worked 23 years on the temple, it was a great honor to be asked to cut some of those balls, to use the skills he had spent most of his life learning. For Brother Howell, and for most of the workmen, this wasn't just a job. They were building the house of the Lord.

Activity: Temples Throughout the World - Friend, July 2002 - To remind you that Lorenzo Snow prophesied that temples would cover the earth, cut out the picture, then fold it accordian-style along the white lines. Then look at it from the right side to see one picture, and from the left side to see another picture.

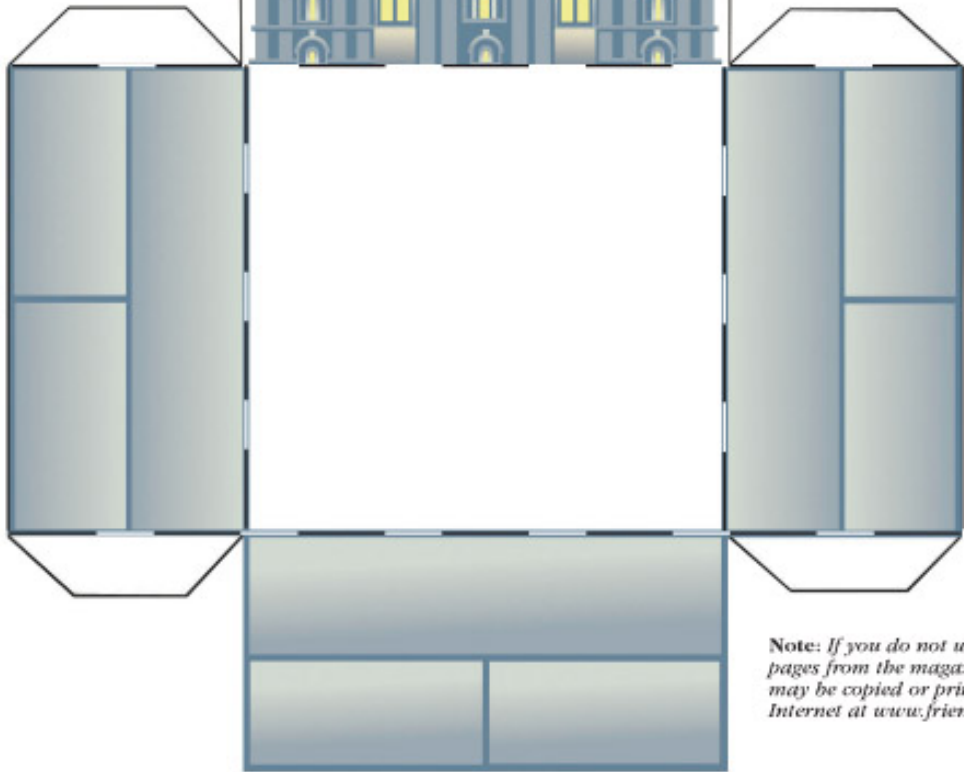
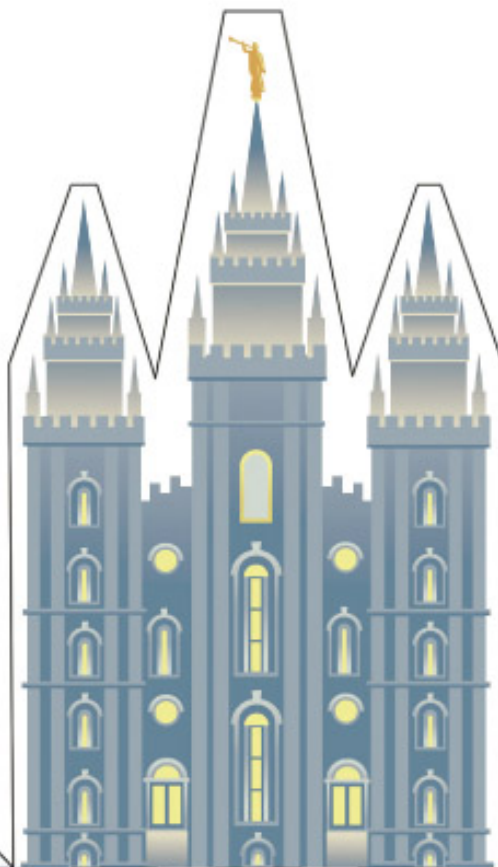
Or I'll Prepare Myself While I am Young - Friend, June 2008 - Cut out the temple on the solid lines, fold on the dotted lines, and glue the tabs to the inside of the walls to form a box. (The temple should be at the front of the box.) Cut out the My Gospel Standards cards (p. 16), and place them inside the temple box. Choose a gospel standard from the box, read it, and decide what you can do to live the standard. In family home evening, share how living this standard can prepare you to enter the temple someday.



LORENZO SNOW BY LARRY WINBORG / PHOTOS © PHOTODISC
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<i>I will follow Heavenly Father's plan for me.</i>	<i>I will remember my baptismal covenant and listen to the Holy Ghost.</i>
<i>I will choose the right. I know I can repent when I make a mistake.</i>	<i>I will be honest with Heavenly Father, others, and myself.</i>
<i>I will use the names of Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ reverently. I will not swear or use crude words.</i>	<i>I will do those things on the Sabbath that will help me feel close to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.</i>
<i>I will honor my parents and do my part to strengthen my family.</i>	

<i>I will keep my mind and body sacred and pure, and I will not partake of things that are harmful to me.</i>	<i>I will dress modestly to show respect for Heavenly Father and myself.</i>
<i>I will only read and watch things that are pleasing to Heavenly Father.</i>	<i>I will only listen to music that is pleasing to Heavenly Father.</i>
<i>I will seek good friends and treat others kindly.</i>	<i>I will live now to be worthy to go to the temple and do my part to have an eternal family.</i>



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45-Tithes and Offerings

(Lorenzo Snow Receives a Revelation on Tithing)

Song: I Want to Give the Lord My Tenth (CS p. 150)

Scripture: Alma 1:27

Lesson: Friend, November 1996 - Father in Heaven loves you and has given you many blessings. He asks you to return to Him one tenth of all you earn. The one tenth you give to the Lord is called tithing. Tithing is used to build up Heavenly Father's kingdom on the earth. It pays for building and taking care of chapels and temples, for translating and printing the Book of Mormon, and for missionary work. In countries all over the world, tithing also pays for Seminary and Institute of Religion classes.

Father in Heaven loves all His children, and He wants you to love and help care for one another. (See D&C 52:40; James 1:27.) To help do this, He asks you to fast one day a month and give the money you would have spent on food to the Church to help people who are in need. This is called a fast offering.

Father in Heaven has provided another way for you to help people all over the earth who are suffering from floods, wars, famine, earthquakes, and other disasters. You can do this by giving money to Church Humanitarian Services.

When you love Father in Heaven and understand all that He has done for you, you are filled with a spirit of love and giving. You want to build up His kingdom and help the poor, the needy, and all who suffer. When you do this cheerfully, He is very pleased (see 2 Cor. 9:7) and will open the windows of heaven and pour out His blessings upon you (see Mal. 3:10).

Activity: Tithing Jar - Friend, February 2002 - You will need a small glass jar, colored rubber bands or yarn, and colored paper. Wash and dry the jar. Decorate the outside of the jar with the rubber bands. If you don't have rubber bands, you can use yarn. Cut two large circles out of the paper. Place the circles over the top of the jar, and secure them with a rubber band around the rim. Trim the extra paper. Cut a slit in the top of the paper for the money to slide through.

46-Come Listen to a Prophet's Voice: A Growing Testimony-James E. Faust

(Strengthening Our Testimonies of the Restored Gospel)

Song: This Is My Beloved Son (CS p. 76)

Scripture: D&C 62:3

Lesson: Friend, April 2003 - As I look back over my life, I recognize one source of singular strength and blessing. It is my testimony and knowledge that Jesus is the Christ, the Savior and Redeemer of all mankind. I am profoundly grateful that all of my life I have had a simple faith that Jesus is the Christ. That witness has been confirmed to me hundreds of times. It is the crowning knowledge of my soul. It is the spiritual light of my being. It is the cornerstone of my life.

The first cornerstone of my testimony was laid a long time ago. One of my early recollections was having a frightening nightmare as a small child. I still remember it vividly. I must have screamed in fright during the night. My grandmother woke me up. I was crying, and she took me in her arms, hugged me, and comforted me.

She got a bowl of some of my favorite rice pudding that was left over from dinner, and I sat on her lap as she spoon-fed me. She told me that we were safe in our house because Jesus was watching over us. I felt it was true then, and I believe it now. I was comforted in both body and soul and went peacefully back to bed, assured of the divine reality that Jesus does watch over us.

That first memorable experience led to other strong confirmations that God lives and that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. Many of these came in response to earnest prayer. As a child, when I lost things such as my precious pocketknife, I learned that if I prayed hard enough, I could usually find it. I was always able to find the lost cows I was entrusted with.

Sometimes I had to pray more than once, but my prayers always seemed to be answered. Sometimes the answer was no, but most often it was positive and confirming. Even when it was no, I came to know that, in the Lord's great wisdom, the answer I received was for my best good. My faith continued to grow as building blocks were added to the cornerstone, line upon line and precept upon precept.

I humbly acknowledge that these many experiences have nurtured a sure knowledge that Jesus is our Savior and Redeemer. I have heard His voice and felt His influence and presence. They have been as a warm, spiritual cloak. The wonder of it is that all who ... strive to keep the commandments and sustain their leaders can receive this same knowledge in some measure.

Activity: Testimony Glove - Friend, October 2008 - I know that God is our Heavenly Father and He loves us. I know that His Son, Jesus Christ, is our Savior and Redeemer. I know that Joseph Smith is a prophet of God. He restored the gospel of Jesus Christ to the earth and translated the Book of Mormon by the power of God. I know that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the Lord's Church on the earth today. I know that this Church is led by a living prophet who receives revelation.

THE ESSENTIAL PARTS OF A TESTIMONY



MY TESTIMONY

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Instructions: Find a white glove. * Cut out the pictures on this page, and mount them on heavy paper. Put the glove on. As you say the five parts of a testimony, one by one, attach a picture to a glove finger, starting with the thumb. You can attach the pictures to the glove using Velcro, tape, glue, safety pins, snaps, or string.

As you develop your testimony, don't be afraid to share it! As you bear your testimony, you can use phrases like "I testify that . . ." or "I know that . . ." Your testimony will grow stronger when you share it with others. ●

**This activity can be adapted to your circumstances. The glove does not have to be white. If gloves are not available, you could make paper gloves or even attach the pictures to your fingers with tape.*

Note: If you do not wish to remove pages from the magazine, this activity may be copied or printed from the Internet at www.friendlds.org.

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47-Priesthood Blessings

(The Priesthood Can Bless Our Lives)

Song: The Fifth Article of Faith (CS p. 125)

Scripture: D&C 86:10

Lesson: Friend, June 1995 - Tetsuko lived by a high mountain in Japan. She was going to school for the first time. Excited, she dressed quickly in her new school uniform. Then she began to feel sick, and she didn't feel like eating breakfast.

Okasan (Mother) asked, "Do you feel sick, Tetsuko?"

"Yes. My stomach hurts, and I don't think I will be able to go to school today." She started to cry.

Otosan (Father) took her hand in his and said, "I think I know what might be wrong with you. This is your first day of school. You will be away from home all day, and you don't know what to expect. I had the same feeling when I started my job. Would you like me to give you a special father's blessing?"

Tetsuko nodded.

Otosan placed his hands upon her head and gave her a blessing. He thanked Heavenly Father for her and for the happiness she brought them. He blessed her to feel better, to not be afraid, and to feel peace in her heart.

Tetsuko left for school. That afternoon she ran into the house, calling "Okasan! Okasan! I'm home. It was fun at school. My teacher is nice, and I met some new friends."

Her mother pulled her close and said, "I'm happy you had such a good day and that Otosan was able to give you a special blessing."

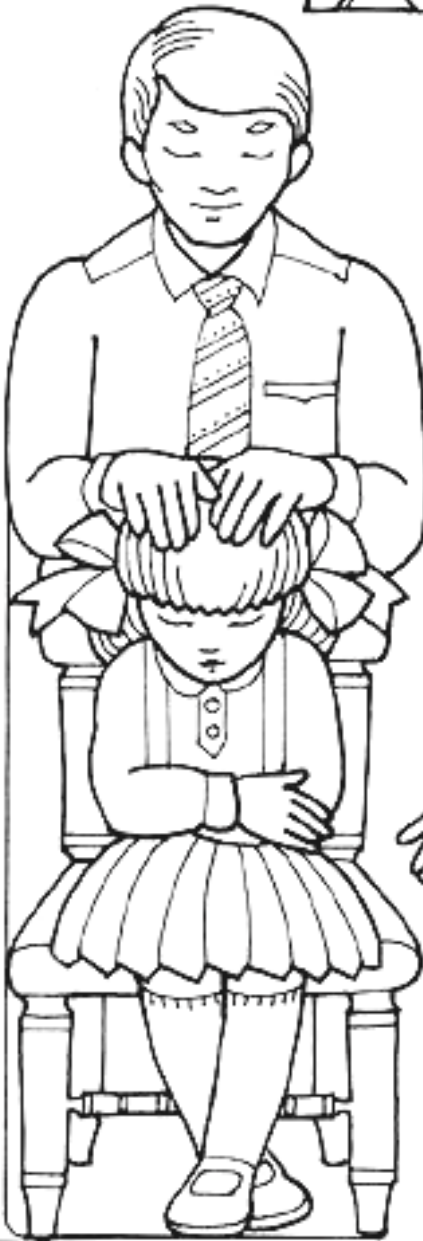
Our Heavenly Father gave his authority to certain men so that his work could be done. It is called the priesthood. Priesthood means the power and authority to act for our Heavenly Father.

How would things be different if we didn't have the priesthood? The Church would not have been organized, no one could be baptized or receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, no one could receive the blessings of the temple, and no one could return to live with Heavenly Father. Through the priesthood, all of Heavenly Father's children can be blessed.

Activity: Color the flannel board figures, cut them out, and glue a small piece of flannel or sand paper on the back of each. Using a flannel board, share the story of Tetsuko with

your family and friends during a family home evening. Talk about the priesthood authority that Tetsuko's father used to bless her.

Discuss the responsibilities and duties of deacons, teachers, and priests. Help the children determine how Aaronic Priesthood holders can bless others in the family (being a kind brother, going to church and fulfilling priesthood assignments, gathering fast offerings, and so forth). Recite the fifth article of faith and discuss the words and their meanings. Talk about the message of each song and how it relates to the fifth article of faith.



48-The Prophet's Counsel: The Six Bs

Song: Follow the Prophet (CS p. 110)

Scripture: D&C 136:19

Lesson: Friend, February 2001 - President Hinckley's 6 Bs

Be Grateful

Walk with gratitude in your hearts. Be thankful for the wonderful blessings which are yours. Be grateful for the tremendous opportunities that you have. Be thankful to your parents who care so very much about you and who have worked so very hard to provide for you. Let them know that you are grateful. Say thank you to your mother and your father. Say thank you to your friends. Say thank you to your teachers. Express appreciation to everyone who does you a favor or assists you in any way.

Thank the Lord for His goodness to you.

Be Smart

The Lord wants you to educate your minds and hands, whatever your chosen field. Whether it be repairing refrigerators, or the work of a skilled surgeon, you must train yourselves. Seek for the very best schooling available. Become a workman of integrity in the world that lies ahead of you. I repeat, you will bring honor to the Church and you will be generously blessed because of that training.

Be Clean

Avoid evil talk. Do not take the name of the Lord in vain. ...

Choose your friends carefully. ...

While you should be friendly with all people, select with great care those whom you wish to have close to you. ...

Be clean. Don't waste your time in destructive entertainment. ...

How truly beautiful is a well-groomed young woman who is clean in body and mind. She is a daughter of God in whom her Eternal Father can take pride. How handsome is a young man who is well-groomed. He is a son of God, deemed worthy of holding the holy priesthood of God. He does not need tattoos or earrings or rings anywhere else on or in his body. The First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve are all united in counseling against these things. ...

There is no need for any Latter-day Saint boy or girl, young man or young woman, to even try [drugs]. Stay clean from these mind-altering and habit-forming addictions.

Be True

Be loyal to the Church under all circumstances. I make you a promise that the authorities of this Church will never lead you astray. They will lead you in paths of happiness. ...

Be true to your own convictions. You know what is right and you know what is wrong. You know when you are doing the proper thing. You know when you are giving strength to the right cause. Be loyal. Be faithful. Be true.

Be Humble

The Lord has said, "Be thou humble; and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand, and give thee answer to thy prayers" (D&C 112:10). ...

I believe the meek and the humble are those who are teachable. They are willing to learn. They are willing to listen to the whisperings of the still, small voice for guidance in their lives. They place the wisdom of the Lord above their own wisdom.

Be Prayerful

You need His help, and you know that you need His help. You cannot do it alone. You will come to realize that and recognize that more and more as the years pass. So live that in good conscience you can speak with the Lord. Get on your knees and thank Him for His goodness to you and express to Him the righteous desires of your hearts. The miracle of it all is that He hears. He responds. He answers—not always as we might wish He would answer, but there is no question in my mind that He answers.

Activity: Coloring Page - Gordon B. Hinckley

One way to remember the 6 B's is by this saying:

God Sent Christ To Help People

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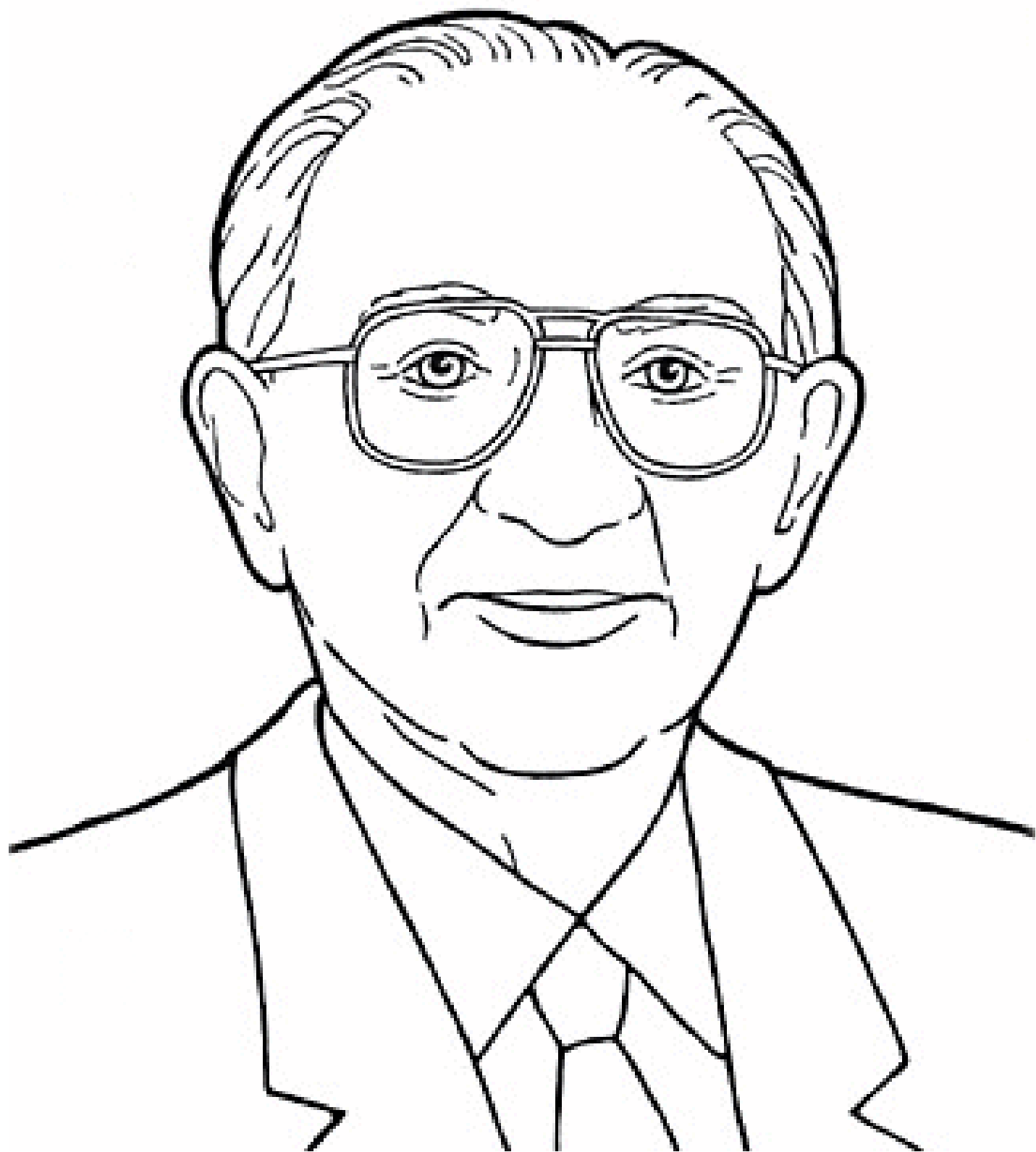
S == Smart

C == Clean

T == True

H == Humble

P == Prayerful



49-Easter: Savior and Redeemer

Song: Hosanna (CS p. 66)

Scripture: John 11:25

Lesson: Friend, April 1999 - Nathan and his cousins were playing by a large irrigation ditch. They knew that they shouldn't play so close to it, but it was fun to throw rocks into the water, and it was cooler near the water on this hot summer day. Suddenly Nathan slipped and fell in. His cousins yelled for help. Fortunately the aunts and uncles were not far away. Uncle Gary jumped the pasture fence, ran to the ditch, and pulled Nathan from the water just before he went into a culvert under the road. Uncle Gary saved Nathan's life that day.

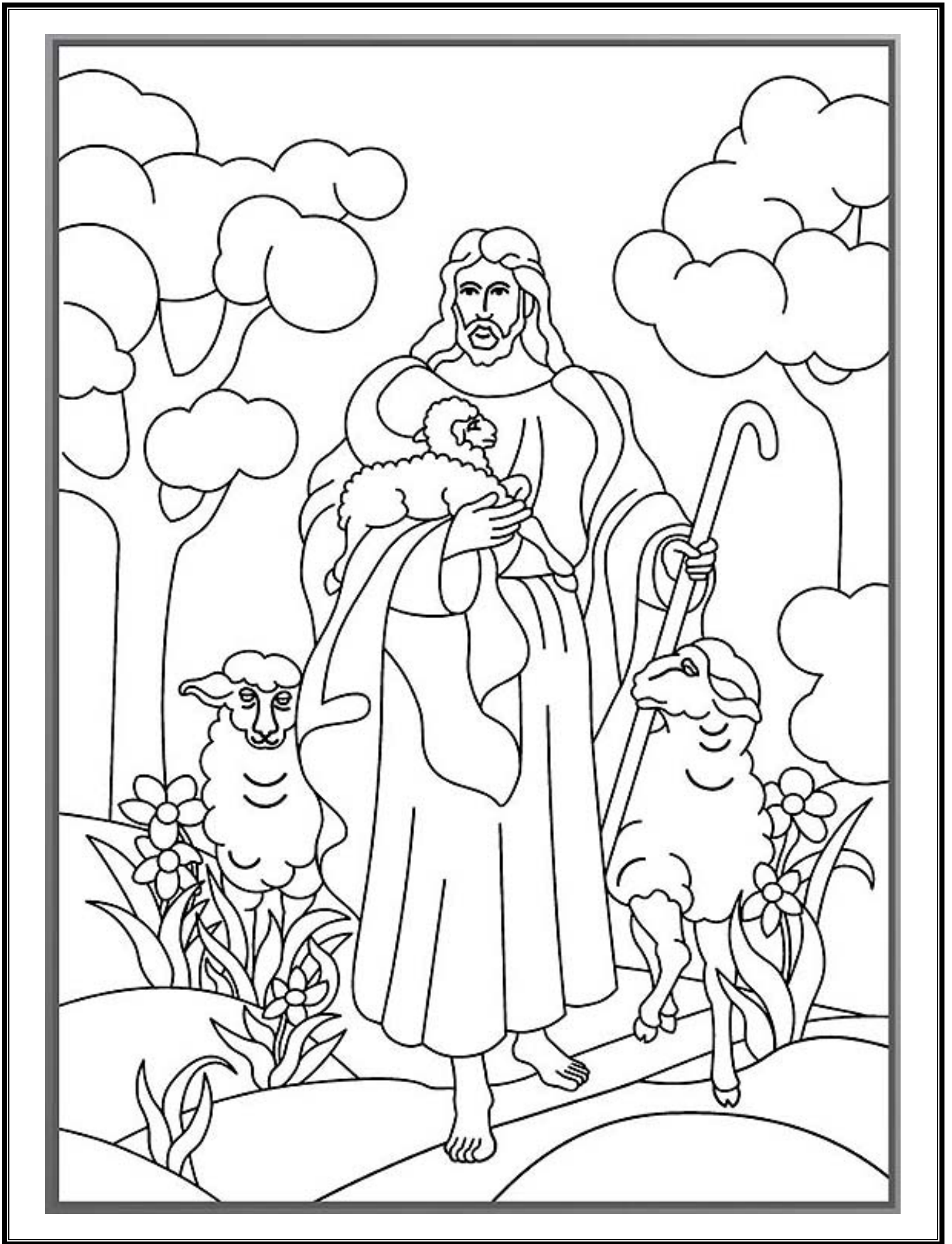
Nathan *will* die someday. Everyone will die someday. But Jesus Christ made it possible for us to live again. He gave His life upon the cross for us. Three days later He was resurrected—His spirit body reunited with His body of flesh and bones, to never again be parted. He lives today! He said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). Because He did this for us, each of us will be resurrected. He is our Savior.

It would not be a blessing to live forever if we were still burdened with our sins and sorrows. Justice demands that there is a punishment for sin. Jesus Christ took upon Himself the burden of our sins. His suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the cross paid the price for our sins. He suffered so greatly that He bled from every pore. He suffered that punishment for our sins so we would not have to suffer if we will repent. Because He redeemed us from sin, all those who believe in Him and repent of their sins can return to live with Him forever. He is our Redeemer.

You can probably imagine how grateful Nathan's family was to Uncle Gary that summer day. How much more grateful we ought to be to Jesus Christ! His Atonement made it possible for us to live again forever. His Atonement paid the price for our sins if we repent. No wonder we celebrate Easter! In some parts of the world, people greet each other at Easter time by saying, "Christ is risen!" And their friends reply, "In truth, He is risen." Jesus Christ—our Savior and our Redeemer—is risen! How great is our joy!

Activity: Savior and Redeemer - Friend, April 1999 - (1) Color the picture, remove the page from the magazine, trim the sides, and cover it with clear plastic wrap. Then mount it on construction paper and display it somewhere in your room. Or (2) Trace the picture on plain white paper. Color the traced picture with marker pens, brush it very lightly with salad oil, and blot it with a paper towel. Then tape the picture to a construction-paper frame and hang it in your window.

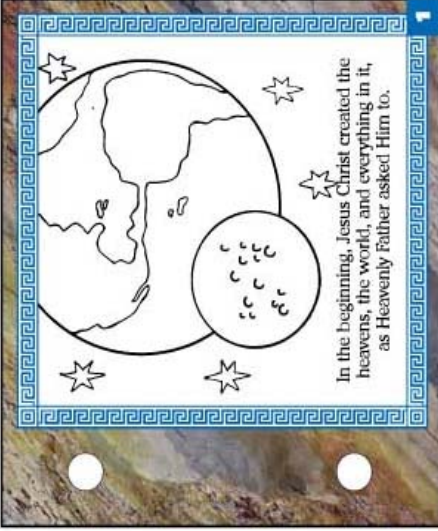
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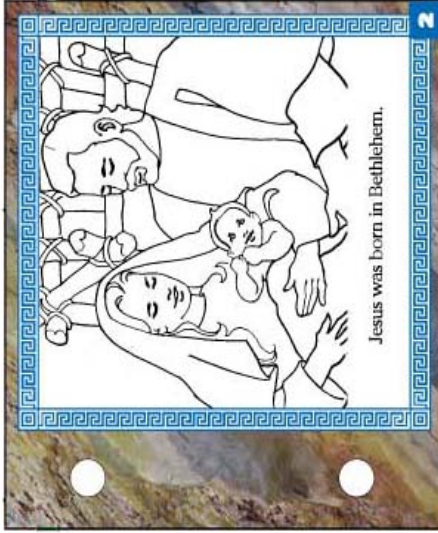
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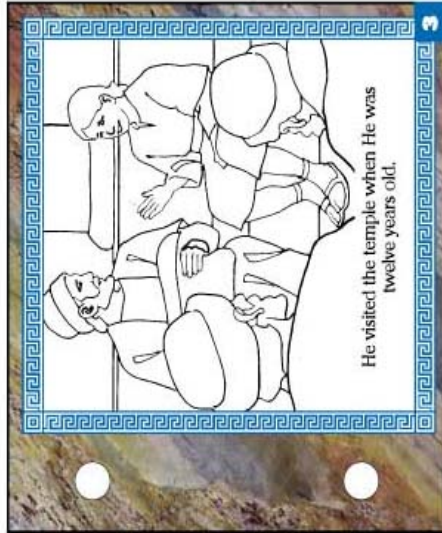
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).



In the beginning, Jesus Christ created the heavens, the world, and everything in it, as Heavenly Father asked Him to.



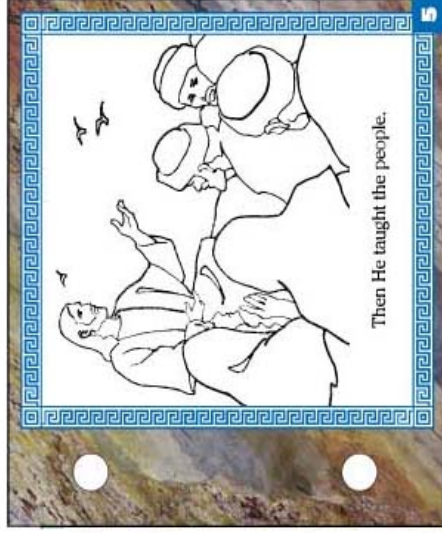
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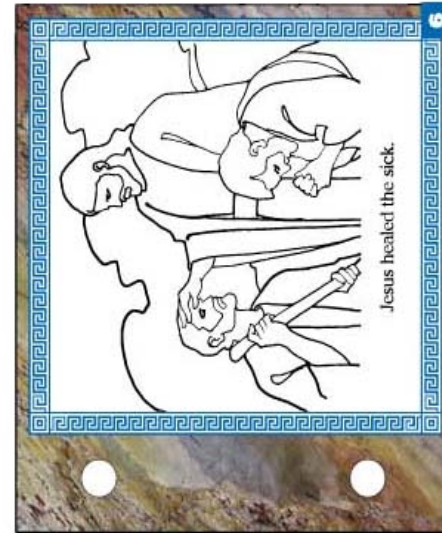
He visited the temple when He was twelve years old.



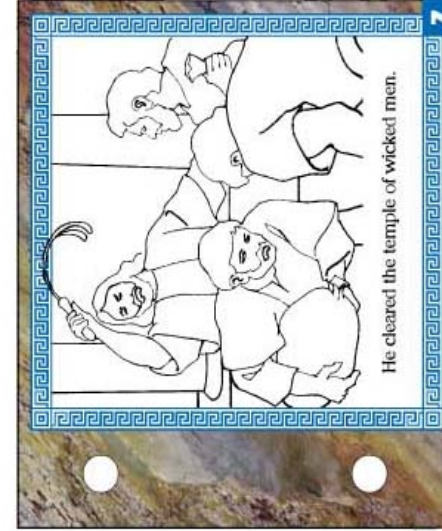
Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan.



Then He taught the people.



Jesus healed the sick.



He cleared the temple of wicked men.

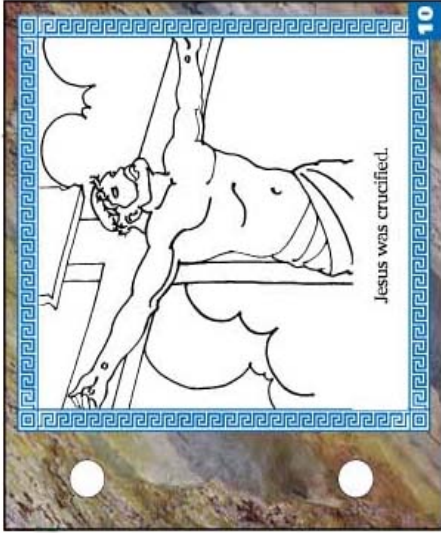




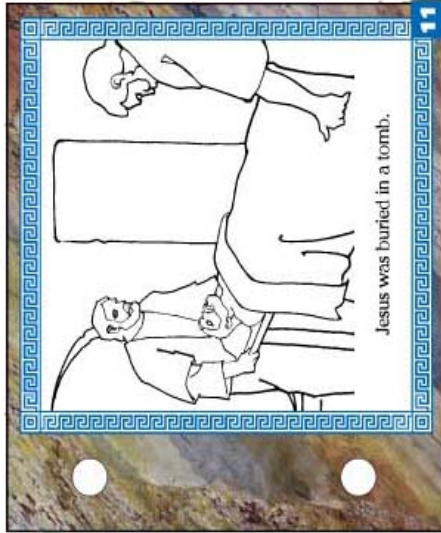
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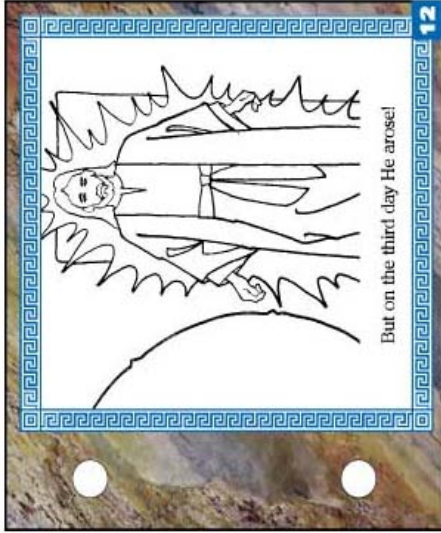
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50-Christmas: When Jesus Was Born

Song: When Joseph Went to Bethlehem (CS p. 38)

Scripture: 2 Nephi 17:4

Lesson: Friend, December 1988

1. The angel said, Fear not, Mary, thou shalt bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. (From Luke 1:30-31)
2. Joseph went unto Bethlehem to be taxed with Mary his wife. (From Luke 2:4--5)
3. While they were there, she brought forth her firstborn son, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. (From Luke 2:7-8)
4. And there were in the same country shepherds keeping watch over their flock by night. And the angel said unto them: Unto you is born this day a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (From Luke 2:8, 10-11)
5. And when the angels were gone, the shepherds came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. (From Luke 2:15-16)
6. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God. (From Luke 2:17, 20)

Activity: Coloring Page - Book of Mormon Stories - Friend, December 1988

Or Christmas Gift Jar - To make this gift jar, you will need: any clean, clear glass jar with wide mouth (mayonnaise jar is good), Christmas wrapping paper or old Christmas cards, scissors, green or red felt (optional), pencil, glue, and ribbon or bow. Cut out pictures from wrapping paper or cards; glue to sides of jar. Trace around lid onto felt, then cut out and glue to top of lid (optional). Fill with treats; tie with ribbon or put bow on top.

Or Christ's Life on Earth - Friend, March 1999





Star

Shepherds

Angel



Sheep



Jesus in manger



Mary and Joseph

51-How the Holy Ghost Helps You

James E. Faust

Song: Search, Ponder, and Pray (CS p. 109)

Scripture: John 14:26

Lesson: Friend, March 1990 - I want to tell you young people about the remarkable and sacred gift of the Holy Ghost. This Comforter, which is available to everybody, is a personage of spirit and a member of the Godhead. The scriptures explain why the Holy Ghost is a personage of spirit: "The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's; the Son also; but the Holy Ghost has not a body of flesh and bones, but is a personage of Spirit. Were it not so, the Holy Ghost could not dwell in us" (D&C 130:22).

The comforting Spirit of the Holy Ghost can be with us twenty-four hours a day: when we work, when we play, when we rest. Its strengthening influence can be with us year in and year out, when we are happy and when we are sad.

I believe that the Spirit of the Holy Ghost is the surest guardian of our inner peace. It can be more mind-expanding and can make us have a better sense of well-being than any chemical or other earthly substance. This Comforter can be with us as we seek to improve. It can function as a source of revelation to warn us of impending danger and also help to keep us from making mistakes. It can enhance our natural senses so that we can see more clearly, hear more keenly, and remember what we should remember. It helps us to be happy.

I pray that the promise of the Lord will be fulfilled for each of us and that the Holy Ghost shall be our constant companion, who will help us to be more righteous and to know the truth. (See D&C 121:46.)

Activity: Inviting the Spirit - Friend, March 2012

INVITING THE SPIRIT

By Hilary Watkins Lemon

You can do many things to invite the Holy Ghost to be with you. The pictures below show four ideas. Pick one idea and make an extra effort to do it.

Then tell someone about how you felt as you did it. Color the picture for that idea, and then try the next one.



1. Sharing



2. Praying



3. Helping



4. Singing

52-Temples

David B. Haight

Song: Families Can Be Together Forever (CS p. 188)

Scripture: D&C 84:5

Lesson: Friend, January 1993 - Temples are the most sacred places of worship on earth. Each one is literally a house of the Lord—a place where He and His spirit may dwell, where He may come or send others to confer priesthood blessings and to give revelation to His people.

John A. Widtsoe wrote: “I believe that the busy person on the farm, in the shop, in the office, or in the household, who has his worries and troubles, can solve his problems better and more quickly in the house of the Lord than anywhere else ... , for at the most unexpected moments, in or out of the temple will come to him, as a revelation, the solution of the problems that vex his life.”

Temples built especially to the Lord have been erected in all ages. Moses built a tabernacle, a sort of portable temple, in the wilderness for the children of Israel. Solomon built a magnificent temple in Jerusalem. The Nephites built sacred temples. Joseph Smith built houses of the Lord in Kirtland and Nauvoo, and later prophets have built temples throughout the world. These have all been built under the direction and revelation of God.

The Jewish people have looked forward to the return to the earth of the prophet Elijah, as promised by the prophet Malachi. Each year faithful Jews observe a Passover feast at which they leave a door open so that Elijah might come in and celebrate with them.

“It was ... on the third day of April, 1836,” said President Joseph Fielding Smith, “that the [Jewish people], in their homes at the [Passover] feast, opened their doors for Elijah to enter. [However,] on that very day Elijah did enter—not in the home of the Jews but he appeared in the House of the Lord.” (See *Conference Report*, April 1936, page 75.)

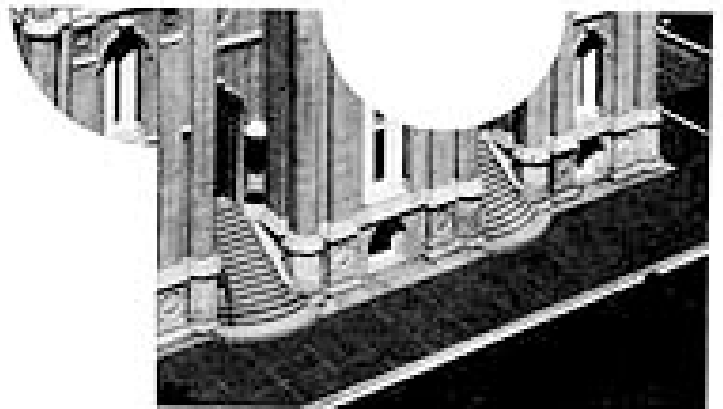
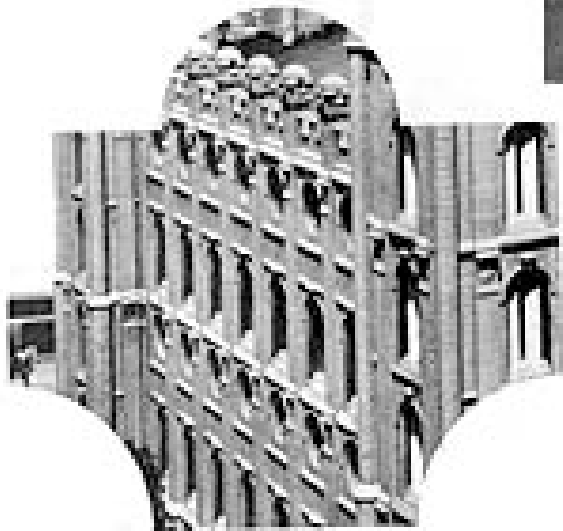
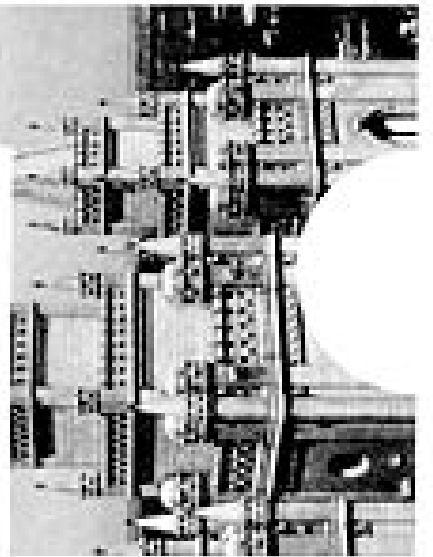
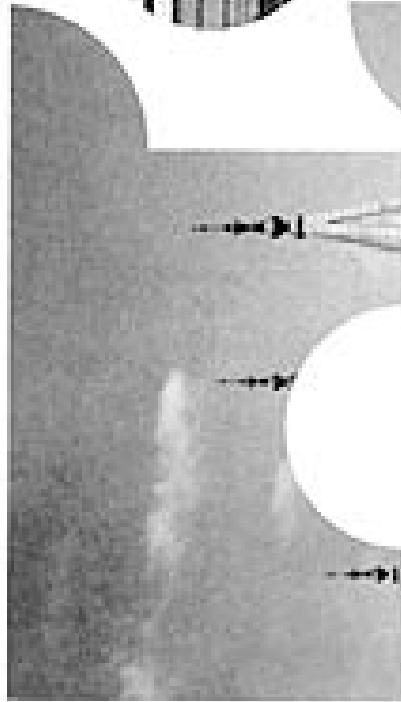
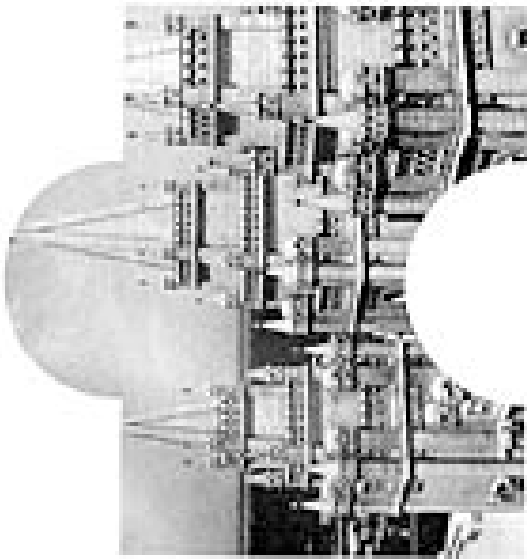
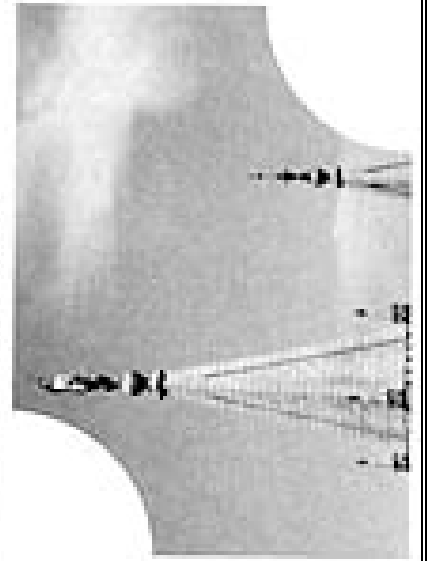
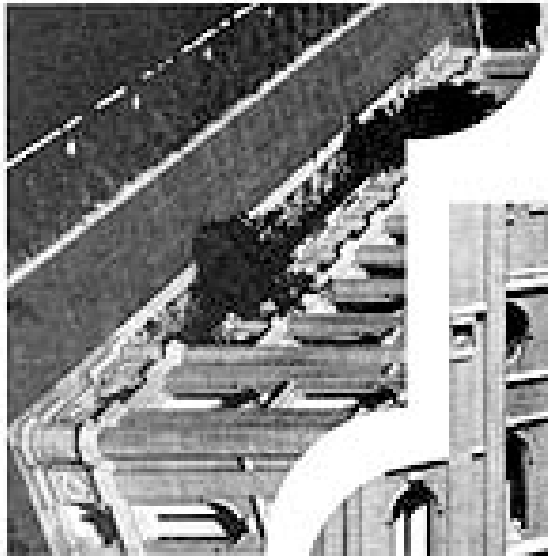
At Kirtland, the Lord revealed to the Prophet Joseph: “And inasmuch as my people build a house unto me in the name of the Lord, and do not suffer any unclean thing to come into it, ... my glory shall rest upon it;

“... and my presence shall be there, for I will come into it, and all the pure in heart that shall come into it shall see God.” (D&C 97:15–16.)

It is true that some have actually seen the Savior there, but other meanings of the word *see* show us that the scripture also means that we can come to know Him and understand His work better when we are in the temple.

The Prophet Joseph said that the main object of the gathering of the Jews, or the people of God in any age of the world, was “to build unto the Lord a house whereby He could reveal unto His people the ordinances of His house and the glories of His kingdom, and teach the people the way of salvation.” (See *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, pages 307–308.)

Activity: The House of the Lord - Friend, November 1990



53-Tips for Preparing Your Missionary

Song: Called to Serve (CS p. 174)

Scripture: D&C 88:80

Lesson: Ensign, October 2003

- 1. Become familiar with the scriptures.** In the Book of Mormon, we learn that the righteous were those who followed the teachings of the Lord and "believed those records which were brought out of the land of Jerusalem" (see Alma 3: 11-12). Wherever you travel or live, the standard works and other Church publications should go with you. Make family and personal scripture study a priority in your home.
- 2. Be friendly.** Encourage your children to make friends with neighbors and trusted individuals wherever they go. Emphasize the importance of remembering people's names. Having a circle of good friends will enrich your teenager's experience.
- 3. Appreciate other cultures.** People respect visitors from other countries who enjoy the culture. Your children may encounter new foods or ways of dressing, communicating, and socializing. Help them learn to appreciate appropriate traditions found in their new surroundings.
- 4. Learn about the new locale.** No one has to be a geography expert to learn where the local post office, market, police station, library, and other facilities are located. It is also essential that young people develop good map skills to navigate their way successfully, independent of your assistance.
- 5. Develop a talent.** Encourage your children to develop talents that will help them grow as they share with others. Discuss what talents your family members have. What they can do to improve and make them a wiser steward of the talents Heavenly Father has given them.
- 6. Learn to cook.** Whenever mom is cooking, tried to assist her and write down her recipes. In the process, you can create your own recipe book to use on your mission. It is also helpful to teach your children other household tasks to encourage their self-reliance. Doing laundry is something missionaries needed to be able to do. By the time they are 12 most children are tall enough to manage using a washer and dryer if taught.
- 7. Become a smart shopper.** To be frugal with their funds, you will need to look for bargains. Be careful so you can get the most for my money. In many countries, parents can teach their children to compare weekly grocery advertisements or in-store displays and product labels to discern which product sizes are most economical.

For Future Family Home Evenings you may want to expound on different points. Give everyone a dollar then go to two different groceries stores to see what they can purchase for supper for themselves. You can spend the evening preparing and discussing if there

were any wise stewards. You could have a cooking lesson and clean up for family home evening.

You may need to prepare many different courses. You could also use this time to practice good manners.

Activity: I Can be a Missionary Now - Friend, July 2008 - Cut out the home and the five windows. Glue each window in the window outlines on the gospel-sharing home. With your family, talk about the ideas on the home. Decide together what you can do to be missionaries now. Place the gospel-sharing home where your family can see it.

Pray for missionary opportunities.

Be friendly.

Invite your friends to Church activities.

Be a good example.

Share the gospel with others.

A Gospel-Sharing Home

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