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Priesthood Power

Objectives:

- Emphasize that the priesthood and priesthood keys have been restored to the earth.
- Talk about the difference between the priesthood and the keys of the priesthood.

Reinforces Principle of:

- Spiritual Power

Each lesson contains 5 activities:

(Choose the activities that fit your family's schedule.
Additional resources are provided as extra time may be available.)

Reverence Time: Song, prayer, scripture and video clip

Lesson Time: Lesson summary and points to ponder

Story Time: Story

Activity Time: Object lesson or activity

Treat Time: Prayer, theme related recipe & music video



Reverence Time

Approximate Time: 5 minutes

Sing Together: Children's Songbook #190 "Love Is Spoken Here," verse 2.
If you wish to have an online music file to accompany you visit:
<http://www.lds.org/churchmusic/>

Scripture Time: Matthew 10:1

1. And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Prayer:

Video Clip: Watch a clip (10:55 - 11:40) from The Living Scriptures Streaming *Library*, *Lord, I Believe* (The Animated New Testament series)



Lesson Time

Approximate Time: 30 minutes

Lesson Summary:

The power to cure illness and lift burdens.

What is the power the Savior gave His 12 Disciples?

The power Jesus gave His 12 Disciples, “to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease” (Matthew 10:1), is the priesthood. The priesthood is the eternal power and authority of God.

Does a person receiving a healing blessing from a worthy Melchizedek Priesthood holder always get better? (Discuss ideas.)

“After one has demonstrated his worthiness through good works and manifested his faith through prayer or proper administration to the sick, it must be left in the hands of the Lord those who will be healed and those who will not. We may not always understand why someone is healed and why another for whom we have also exercised great faith is not. The Lord said that when the elders administer to the sick, if they die, they die unto him, and if they live, they live unto him. *James A. Cullimore, “Gifts of the Spirit,” Ensign, Nov 1974 © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

“Jesus healed many from physical diseases, but He did not withhold healing from those who sought to be ‘made whole’ from other ailments. We can be healed through the authority of the Melchizedek Priesthood....Sometimes a ‘healing’ cures our illness or lifts our burden. But sometimes we are ‘healed’ by being given strength or understanding or patience to bear the burdens placed upon us.” *Dallin H. Oaks, Ensign, Nov 2006 © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

For time and eternity.

The essential function of the priesthood in linking time and eternity was made explicit by the Savior when He formed His Church during His mortal ministry. To His senior Apostle Peter He said, “I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven...” (Matt. 16:19).” *Jeffrey R. Holland, Liahona, May 2005 © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

“In the house of the Lord, the temple, all things are done by the power and the authority of the priesthood. In the temple, men and women are endowed and make sacred priesthood covenants which are accompanied by promises and blessings. One day every righteous young man and young woman will have the privilege and opportunity, if not in this life, in the eternities, for a celestial marriage and an eternal family. The highest blessings of the priesthood are conferred only upon a man and a woman together in the temple. This priesthood ordinance is necessary for exaltation in the highest degree of the celestial kingdom.” *Ardeth G. Kapp, New Era, Jun 1986 © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

Points to Ponder:

What is the difference between the priesthood and the keys of the priesthood? (The priesthood is the power or authority of God. The keys are the right to use this power or authority in specific ways.)

Have the priesthood keys always been on the earth? (No.)

“...[Jesus'] Apostles were soon killed or otherwise taken from the earth, and their priesthood keys were taken with them, resulting in more than 1,400 years of priesthood privation and absence of divine authority among the children of men.” *Jeffrey R. Holland, Ensign, May 2005 © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

How was the priesthood restored?

John the Baptist, the prophet who baptized Jesus Christ, appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in 1829. When John died, he still held the keys of the Aaronic Priesthood. That meant he had the right and ability to restore the authority of the Aaronic Priesthood. John ordained Joseph and Oliver to the Aaronic Priesthood by the laying on of hands. Later Peter, James, and John, three of Jesus Christ's Apostles who received the keys of the Melchizedek Priesthood from Jesus, appeared and gave Joseph and Oliver the Melchizedek Priesthood.

Is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints the only church on the earth that holds the priesthood keys? (Yes.)

Does the priesthood benefit all of Heavenly Father's children? (Discuss ideas.)

Even though the priesthood is only bestowed upon worthy male members of the Church, the blessings of the priesthood are available to all. We all benefit from the influence of righteous priesthood leadership, and we all have the privilege of receiving the saving ordinances of the priesthood. Those who do not have faithful priesthood holders in their homes can receive the blessings of the priesthood through their home teachers, priesthood leaders, and extended family members.

“The restored Church gives to each home a priesthood holder with the power of God to bless.... We don't need to go out looking for someone having that power—it is among us!... This is the only church upon the earth which offers such a blessing to families.... The power of the priesthood is again upon the earth and has reached even unto our homes.” *Enrique R. Falabella, General Conference, Oct. 2007 © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

Quote:

“We declare to the world that the fulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored to the earth. We declare with boldness that the keys of the priesthood have been restored to man, with the power to seal on earth and in the heavens. The saving ordinances pronounced by the Lord as requirements for entering into eternal life with Him can now be performed with binding authority by those who worthily exercise the power of His holy priesthood.” *L. Tom Perry, General Conference, April 2007 © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*



Story Time

Approximate Time: 2 minutes

Ten-year-old Libby hugged her father's neck as he carried her in the house from the car. "Can you put the hospital bed next to the window, so I can watch my friends playing?" she whispered in his ear.

"Anything you want, Princess," he whispered back.

Libby sat in the rented hospital bed as her father pushed the buttons. "There, that's just the right angle. Now I can see clear down the street," Libby said, "Look there's Tia!"

"Mother, may I take three baby steps?" called Tia.

"Yes, you may," answered Emma.

Tia looked down at her feet as she carefully took three tiny steps. When she looked up she caught a glimpse of Libby at the window. Tia had an idea. When it was her turn again, she asked, "Mother, may I take fifty steps?"

Emma looked puzzled. "Fifty steps? That would put you clear across the street!" she exclaimed.

Tia nodded towards the window where Libby lay watching. Emma turned to see what she was looking at and smiled. "Yes, you may!" she answered.

Tia, crossed the street as she counted out loud, "one, two, three...forty-eight, forty-nine." At the count of fifty, she rang the door bell. Mrs. Langdon looked surprised when she opened the door.

"I saw Libby in the window. When did she get home?" Tia excitedly whispered. "Can I visit with her?"

Mrs. Langdon looked worried, but then smiled and opened the door for Tia. "We just got home yesterday. You can visit, but just for a little while. She's still a very sick little girl," she said as she lead the way to Libby's bedroom.

Libby's pale face brightened at the sight of her friend. "Oh, Tia, I've missed you so much!"

Tia gave her friend a gentle hug. "I've missed you too! How are you feeling?"

"Better now that you're here!" Libby laughed.

The two girls talked and giggled for what seemed an awfully short time, when Mother entered the room.

“Sorry, girls! It's time for Libby to take her medication and then she needs to rest,” Mother announced.

“Just between you and me, I think *you* have been the best medicine!” Mother confided in Tia as she walked her to the door. “You can come again tomorrow, if you would like.”

That night, Tia said her prayers and asked Heavenly Father what *she* could do for Libby. The next morning Tia was so excited that she couldn't wait to see Libby. Right after breakfast she ran over to give Libby the good news.

“Your dad needs to give you a priesthood blessing. I prayed for you and He answered,” Tia announced.

Libby's eyes lit up. “You mean a healing blessing, like Jesus gave, when He was here?” Libby asked.

When Libby asked Father to give her a blessing, tears welled up in his eyes. “I'm so sorry, Libby, but I can't,” he said apologetically. “I'm working on it, but I don't have the Melchizedek Priesthood, yet.”

Libby hugged her Father tightly and whispered in his ear, “It's okay, Dad! You can give me a blessing when you *do* get the priesthood!”

Tears streamed down Father's face as he said a silent prayer. “Please, Heavenly Father, let Libby live, so that I will be able to give her a priesthood blessing.”

That night, Tia was in tears as she talked to her father and told him how she had prayed for Libby and she thought the Holy Ghost had told her that Libby needed a priesthood blessing. “But I was wrong,” she said, “because Libby's father can't give her a blessing and it's just not fair.”

“And a little child shall lead them,” Father quoted, before explaining, “Tia, you prayed, you listened and you *did* get an answer,” Father said. “Mr. Langdon, is a very good man and I know that he is working hard to become worthy to receive the priesthood. Until then, Heavenly Father still wants Libby to have a priesthood blessing!”

“But, how?”

“You know Heavenly Father loves all His children!”

“Yes!”

“So, He made it possible for every family to be blessed with the priesthood. Bishops, home teachers, priesthood quorum leaders, and even the missionaries are there to bless families who don't have a priesthood holder in their home,” Father continued.

“So Libby *can* have a priesthood blessing?” Tia asked.

“You know, the whole ward has felt helpless, since Libby had to be treated out of state. Now that she's home, and because you listened to the spirit, I promise you, Libby will get a priesthood blessing.”

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Activity Time

What you need: A copy of the “Priesthood Keys” activity (artwork included with this lesson), scissors, glue, paper punch and a metal ring (may substitute a strand of ribbon, yarn, or even a twist tie), pencils and paper.

Preparation

1. Print out the artwork.
2. Fold along dotted line (careful to line up paper edges) & glue together.
3. Cut out keys. Use paper punch to make hole in each key.
4. Cut out cards.

Activity:

1. Ask: What do we need to unlock our house door? (A key.)
2. Ask: If someone doesn't have a key, how else can they *appropriately* get in the house? (Someone who has a key can either give them a key or give them permission to enter.)
3. Explain: This is the same with the priesthood and the priesthood keys. A worthy priesthood holder can not use the power and authority of God to perform the many different priesthood ordinances unless he holds that particular priesthood key or has permission to use that power from the priesthood member who holds that key.
4. Explain: The keys of the priesthood are spiritual keys that we can not see. They are given to worthy priesthood holders by the laying on of hands. Jesus Christ holds all of these keys and He bestowed them upon His 12 Apostles. Ancient Prophets and Apostles, came back to earth and restored these same keys upon Joseph Smith. Each President of the Church has received these same keys.
5. Explain: There are many, many different priesthood keys. The Prophet and Apostles hold “all” the priesthood keys, but the Prophet and President of the Church is the only man on earth who has the power to *use* “all” of the priesthood keys. President Joseph Fielding Smith explained: “These keys are the right of presidency; they are the power and authority to govern and direct all of the Lord's affairs on earth. Those who hold them have power to govern and control the manner in which all others may serve in the priesthood. All of us may hold the priesthood, but we can only use it as authorized and directed so to do by those who hold the keys.” *Joseph Fielding Smith, Ensign, July 1972 © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

6. Play the game to learn about how the priesthood and a few of the priesthood keys work together.

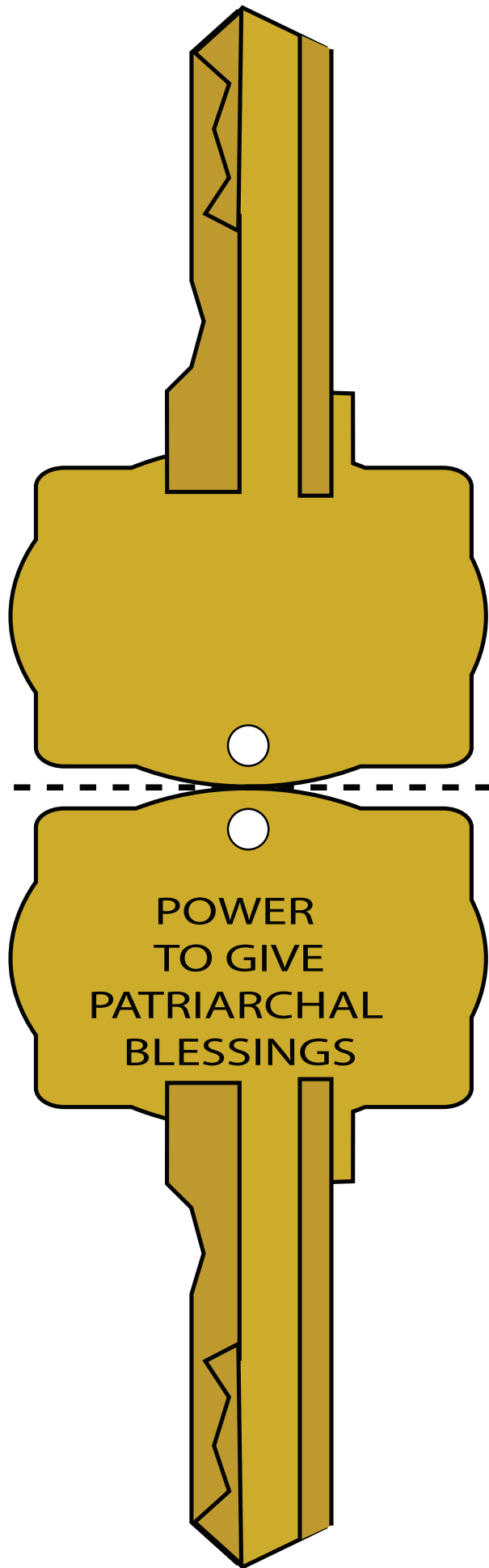
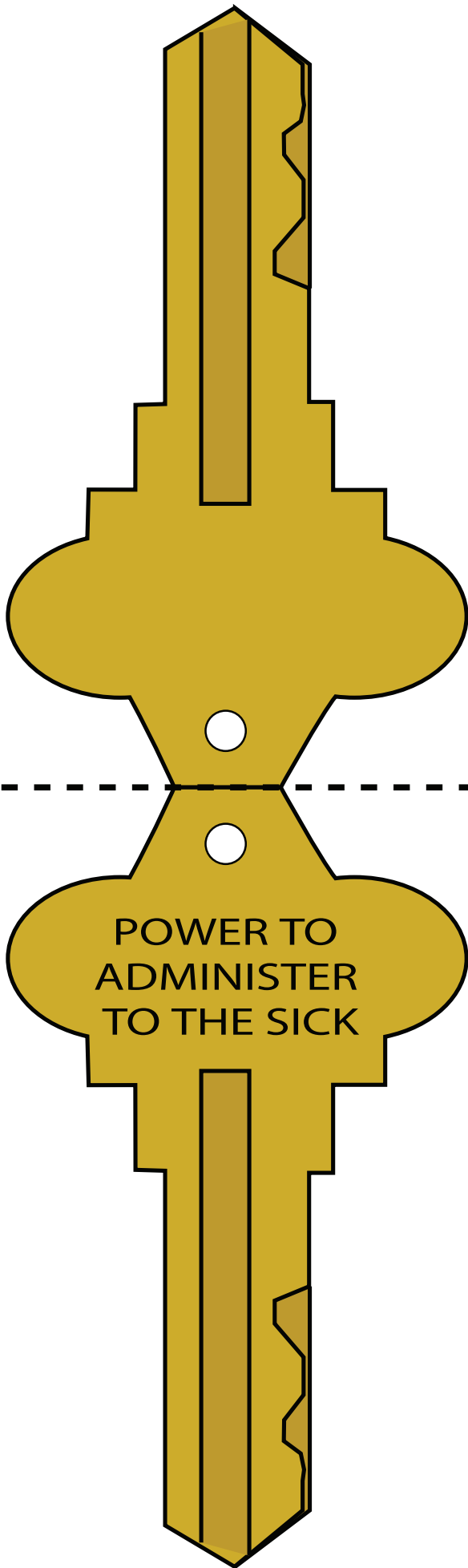
A. Divide into two evenly, as possible, educationally-balanced groups.

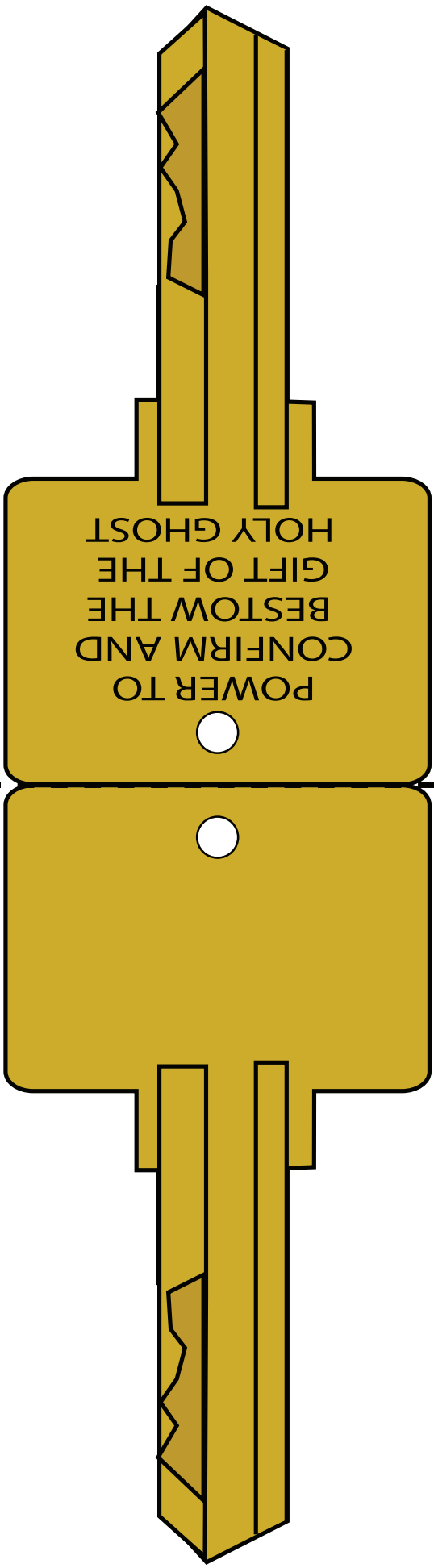
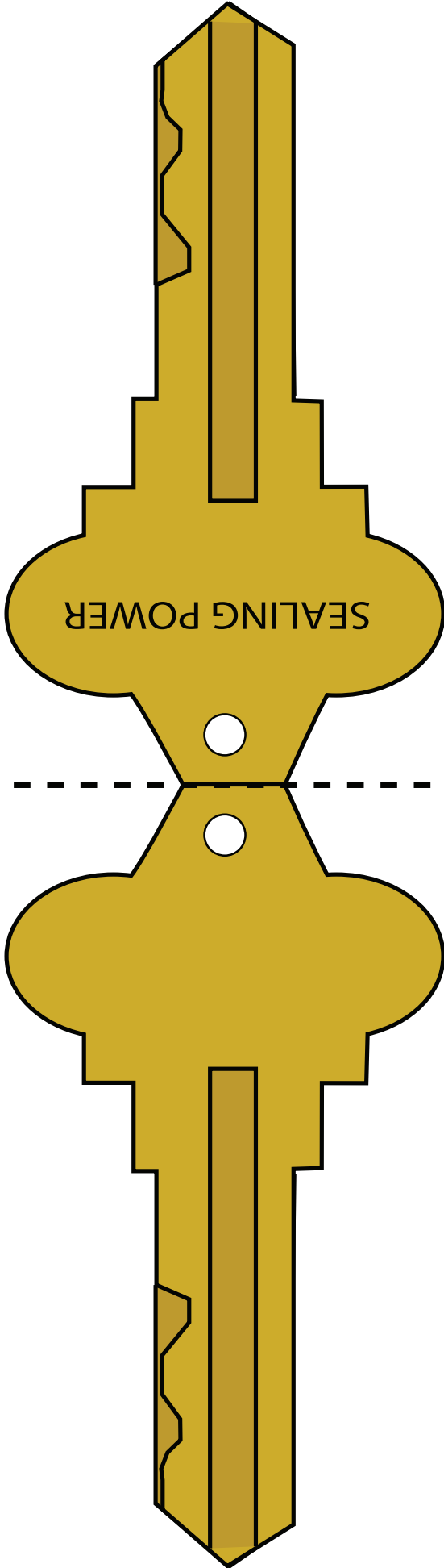
B. Place the keys, face up in a row, and the cards, face down in a pile, on the table.

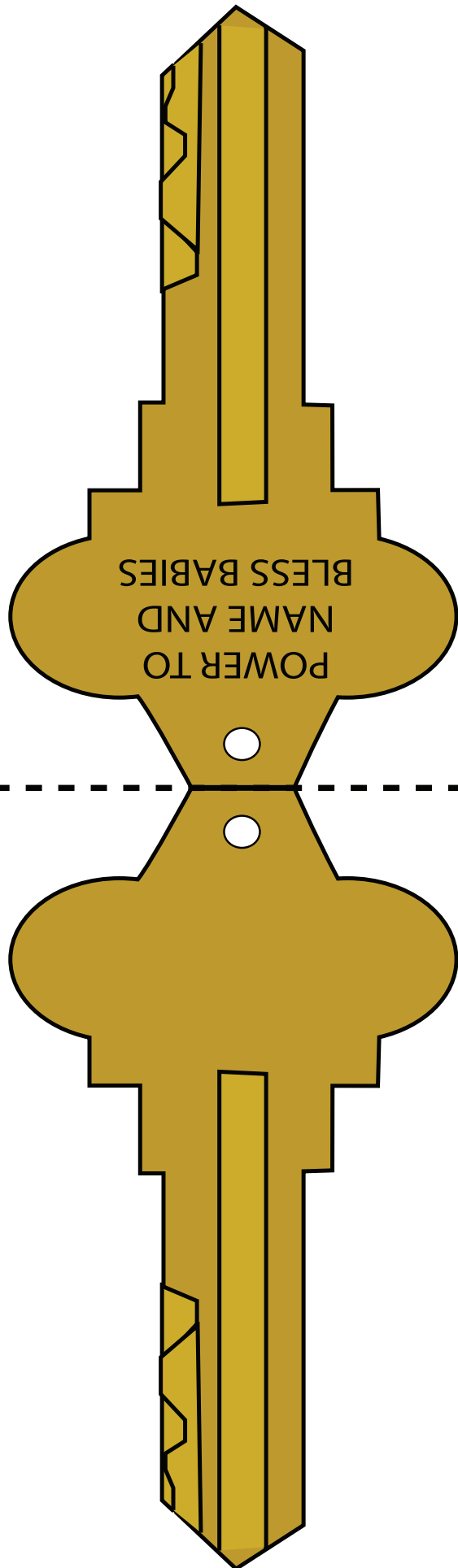
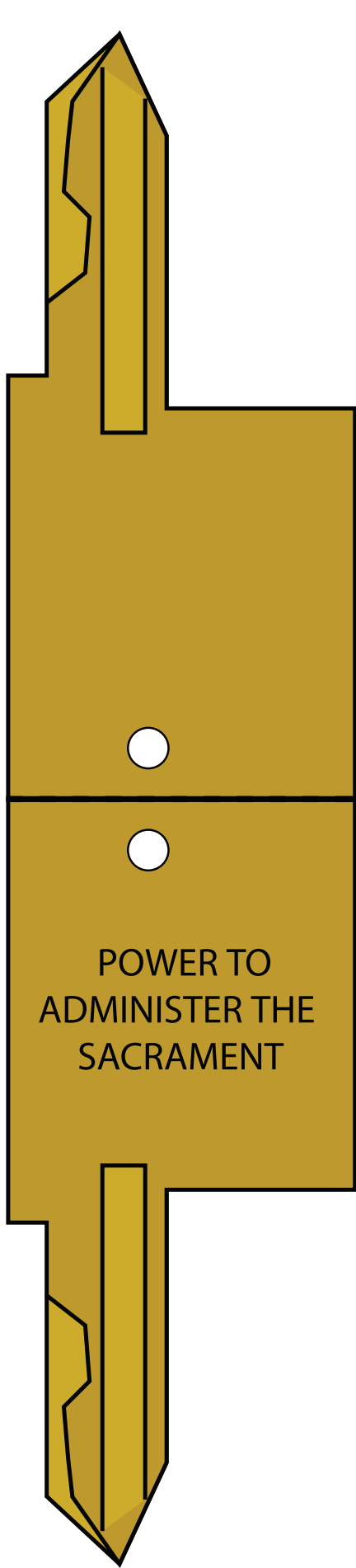
C. Each group takes turns drawing a card, reading about the priesthood key and answering the questions. Score 1 point for each correct answer and 2 points for Bonus Question.

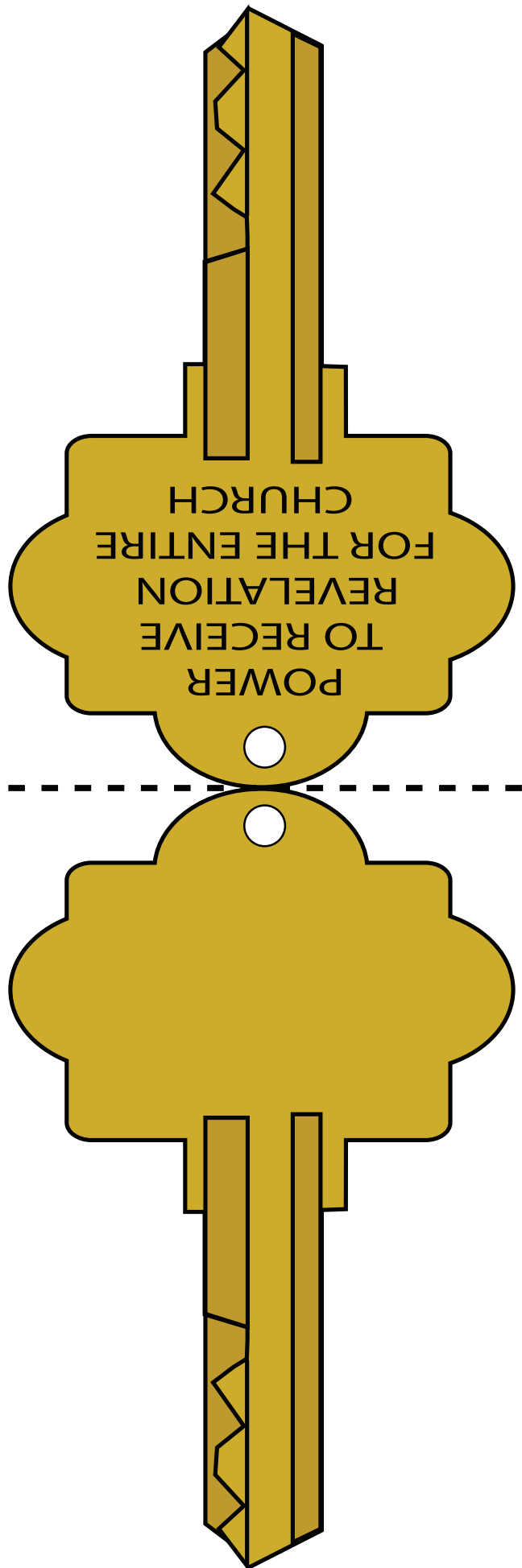
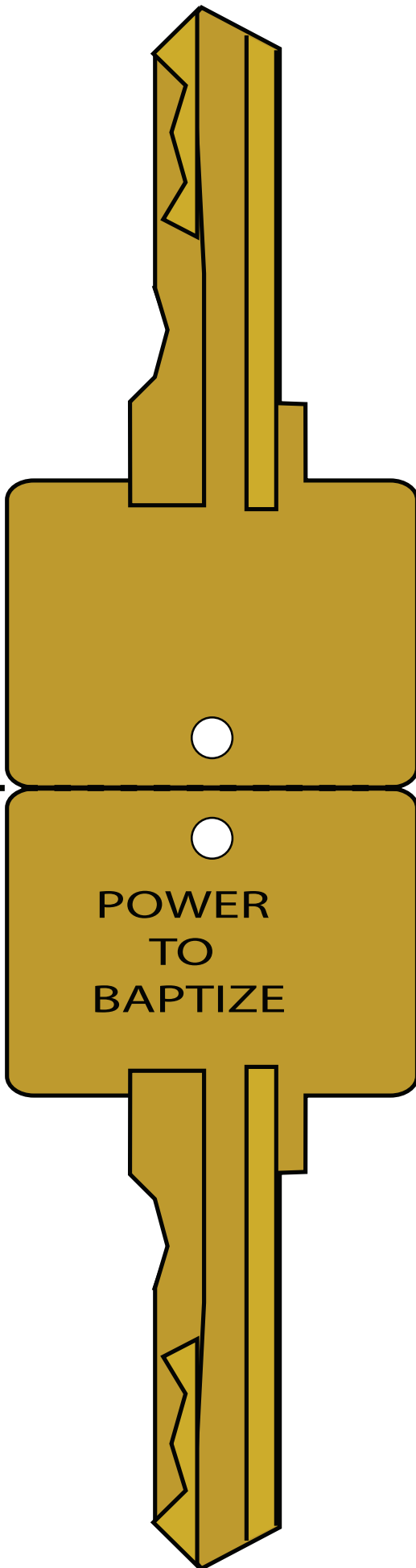
E. After answering the questions, place the corresponding key on the ring. When all the keys are on the ring have each person write the answer to the following question on a piece of paper (younger children will need someone to write their answer for them): Who is the only person on earth “today” who has the power to use all the keys? (President Nelson.) Score 1 point for each correct answer.











POWER TO ADMINISTER THE SACRAMENT

The Bishop/Branch President holds the keys for administering the sacrament in our ward/branch.

1. To whom does he generally give permission to bless the sacrament? (Priests in the Aaronic Priesthood.)
2. To whom does he generally give permission to pass the sacrament? (Deacons in the Aaronic Priesthood.)
3. Who else has the authority to bless the sacrament under the Bishop's direction? (All worthy Melchizedek Priesthood holders.)
4. Who else has the authority to pass the sacrament under the Bishop's direction? (All Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthood holders.)

Bonus Question: Name one other office in the Aaronic Priesthood who can pass the sacrament. (Teacher or priest.)

POWER TO GIVE PATRIARCHAL BLESSINGS

The Stake Patriarch holds the keys to give patriarchal blessings for our stake.

1. What is a patriarchal blessing? (Personal counsel and blessings from the Lord.)
2. Do you have to be a worthy, baptized member of the church before you can receive your patriarchal blessing? (Yes.)
3. Before you can go to the Patriarch to receive your patriarchal blessing you must first receive a recommend. Who gives you this recommend? (Your bishop or branch president.)
4. Do you need to strive to live worthily in order to receive the promises given you in your patriarchal blessing? (Yes.)

Bonus Question:
Who was the first Patriarch? (Adam.)

POWER TO BAPTIZE

The Bishop/Branch President holds the keys for baptizing in our ward/branch.

1. What office in the Aaronic Priesthood has the authority to baptize? (Priest.)
2. Who must a priest receive permission to baptize from? (The Bishop/Branch President who holds the keys.)
3. To be baptized like Jesus a person must be completely covered by water. What is this called? (Baptism by immersion.)
4. How old do you need to be to be baptized? (8-years-old.)

Bonus Question: The keys to baptism were taken from the earth after Jesus' apostles were no longer living on the earth. Who restored these keys to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery? (John the Baptist.)

POWER TO CONFIRM AND BESTOW THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

The Bishop/Branch President holds the keys for confirming and bestowing the Gift of the Holy Ghost in our ward/branch.

1. What priesthood does a worthy male member of the church need to hold to gain permission from the Bishop/Branch President to perform confirmations and bestow the Holy Ghost? (Melchizedek.)
2. How does the Melchizedek Priesthood give us the gift of the Holy Ghost? (By the Laying on of Hands.)
3. Do you have to be baptized before you can receive the Holy Ghost? (Yes.)
4. Receiving the Holy Ghost is sometimes called Baptism by What? (Fire.)

Bonus Question: What other name is given to the Holy Ghost? (The Comforter.)

SEALING POWER

"Nothing is regarded with more sacred contemplation by those who know the significance of this authority. Nothing is more closely held. There are relatively few men who hold this sealing power upon the earth at any given time—in each temple are brethren who have been given the sealing power. No one can get it except from the prophet, seer and revelator and President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or from those he has delegated to give it to others." *Endowed from on High: Temple Preparation Seminar Teacher's Manual* © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

1. What does it mean to be sealed? (That you can be a family together forever.)
 2. Where are the sealing ordinances performed? (In the temple.)
 3. What does it mean to be "born in the covenant"? (Children born to parents who have been sealed in the temple.)
 4. Can you be sealed to your family even if you are not "born in the covenant"? (Yes. You can go to the temple and be sealed for eternity.)
- Bonus Question: Who was the ancient prophet who restored the keys of sealing power to the Prophet Joseph Smith in the Kirtland temple? (Elija.)

POWER TO ADMINISTER TO THE SICK

Just as Jesus blessed the sick, faithful Melchizedek Priesthood holders hold the keys to administer to the sick.

1. When a faithful Melchizedek Priesthood holder administers to the sick, are they always healed? (No.)
2. Why? (These blessings are limited by the will of our Heavenly Father.)
3. Even though a faithful Melchizedek Priesthood holder can't promise healing can they always bring comfort? (Yes, if the person receiving the blessing has faith and believes.)
4. Administering to the sick consists of two parts. What are they? (Anointing with consecrated oil and sealing the anointing with a blessing.)

Bonus Question: What is consecrated oil? Pure olive oil that has been consecrated (given a special blessing) by two members of the Melchizedek Priesthood.

POWER TO BLESS AND NAME BABIES

The Bishop/Branch President holds the keys for blessing and naming of infants. The name given is then put on the records of the church.

1. What priesthood does a man need to hold before he can get permission from the Bishop/Branch President to give a babies blessing? (Melchizedek Priesthood.)
2. When a baby is given a name and a blessing the men stand in a circle. Do all of the men need to hold the Melchizedek priesthood? (Yes.)
3. Where are babies usually given their name and blessing? (Sacrament meeting.)
4. Does a baby have to be given their name and blessing in Sacrament Meeting? (No. But the Bishop/Branch President has to give their permission to have it done elsewhere.)

Bonus Question: Name three things that a baby might be blessed with. (Answers may include, but not limited to, health, mission, temple marriage, following parents' guidance, being a good example to others, etc.)

POWER TO RECEIVE REVELATION FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH

The Prophet and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only person on the earth who holds the keys to receive revelation for the entire Church.

1. Why is the President of the Church, the only one who can receive revelation for the Church? (So that there will be order and others can not deceive us.)
2. When the Prophet & President of the Church gives us revelation, who is he speaking for? (Heavenly Father.)
3. Because the President/Prophet is speaking to us from Heavenly Father is it important to listen? (Yes.)
4. Even though we can't receive revelation for the church, can we receive personal revelation for ourselves? (Yes.)

Bonus Question: What promise has the Lord given us about the teachings of our Prophet? (That He will not allow him to lead us astray.)



Treat Time

Approximate Time: 65 minutes

Prep Time: 2 minutes

Cook Time: 2-3 minutes

Cool Time: 60 minutes

Peanut Butter Fudge Keys



1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk

1/2 cup creamy peanut butter

1 (10 oz.) package white chocolate chips

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Mix sweetened condensed milk and peanut butter in microwave-safe bowl. Heat in microwave oven for 2-3 minutes (until bubbly, but not boiling). Stir in white chocolate chips and vanilla until smooth.

Spread evenly into wax paper lined 9-inch square pan. Cover and chill for at least 1 hour. Turn onto cutting board; peel off paper. Cut into squares.

Treat Time: Give each family member 1 or 2 squares. Mold squares into key shapes. Store any uneaten portions in refrigerator.

Closing Prayer and blessing on the food.