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Family Home Evening Made Easy

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Joseph Smith “The Prophet” Family Home Evening Packet



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The Prophet, Joseph Smith Jr. Family Home Evening Packet

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Suggested Songs: "The Sacred Grove", pg. 87 (Childrens)
"Joseph Smith's First Prayer", pg. 26 (Hymn)
"The Spirit of God", pg. 2 (Hymn)

Scriptures: D&C 1:38

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

Oatmeal Cookie Bars

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups oats
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 small bag chocolate chips

Optional Additions

- 1 cup coconut
- 2 cups raisins

Directions: Blend butter and sugars until smooth. Add eggs and vanilla and mix well. Add all remaining ingredients except chocolate chips. Mix ingredients well again. Add chocolate chips. Spread evenly on a greased cookie sheet. Bake for 15 minutes on 350 degrees. YUMMMY!!!!!!

Game: Preparation - There are two sheets of paper for the "Prophetic Pursuit" game board. Take the "Start" and "Finish" sheet, and with a ruler and sharp blade, line up the ruler on the far right-hand side of the sheet with the edges of the game spaces, and cut a vertical line from top to bottom. Then place that sheet, overlapping it on the other remaining sheet of the game board and line up. Tape or glue edges down on the back side. Color as desired and laminate. Color, laminate and cut out game tokens. Color, laminate and cut out the trivia cards. You will need a die for the game. If you have previously purchased any of the "prophet" packets, you may combine the trivia game cards from all packets to form one larger game. Play - The object of the game is to be the first team to get all three tokens from the "Start" to the "Finish". Divide the family into two, three or four teams and give each team three tokens. Determine which team will go first. Place the trivia cards face-down on the draw pile. The first team rolls the die but it does not yet move any game tokens. An opposing team draws a card and reads the trivia question to the first team. If the team answers the question correctly, it can move one of the tokens the amount shown on the die, or split the amount between two tokens. Its turn continues until it misses a question. If a question is missed, an opposing team can challenge. If the team answers the question correctly, it can steal the amount on the die, and move one of its tokens. If it misses the question, it has to send one of its tokens back to the "Start" position. Once a token makes it to the finish, it cannot be taken out. Two players may occupy the same space at one time. The game ends when a team successfully gets all three of its tokens to the "Finish" space. If you run out of cards before play has ended, turn the pile of discarded cards over and place in the draw pile.

The Prophet, Joseph Smith, Jr.

One of the greatest men who has ever lived upon the earth was Joseph Smith, Jr. Few men in the course of history have had such a lasting effect on the world and on religion. Through his great courage and faith, we have the gospel of Jesus Christ restored to us, never to be taken from the earth again.

Joseph was the son of Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith. He was born on December 23, 1805 in Sharon, Vermont. When he arrived into the family there were already three older children. After Joseph was born, Lucy gave birth to several more children, including Ephraim who died in infancy. When the family was completed they were, in order, Alvin, Hyrum, Sophronia, Joseph Jr., Samuel Harrison, William, Catharine, Don Carlos and Lucy.

The Smith family moved several times during Joseph's childhood making it very hard for him to attend school for any length of time. In 1811, when Joseph was five years old, they moved to Lebonon, New Hampshire which is just across the Connecticut River. Two years later in 1813, all of the Smith children contacted typhoid fever. Joseph's mother, Lucy, was beside herself.

It was very common in those days for all of the children to sleep in one bed and so when one child got sick, the others did too. This bout of typhoid killed six thousand people in the Connecticut Valley but miraculously, none of the Smith children died. Joseph, however, had complications from the fever.

When Joseph finally had the strength to sit up, he began having a terrible pain in his shoulder that nothing would help. Lucy sent for the doctor who said it was just a sprain and rubbed bone liniment into it. The pain remained and so the doctor was summoned again. This time he found a very large fever sore between Joseph's shoulder and chest. The doctor lanced (cut) the sore and drained a whole quart of fluid from it. Then the pain that had been in his shoulder shot down through his body to his leg on the same side of his body. Joseph was quoted as saying that the pain was severe and how he could ever bear it?

The leg swelled terribly and Joseph suffered with this awful pain for two more weeks. Joseph was just seven years old at this time and his mother, Lucy, would carry him in her arms to try and soothe the pain. She soon became very ill herself because of all the strain and she couldn't tend to Joseph. Hyrum, who loved Joseph dearly, volunteered to take care of Joseph and rarely left his side. Hyrum would grasp Joseph's leg in his strong hands and put pressure on each side of the painful area when it would flare up, trying to relieve the pain.

After three weeks, the pain was only worse and the doctor was called again. This time he lanced the leg but the pain persisted. On the next call, the doctor cut even deeper into the leg hoping it would help but this didn't help either. It was decided that several doctors would amputate Joseph's leg. After much pleading from Lucy, the doctors relented and agreed to operate and take out the part of the leg bone that was infected.

Even at this young age, Joseph had incredible faith in the Lord. When told that he should be tied up and drink a glass of wine Joseph declined, saying he would not be bound nor would he touch liquor. He asked his father to stay with him and pleaded for his mother to leave. He knew that the Lord would take care of him.

Lucy described the operation as being horrible. The doctors removed several pieces of bone from the young boy which saved his life. During this incident, Joseph had shown his incredible strength, courage and faith. Even at the age of seven, he was teaching the world.

Joseph and Hyrum had a special relationship all of their lives. They loved each other as well as enjoyed playing sports together and against each other. They were known for having wrestling matches and for stick pulling to see who was the stronger of the two. Joseph had a great sense of humor and was known for being funny. He loved little children and was a kind and witty man.

When the family was well again, they moved to Norwich, Vermont where after several years of crop failures, they moved to Palmyra, New York. It is amazing to look back on the history of the Smith family and realize all of the things the Lord put them through just to keep moving them until they were in New York and close to the Hill Cumorah. Just like Jonah of the Bible and young Joseph, the Lord will provide ways to get us where he needs us to go.

While in Palmyra on a beautiful spring day in 1820, Joseph walked to his special place in the Sacred Grove. The young boy had been reading in the Bible the night before about receiving answers to prayers. In the book of James 1:5, Joseph had read, "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 that he had never had a scripture come with more power to him and so he determined that he would do just as he had read.

During these years, there was a terrible tumult going on over religion. Many religions were trying to convert people to their way of thinking, causing much confusion and trouble among the people of New York. Joseph had become very frustrated and couldn't decide which one to join. He was only fourteen at the time. All of this had prompted his asking God to help him know which church was the right one. With all the sincerity of his heart he wanted to know and so he had gone to the grove to pray.

As Joseph knelt in the warm sunshine, he could hear the rustle of the leaves. He prayed earnestly to know which of the religions was true. Just as he began to pray, Joseph realized that Satan had also heard his prayer and that Satan was angry with him. Satan never likes it when we do something good or right. He always wants to have his say but Heavenly Father will always protect us if we are on His side.

Suddenly, a bright light shone in the air above Joseph. There stood two men, dressed in vivid white and looking down at Joseph. Can you imagine how you would feel to be kneeling on the ground and see Heavenly Father and Jesus close to you? Joseph described it as this: "When the light rested upon me I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other - This is My Beloved Son, Hear Him."

It is important for all of us to realize that Heavenly Father called Joseph by name. He knows all of our names and loves us all individually.

Joseph was told to join none of the churches but to re-establish Jesus' church as it had been in days of old. When Heavenly Father and Jesus were through speaking, Joseph became very weak but returned home and told his mother of his vision. Lucy believed him immediately and this would begin years of turmoil and struggle to bring the true gospel of Jesus Christ back to the earth.

Three years later, on September 23, 1823, the angel Moroni visited Joseph to instruct him about translating golden plates which would bring about the Book of Mormon. It wasn't until September 22, 1827 however, that Joseph was able to obtain the plates from Moroni. He was shown where to find them, buried in a box made of stone in the Hill Cumorah. This began the long task of translating. How many of you know what it means to "translate?" When Joseph translated what was on the golden plates, he read the words on the plates and interpreted the words so we could understand them. Just how did he do that?

Heavenly Father and Jesus provided a way so Joseph could interpret the writings on the plates, because they were not in our language. In the stone box was a set of very sacred eyeglasses. These glasses, when worn by Joseph, would interpret the words into English as Joseph read. They were called the Urim and Thummim. He would then repeat what he saw to someone else, a scribe who would write down the words. It was a miraculous thing, only brought about by a loving Heavenly Father for us.

Joseph had married Emma Hale on January 18, 1827, just months before receiving the plates. He and Emma lived with Joseph Sr. and Lucy at first and it was there he began translating.

Joseph and Emma went through many hard trials to get the Book of Mormon translated and published. It took years and caused much heartache to Joseph and his family. During many of these hard times, it would have been easier to just give up and protect himself and his family but Joseph never doubted or despaired in what he was doing. This alone is a testimony to him being a Prophet.

In the following seventeen years, Joseph with the help of many others, published the Book of Mormon, established the Lord's Church and organized it on April 6, 1830. The Church began as a little seed and grew rapidly. Missionaries were sent out to other countries and lands. People recognized their teachings as the truth. People began joining and telling others about the Church and word spread like fire.

Of course, Satan had to get into the act as well by agitating others to fight against the truth. Mobs gathered and taunted the Prophet and his family for many years. Finally, Joseph and his brother Hyrum were locked up in the Carthage jail for crimes that had been made up by angry men. On June 27, 1844 as Joseph, Hyrum, Willard Richards and John Taylor sat together, they heard a mob of two hundred men shouting and heading for the jail. It was only moments until both Joseph and Hyrum lay dead. They had given their lives for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints as a testimony of its truthfulness.

Joseph and Emma had so many heartaches. One would think that the Lord would have spared Joseph and Emma from some of their trials because of his being a Prophet of God, but we know that God gives all of us trials to overcome. They refine us and make us stronger.

The following is an accounting of the children of the Prophet Joseph and his wife Emma:

- Alvin, born and died on June 15, 1828
- Thaddeus Smith, born and died on April 30, 1831 along with his twin sister, Louisa
- Julia Murdock Smith, adopted daughter born April 30, 1831 along with her twin brother, Joseph. Joseph died on March 30, 1832 from exposure caused by a mob at Hiram, Ohio.
- Joseph, the third, born November 6, 1832
- Frederick G. W. born June 20, 1836
- Alexander H. born June 2, 1838
- Don Carlos born June 13, 1840 and died August 15, 1841
- Stillborn son born 1842
- David Hyrum born November 17, 1844 five months after the Prophet Joseph's death.

Seven of Joseph and Emma's children died as infants.

Joseph Smith, Jr. was a true Prophet in every sense of the word. He knew that what he had seen and written were true. He lived what he believed to the very end. He paved the way for you and me to be able to have the Savior's gospel with us in this day. He was and is magnificent. The best way we can honor his name is to believe in him and live what he has taught. If we pray to Heavenly Father, just as young Joseph did, he will answer our prayers and let us know that Joseph was indeed a Prophet of God. When we know that Joseph was a true Prophet, then we will know that the Book of Mormon is true and that we do have the true Church upon the earth today.

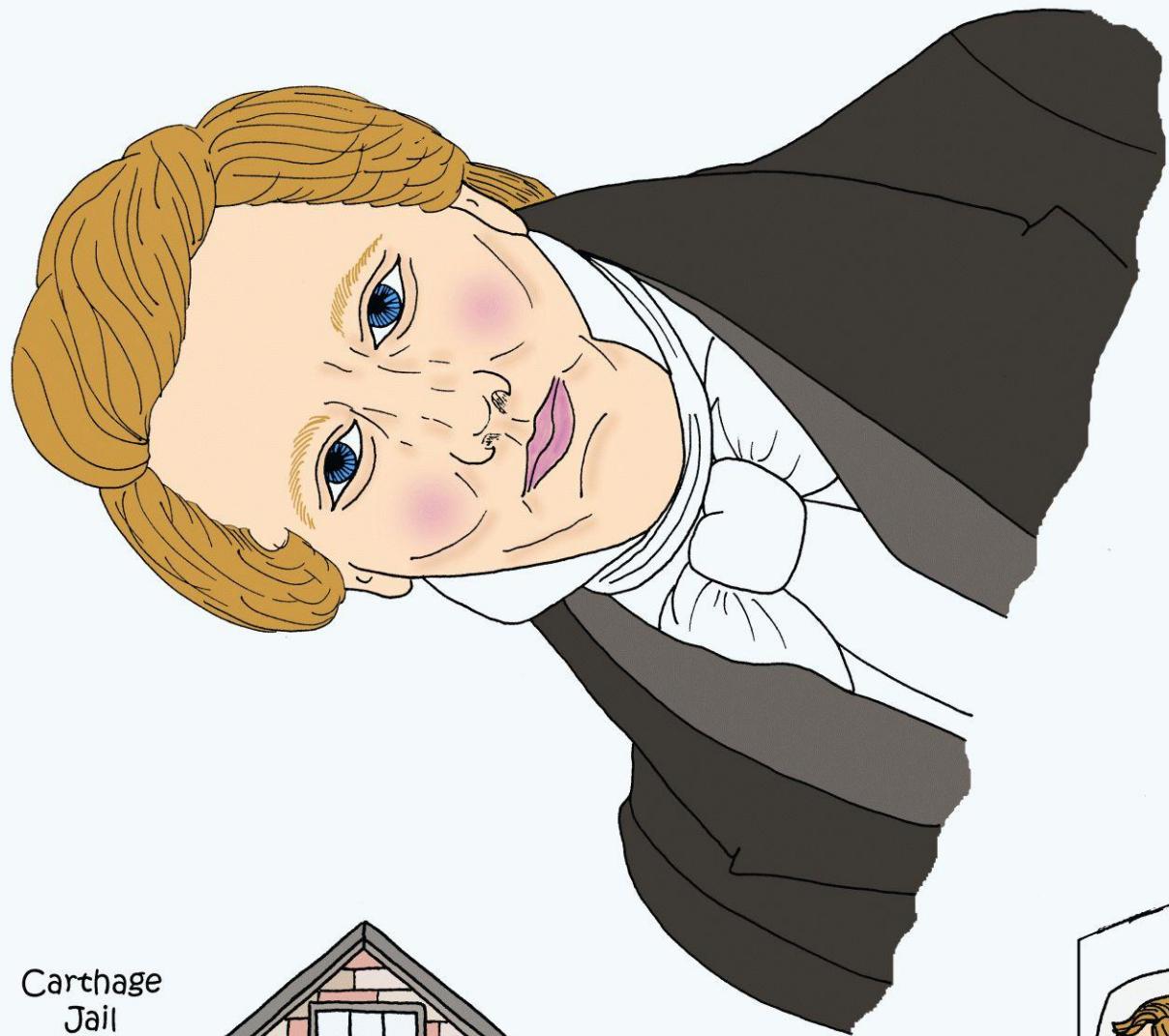
DISCUSSION

- Do you have the same kind of faith that young Joseph had?
- How difficult do you think it would have been for Joseph to continue all of the work he was doing with so much opposition?
- Why do you think Joseph had so much opposition to his work?
- Have you prayed to know that Joseph Smith Jr. was a true Prophet?
- How can we show our respect and admiration for Joseph Smith?

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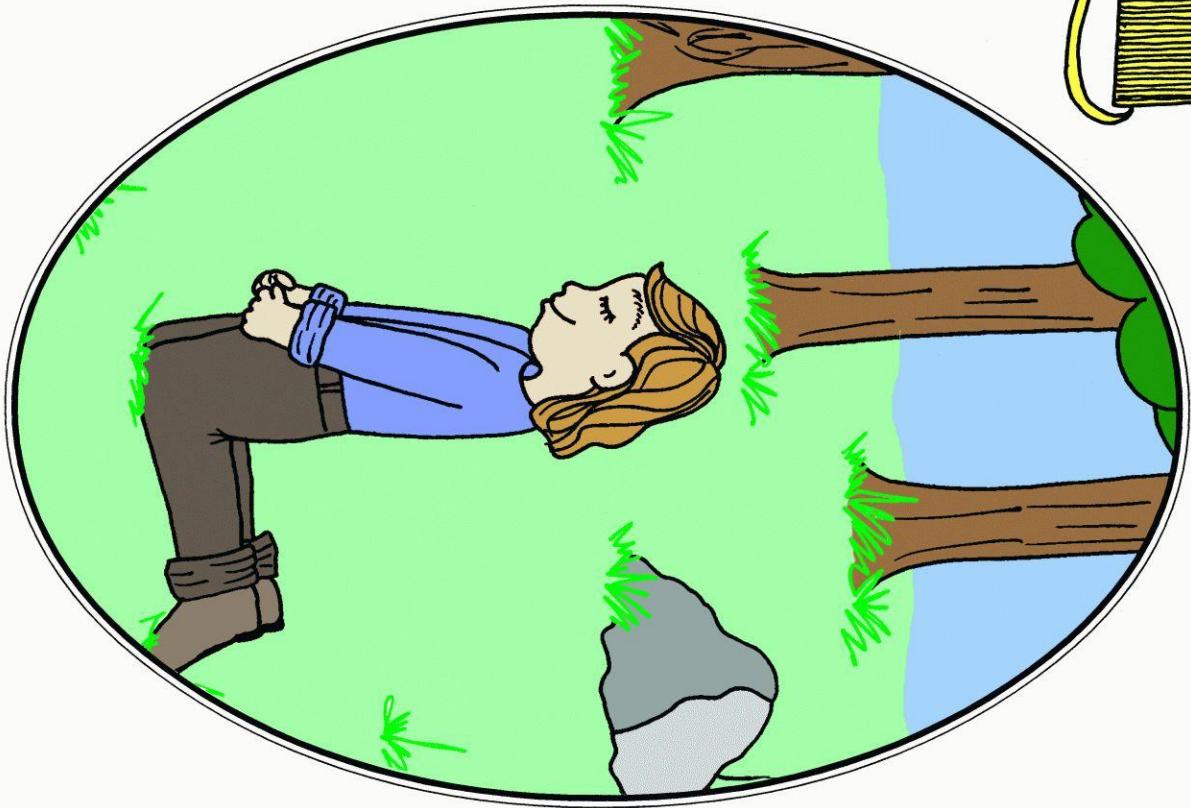
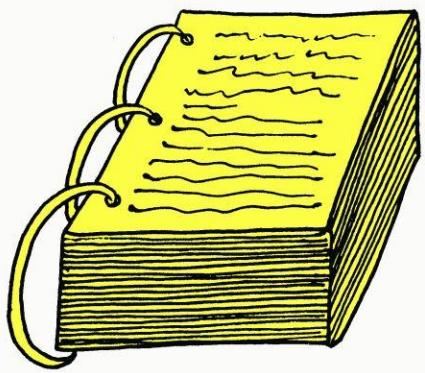


Hyrum trying to relieve
the pain in Joseph's leg

John Taylor singing to Joseph in
Carthage Jail



Joseph and Hyrum
stick wrestling



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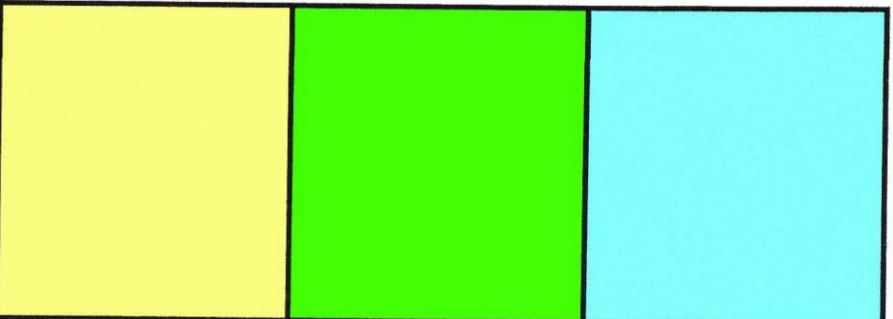
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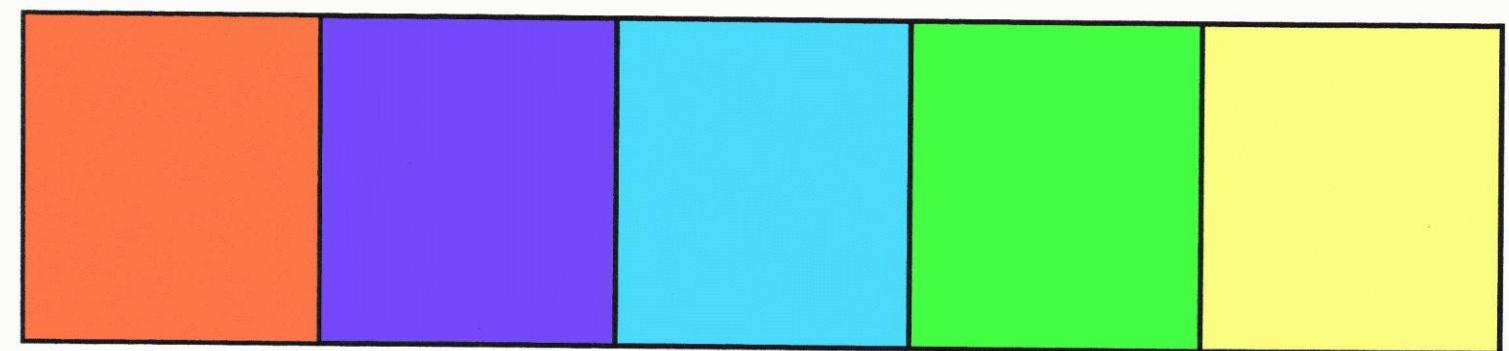
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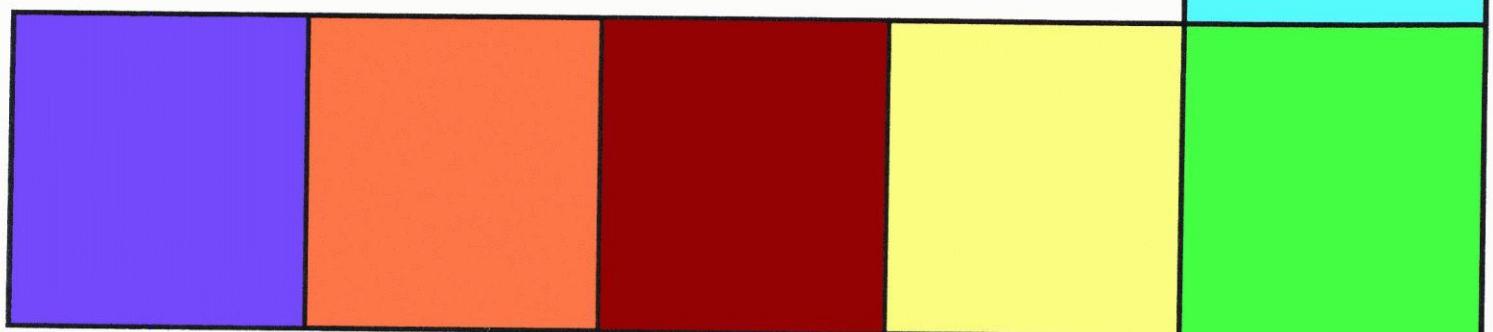
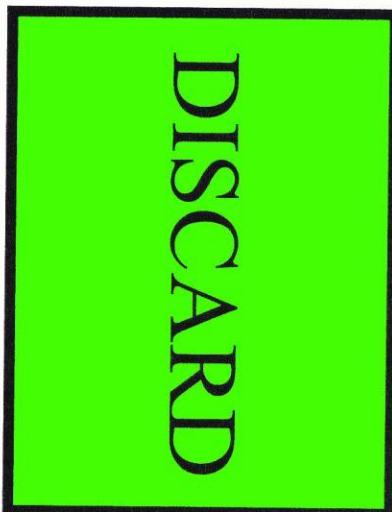


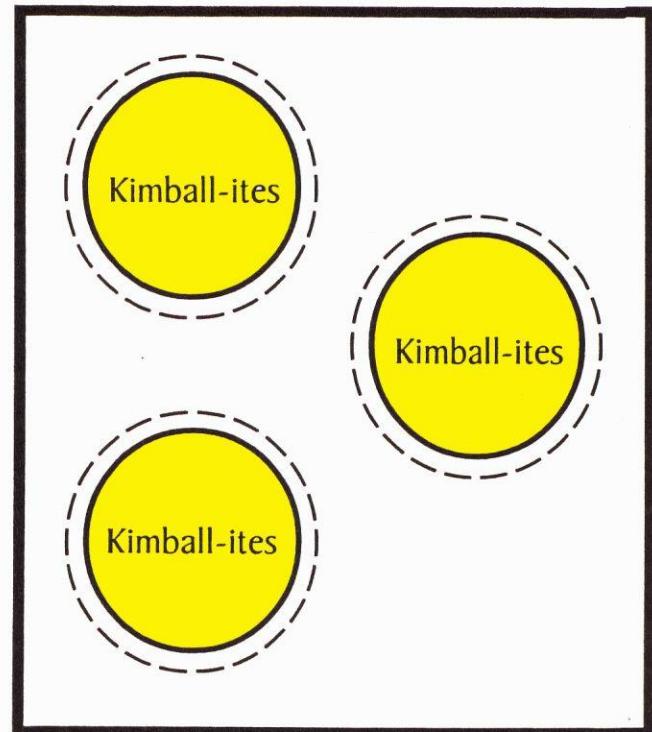
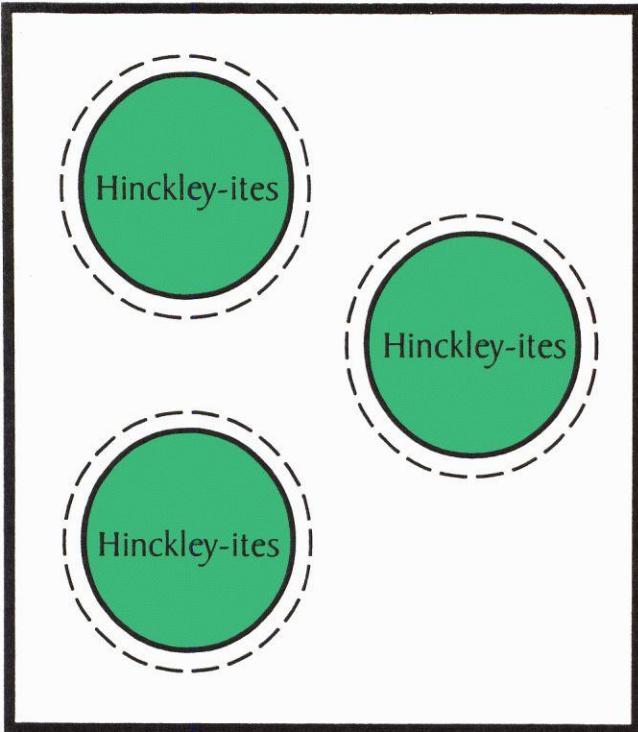


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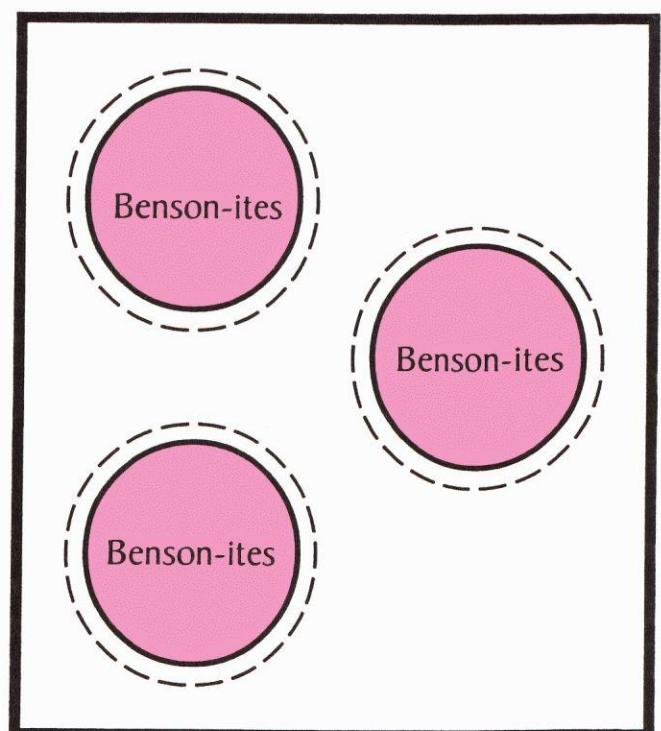
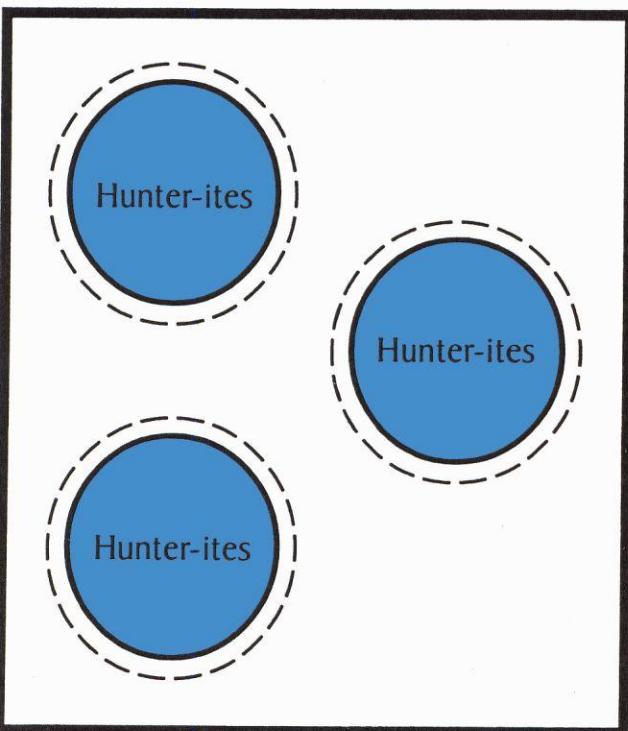
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Game Tokens

Every few months, a new “Prophet of God” packet featuring one of the past prophets of the Church will be released. Each packet will contain a new set of trivia cards to add to the “Prophetic Pursuit” trivia game. Once all prophet packets are collected, you will have an entire trivia game with questions about each prophet of the Church.



DATES, TRAITS & MATES	FAITH-PROMOTING EXPERIENCES	HISTORY	FAITH-PROMOTING EXPERIENCES	HISTORY	FAITH-PROMOTING EXPERIENCES
Joseph Smith obtained the plates from the angel Moroni on what date?	While kneeling and praying in the Sacred Grove, who was Joseph Smith privileged to see?	A: September 22, 1827	A: God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ	A: April 6, 1830	A: James 1:5 “If any of you lack wisdom”
In what hill, did Joseph Smith find the plates?	In what hill, did Joseph Smith find the plates?	A: The Hill Cumorah	A: Copyright to the Book of Mormon	A: December 23, 1805?	A: The Urim and Thummim
Where was Joseph Smith born?	On June 11, 1829, Joseph Smith obtained what?	A: Sharon, Vermont	A: Willard Richards & John Taylor	A: January 23, 1833?	A: February 14, 1835?
What two men stayed in the Carthage Jail with Joseph and Hyrum and witnessed their murders?	Who was the first president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints?	A: The School of the Prophets	A: Quorum of the Twelve Apostles	A: Four months	A: Four and a half months
Joseph Smith organized the Church on what date?	Who was the first president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints?	A: Joseph Smith	A: Joseph Smith	A: December 23, 1805?	A: December 23, 1805?
What scripture in the Bible prompted Joseph Smith to pray about what church to join?	Which Prophet was born on December 23, 1805?	A: Joseph Smith	A: Joseph Smith	A: Joseph Smith	A: Joseph Smith
What was the instrument called that allowed Joseph Smith to translate the plates?	This Prophet was the commander of the Nauvoo Legion. Who was he?	A: The Urim and Thummim	A: Joseph Smith	A: Joseph Smith	A: Joseph Smith
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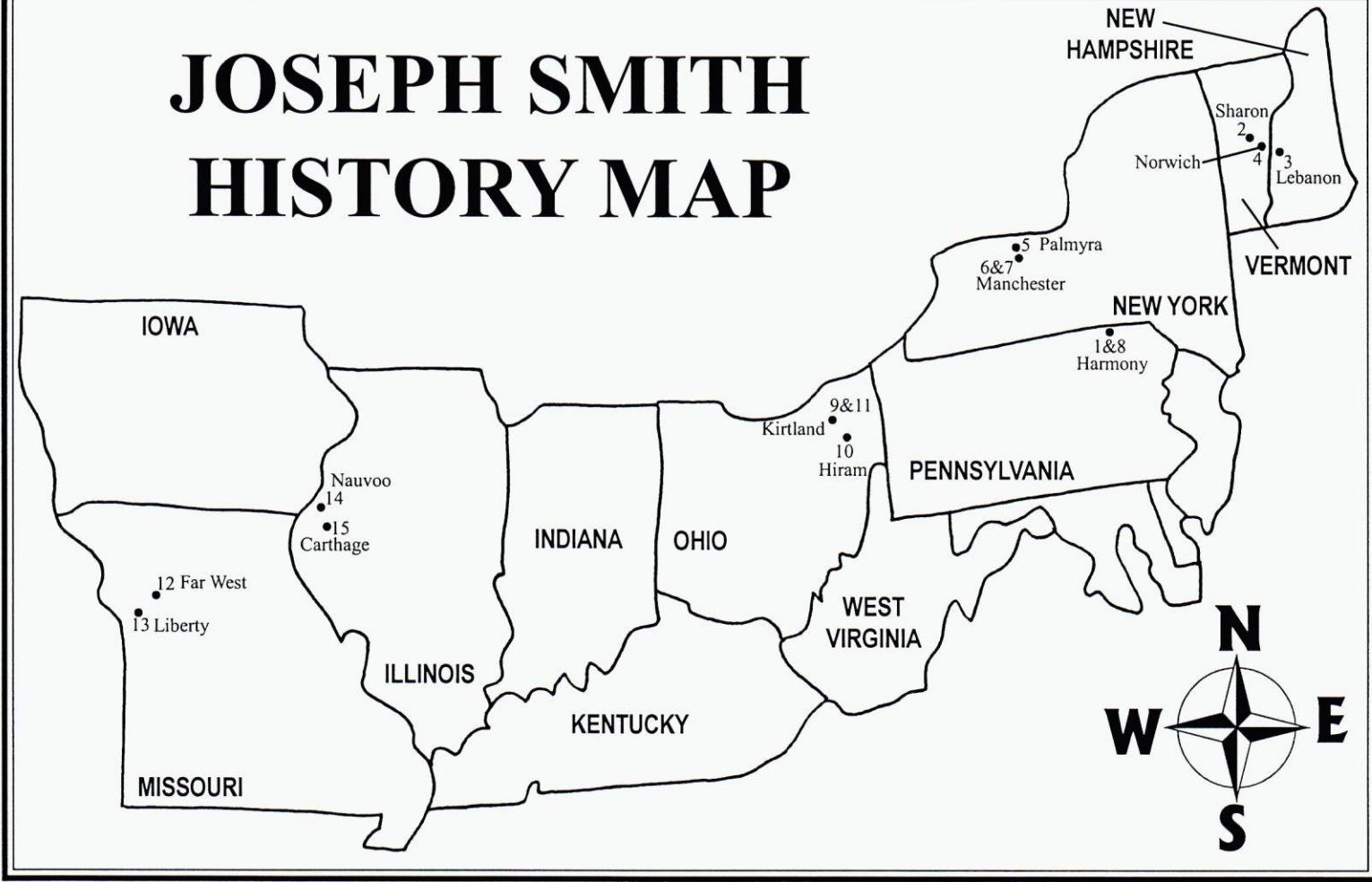
<p>DATES, TRAITS & MATES</p> <p>This young prophet's favorite sport was stick wrestling. He especially loved to wrestle with his brother. Who was he?</p> <p>A: <i>June 27, 1844</i></p>	<p>HISTORY</p> <p>What was Joseph Smith's mother's name?</p> <p>A: <i>Lucy Mack Smith</i></p>	<p>HISTORY</p> <p>This prophet had eleven children, seven of whom died in infancy. Who was he?</p> <p>A: <i>Joseph Smith</i></p>
<p>PROPHETIC PASTIMES</p> <p>Joseph Smith was murdered on what date?</p> <p>A: <i>June 27, 1844</i></p>	<p>HISTORY</p> <p>What was Joseph Smith's father's name?</p> <p>A: <i>Joseph Smith</i></p>	<p>DATES, TRAITS & MATES</p> <p>Joseph Smith was elected to be Mayor of what city?</p> <p>A: <i>Emma Hale</i></p>
<p>HISTORY</p> <p>The angel Moroni visited the young Joseph Smith for the first time on what date?</p> <p>A: <i>September 21, 1823</i></p>	<p>HISTORY</p> <p>This young man was confused as to what religion to join. He prayed to the Father and received a vision, telling him to join none of them.</p> <p>Who was he?</p> <p>A: <i>Joseph Smith</i></p>	<p>“JUST DO IT”</p> <p>It took Joseph Smith three years to complete the translation of what book?</p> <p>A: <i>The Bible</i></p>
<p>HISTORY</p> <p>The Prophet Joseph Smith when he died? Who was he?</p> <p>A: <i>June 1830 - July 1833</i></p>	<p>HISTORY</p> <p>Joseph Smith's brother was the first official missionary of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.</p> <p>How old was the Prophet Joseph Smith when he died?</p> <p>Who was he?</p> <p>A: <i>Samuel Harrison Smith</i></p>	<p>HISTORY</p> <p>At the age of seven, Joseph Smith had surgery on his leg with no anesthetic. What did doctors remove from his leg?</p> <p>A: <i>Pieces of bone</i></p>

LEGACY OF A PROPHET

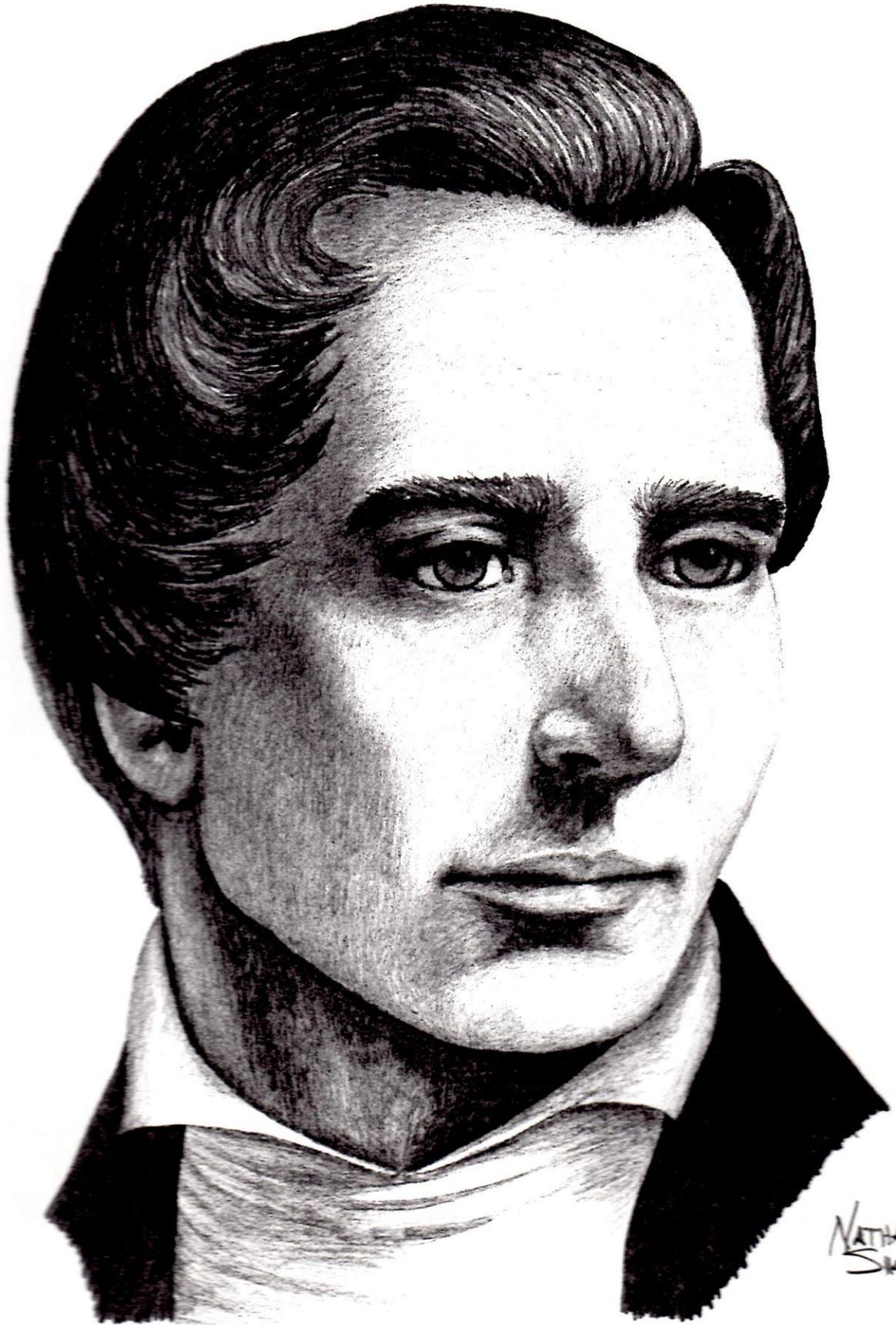
Historical Moments In The Life Of Joseph Smith

Spring of 1820	<i>Joseph Smith's first vision</i>
September 21, 1823	<i>The angel Moroni first visits the boy prophet</i>
September 22, 1824	<i>Moroni meets and teaches Joseph Jr. at the Hill Cumorah</i>
September 22, 1825	<i>Moroni again meets with Joseph Jr. at Cumorah</i>
September 22, 1826	<i>For the third year in a row, Moroni teaches Joseph at Cumorah</i>
January 18, 1827	<i>Joseph marries Emma Hale</i>
September 22, 1827	<i>Moroni gives Joseph the plates at the Hill Cumorah</i>
June 14, 1828	<i>Martin Harris takes one-hundred sixteen pages of the first manuscript of the Book of Mormon and loses them. The angel Moroni takes back the plates</i>
September 22, 1828	<i>Joseph receives the plates back from Moroni</i>
April 7, 1829	<i>Oliver Cowdry becomes Joseph's scribe in translating the plates</i>
May 15, 1829	<i>The Aaronic Priesthood is conferred upon Joseph and Oliver Cowdry</i>
May of 1829	<i>The Melchizedek Priesthood is restored by Peter, James and John</i>
June 11, 1829	<i>Joseph secures the copyright to the Book of Mormon</i>
June of 1829	<i>The three witnesses are privileged to see an angel, the plates and to hear the voice of God</i>
June of 1829	<i>The eight witnesses to the Book of Mormon see and feel the plates</i>
September of 1829	<i>They begin printing the Book of Mormon</i>
March 26, 1830	<i>The Palmyra Bookstore begins sales of the Book of Mormon</i>
April 6, 1830	<i>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is legally organized</i>
June of 1830	<i>Joseph begins the translation of the bible and receives the revelations of Moses</i>
June of 1830	<i>Samuel Harrison Smith, Joseph's brother leaves as the first official missionary of the Church</i>
August 3, 1831	<i>The Kirtland temple site is dedicated by Joseph Smith Jr.</i>
February 16, 1832	<i>Vision of the Three Degrees is received by Joseph Smith Jr.</i>
January 23, 1833	<i>The School of the Prophets is established</i>
February 27, 1833	<i>Joseph reveals revelation of the Word of Wisdom, Section 89 D&C, in Kirtland, Ohio</i>
March 18, 1833	<i>The First Presidency of the Church is organized</i>
July 2, 1833	<i>Joseph finishes the translation of the bible</i>
July 23, 1833	<i>The cornerstone of the Kirtland Temple is laid</i>
November 25, 1833	<i>The Saints of the Church are told to leave Kirtland</i>
May 5, 1834	<i>Joseph becomes leader of Zion's Camp</i>
February 14, 1835	<i>The Quorum of the Twelve Apostles is organized</i>
February 28, 1835	<i>The Quorum of the Seventy is organized</i>
March 28, 1835	<i>Joseph receives the revelation on the Priesthood</i>
March 27, 1836	<i>Joseph dedicates the Kirtland Temple</i>
April 3, 1836	<i>The Savior, Moses, Elias and Elijah come to the temple (D&C 110)</i>
October 25, 1838	<i>David Patten, The President of the Twelve Apostles is shot and killed at Crooked River</i>
November 1, 1838	<i>Joseph, Hyrum and others were sentenced to be shot</i>
December 1, 1838	<i>Joseph and Hyrum are put in prison at the Liberty Jail</i>
March of 1839	<i>While still in the Liberty Jail, Joseph receives revelations contained in D&C 121, 122 and 123</i>
April 15, 1839	<i>Joseph and Hyrum escape their captors while being taken to Boone County</i>
November of 1839	<i>"Times and Seasons" is first published</i>
February 4, 1840	<i>Joseph becomes the leader in command of the Nauvoo Legion</i>
April 6, 1841	<i>The cornerstone of the Nauvoo Temple is laid</i>
June 4, 1841	<i>Joseph is arrested on false charges filed in Missouri</i>
March 17, 1842	<i>The Relief Society of Nauvoo is organized with Emma Smith as president</i>
May 4, 1842	<i>The temple endowment is presented to the saints</i>
May 19, 1842	<i>Joseph Smith Jr. is elected Mayor of Nauvoo</i>
May 28, 1843	<i>Joseph and Emma are sealed together for time and all eternity</i>
May 17, 1844	<i>Joseph is nominated to run for the President of the United States</i>
June 18, 1844	<i>Nauvoo is placed under martial law</i>
June 25, 1844	<i>Joseph and Hyrum surrender at Carthage Jail to face trumped up charges resulting from publishing of the "Expositor"</i>
June 27, 1844	<i>Joseph and Hyrum are murdered at Carthage Jail</i>
February 4, 1846	<i>The Saints begin trek to Utah</i>

JOSEPH SMITH HISTORY MAP

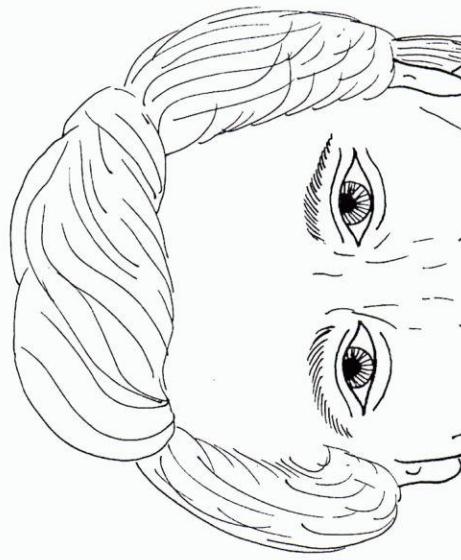


- 1 - Emma Hale is born in Harmony, Pennsylvania on July 10, 1804.
- 2 - Joseph Smith Jr. is born in Sharon, Vermont on December 23, 1805.
- 3 - The Smith family moves to Lebanon, New Hampshire. They lived in Lebanon from 1811 to 1813.
 - Joseph went through a series of leg operations while living in Lebanon.
- 4 - The Smith family moves from Lebanon to Norwich, Vermont. They lived in Norwich from 1814 to 1816.
- 5 - The Smith family leaves Norwich, Vermont for Palmyra, New York in the fall of 1816.
- 6 - In 1818, the Smith family moves to a farm in Manchester.
 - The Sacred Grove was just west of the Smith farm, not far from Joseph's home.
 - The Hill Cumorah was a little over a 3 mile walk southeast from the Smith farm.
- 7 - Joseph and Emma are married in January of 1827 and move in to the Joseph Smith Sr. home.
- 8 - In December of 1827, Joseph and Emma moved to Harmony, Pennsylvania, Emma's birthplace.
- 9 - Joseph and Emma move to Kirtland, Ohio in February of 1831.
 - After arriving in Kirtland, Joseph and Emma lived in the Newel K. Whitney home for several weeks.
 - From March until September of 1831, Joseph and Emma lived on the Isaac Morley farm.
- 10 - In September of 1831, Joseph and Emma move to Hiram, Ohio. They lived in Hiram from September of 1831 to September of 1832. While in Hiram, Joseph and Sydney worked on the Joseph Smith Translation of the Bible.
- 11 - Joseph and Emma return to Kirtland and live in the Newel K. Whitney Store from 1832 to 1833.
 - Finally in 1834, Joseph and Emma were able to live in their own home in Kirtland.
- 12 - In March of 1838, Joseph and Emma move to Far West, Missouri.
 - Far West was the largest Mormon settlement in Missouri.
- 13 - Joseph is jailed in the Liberty, Missouri Jail from December of 1838 to April of 1839.
- 14 - Joseph and Emma move to Nauvoo, Illinois in May of 1839.
- 15 - Joseph and Hyrum surrender at Carthage Jail in Illinois on June 25, 1844 and are murdered on June 27, 1844 by an angry mob.



NATHAN
SHARP
'04

I made this my rule,
"When the Lord
commands,
do it."



Joseph Smith