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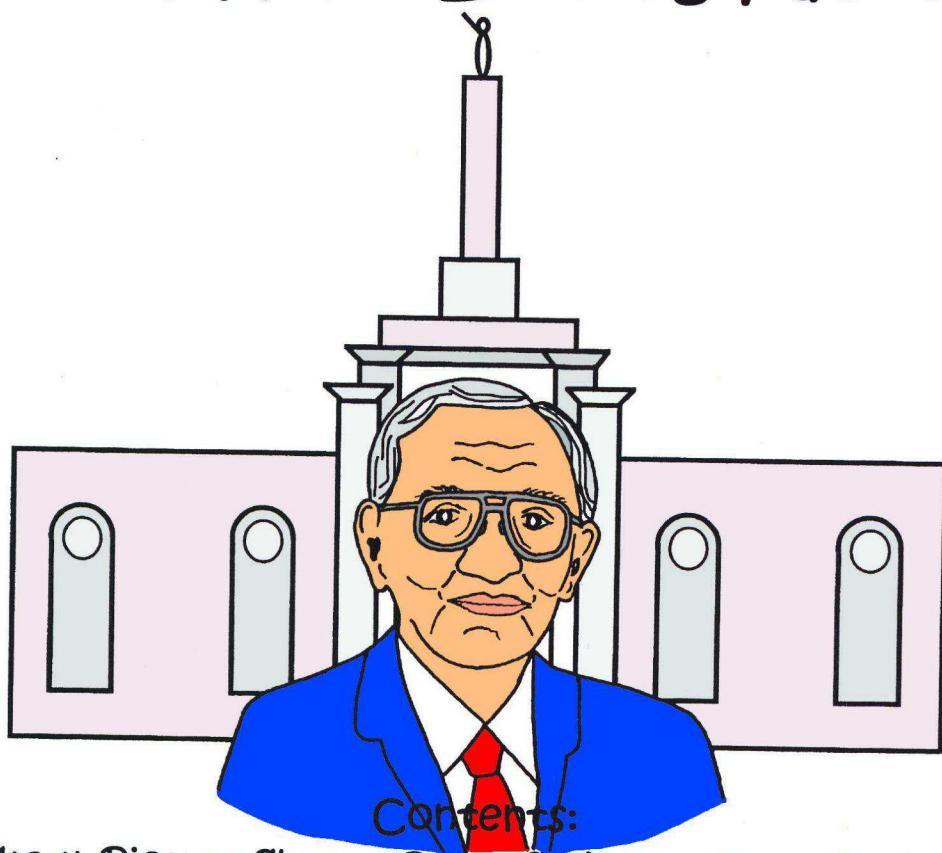
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President Gordon B. Hinckley: Prophet of God Family Home Evening Packet



Contents:

Story, Picture Sheets, Game, Scripture, Treat Recipe,
A Portrait of President Hinckley

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President Gordon B. Hinckley: His Life and Legacy Family Home Evening Packet

Home Evening Outline

Opening Prayer

Opening Song

Scripture

Story

Game

Closing Song

Closing Prayer

Refreshments

Suggested Songs: "Follow The Prophet", pg. 110 (Childrens)

"Latter-Day Prophets", pg. 134 (Childrens)

"We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet", pg. 19 (Hymn)

"We Listen to a Prophet's Voice", pg. 22 (Hymn)

Scriptures: D&C 1:38, Luke 21:1-4

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

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. Laminate and cut out the trivia cards. You will need a die for the game.

Play - The object of the game is to be the first team to get all three tokens from the "Start" to the "Finish" first. 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 they do not move any game tokens yet. An opposing team draws a card and reads the trivia question to the first team. If the team answers the question correctly, they can move one of the tokens the amount shown on the die, or split the amount between two tokens. Their turn continues until they miss a question. If a question is missed, an opposing team can challenge. If the challenging team answers correctly, they can steal the amount on the die, and move one of their tokens. If they miss the question, they have to send one of their 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 their 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.

Rocky Road Squares

Ingredients

- 1 large package semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 14 oz. Eaglebrand condensed milk
- 3 Tbs. margarine
- 2 cups roasted peanuts
- 1 package white mini-marshmallows

Melt chips (milk chocolate chips may be substituted), milk and margarine over low heat. Remove from heat and stir in peanuts and marshmallows. Mix well, then spread on large buttered cookie sheet. Let cool two hours and cut into squares.

President Gordon B. Hinckley: His Life and Legacy

The fifteenth president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was Gordon Bitner Hinckley. During President Hinckley's years as the head of the Church, he accomplished much and watched temple building more than double during those years. The Church has over one hundred temples in operation thanks to the efforts of this wonderful prophet. He did so much for the Church's image by giving interviews and meeting personally with world leaders. He was the most traveled prophet the Church has ever had.

President Gordon B. Hinckley was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on June 23, 1910. He was the first son born to Bryant S. and Ada Bitner Hinckley. Both of his parents were educators. In addition, his father wrote about history and his mother was a musician. In the Hinckley's home was a very nice, quiet library where the children could read over a thousand books that their father had collected through the years. Gordon loved spending time in the library because of the way he felt when he was there, and he spent much of his time reading.

Gordon had a very hard time when he was little because he was very sick. When he was only two years old, he caught a terrible disease called whooping cough. The illness was very hard on his lungs and his legs and even threatened his life, but President Hinckley overcame it. After that illness he had a terrible time with asthma and allergies which also took a toll on his health. The doctor told Gordon's parents that he would need more fresh air and sunlight, so his mother and father bought a small farm in the East Millcreek area in Salt Lake City. The fresh air that Gordon enjoyed there during the weekends, summers and holidays helped to improve his health and he learned how to work hard. Many times after a day of work on the farm, President Hinckley and his brother, Sherm, would sleep out under the stars inside the back of an old farm wagon. They would lie on their backs and stare at the stars in the sky and try to name them. They loved finding the North Star by tracing the Big Dipper and then going down its handle and out past the cup.

Across the street from the Hinckley's home when Gordon was growing up, there lived a beautiful little girl by the name of Marjorie Pay. President Hinckley had said that he saw her first in Primary. He heard her give a reading and that memory had stayed with him continually. He said that when she grew older, he had the good sense to marry her, but that wasn't until after he went to college at the University of Utah. He majored in English and journalism and minored in ancient languages.

When President Hinckley was just a boy he delivered newspapers, and the money he made paid for his school expenses. He went to Roosevelt Junior High and to L.D.S. High School which has since been torn down so that another large building could be built there: the Church Office Building.

While Gordon was still young, his wonderful mother died from cancer. It was three years after that, in 1933, when he was asked to go on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It was during the great depression and most families had very little money for missions, but when President Hinckley's bishop asked him to go, Gordon talked it over with his father. His father told him that they would do everything they could to help him to serve a mission. They then discovered a little savings account that his mother had left, which consisted of change she had saved from buying groceries and other things. It was this money that helped him to be able to leave for his mission call to England. President Hinckley had in his office a little "lepton" coin, which is a half a farthing and it sat in a frame on his desk. It represented the "widow's mite" that was mentioned in Luke 21: 1-4. What a nice thing to have to remember the sacrifice that his mother made!

When Gordon came home from his mission, he began dating Marjorie Pay, the cute little girl he had met in Primary. They were soon married on April 29, 1937 and they had three daughters and two sons: Kathleen, Richard, Virginia, Clark, and Jane. President Hinckley had twenty five grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

During his life, President Hinckley had been a stake president, the third in line in his family to do so. He was called as an assistant to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in 1958 and then ordained as an Apostle in 1961. After twenty years in that calling, something unusual happened. Gordon was called to be a third counselor in the General Presidency of the Church in 1981. All three men serving in the presidency were suffering with poor health, including the prophet at that time, Spencer W. Kimball. One year later, one of the other counselors, President Tanner, died and Gordon was called as the second counselor in the presidency, again with President Kimball. In 1985, when President Kimball died, Ezra Taft Benson was called as the prophet of the Church and he again called President Hinckley as one of his counselors. Nine years later, in 1994, President Benson passed away and Howard W. Hunter became the president of the Church. Again, Gordon B. Hinckley was called as first counselor. This call, however, was very short, for in 1995, President Hunter unexpectedly died. It was then that he, President Hinckley, became the fifteenth prophet of the Church. He spent twenty-seven continuous years in the First Presidency of the Church.

President Hinckley has given us much to think about through the years, but a few of the things that he has said really stand out. He has told us to "Carry On!" He said, "We have every reason to be optimistic in this world. Tragedy is around, yes. Problems everywhere, yes. But look at Nauvoo. Look at what they built there in seven years and then left. But what did they do? Did they lie down and die? No! They went to work! They moved halfway across this continent and turned the soil of a desert and made it blossom as a rose. On that foundation this church has grown into a great worldwide organization affecting for good the lives of people in more than one hundred and forty nations. You can't, you don't build out of pessimism or cynicism. You look with optimism, work with faith, and things happen."

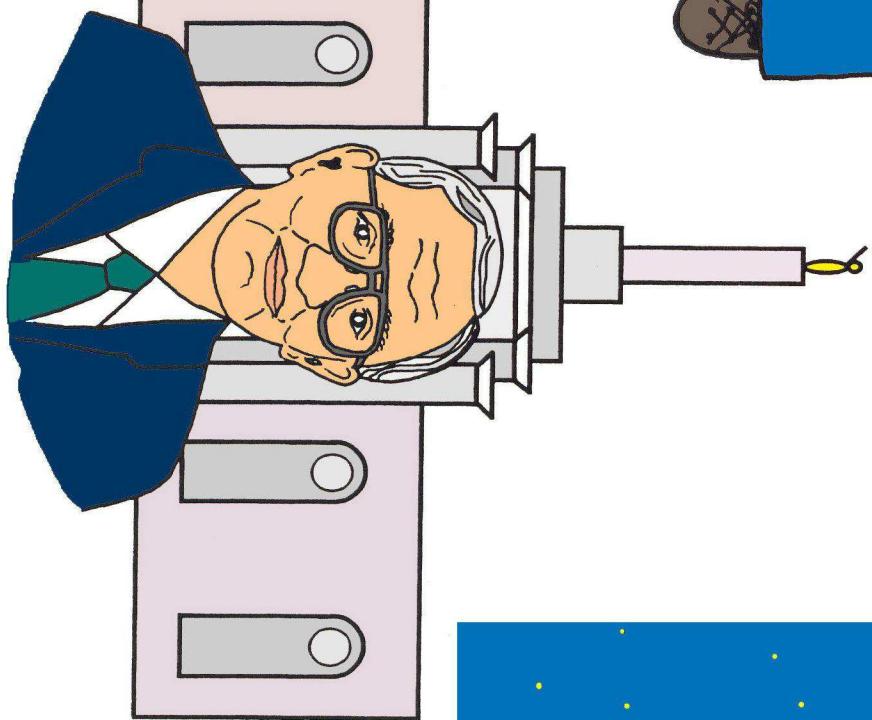
It was with great enthusiasm that Gordon B. Hinckley faced life. His outlook on life was always positive and hopeful. He said, "Things will work out. Keep trying. Be believing. Be happy. Don't get discouraged. Things will work out." President Hinckley maintained a positive outlook on life and continued his marvelous work ethic even though his beloved wife of sixty-seven years, Marjorie Pay died on April 6, 2004. He was a wonderful example of enduring to the end!!!!

President Gordon B. Hinckley died on Sunday, January 27, 2008. He was a beloved prophet, who was a very down to earth, personable, kind man who will be known throughout history for building temples, for improving the reputation of the Church and for teaching its members to be kind and tolerant of others. What a blessing this great prophet has been to us all!

DISCUSSION

- What do you think are some of the most important things that President Gordon B. Hinckley accomplished during his ministry?
- How much of an example was President Hinckley in enduring to th end?
- What kinds of things have you learned from the life and ministry of President Hinckley?

Gordon
reading
in the
library



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Marjorie giving a reading

Accomplishments of President Gordon Bittner Hinckley during his presidency

- President Hinckley set a goal of having one-hundred temples in operation by the year 2000. He not only met this goal but there were one-hundred and twenty-four working temples at his death in 2008.
- In August, 1995, he replaced what were known as "Regional Representatives" with area seventies, who later became known as "Area Authority Seventies." The amount of quorums of the seventies was increased to six.
- He introduced the "Perpetual Education Fund" to help young people in third world countries receive loans to help with their educations.
- He was awarded the highest medal of honor given by the American government in 2004. President George W. Bush presented him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.
- During his presidency, the Book of Mormon was released to book stores in hard cover form.
- The First Presidency under his direction produced and released to the world the "Proclamation on The Family."
- A new Church logo was adopted.
- Latter-day Saint Charities was created to send supplies to people in need throughout the world.
- The new Conference Center in Salt Lake City was planned and built. It was dedicated in October Conference of 2005.
- The decision to build smaller temples was made and carried out.
- The change for Ricks College in Idaho to BYU-Idaho on August 10, 2001. The college also went from a two year school to a four year school.
- A new, coded temple recommend was introduced. The duration for temple recommends was increased from one year to two years.
- He replaced many free standing steeples that had stood alongside meetinghouses to church top steeples.
- He changed "Homemaking" in Relief Society to "Home, Family and Personal Enrichment."
- Translations of the Book of Mormon grew to one hundred and five.
- He dissolved the "Know Your Religion" series.
- The Church's web site, "lds.org" was established.
- The Nauvoo temple was rebuilt.

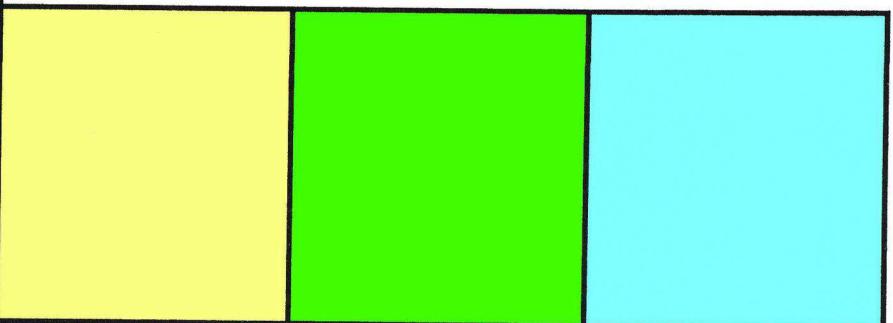
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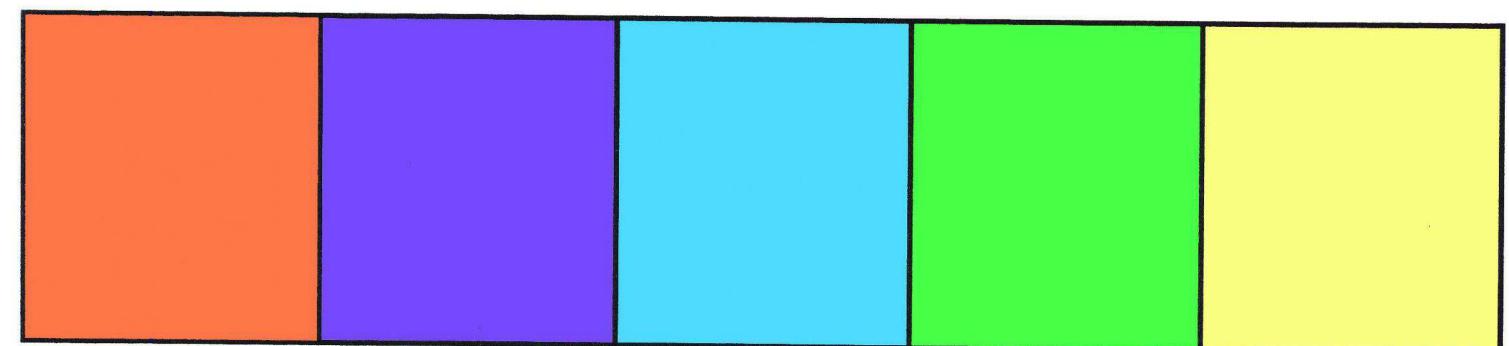
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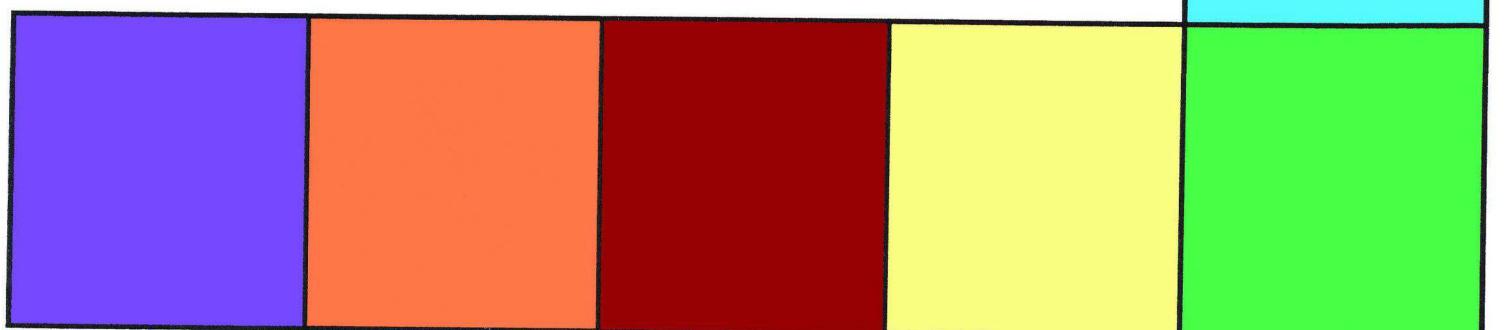
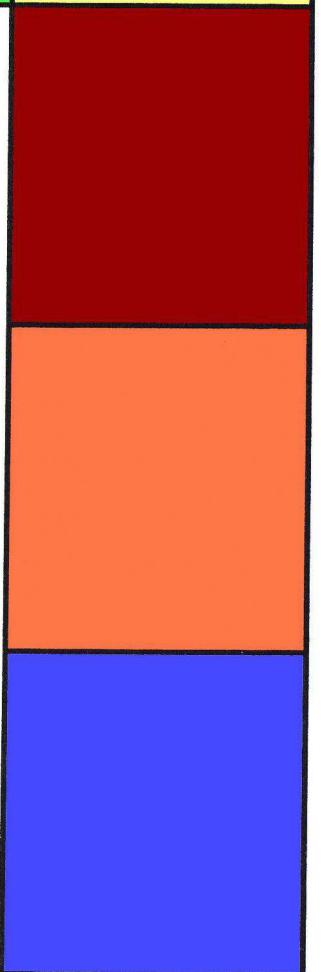
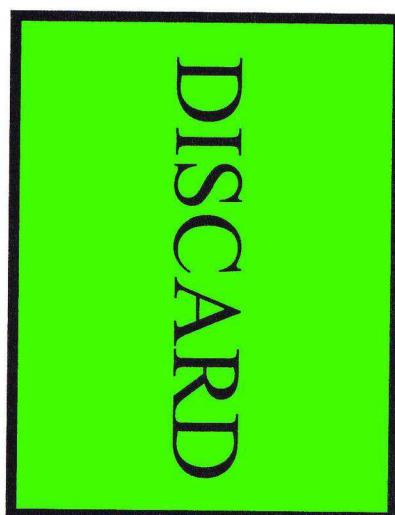
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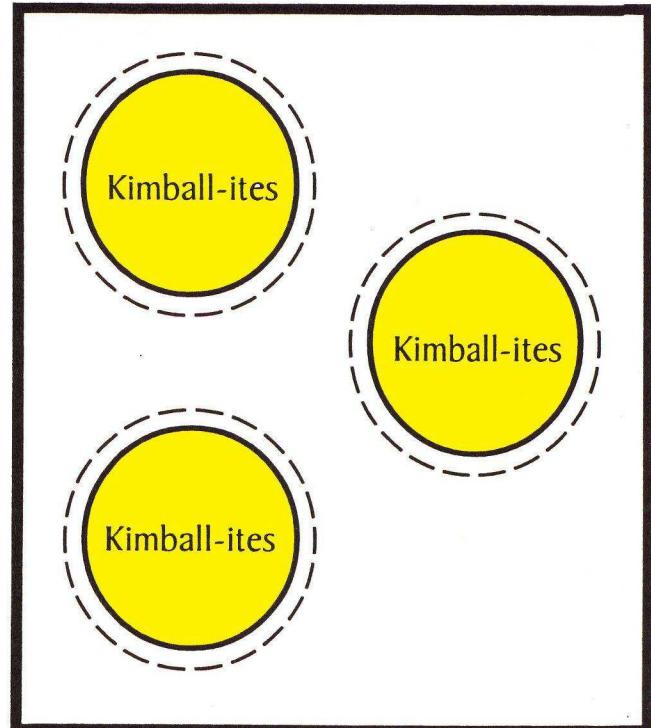
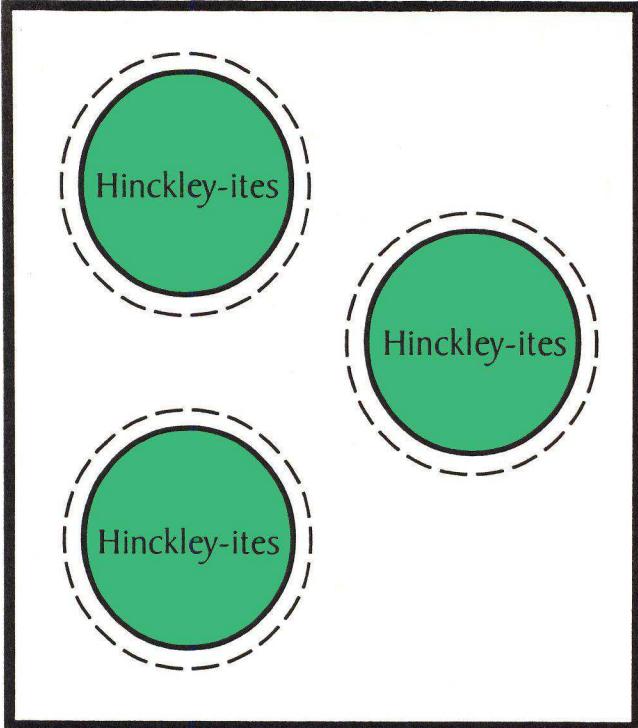
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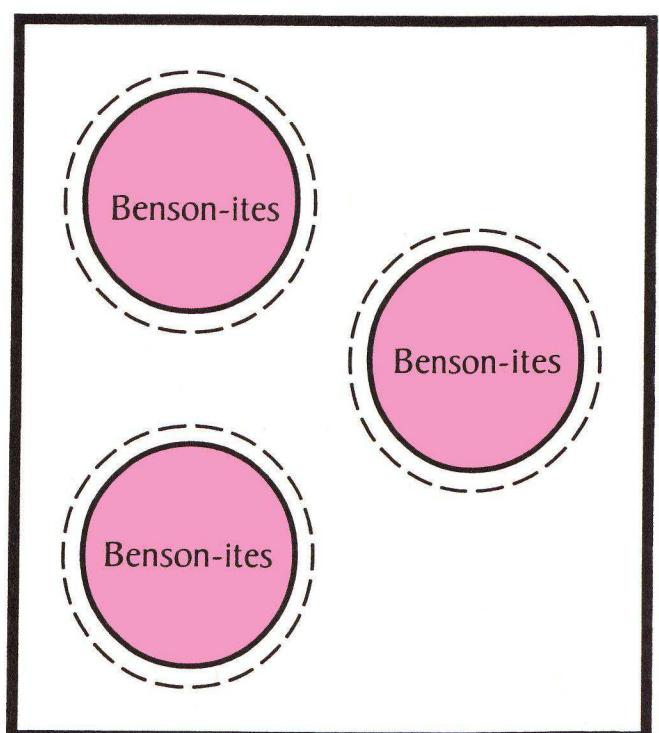
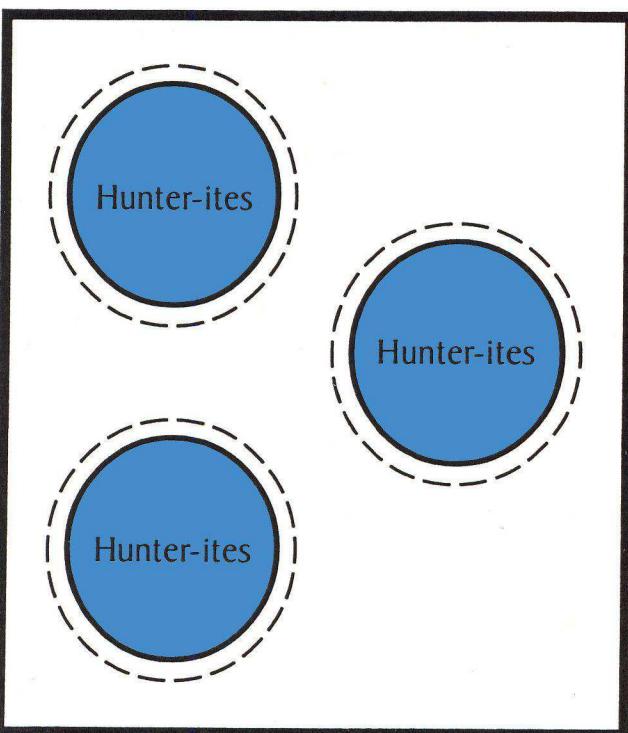
HISTORY	HISTORY	HISTORY	HISTORY
Where did President Hinckley attend junior high?	Where did President Hinckley attend high school?	Where did President Hinckley attend college?	What was President Hinckley's major while attending The University of Utah?
A: <i>Roosevelt Junior High</i>	A: <i>L.D.S. High School (The Church Office Building now stands in its place.)</i>	A: <i>The University of Utah</i>	A: <i>Ancient Languages</i>
DATES, TRAITS & MATES	HISTORY	FAITH PROMOTING EXPERIENCES	DATES, TRAITS & MATES
who did President Hinckley date when he came home from his mission?	What did President Hinckley have sitting on his desk in his office to remind him of his mother's sacrifice?	President Hinckley was called to a mission during the Depression and didn't have any money. What had his mother left behind that enabled him to fulfill this calling?	In what year was Gordon B. Hinckley asked to go on a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints?
A: <i>Marjorie Pay</i>	A: <i>A "lepton" or half a farthing</i>	A: <i>A savings account</i>	A: <i>1933</i>
DATES, TRAITS & MATES	HISTORY	HISTORY	DATES, TRAITS & MATES
In what year was President Hinckley ordained as an Apostle?	How many consecutive years did President Hinckley spend in the First Presidency?	How many children did President and Sister Hinckley have?	When were President Hinckley and Marjorie Pay married?
A: <i>1961</i>	A: <i>1995</i>	A: <i>Five years</i>	A: <i>April 29, 1937</i>

HISTORY	“JUST DO IT”	HISTORY	DATES, TRAITS & MATES
Gordon B. Hinckley was the <u>_____</u> president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.	What was President Hinckley's greatest accomplishment while serving as the prophet?	Where was Gordon B. Hinckley born?	What was President Hinckley's father's name? When was Gordon B. Hinckley born?
A: 15th	A: Temple building	A: Salt Lake City, Utah	A: June 23, 1910 A: Bryant S. Hinckley
HISTORY	PROPHETIC PASTIMES	HISTORY	HISTORY
At the age of two, what disease did President Hinckley have and almost die from?	What was President Hinckley's favorite room to visit in his home while growing up?	In what field was President Hinckley's mother educated?	What did President Hinckley's father do for a living?
A: Whooping cough	A: His father's library	A: Education	A: Educator A: Ada Bitner Hinckley
HISTORY	HISTORY	PROPHETIC PASTIMES	DATES, TRAITS & MATES
What illnesses did President Hinckley have that caused his family to move when he was young?	What was President Hinckley's full name?	What was Gordon & Sherm's (Gordon's brother) favorite pastime?	Where did President Hinckley first see Marjorie Pay?
A: Asthma & allergies	A: Gordon Bitner Hinckley	A: Lying in the back of an old farm wagon at night and gazing at stars.	A: Marjorie Pay A: In Primary



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.



D&C 1:38

“What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself; and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same.

