



Joy in the Gospel

1 & 2 Peter

Objectives:

- Talk about the blessings and joy the gospel brings.
- Emphasize the importance of sharing the gospel with others, including our ancestors.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Joy & Missionary Work

This Lesson contains 4 activities:

Choose the activities that fit your family's schedule.

Use on Mondays to introduce the topic, or the following Sunday to review.

Reverence Time: Song, prayer, scripture and video clip

Lesson Time: Lesson summary and points to ponder

Activity Time: Object lesson or activity

Treat Time: Prayer, theme related recipe



Reverence Time

Approximate Time: 5 minutes

Sing Together: “I Am Like a Star” Children’s Songbook page 163
If you wish to print sheet music or have an online music file to accompany you visit:
<https://www.lds.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/i-am-like-a-star>

Prayer:

Scripture Time: 1 Peter 4:13

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Video Clip: Watch clips from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. You can find the clip at <https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-joy-in-the-gospel>



Lesson Time

Approximate Time: 10-15 minutes

Lesson

Summary: Peter was writing to Gentiles who had become Christians. They were facing a lot of persecution because of their beliefs. Peter had even been warned that he would be killed for teaching about Jesus Christ. But Peter taught the people to rejoice, even in their trials. The message of the gospel is joyful!

If the gospel brings us joy, shouldn't we share it with others? Peter teaches that we should act in a Christlike way, being kind to others and making good choices. Doing these things helps us to be a good example, which can help us to share the gospel with those around us. When we are asked about our beliefs, Peter says we should "be ready to always give an answer". (Peter 3:15)

Heavenly Father loves all his children, and he wants us all to have the joy of the gospel – even those who have died without hearing it. Peter teaches that the gospel is taught in the spirit world to the dead. In temples, we can perform ordinances such as baptism for our ancestors who have gone before us, so they can have the joy of the gospel, too.

Points to

Ponder:

How can we have joy even during hard times? (Discuss ideas)

What are some ways we can be good examples to others? (Discuss ideas)

What can we do to be prepared to "always give an answer" when asked about our beliefs? (Discuss ideas)

How can we help our ancestors have joy in the gospel? (Discuss ideas)

Quote:

"The joy we feel has little to do with the circumstances of our lives and everything to do with the focus of our lives. When the focus of our lives is on God's plan of salvation, and Jesus Christ and His gospel, we can feel joy regardless of what is happening—or not happening—in our lives. Joy comes from and because of Him. He is the source of all joy." *Russell M. Nelson*



Activity Time

What you need: A copy of “My Family Tree” for each family member, pencils or crayons for each family member. You might also want to find photos of your ancestors to draw from, or copies to glue on your family tree.

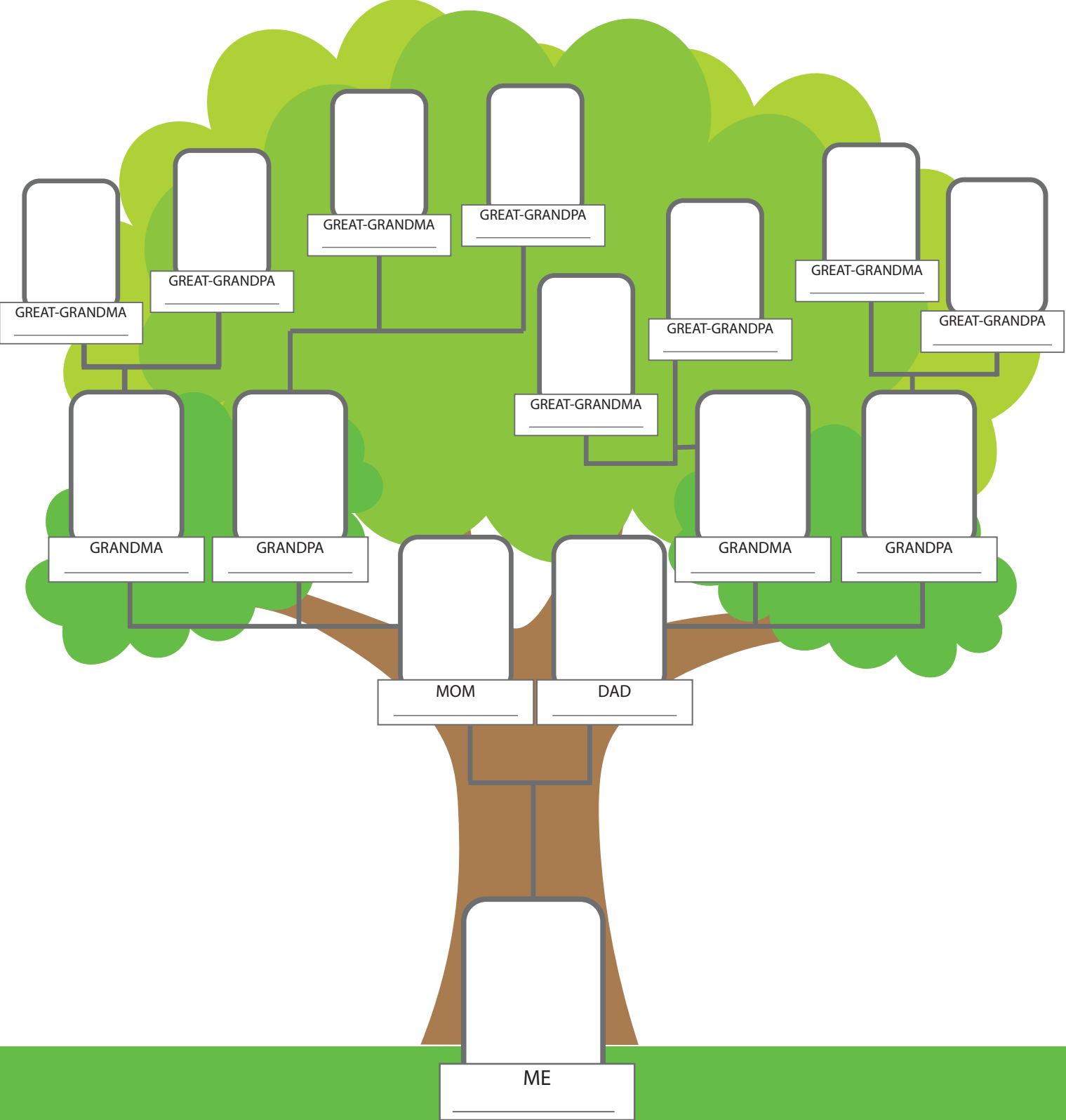
Activity: One of the joys of the gospel is being with our families forever. We can help our ancestors enjoy the blessings of the gospel by performing ordinances for those who did not get a chance during their lifetime.

Ask: Who are our ancestors?

Help your family members fill out their own family tree. They can draw pictures of family members in the boxes, or you can glue photos of them in the boxes.

Hang your family trees where you can see them and remember your family each day.

My Family Tree





Treat Time

Approximate Time: 50 minutes

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Bake Time: 35-40 minutes



Sharing the Gospel is a Piece of Cake

Cake:

3 cups flour	3/4 cup oil
2 cups sugar	2 Tbsp white vinegar
1/2 cup cocoa	1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp salt	2 cups cold water
2 tsp baking soda	

Raspberry sauce:

12 oz. frozen raspberries
1/2 cup sugar
2 Tbsp corn starch
1/2 cup water
1 tsp vanilla

For cake: Combine flour, sugar, salt, soda, and cocoa together in a large bowl. Add oil, vinegar, vanilla, and water. Mix well. Pour into a greased 9x13 pan. Bake at 350 for 35-40 minutes.

For raspberry sauce: Pour raspberries into a medium saucepan. Add sugar and cornstarch and stir. Stir in water. Heat and stir over medium heat until thickened and bubbly. Cool before serving.

Treat Time: Give each family member a slice of cake. Add raspberry topping and a dollop of whipped cream if desired. Talk about easy ways you can share the gospel every day while you enjoy your cake!