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Spencer Woolley Kimball “The Little Giant” Family Home Evening Packet



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Story, Picture Sheets, Activity, Quote, Treat Recipe

\$5.00

President Spencer Woolley Kimball The Little Giant Family Home Evening Packet

Home Evening Outline

Opening Prayer

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Closing Prayer
Refreshments

Suggested Songs: "Stand For The Right", pg. 159 (Childrens)

"We Thank Thee, O God, For A Prophet", pg. 19 (Hymn)

"Come, Listen To A Prophet's Voice", pg. 21 (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.

Prophet's Pebble Pie

Pie Filling Ingredients

- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese
- 1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk

- 1 egg

- 1 tsp. vanilla

- 1 cup mini chocolate chips

- 1 tsp. flour

Glaze Ingredients

- 1 graham cracker or chocolate cookie crust

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat cream cheese until fluffy and blend in milk until smooth. Add egg and vanilla and mix. Put mini chocolate chips into a plastic baggie, add flour and shake until the chips are coated. Stir coated chocolate chips into cheese mixture and pour into crust. Bake 35 minutes or more until the center is set and springs back when lightly touched. Cool and top with glaze.

Glaze Ingredients

- 1/2 cup chocolate chips

- 1/4 cup whipping cream

Glaze Directions: Mix whipping cream and chocolate chips in a pan. Cook and stir until glaze thickens and is smooth. Spread immediately and serve.

*Thanks to Diane Tulak of Ontario, California
for sharing this wonderful recipe with us!*

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. 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. Every month a new prophet packet will be released so that you may add additional cards to your existing 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 challenging team answers 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. ©2003 Hatch Patch Creations

Spencer Woolley Kimball

The Little Giant

President Harold B. Lee once said of Spencer W. Kimball that he was "the biggest, short man" he had ever known. Truly, President Kimball's size never stood in the way of his great achievements, both as the twelfth president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and in his everyday life.

Spencer W. Kimball was born on the twenty-eighth of March, 1895 to Andrew and Olive Woolley Kimball in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was the grandson of Heber C. Kimball.

Spencer had two sisters and two brothers. His sister Fanny, died when she was only two and a half years old. The family lived most of their growing up years in Thatcher, Arizona where Spencer's father Andrew, was the president of the St. Joseph Stake of the Church in the Gila Valley.

At the very young age of five, Spencer was taught to work hard on the family's ranch. He learned to milk the cows, put up hay, water and feed the animals, weed and do chores around the house. His parents were hard workers and instilled the same work ethics in their children. To help Spencer feel more like one of the older children, Andrew made him a miniature pitchfork, which had a short handle that helped him to toss the hay with the best of them. However, when it came time to toss the hay high into the hay wagon, little Spencer could not hoist it far enough. His older brothers, Gordon and Delbert would place Spencer on top of the hay load where he became the "tromper" and he would jump up and down upon the hay to compact it tightly.

Gordon and Delbert teased Spencer relentlessly and would often "miss" when tossing the hay and it would land right on top of Spencer. He would cough and sputter but soon found a way to escape his tormentors. When the Primary leaders would ring the bell for Primary at the church, little Spencer would happily jump from the hay wagon and race for the church, leaving his brothers to the haying. On days when there was no Primary, Spencer would use the excuse that he had to practice his piano playing and he would dart for the parlor in the family home. He became an accomplished piano player.

Riding a stick horse that he had attached to a wagon was one of Spencer's favorite activities. He would gallop through the cornfield behind their home. To his disgust, Gordon and Delbert nicknamed him "Spunk" and used the name often when referring to him.

Despite his small stature, Spencer could keep up with almost anyone. As he grew, he developed amazing physical capabilities. He was very strong. He would herd the cows from the field to the corral every day and milk as many as twenty cows, night and morning. He once stated that it was his hauling of the slop to the pigs every day that stunted his growth.

After graduating from Grade School at the age of fifteen, Spencer attended the Gila Academy where he played on the basketball team. Even though he was the youngest and the shortest player, he was the high scorer during a fierce game with the University of Arizona. Gila won that game thanks to Spencer and it was one of the highlights of his life when the team hoisted him to their shoulders at the final second.

Spencer was voted the class president for each year he spent there and during his senior year was elected Student Body President. He was very popular and friendly. He also sang and played the piano frequently.

President Kimball often reflected upon his childhood and his mother, whom he loved very much. He spoke of her teaching him to pray at her knee every night and how she not only taught him that he should pray but taught him what to pray about. She also taught him about having the right attitude during his prayers.

Every day after school, Spencer would come home and call to his mother several times. When she answered him, she would ask him what was wrong and he would answer, "nothing." He only wanted to know if she was home when he got there. Olive Kimball died when Spencer was only eleven years old. It was a devastating blow to the young prophet as was the death of his younger sister just a short time later.

When Spencer graduated from the Gila Academy, he planned on attending the University of Arizona in Tucson. At his graduation exercises, young Spencer was one of the speakers, sang in a quartette and also sang a baritone solo. Andrew Kimball, Spencer's father, was the Chairman of the School board and also spoke at the graduation. It was at that moment that Andrew announced that Spencer would not be continuing on to the University but would serve a mission instead. Everyone was shocked, especially Spencer, but he went on to enter the mission field, instead of immediately going to college.

Spencer's mission call was originally to the Swiss-Austrian mission but World War I had broken out and he was sent to the Central States mission instead. He served there from 1914 to 1916.

In 1917, after a three month courtship, Spencer married Camilla Eyring on November sixteenth. Spencer went on to work in the banking, insurance and real estate industries. He also fulfilled callings as a counselor in the St. Joseph Stake and then was called as the President of the Mount Graham stake in Safford, Arizona in 1938. Just five years later, he received the call to serve as an apostle of the Church.

Camilla and Spencer were blessed with four children, Spencer L., Olive, Andrew and Edward. When the call came to go to Salt Lake, the Kimball's sold their business and moved immediately. Elder Kimball was sustained at October conference of 1943.

For thirty years, Spencer served in the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. He would soon see the wisdom of his living in Arizona during his childhood as many of his duties as an apostle took him to work with Native Americans as well as Indian nations abroad. He was responsible for improving conditions among the Navajo Indians in 1947 and helped to establish the Church's Indian Student Placement Services. He supervised missionary work in South America from 1964 to 1967, working to aid and teach the Indians of the Andes.

President Kimball was known to give twelve-year old boys a dollar so that they could begin their mission fund. He was an extremely hard worker, taking short naps if needed to keep him going. Everyone loved and admired him and few knew of his intense personal trials for he rarely complained.

During his lifetime, President Kimball suffered with Bell's Palsy which is a paralysis of the face, typhoid fever, smallpox, heart attacks, throat cancer (which caused him to speak with a gravelly voice), subdural hematomas, strokes and boils. At one time, Elder Russell M. Nelson was Elder Kimball's heart surgeon. Elder Nelson described one operation, saying, "I shall never forget the feeling I had as his heart resumed beating - leaping with power and vigor. At that very moment, the Spirit made known to me that this special patient would live to become the Prophet of God on earth." (Church News, Nov. 17, 1985 p.14).

When President Harold B. Lee died, Spencer W. Kimball at the age of seventy-nine was called to lead the Church in his place. He was sustained as President of the Church on April 6, 1974 and served as prophet for nearly twelve years. During those years, President Kimball traveled extensively, for he loved to be among the Saints. While visiting Mexico, President Kimball visited a school yard full of children. One young boy asked the Prophet where he was from and Spencer answered he was from Salt Lake City. The boy then replied, "Oh, I thought you were from Heaven."

Spencer W. Kimball left us a legacy that will live through eternity. He was responsible for instilling in the members of the Church two very famous mottos that he lived every day of his life. He told us to "Lengthen Our Stride" and to "Do It!"

In 1978, President Kimball became very worried and would spend a great deal of time alone and praying. Camilla was quite concerned about her husband but was assured that all was well. Soon after, President Kimball addressed the Church to proclaim that the Priesthood of God would be extended to all worthy male members. It was a landmark revelation, one that would open doors for missionaries and men all over the world. President Kimball was eighty-three years old at the time.

During his presidency, temples were dedicated all over the world, including Japan, Germany, Australia, Tonga, Samoa, South Africa, The United States, Brazil, Sweden, Taiwan, Chile, Guatemala, the Philippines, Mexico, Tahiti and several more were announced.

After brain surgery in 1979 and more health problems in 1981, President Kimball could no longer attend to his duties as President of the Church. Elder Gordon B. Hinckley, a counselor to President Kimball took on most of the responsibilities for the Prophet.

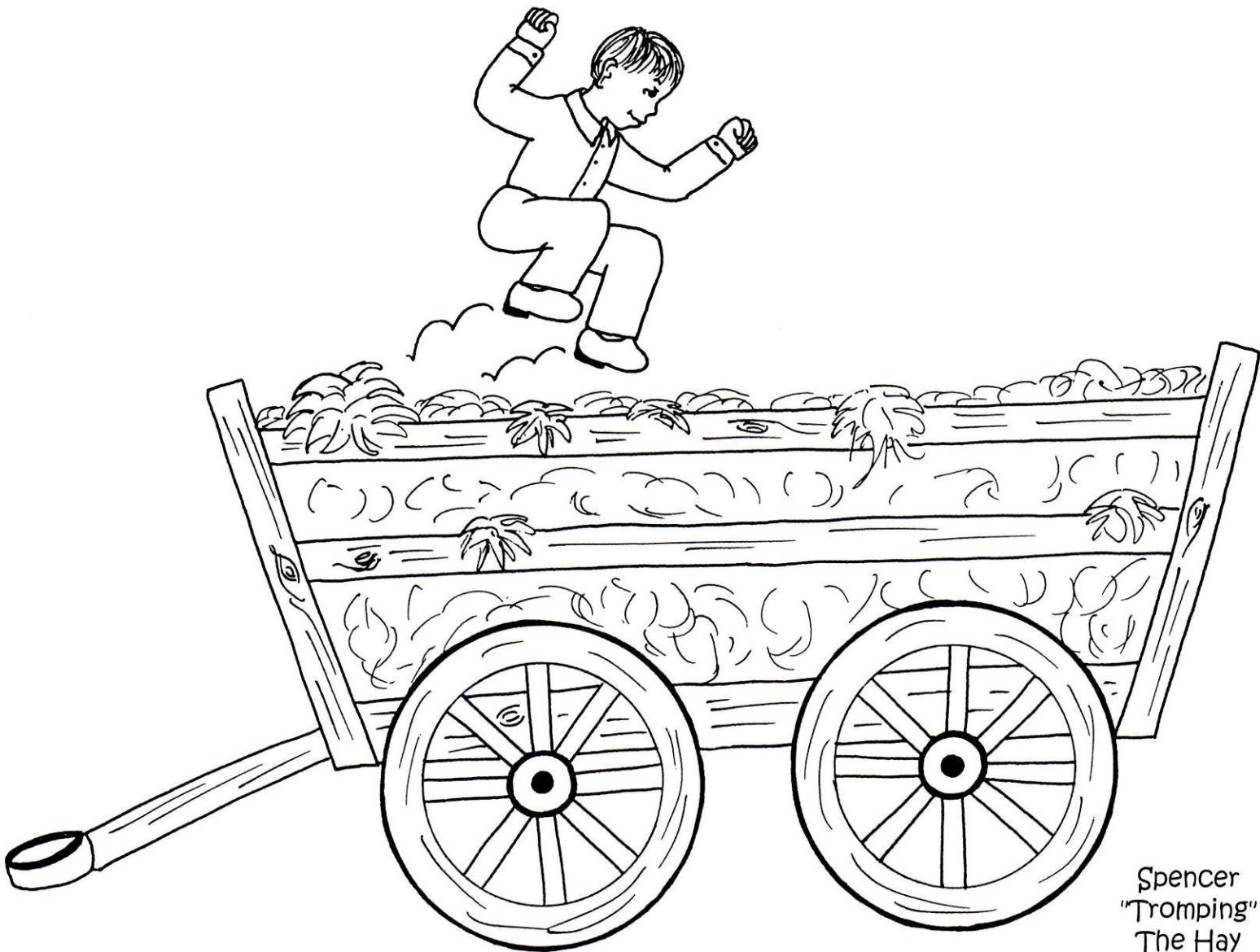
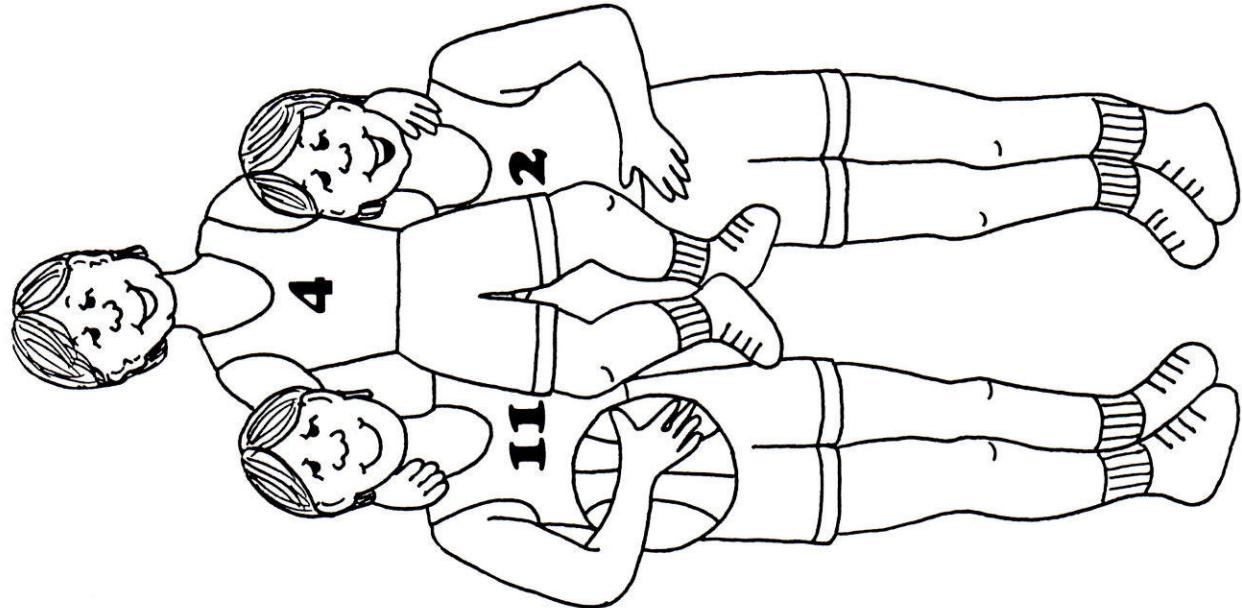
President Kimball had a hard life as far as physical ailments and so many emotional traumas but he still carried on dynamically, never complaining but always working hard and long. His son Edward, described him this way. "This man, short in stature, had great energy, fierce loyalty, fearlessness in innovation, unusual warmth, a lively sense of humor and unshakable faith." Truly, he was one of our most beloved prophets. President Kimball died on November 5, 1985 at the age of ninety.

DISCUSSION

- Do you think it was a hard decision for Spencer to choose between college and a mission?
- How did Spencer show faith by choosing to serve a mission first?
- Why do you think that the revelation given to Spencer W. Kimball of giving the Priesthood of God to all worthy male Church members was so important?

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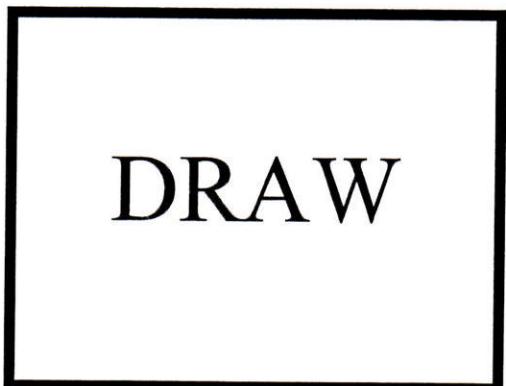
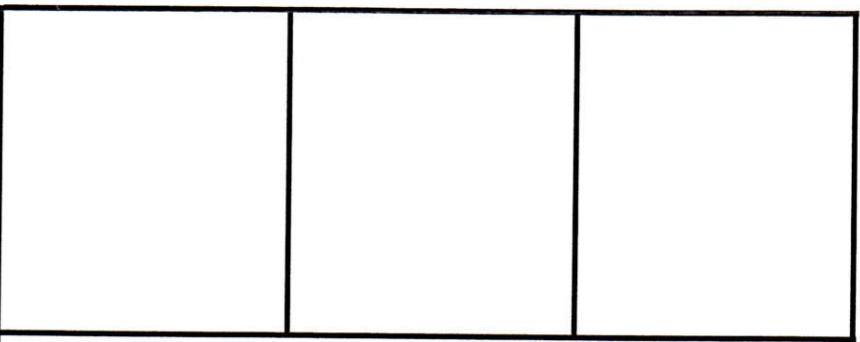
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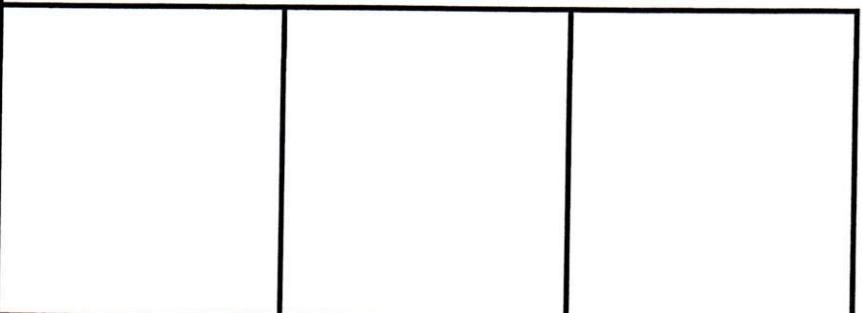
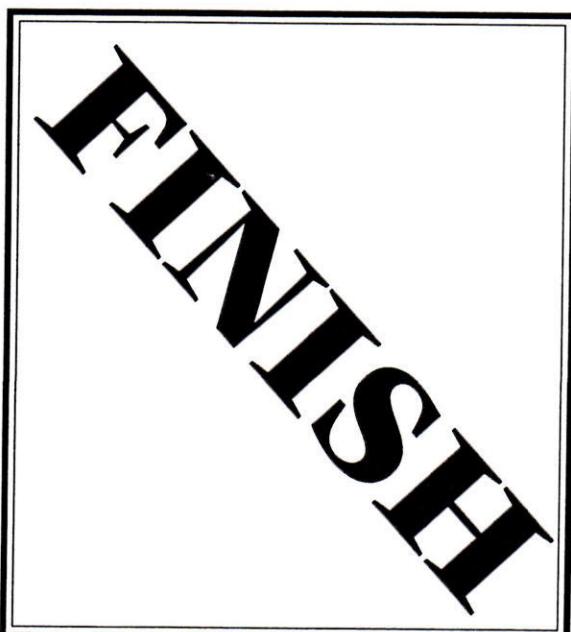




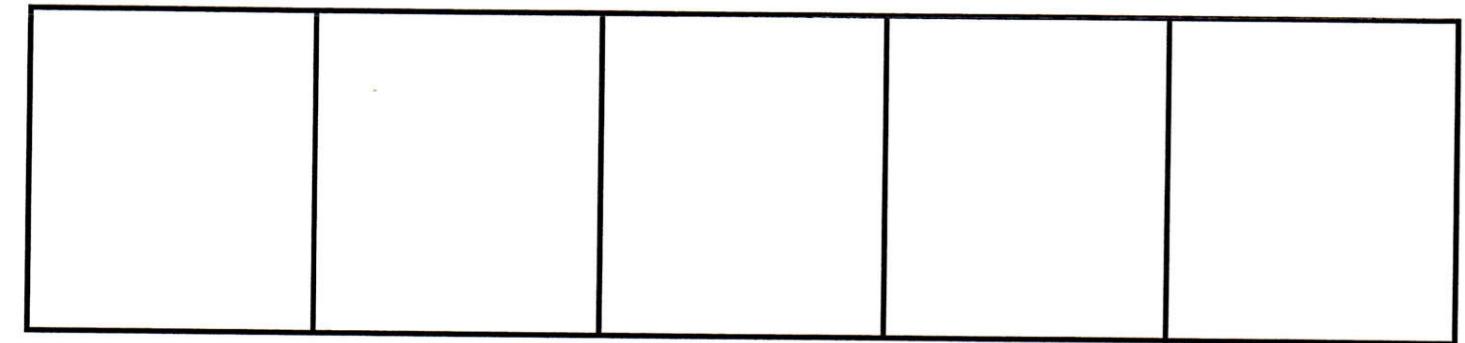
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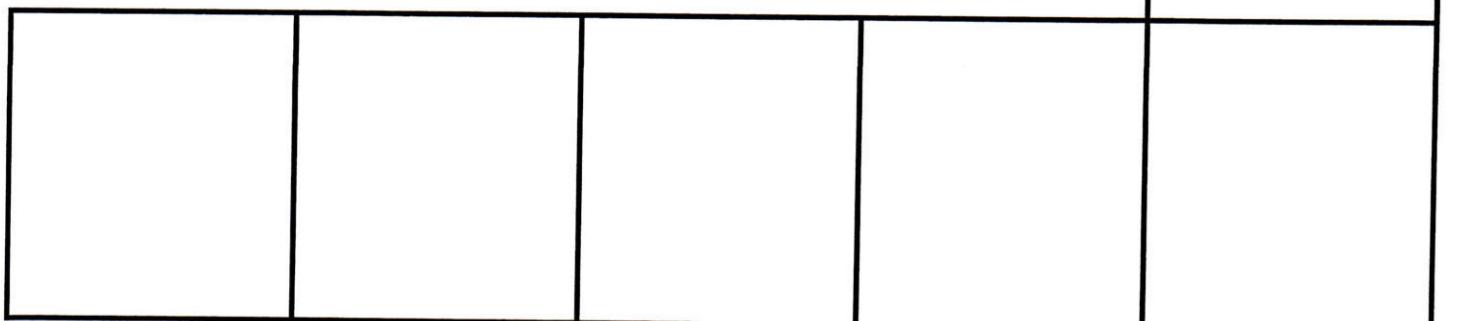
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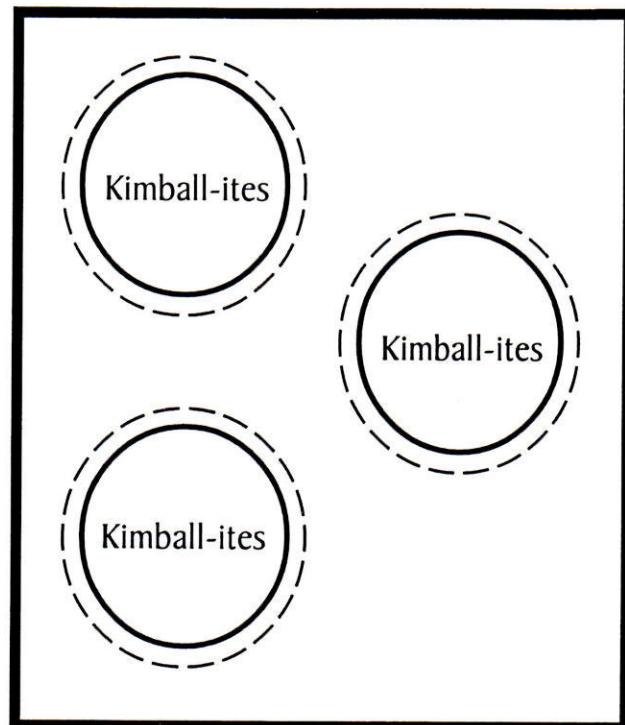
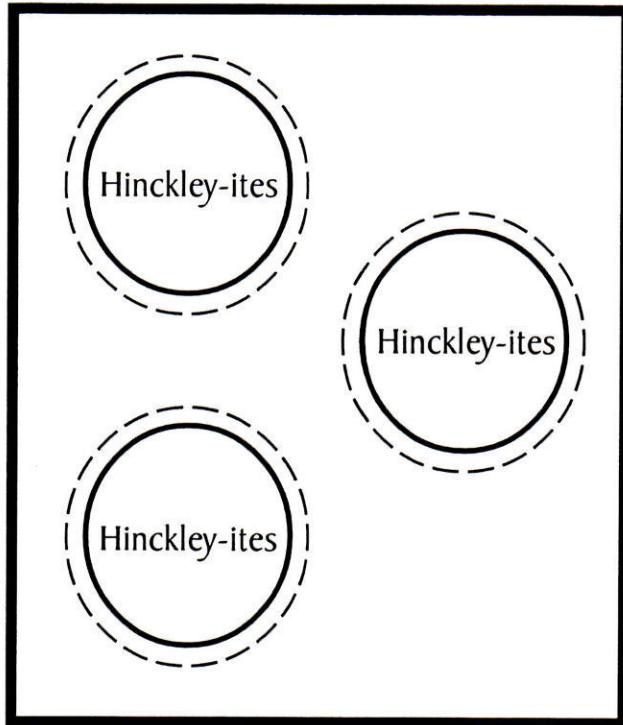
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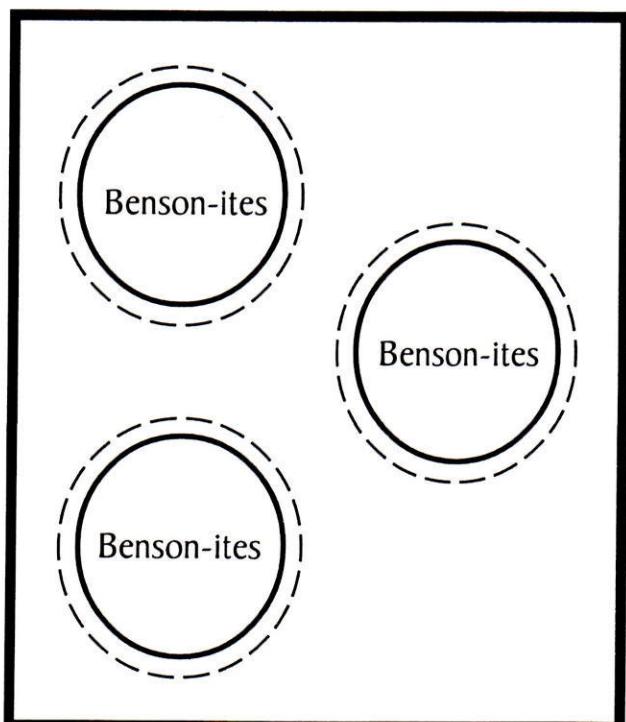
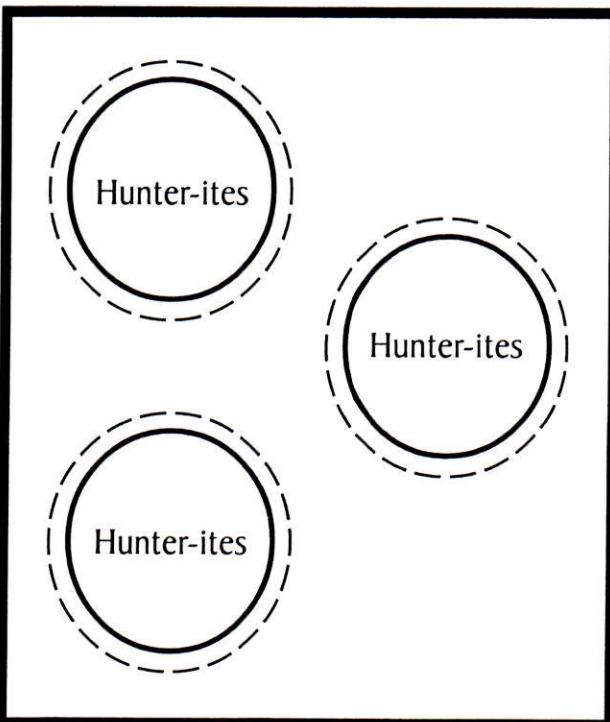


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Game Tokens

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.



<h3>DATES, TRAITS & MATES</h3> <p>Where was Spencer W. Kimball born?</p> <p>A: Salt Lake City, Utah</p>	<h3>HISTORY</h3> <p>Even though this prophet was the shortest player on his basketball team, he was the high scorer during a fierce game with the University of Arizona. Who was he?</p> <p>A: Spencer W. Kimball</p>	<h3>HISTORY</h3> <p>Which prophet was called to the Swiss-Austrian mission, but because of World War I, served in the Central States Mission from 1914 to 1916?</p> <p>A: Spencer W. Kimball</p>
<h3>PROPHETIC PASTIMES</h3> <p>What instrument did Spencer W. Kimball play?</p> <p>A: The piano</p>	<h3>DATES, TRAITS & MATES</h3> <p>Who was the twelfth president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints?</p> <p>A: Spencer W. Kimball</p>	<h3>HISTORY</h3> <p>On what date was Spencer W. Kimball sustained as the new prophet of the Church?</p> <p>A: April 6, 1974</p>
<h3>HISTORY</h3> <p>How many years did Spencer W. Kimball serve as an apostle?</p> <p>A: Thirty years</p>	<h3>DATES, TRAITS & MATES</h3> <p>Who was the president of Harold B. Lee referred to Spencer W. Kimball as what?</p> <p>A: Spencer W. Kimball</p>	<h3>HISTORY</h3> <p>“The biggest, short man” he had ever known</p> <p>A: Spencer W. Kimball</p>
<h3>HISTORY</h3> <p>What does the “W.” stand for in Spencer W. Kimball’s name?</p> <p>A: Woolley (his mother’s maiden name)</p>	<h3>“JUST DO IT”</h3> <p>How old was Spencer W. Kimball when he was called to be the President of the Church?</p> <p>A: Bell’s Palsy</p>	<h3>HISTORY</h3> <p>Spencer W. Kimball suffered with an illness that caused paralysis of the face. What is this illness called?</p> <p>A: A one dollar bill</p>

"God does notice
us, and he
watches over us.
But it is usually
through
another
person that
he meets our
needs."



Spencer W. Kimball



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