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The Priesthood - A Team Effort LATTER-DAY SAINT LEAGUE Family Home Evening Packet



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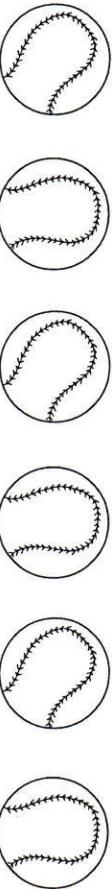
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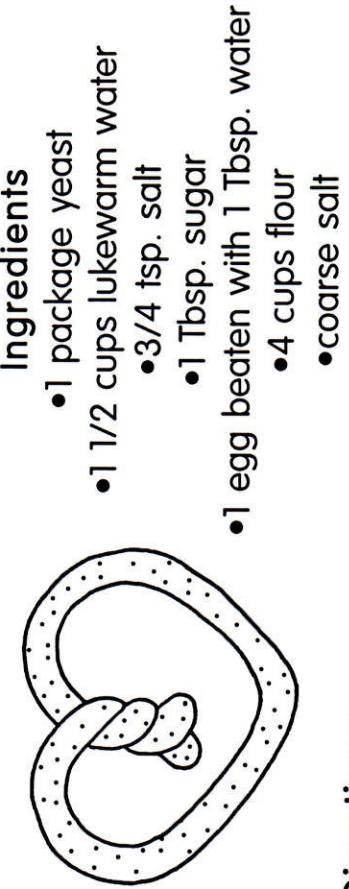
Latter-day Saint League

Family Home Evening Packet

Home Evening Outline



LATTER-DAY SAINT LEAGUE PRETZELS



Ingredients

- 1 package yeast
- 1 1/2 cups lukewarm water
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 egg beaten with 1 Tbsp. water
- 4 cups flour
- coarse salt

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, soften yeast in water. In a smaller bowl, mix flour, sugar and salt. Add to yeast mixing well. Knead to a soft, smooth dough. It should not be sticky. Do not allow dough to rise. Pull dough into twenty pieces and roll each piece into pencil thin ropes approximately 1/2 inch thick and twelve to fifteen inches long. Shape into pretzel shapes or letters and place on a greased cookie sheet. Brush each pretzel with beaten egg and sprinkle with coarse salt. Bake pretzels for 15 minutes. Serve warm!

OPTIONAL: Serve pretzels with a warm cheese sauce to dip them in. YUMMMY!!!!!!

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Suggested Songs: "The Priesthood Is Restored", pg. 89 (Children's "The Fifth Article of Faith", pg. 125 (Children's "God of Our Fathers, We Come Unto Thee", pg. 76 (Hymn)

Scripture: D&C 121:36, D&C 121:41 Hebrews 5:4

Story: Using a red fine tip marker, outline the stitch marks on the [eight] baseballs. Laminate and cut out each baseball. Color and laminate the picture of the Latter-day Saint League Family.

Game - Living Room Baseball
Game Preparation - Laminate and cut out the thirty-two number tiles, and eight "OUT" tiles. Clear an open area in your living room. Using sheets of paper, frisbees, etc. make a baseball diamond with three bases and a home plate. Make a score board on a sheet of paper to keep track of outs, runs and innings. Place all of the number tiles and "OUT" tiles in a large bowl or basket.

Object: To be the team with the highest score at the end of nine innings.

Game Play - Begin by dividing the family into two baseball teams. Have each team come up with a team name that represents them. Write the team names on the score board. Flip a coin to determine which team will bat first. The team that is at bat first determines a batting order. The first batter draws a tile from the container. Make sure that the container is high enough that the batter cannot see the tiles while drawing. The number on the tile determines what question number the batter is to answer.

Beneath the number it will say: "First Base", "Second Base", "Third Base" or "Home Run". If the batter incorrectly answers the question correctly, he can move to which ever base is indicated on his tile. If he answers correctly it is considered an "OUT". If a batter draws an "OUT" tile, the team receives an out and the batters turn is over. The tiles should always be placed back in the container. Do not worry if the same number tiles are drawn throughout the game. Repetition is how we learn. The next batter then draws a tile and the process is repeated. Once a team receives three outs, it is the other teams turn to bat. If it is considered one inning once both teams have had a turn at bat. As each batter has his or her turn at bat, they will move to bases if the question is answered correctly. If there are other runners on bases, they also move the amount of bases indicated on the batters tile. For example, if there is a runner on second base and the batter answers a question correctly that indicates "Third Base", the batter would advance to "Third Base" pushing in the runner on second base. Each time a batter crosses "Home Plate" they receive one run. The game is over once nine innings have been played. For a shorter game, play fewer innings. To make it an extra special baseball game serve food items that you would normally have at a baseball game. For example: pretzels, popcorn, peanuts, hot dogs, pop, etc. HAVE FUN!!!!!!!

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PRIESTHOOD DISCUSSION SHEET

Join The Latter-day Saint League

Upholding and magnifying the priesthood is a TEAM EFFORT. It requires all family members to work together for the good of the whole TEAM. Within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints neither the man nor the woman are considered more privileged than the other. "Men have their work to do and their powers to exercise for the benefit of all the members of the Church" and women have special gifts that are to be used for the benefit of mankind. Each equally shares this responsibility and they become true team-mates. Children aid the team effort by supporting priesthood holders in the home and living worthily enough to obtain the blessings that come from the priesthood. Join the Latter-day Saint League and constantly make an effort to live the commandments, attend your Church meetings and live worthy of the privilege of having God's priesthood authority on the earth today. What a wonderful blessing it is!

"B" is for BLESSINGS

As members of the Church, some of the most valuable blessings in our lives come through the priesthood.

DISCUSSION: Discuss as a family how the priesthood has blessed your lives individually and as a whole.

"A" is for AUTHORITY

Our Heavenly Father graciously shares his priesthood power with all worthy male members of the Church. His priesthood gives men the authority to act in his name, to administer the ordinances of salvation, preach the gospel and govern God's kingdom on earth.

DISCUSSION: Discuss as a family what a tremendous power the priesthood is. The priesthood power was used to create the heavens, it was used to create this earth. The priesthood governs everything and keeps it in perfect order.

"S" is for SALVATION

Through the priesthood, God can bring to pass his work and glory which is to "bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." Moses 1:39

DISCUSSION: Discuss as a family what some of the necessary ordinances of the gospel are and how your family has or can benefit from these ordinances.

"E" is for EQUALITY

In order for us to achieve exaltation, both a man and a woman must be worthy and work together as partners. This cannot be achieved alone.

DISCUSSION: Discuss as a family how each family member can work together as a team to show support for priesthood holders and how by doing so each family member can benefit from the blessings of the priesthood.

"B" is for BRETHREN

Only worthy male members are allowed to hold the priesthood. God makes several promises to worthy priesthood holders. Read D&C 84:33-44. (They will be sanctified by the Spirit, their bodies will be renewed, they will become God's chosen heirs, they will receive the Father and the Son and they will receive all that the Father has and become Gods.) The priesthood holders promise that they will receive the priesthood and magnify it.

DISCUSSION: Discuss as a family how you can support the male priesthood holders in your home and help them to be worthy of their priesthood.

"A" is for ADMINISTER

A man can bless the lives of his family when he uses the priesthood properly. Read D&C 121:41.

DISCUSSION: Discuss as a family how the priesthood should be administered.

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"L" is for LESSER

The **Aaronic priesthood** is the lesser priesthood. The Aaronic priesthood was named after Aaron who had the priesthood conferred upon him.

There are four offices in the Aaronic priesthood: **deacon, teacher, priest** and **bishop**. Each office has certain duties that are to be performed.

- A young man becomes a deacon at the age of twelve. His duties include passing the sacrament, collecting fast offerings and assisting the bishop in watching over the ward.
- At the age of fourteen, a young man can become a teacher. His duties include everything a deacon is supposed to do, plus preparing the bread and water for the sacrament and helping church members live the commandments.
- A young man at the age of sixteen becomes a priest. His duties include everything deacons and teachers are to do, plus baptizing, administering the sacrament, ordaining other deacons, teachers and priests and preaching the gospel to those around him.
- The bishop is the president of the priests quorum. He is ordained and set apart over the Aaronic priesthood in his ward, but he is also ordained a high priest. The bishop can then preside over all of the ward members.

The **Melchizedek priesthood** is the greater priesthood. It is named after a great high priest by the name of Melchizedek. There are five offices in the Melchizedek priesthood: **elder, high priest, patriarch, seventy** and **Apostle**.

- The elders duties can be found by reading D&C 20:42-45 and D&C 20:70.
- The high priests duties include officiating in the Church and being in charge of all spiritual things. A high priest may also officiate in the lesser offices.
- A patriarch is authorized to give patriarchal blessings.
- A seventy is a special witness of Jesus Christ
- An Apostle is also a special witness of Jesus Christ. They are given the keys of the kingdom of God, but only the Prophet can exercise all of the keys. All of the other Apostles act under the Prophet's direction.

"L" is for LAYING ON OF HANDS

Men today receive the priesthood the same way men received the priesthood long ago, by the laying on of hands. The priesthood cannot be bought or sold and no one can take the priesthood authority upon themselves. It must be conferred upon them by a worthy male who already holds the priesthood.

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Blessings



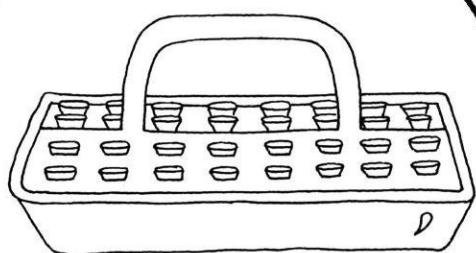
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Authority



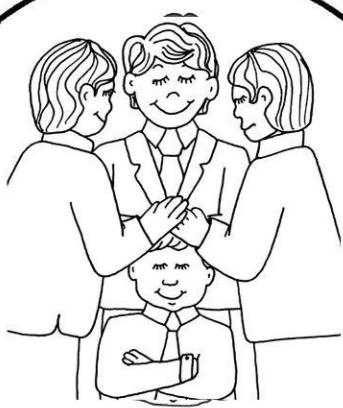
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Administer



Brethren



Laying on of hands



Lesser and Greater

LATTER-DAY SAINT LEAGUE

"LIVING ROOM BASEBALL"

- #1. What is the name of the "lesser" priesthood? Aaronic priesthood
- #2. What is the name of the "greater" priesthood? Melchizedek priesthood
- #3. The priesthood is the power and _____ of God. Authority
- #4. The priesthood can only be controlled in _____. Righteousness
- #5. Name one of the duties of a deacon? Passing the sacrament, collecting fast offerings and assisting the bishop in watching over the ward.
- #6. Name one of the duties of a teacher? Preparing the bread and water for the sacrament and helping Church members live the commandments.
- #7. Name one of the duties of a priest? Baptizing, administering the sacrament, ordaining other deacons, teachers and priests and preaching the gospel.
- #8. Name two of the four offices in the Aaronic priesthood. Deacon, teacher, priest and bishop
- #9. Name two of the five offices in the Melchizedek priesthood. Elder, high priest, patriarch, seventy and Apostle
- #10. Who is the Aaronic priesthood named after? Aaron
- #11. Who is the Melchizedek priesthood named after? Melchizedek, a great high priest
- #12. How does a man receive the priesthood? By the laying on of hands
- #13. Which Article of Faith states that the priesthood is received by the "laying on of hands by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof"? Article of Faith #5
- #14. What is a patriarch authorized to give? Patriarchal blessings
- #15. Who is given all of the keys of the kingdom of God? Apostles
- #16. Who is allowed to exercise all of the keys of the kingdom of God? The Prophet
- #17. How old does a young man have to be to become a deacon? Twelve
- #18. How old does a young man have to be to become a teacher? Fourteen
- #19. How old does a young man have to be to become a priest? Sixteen
- #20. Who is the president of the priests quorum? The bishop
- #21. Can the priesthood be bought or sold? No
- #22. It is God's work and glory to "bring to pass the immortality and _____ of man. Eternal life
- #23. What power was used to create the heavens and this earth? Priesthood power
- #24. Can a worthy male priesthood holder achieve exaltation alone? No. He must be sealed in the temple to his female companion.
- #25. Who can hold the priesthood? Worthy male church members
- #26. What are some of the blessings we receive from the priesthood? Baptism, the sacrament, temple endowments, temple marriages, etc.
- #27. Name two of the elders duties. Blessing babies, teaching, expounding, exhorting, baptizing, confirming, conducting all meetings.
- #28. Name one of the high priests duties. Officiating in the Church and being in charge of all spiritual things.
- #29. Whose duty is it to prepare the bread and water for the sacrament? Teacher
- #30. Whose duty is it to collect fast offerings? Deacon
- #31. Whose duty is it to administer the sacrament? Priest
- #32. Whose duty is it to pass the sacrament? Deacon

Cut and Fold

B is for Blessings

Each of us receives **BLESSINGS** from the priesthood.

We are able to receive blessings for the healing of the sick, baptism, confirmation, the sacrament, temple endowments, temple marriages, temple ordinances for the living and the dead, baby blessings, father's blessings, patriarchal blessings, etc.

A is for Authority

What is the priesthood?
The priesthood is the power and **AUTHORITY** of God.

In D&C 84:17 we read:
"Which priesthood continueth in the Church of God in all generations, and is without beginning of days or end of years."

S is for Salvation

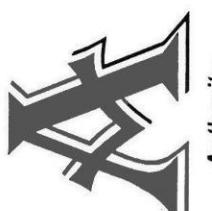
The priesthood gives men power to act in God's name for the **SALVATION** of all men.

Without the priesthood, we could not perform all of the necessary ordinances of the gospel.

What are some of the necessary ordinances of the gospel?



Blessings



Authority



Salvation

Cut and Fold

E is for Equality

Men, women and children all play an important roll in the priesthood.

In 1 Corinthians 11:11 we read:
"Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord."

We are all **EQUAL** in the eyes of the Lord.



Equality

B is for Brethren

Who can hold the priesthood?

Only worthy **BRETHREN**, belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



Brethren

A is for Administer

How should the priesthood be properly **ADMINISTERED**?

The priesthood can only be controlled in righteousness. It should always be used in love and righteousness, and never forced upon anyone.

It should be used to bless the lives of Heavenly Father's children.



Administer

Cut and Fold

L is for Laying on of hands

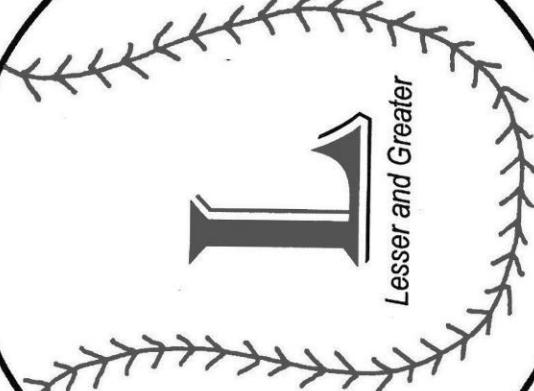
A man must first be worthy to receive the priesthood. He receives the priesthood by the "LAYING ON OF HANDS" by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof Article of Faith #5

Laying on of hands

L is for Lesser

The priesthood is divided into two parts. The LESSER priesthood which is the Aaronic priesthood and the GREATER priesthood which is the Melchizedek priesthood.

Lesser and Greater





1st Base



3rd Base



2nd Base



Home Run



1st Base



1st Base



3rd Base



2nd Base



Home Run



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DOCTRINE & COVENANTS 121:36

"THAT THE RIGHTS OF
THE PRIESTHOOD ARE
INSEPARABLY
CONNECTED WITH THE
POWERS OF HEAVEN,
AND THAT THE POWERS
OF HEAVEN CANNOT BE
CONTROLLED NOR
HANDLED ONLY UPON
THE PRINCIPLES OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS."

