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I'm Going To The Temple Some Day Family Home Evening Packet

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Suggested Songs: "I Love To See The Temple", pg. 95 (Childrens)

"Families Can Be Together Forever", pg. 188 (Childrens)

"High On The Mountain Top", pg. 5 (Hymn)

Scriptures: D&C 97:15-16, D&C 124:40

Story: Preparation - Turn the temple sheets face down and tape together so that you have a full view of the temple on the front side. Laminate the temple. Laminate the window sheet and cut out all the windows. Laminate and cut out the "Angel Moroni." Using masking or clear tape, place a piece of tape on the back side of each of the windows and tape them to the temple, covering up the existing windows already on the temple. Tape the "Angel Moroni" to the top of the spire on the right side of the temple. Color the rest of the graphics, laminate and cut out.

Participation - Begin by reading the introduction. The round windows are "factoids" about the construction of the Salt Lake Temple. The oblong windows are "preparedness principles" which teach us what we need to do in preparation to be able to enter the temple. The "Angel Moroni" also can be removed. After the introduction, allow each family member a turn to remove one window from the temple. There is a passage related to each window on the temple. As the window is removed, read the passage and discuss it with your family. Keep in mind that some of the topics are sensitive issues for smaller children. You, as the parent, decide what is appropriate, depending on the ages of your children. We have been instructed that, "Children are naturally curious. . . if we answer their questions immediately and clearly so that they can understand us, they will continue to come to us with their questions. However, if we answer them so that they feel embarrassed, rejected, or dissatisfied, they will probably go to someone else with their questions and perhaps get incorrect ideas and improper attitudes" (Gospel Principles).

Activity: Cut the sheets in half. Allow each child to color their sheet as they desire. Once they have completed the coloring, place a picture of the child in the oval. Have the children display their pictures in a place that they will see them often.

Stained Glass Window Cookies

Ingredients:

1/3 cup soft shortening

1/3 cup sugar

2/3 cup honey

1 egg

1 tsp. vanilla

2 3/4 cups sifted flour

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. soda

food coloring

Egg Yolk Paint

Mix together 1 egg yolk and 1/4 tsp. water. Divide this mixture into several small containers, depending on the amount of colors you have. Add food coloring to each of the containers. If the egg yolk paint starts to thicken, add a few drops of water.

Directions:

Thoroughly mix together, shortening, sugar, honey, egg and vanilla. Stir in flour, salt and soda. Chill dough. Once the dough is chilled, roll it out on a floured surface. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Use round cookie cutters to cut out windows. You could also use sun, moon and star cookie cutters to symbolize the sun, moon and earth stones on the temple. Place cut-out cookies on a greased cookie sheet. Using clean paint brushes, allow children to paint designs on the unbaked cookies with the egg yolk paint.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes on 375°.

Do not allow the cookies to brown, or the colors will not turn out as clear.

I'm Going To The Temple Some Day

Introduction:

The temple is a very sacred and wonderful place dedicated to the Lord. Being able to attend the temple worthily when we are of the right age is one of the single most important blessings we can obtain in our lives. It should be one of our most important goals.

•**What is a goal?** (Answer: A goal is something we wish to accomplish in the future.)

The instructions and blessings that we receive in the temple are the only things that will enable us to live with our Heavenly Father again for eternity.

•**Can we receive these instructions and blessings anywhere else?** (Answer: No. The temple is the only place we can receive them)

We can also receive wonderful blessings by doing temple work for those persons who have passed on and are now living in the spirit world. The only place this work can be done is in one of our holy temples.

Today, we are going to learn about the things our Heavenly Father wants us to do to prepare ourselves to attend the temple. We are also going to learn some interesting facts about the Salt Lake Temple and its construction.

Preparedness Principles

Baptism

Baptism is our first step towards the temple. When we turn eight years old, we can be baptized. When we are baptized, we make covenants (promises) with our Heavenly Father. Some of the promises we make are to obey his commandments, forgive others and to follow the Savior.

By being baptized we are following Jesus' example. Even though Jesus had never sinned, he asked John the Baptist to baptize him. Jesus told John that by being baptized he was following a commandment from our Heavenly Father, and Jesus wanted to obey all of Heavenly Father's commandments.

Confirmation

We are confirmed after we are baptized. A few worthy priesthood holders place their hands on our heads and confirm us members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. At this time, the gift of the Holy Ghost is given to us. The Holy Ghost is a wonderful gift. The Holy Ghost will help you throughout your life to "Choose the Right," but we must always try be worthy of his presence. If we choose wrong, sometimes the Holy Ghost will not be with us, so it is very important that we always strive to make the right choices.

The Law of Chastity

Our bodies are a temple (See 1 Corinthians 3:17). Just like the temple, we should respect our bodies and the bodies of others. We should keep them clean and pure. We should always try to dress modestly. We should never allow anyone to do anything to our bodies that would make our Heavenly Father unhappy.

The Word of Wisdom

Heavenly Father has given us a wonderful guide called the Word of Wisdom. In order for us to be able to go to the temple, we must obey the Word of Wisdom. It tells us the things that are good for our bodies, and also the things that are not. If we follow this guide, we can be healthy and happy. (D&C section 89)

The Law of Tithing

Our Heavenly Father has given us a commandment to pay tithing on the money that we earn. Tithing is one-tenth of our earnings. By paying our tithing, we help to build temples and church buildings, buy new lesson manuals and help others to learn more about the gospel and our Heavenly Father. Without this money, the gospel could not go forth.

Attend Church Meetings

It is very important that we attend all of our church meetings. This means going to Primary, Sunday School, Young Men's, Young Women's, Relief Society, Priesthood meetings and most importantly, Sacrament meeting. By going to our meetings we can strengthen our testimonies, learn more about our Savior and partake of the sacrament.

Do Not Affiliate With Any Apostate Groups

As members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, we respect all religions. Most modern religions try to teach about Christ and to do good, but there are apostate religions which try to destroy the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

"To affiliate" means to support or agree with. "Apostate" means to abandon one's religion. It is very important that we try to stay away from these types of groups and not support them in any way.

Testimony Of Our Heavenly Father

A testimony is a knowledge or a truth that is given to us by the whisperings of the still, small voice: the Holy Ghost.

We can gain a testimony of our Heavenly Father by studying the scriptures, going to church and praying to Him morning and night.

Testimony Of Jesus Christ

Helaman 14:8 - "And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall believe on the Son of God, the same shall have everlasting life." We need to come to know Christ, and gain a firm testimony of him. We can do this by praying often, studying our scriptures, and attending our church meetings.

Testimony Of The Restoration Of The Gospel

We need to know that God the Father and His son Jesus Christ appeared to Joseph Smith in the Sacred Grove. We need to know that Joseph Smith translated the Book of Mormon, and that he restored (to give or to put back) the true gospel of Jesus Christ to the Earth. We can gain a testimony of these things by studying and praying to our Heavenly Father. Ask Him to help you gain a testimony of these things. He will help you!

Sustain The President Of The Church

When we sustain the prophet, we are supporting him. It is a privilege to be able to raise our right hands and sustain our prophet. A prophet is a man that has been called by God and speaks for God. When the prophet speaks, it is as if God himself were speaking. Whatever the prophet instructs us to do, we should do. If we sustain and obey the prophet we are promised great blessings (D&C 21:6).

Sustain The First Presidency And The Twelve Apostles As Prophets, Seers and Revelators

A "prophet" is someone who knows for himself that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He knows this through the Holy Ghost. A "seer" is greater than a prophet. . . a seer is a revelator and a prophet also; and a gift which is greater can no man have, except he should possess the power of God" (Mosiah 8: 15-16). Read Mosiah 8:17-18. A "revelator" is someone who receives revelation and gives the revelation (or truth) to someone else.

Sustain All General Authorities And Local Church Leaders

We are asked to support all General Authorities and local church leaders. These men are called by God to act under the direction of the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles. Our bishops and stake presidents can guide us in the ways that we should go.

Honest In Dealings With Our Fellow Men

Being honest means that we always strive to tell the truth. We do not cheat at school or in our business dealings. We do not try to deceive others and we follow through with our promises.

Conduct With Our Family In Accordance With The Gospel

Our Heavenly Father is displeased with anyone who harms little children, or parents who harm one another in any way. Thomas S. Monson has told us that: "God will hold such strictly accountable for their actions." We need to work hard to control what we say and what we do.

Unforeseen Circumstances

In some cases, a divorce occurs within a family. Usually one of the parents is required to pay "alimony" or "child support." This money is used to support the other spouse and the children. In order to attend the temple worthily, one must follow through with this obligation.

Salt Lake Temple “Factoids”

Factoid #1: On the west end of the temple, on the middle tower, there is a carving of the “Big Dipper” which points out the North Star. It “serves as a guide to the traveler across the uncharted wilderness . . . and that herein (speaking of the temple) he will find an unfailing guide, as he or she travels the journey of life, which will safely guide us back to our Father’s presence” (Herman R. Bangerter, “Temples of the Most High”).

Factoid #2: There are fifty “Earth Stones.” They are found around the base of the temple. These stones represent the “Telestial Kingdom.”

Factoid #3: There are fifty “Moon Stones.” These stones represent the “Terrestrial Kingdom.”

Factoid #4: There are fifty “Sun Stones.” These stones represent the “Celestial Kingdom.”

Factoid #5: The three spires of the temple on the east side represent the Melchisedek priesthood. Being in the east, they also represent a source of light.

Factoid #6: The three spires of the temple on the west side represent the Aaronic priesthood, and are not as tall as the eastern spires.

Factoid #7: For the construction of the temple, granite was carried twenty miles from Little Cottonwood Canyon. Most of the blocks of granite were so large that four yoke of oxen were used to carry each of them. It was a four-day journey to haul one stone. It is no wonder that the temple took forty years to build!

Factoid #8: Each of the six towers is constructed entirely of granite. There are spiral staircases found in each of the four corner towers. In each spiral staircase, there are 172 granite steps, and four landings. Each step is six feet long and weighs over seventeen hundred pounds.

Factoid #9: There are fifty “Earth Stones.” Each block of stone is 5 1/2 feet tall, 4 1/2 feet wide and approximately twenty inches thick. Each block weighs over three tons, which is roughly the equivalent of a small elephant or forty-five people.

Factoid #10: The center towers on both the east end and west end have the words: “I am Alpha and Omega” carved on the keystones. This means the beginning and the end.

Factoid #11: Below the keystones of the center towers is the emblem of “Clasped Hands.” They symbolize the strong unity and brotherly love characteristic of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Factoid #12: The center towers on the east and west sides have an “All-Seeing Eye” carved at the top of the upper windows. This carving symbolizes “The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.”

Factoid #13: The center tower on the east side has a stone tablet with the words: “HOLINESS TO THE LORD, THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, BUILT BY THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS” inscribed on it.

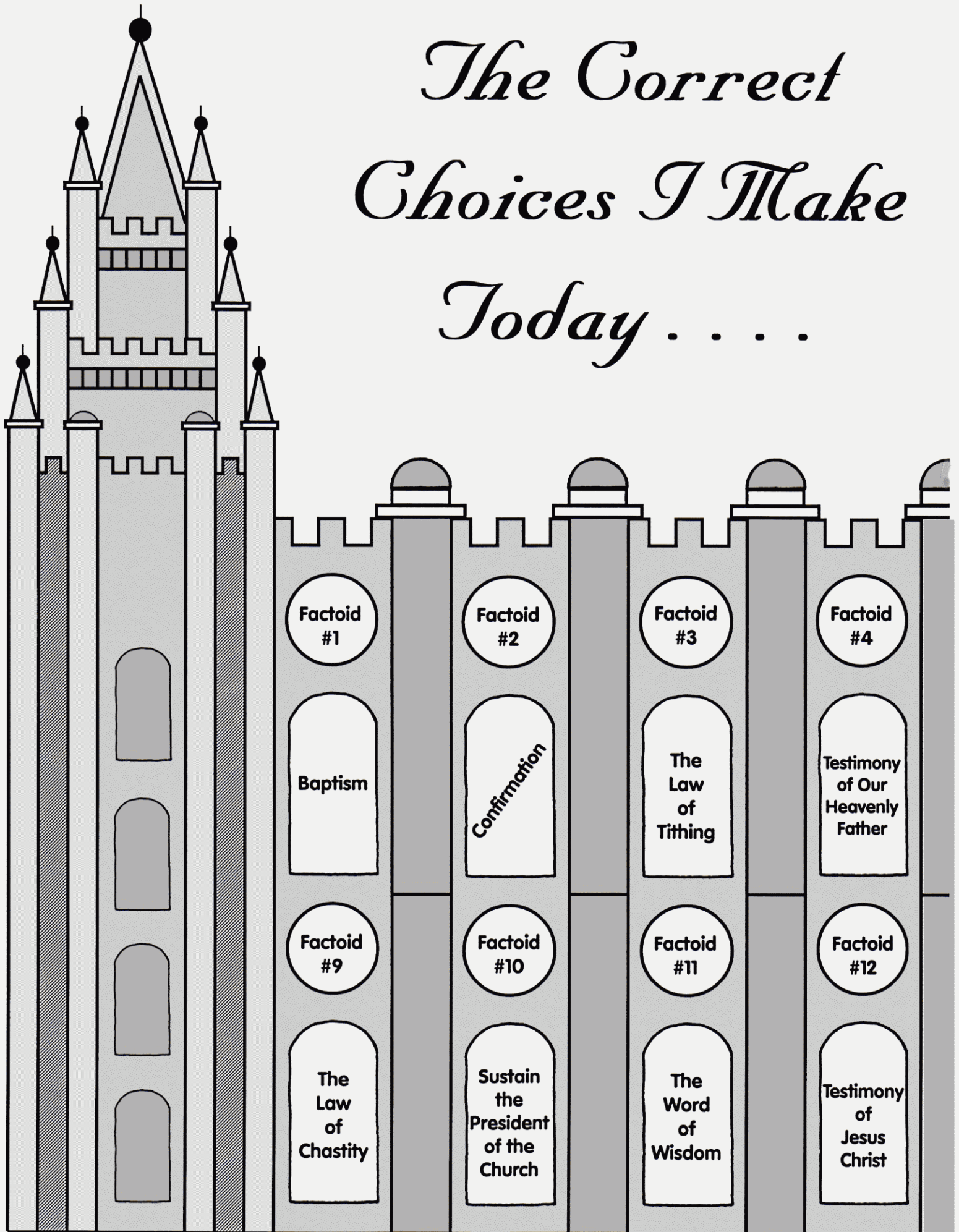
Factoid #14: The Salt Lake Temple was dedicated on April 6, 1893 by president Wilford Woodruff.

Factoid #15: On July 28, 1847, four days after the pioneers arrived in the Salt Lake Valley, president Brigham Young and some of his associates were walking over the area. President Brigham Young stopped suddenly, and with his cane, marked a point in the soil and exclaimed “Here we will build the temple of our God.”

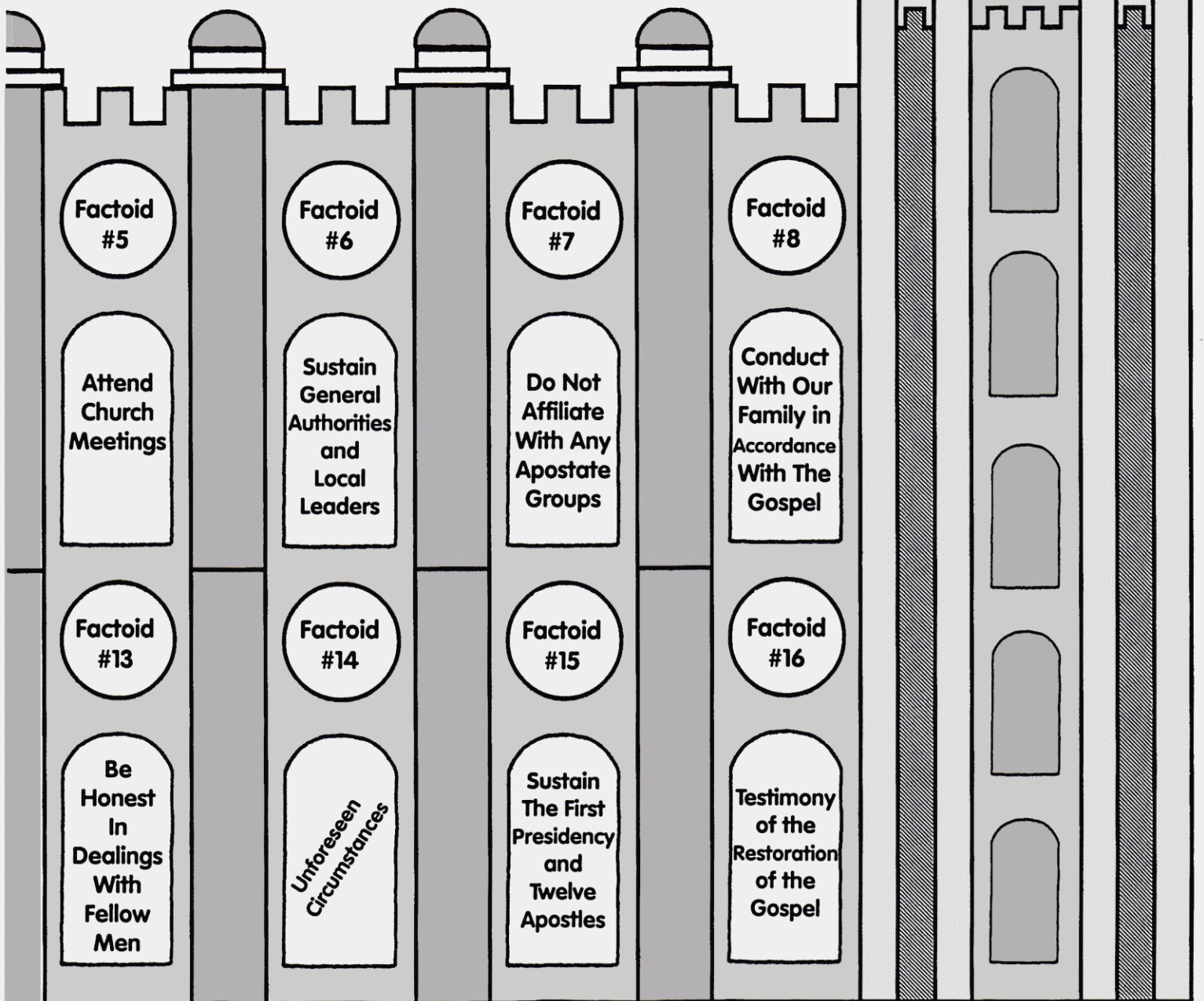
Factoid #16: The construction of the temple began on April 6, 1853 and it was completed on April 6, 1893. We should be grateful for the dedication and hard work of the early saints to build and complete this wonderful temple.

Angel Moroni: The angel Moroni is a hammered copper statue. He is approximately 12 1/2 feet tall and is gilded with pure gold leaf. The Angel Moroni symbolizes “The law shall go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”

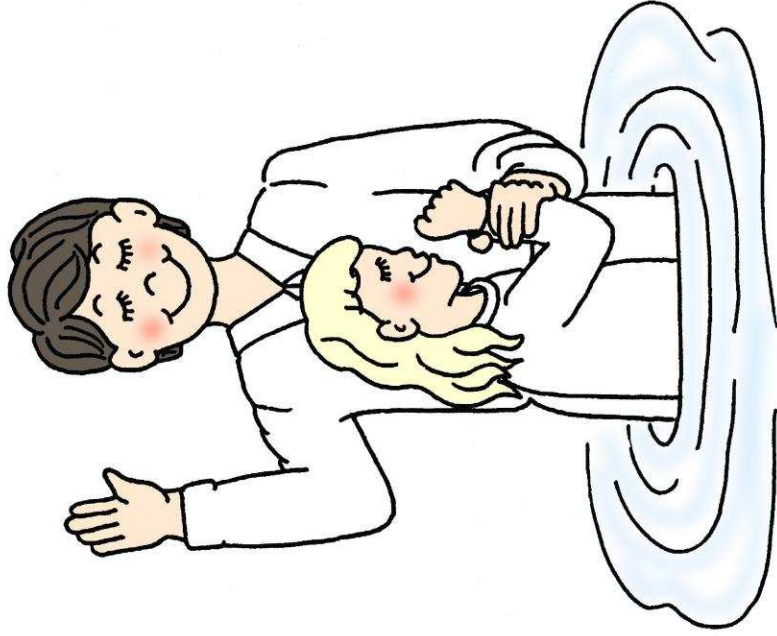
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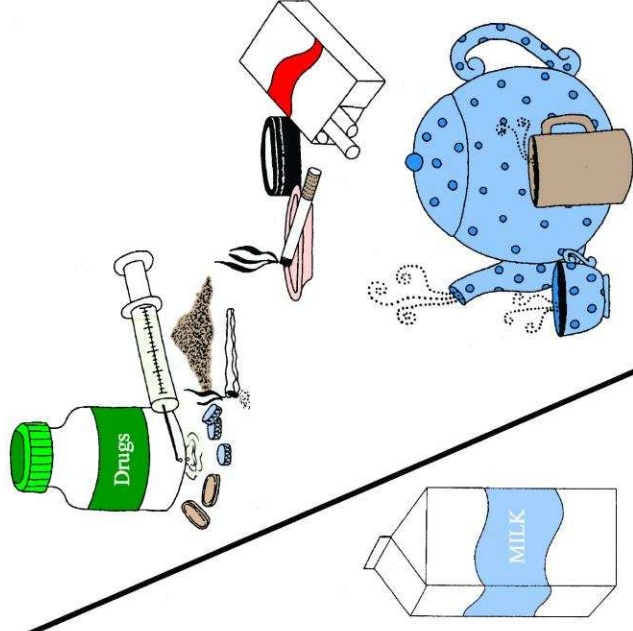


John 3:5
“Except a man be born
of water and of the Spirit,
he cannot enter
into the kingdom of God.”

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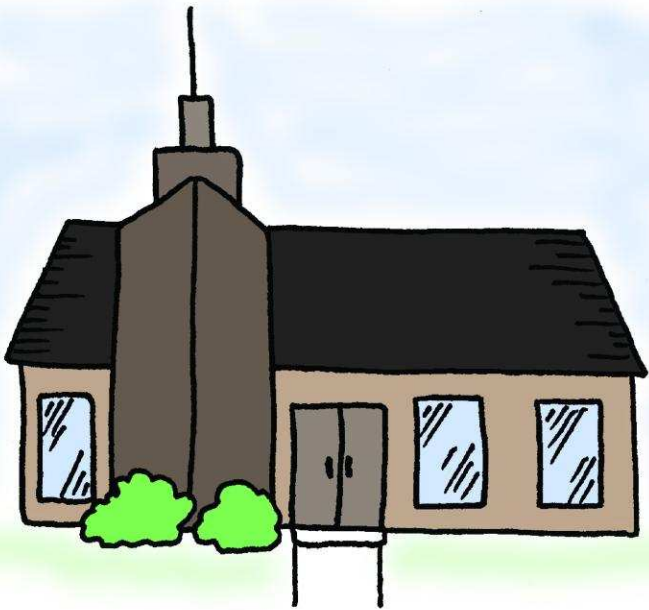
Acts 2:38
“Repent, and be baptized
every one of you
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for the remission of sins,
and ye shall receive the gift
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Word of Wisdom



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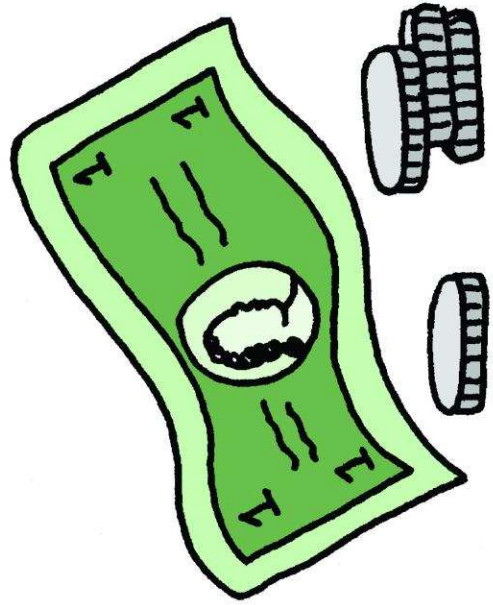


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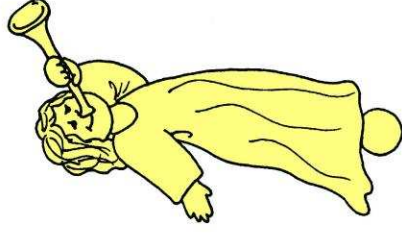
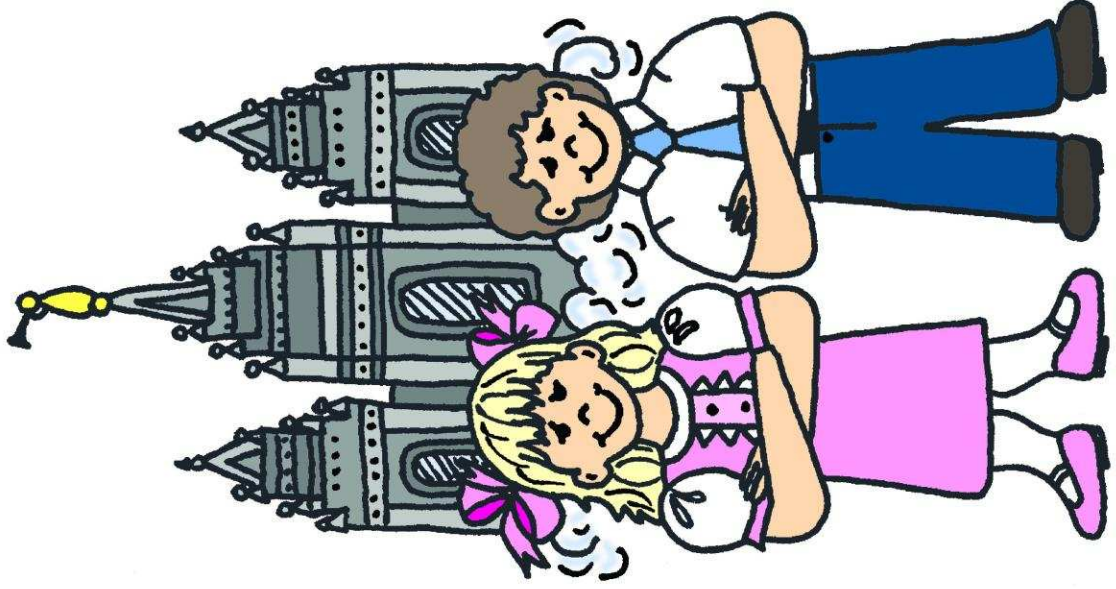


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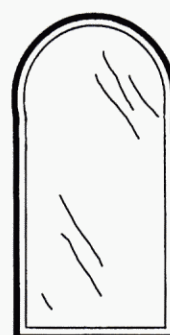
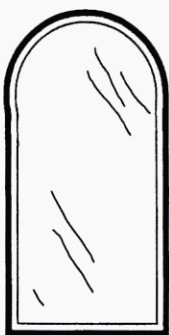
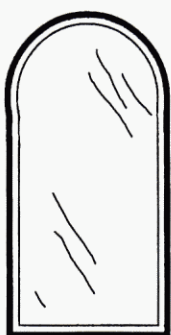
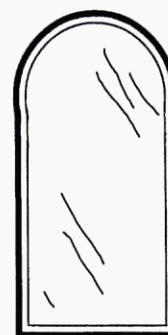
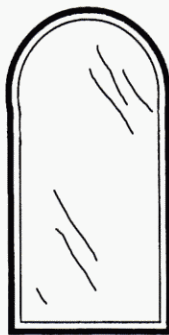
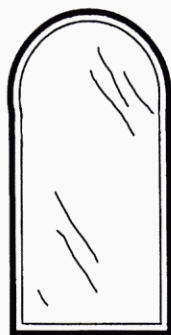
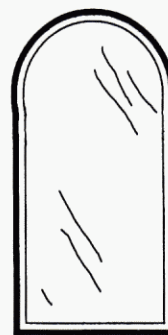
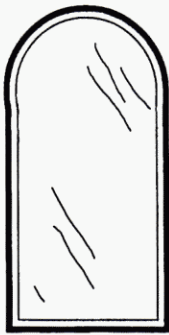
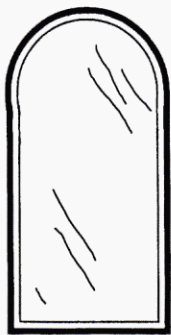
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By living the
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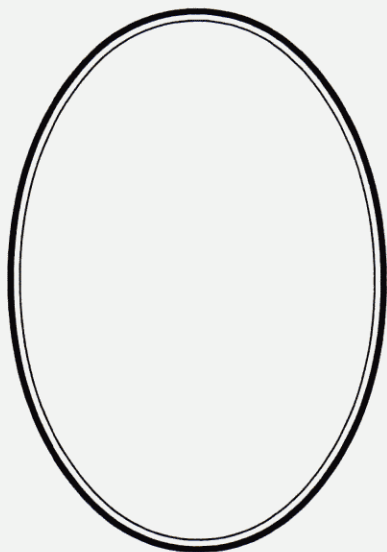
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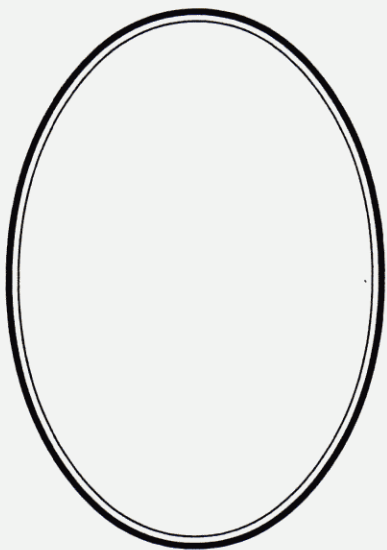


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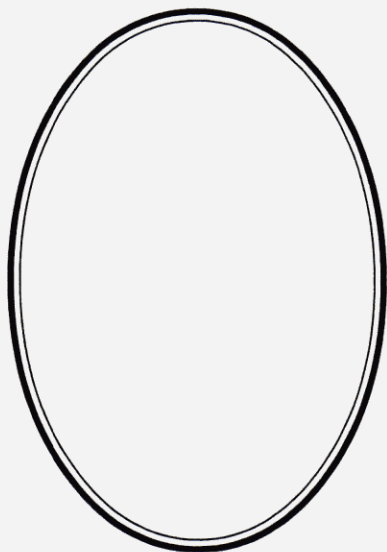


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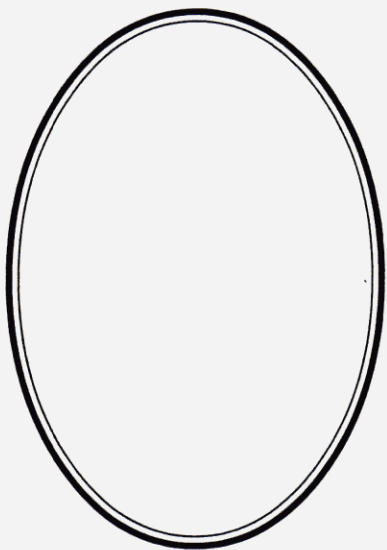


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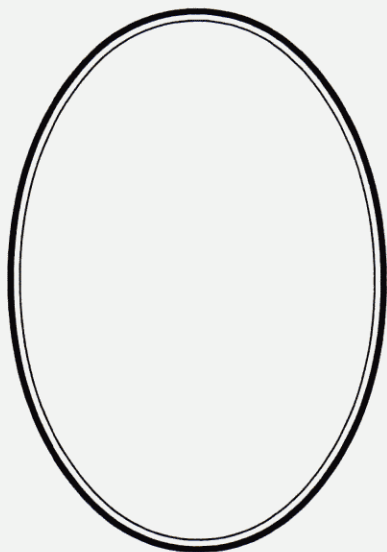


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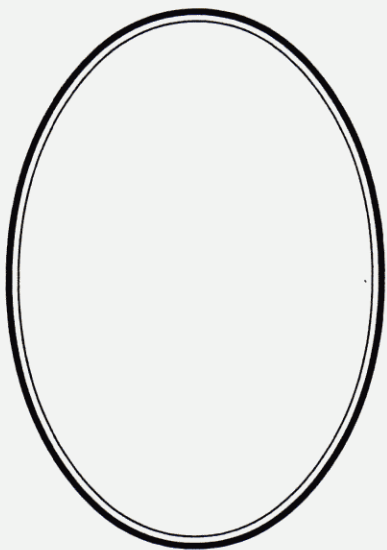


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D&C 97: 15-16

“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, that it be not defiled, my glory shall rest upon it; Yea, 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.”