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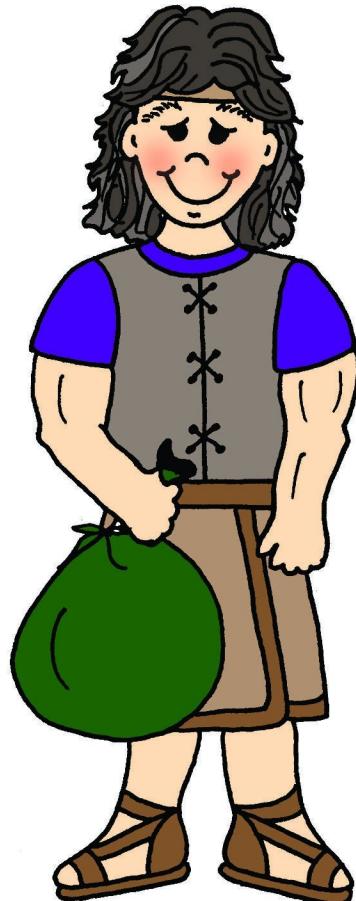
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Moroni's Gift of the Book of Mormon Family Home Evening Packet

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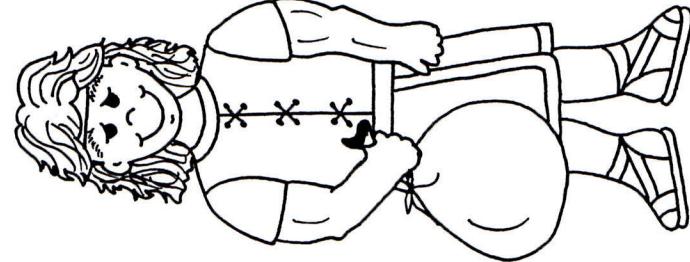
Story,
Picture Sheets,
Game,
Scripture,
Treat Recipe



\$7.00

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Moroni's Buried Treasure Cups



Ingredients

- 1 box instant chocolate pudding
- Crushed chocolate sandwich cookies
- Miniature chocolate peanut butter cups
- Whipped topping

Home Evening Outline

Opening Prayer

Opening Song

Scripture

Story

Game

Closing Song

Closing Prayer
Refreshments

Suggested Songs: "The Golden Plates", pg. 86 (Children's)
"An Angel Came To Joseph Smith", pg. 86 (Children's)
"As I Search The Holy Scriptures", pg. 277 (Hymn)
"The Iron Rod", pg. 274 (Hymn)

Scriptures: Moroni 9:4-5, Moroni 10:27

Story: Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics, etc.

Treasure Hunt: Preparation - Laminate and cut out each of the eighteen rocks, six gold plates and twelve bugs. Ahead of time, with masking tape, adhere the six gold plates and twelve bugs to the back side of each of the rocks. Hide the rocks (question side up) throughout your home. Split the family members into two teams, having an adult on each team. An answer sheet should be given to the adult on each team.
Object - To be the team with the most gold plates.

Play - On the word "Go", each team searches the home for the rocks. When a rock is found, it needs to remain face up, so that whatever is adhered to the back is not revealed. The adult then reads the question posed on the rock. The children try to answer the question. If the correct answer is given, the children are allowed to turn the rock over and reveal if they have found a treasure or a bug. If a wrong answer is given, the children can be given a clue until the correct answer is given. Once all eighteen rocks have been accounted for, the teams add up how many gold plates were found. The team with the most gold plates wins.

REMEMBER - The objective of this game is learning and memorization. Each of the answers can be found in the story. The children may not remember some of the answers at first, but with repetition, they will learn.

Directions:

This is a great dessert for letting the kids help!

Give each member of the family a small cup. Spoon into the bottom of the cup two to four spoonfuls of crushed chocolate cookies. Prepare the chocolate pudding according to the directions on the box. Carefully pour the pudding until the cup is 3/4 full. Place a chocolate peanut butter cup in the center, carefully pushing it down into the pudding. If needed, cover with more pudding. Top off with more crushed chocolate cookies and add whipped topping, if desired.

VARIATION: Instead of placing a chocolate peanut butter cup in the center, try spooning chocolate pudding over the crushed cookies, spreading it around the outside of the cup. In the center, pour banana or vanilla pudding. Cover with more chocolate pudding, and top with crushed chocolate cookies and whipped topping.

Moroni's Gift of the Book of Mormon

The last prophet to write in the Book of Mormon was called Moroni. Moroni's father was the great prophet, Mormon. These two men had an amazing relationship and loved each other very much. Moroni not only finished the Book of Mormon, but he also protected it because he loved it so. He believed in it with all of his heart.

Moroni lived upon the earth at a time that was very wicked. He had been taught the gospel from his good parents and he knew right from wrong. It was hard for Moroni to see what was happening all around him when he knew the right way that people should be living.

When Moroni was born his father, Mormon, named him after the great Nephite general, Moroni. When Mormon wrote his abridgement in the Book of Mormon, he devoted almost twenty percent of his writings to Captain Moroni.

Moroni worried a great deal about his people, the Nephites. He also had a great desire in his heart that his brothers, the Lamanites, would be converted to the gospel. He knew that the records he was protecting would some day be given to them. He knew how important the plates were for us and for our generation.

During this time, the Lamanites had continued their wicked ways and had spread the word that any Nephite who did not deny Jesus Christ would be put to death. It was a terrible time for the Nephites and for Moroni.

When his father died, Moroni became one of the most lonely men who ever lived.

Moroni began to hide from the Lamanites so they could not get the plates that had been kept for so many years and so they could not kill him. He said, "I make not myself known to the Lamanites lest they should destroy me. For behold . . . they put to death every Nephite that will not deny Christ. And I Moroni will not deny the Christ; wherefore, I wander whithersoever I can for the safety of mine own life." (Moroni 1:1-3) Moroni wandered for around sixteen years before he even began to write on the plates and then he ran from the Lamanites, carrying the plates with him for another twenty years. Can you imagine how alone he felt? He said, "I am alone. My father hath been slain in battle, and all my kinsfolk, and I have not friends nor whither to go; and how long the Lord will suffer that I may live I know not." (Mormon 8:5) Moroni goes on to tell how the Lamanites had hunted his people until they were all gone and he was alone. There is a very important lesson here. Moroni chose to be alone for all those years rather than offend our Heavenly Father. What a great testimony Moroni had.

We really don't know very much about Moroni, but a wonderful thing happened when President Brigham Young dedicated the site where the Manti, Utah temple is. President Young arrived at the site early on the morning of April 25, 1877 and he said, "Here is the site where the Prophet Moroni stood and dedicated this piece of land for a temple site, and that is the reason why the location is made here, and we can't move it from this spot."

Moroni left us with one of the most beautiful passages of scripture near the end of his writings. He promised us that we may know that the Book of Mormon is true if we just ask God if it is true. No matter how old we are, if we want to know, he will tell us. Moroni said, "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."

Just before Moroni died in 421 A.D., he buried the plates he had been protecting all those years in a place

called the hill Cumorah. It must have been such a great relief to him to know that the records of his people would now be protected and that the Lord would watch over them for him. After thirty-six years of wandering alone, he could now rest.

Many years passed, and on the evening of September 21, 1823, a young boy named Joseph Smith was just going to bed. Joseph tells about his experience through his history in the Book of Mormon. "While I was thus in the act of calling upon God, I discovered a light appearing in my room, which continued to increase until the room was lighter than at noonday, when immediately a personage appeared at my bedside, standing in the air, for his feet did not touch the floor." Joseph describes the person as being "glorious beyond description."

"He called me by name, and said unto me that he was a messenger sent from the presence of God to me, and that his name was Moroni: that God had a work for me to do."

"He said there was a book deposited, written upon gold plates, giving an account of the former inhabitants of this continent, and the source from whence they sprang. He also said that the fullness of the everlasting Gospel was contained in it, as delivered by the Savior to the ancient inhabitants."

The great prophet Moroni stood before the young boy to give his the gift of the Book of Mormon that he had hidden so many years before. Moroni also told Joseph about other things which were in the box in the hill Cumorah. With the Book of Mormon plates were also hidden two stones in silver bows which fastened to a breastplate and which together were called the Urim and Thummim. These stones were called "seers" and God gave them to Joseph to help him translate the plates.

During the next four years, the angel Moroni came to Joseph Smith once a year to teach him. On September 22, 1827, Joseph was allowed to receive the plates and begin translating our Book of Mormon.

The prophet Moroni sacrificed his life to give us our Book of Mormon. What a great and wonderful man he was. Because of Moroni, we have the greatest gift that one can receive - that is the true gospel of Jesus Christ. When we look at our Books of Mormon, we need to remember what Moroni did for each one of us.

DISCUSSION

- Where do you think you would be today if the Book of Mormon had not been given to Joseph Smith?
- Do you think you could do what Moroni did?
- What can we do to show our gratitude to Moroni for guarding the plates?
- If you could talk to Moroni today, what would you say to him?
- What would you ask him?



Moroni burying the plates

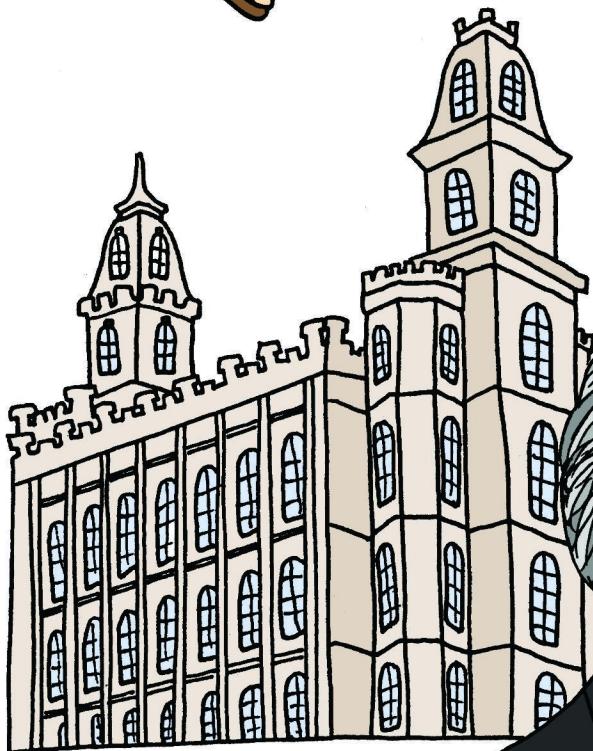
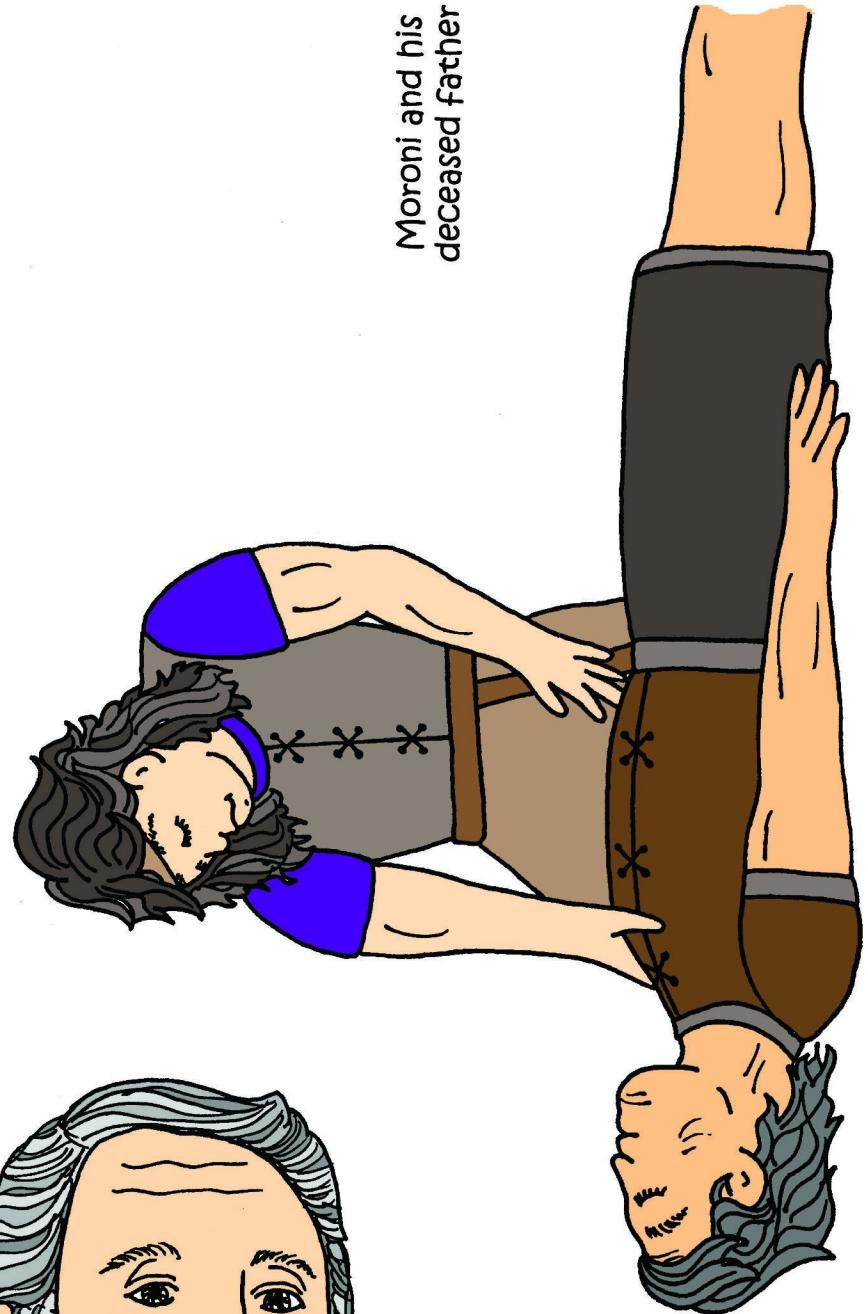


The angel Moroni appearing to
Joseph Smith

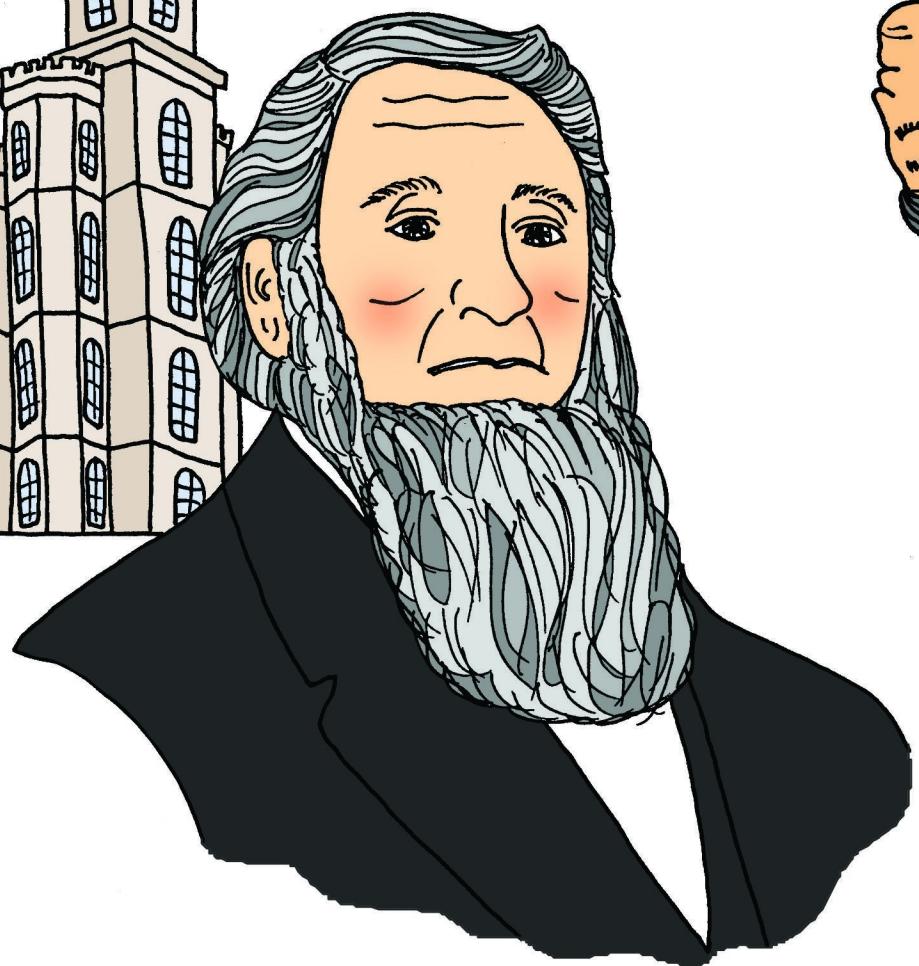
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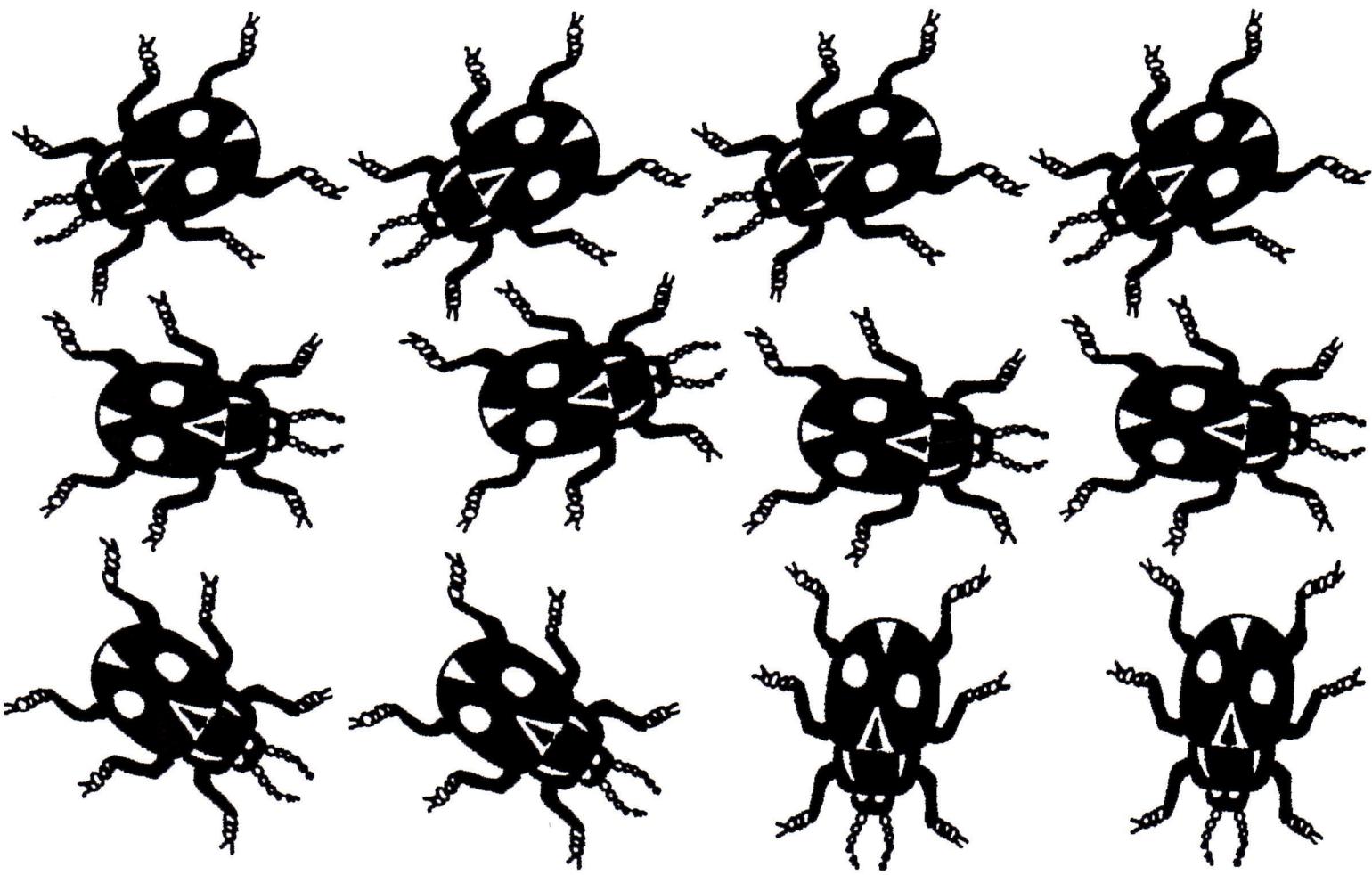
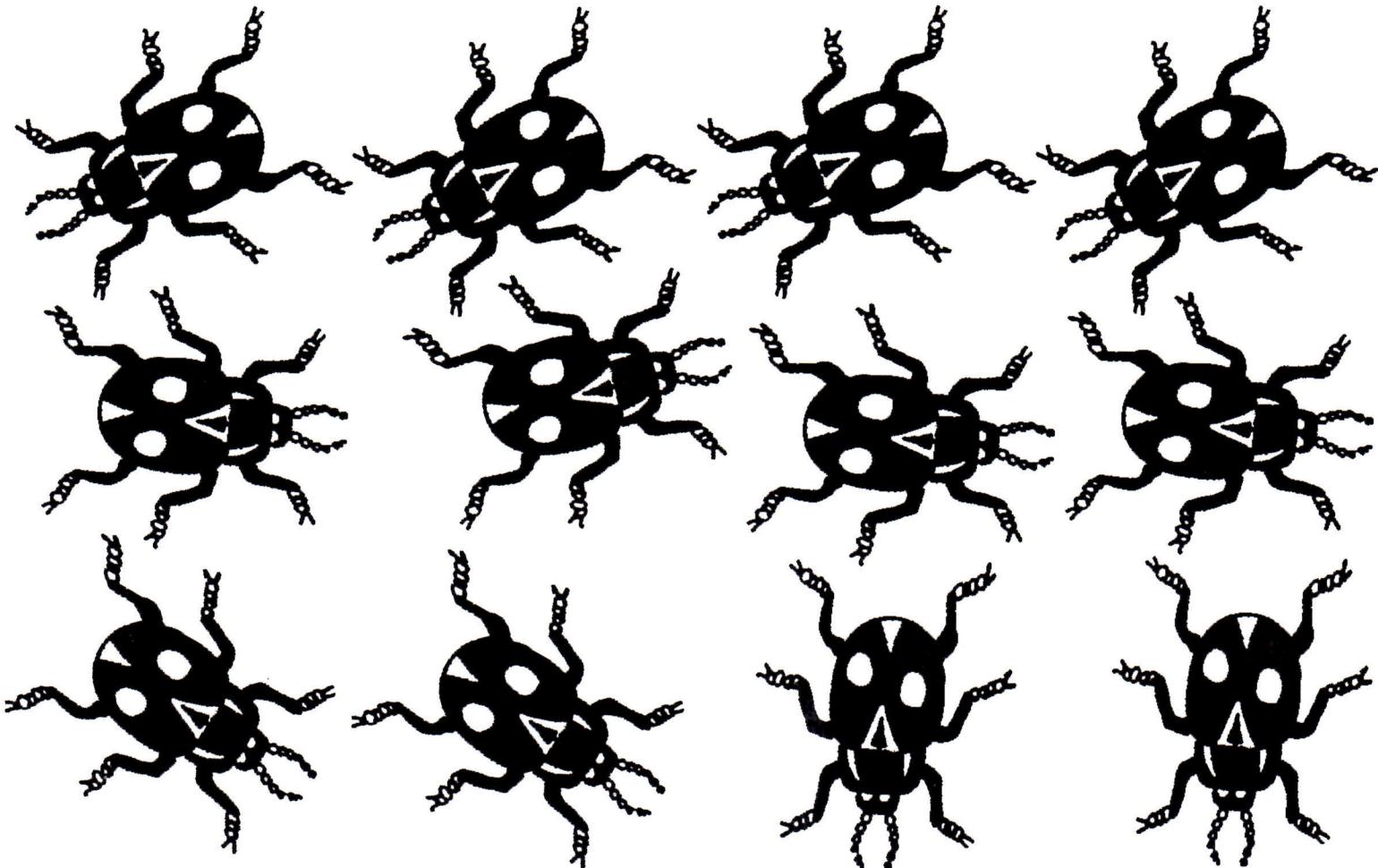


Moroni and his
deceased father



Brigham Young
and the
Manti Temple





#3
Moroni was named after whom?

#6
How did Moroni's father, Mormon, die?

#9
Moroni promises us that if we want to know if the Book of Mormon is true, we just need to ask _____?

#2
What was Moroni's father's name?

#5
The Lamanites put to death every _____ who would not deny the Christ.

#8
How did President Young know where the Manti Temple site should be?

#1
Who was the last prophet to write in the Book of Mormon?

#4
Why did Moroni have to hide from the Lamanites?

#7
Which prophet dedicated the site where the Manti temple was to be built?

God will manifest the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon to you by the power of what?

#10

When did Moroni die?

#11

Where did Moroni bury the plates?

#12

How many years did Moroni wander alone?

#13

On what date was Joseph allowed to get the plates?

#16

Who came to visit Joseph Smith as a young boy, in his bedroom?

#14

What did God give to Joseph Smith to help him translate the Book of Mormon?

#17

What else was buried in the box with the plates?

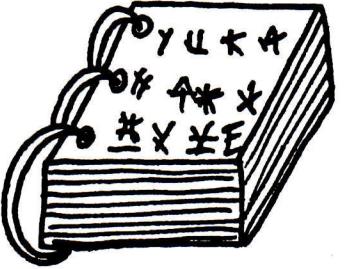
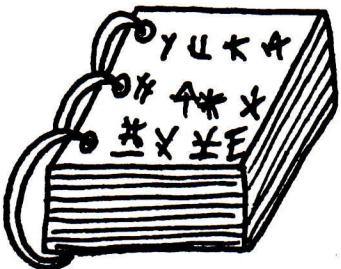
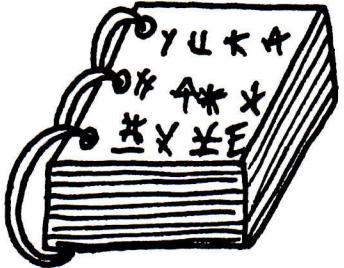
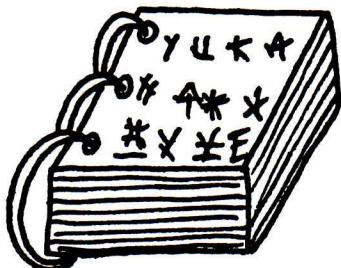
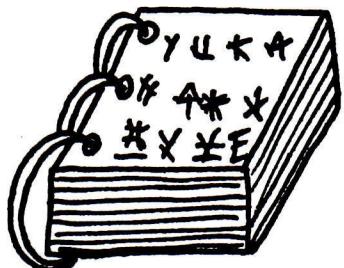
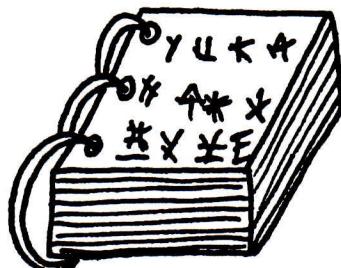
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The two stones in silver bows fastened to a breastplate were called what?

#18

ANSWER SHEET

1. Moroni
2. Mormon
3. Captain Moroni
4. So that the Lamanites could not kill him and take the plates.
5. Nephite
6. He was slain in battle
7. President Brigham Young
8. The prophet Moroni stood and dedicated that very piece of land for a temple site.
9. God
10. The Holy Ghost
11. 421 A.D.
12. The Hill Cumorah
13. Thirty-six years
14. The angel Moroni
15. The Urim and Thummim
16. September 22, 1827
17. The Urim and Thummim
18. The Urim and Thummim



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Moroni 10:4

