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The Hearts of the Children

Doctrine & Covenants 2, Joseph Smith History 1:27-65

Objectives:

- Review Moroni's visit to Joseph Smith. Emphasize the message that Elijah came to restore the sealing power of the priesthood.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Sealing Power
- Family History

Reverence Time

Song: The Hearts of the Children Children's Songbook page 92

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/the-hearts-of-the-children>

Scripture: Doctrine & Covenants 2:2

"And he shall plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers."

Video: Watch this week's clip from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. Find the clip at <https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-elijah>

Lesson

Summary:

When Joseph Smith was 17 year old, he was visited by the angel Moroni. Moroni told Joseph Smith about an ancient record written on gold plates. The record contained the fullness of the gospel as delivered by the Savior to ancient inhabitants of the Americas. He also told Joseph that there were tools buried with the plates that were prepared to help him translate. Moroni also quoted scriptures and taught Joseph many things before he left. One of the scriptures Moroni quoted was from the book of Malachi, although Moroni quoted it slightly differently than it reads in our Bibles. The scripture said that Elijah the prophet would be sent to restore the priesthood and "plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers (Doctrine & Covenants 2:2)." The priesthood keys Elijah would restore are the sealing keys that allow us to be sealed with our families.

Quote:

"It is important to know why the Lord promised to send Elijah. Elijah was a great prophet with great power given him by God. He held the greatest power God gives to His children: he held the sealing power, the power to bind on earth and have it bound in heaven. God gave it to the Apostle Peter. And the Lord kept His promise to send Elijah. Elijah came to the Prophet Joseph Smith on April 3, 1836, just after the dedication of the Kirtland Temple, the first temple built after the Restoration of the gospel." Henry B. Eyring

Questions: What messages did Moroni deliver to Joseph Smith?

Why did Moroni repeat his message several times? What are some things we learn through repetition?

Who was Elijah?

Why was it important for Elijah to return?

How can we turn our hearts to our fathers (ancestors)?

Description: Create a paper chain with heart shaped links and write the names of your immediate and extended family members on each link. Talk about how the sealing power of the priesthood can link us together.

What you need:

- A copy of the of the “Linking Family Members” pattern (artwork included with this lesson, optional: print on colored paper), scissors for each family member old enough to use them.

Preparation: 1. Print out several copies of the “Linking Family Members” pattern (at least one per family member).

Activity: Explain that Moroni told Joseph Smith that Elijah would restore the priesthood power needed to seal family members together for eternity. That means we can be eternally linked to our ancestors and our decedents, just like a long chain.

Hand out a printed pattern to each family member to cut and assemble. (Young children will need help from an older sibling or parent.) Follow the instructions below to cut heart shaped paper links that can be linked together to form a chain.

1. Cut on the pink lines. Discard the “copyright” strip. You should now have 4 identical rectangle sheets of paper.
2. Fold on the green dotted lines of each sheet (vertically).
3. Then fold on the yellow dotted lines of each sheet (horizontally). You should now have one folded edge on the left side, two folded edges on the bottom, and four edges on the right side and top.
4. Cut along the blue lines on each sheet. Unfold. Each family member should now have 4 heart shaped links.
5. To link two links together, vertically fold one link and feed it through a horizontally folded link. Repeat this process until you’ve reached the end of your chain. Secure the last link with a small piece of tape.
6. Write a name of a family member on each link. Start with immediate family members. Then add grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, etc. to fill the number of links you have made. (If you’d like to make more links, repeat the process above).
7. Display your paper chain where you can see it this week.

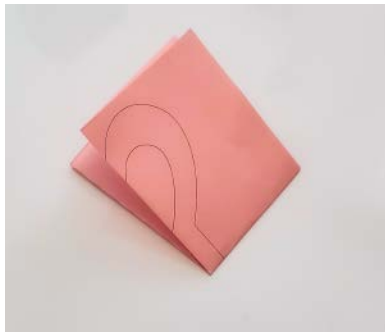
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Step 2



Step 3



Step 4

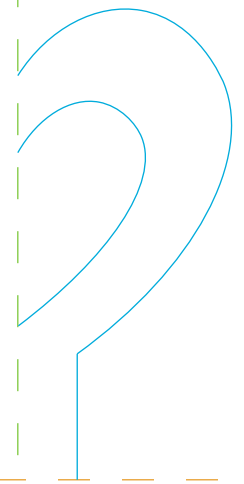
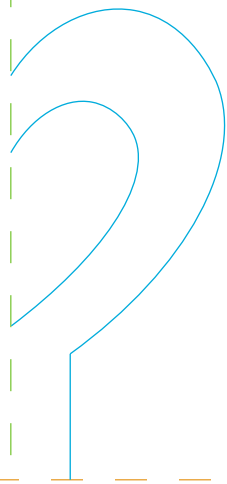
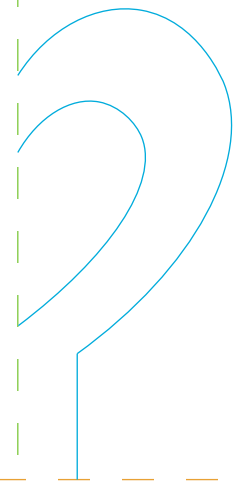
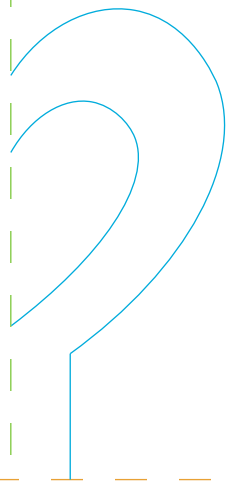


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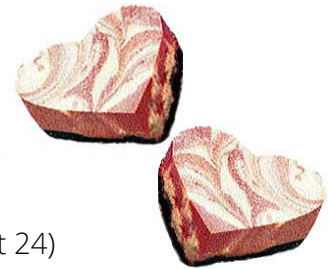


Step 6





Prep Time: 50 minutes
Chill Time: At least 1 hour



Ingredients: 2 cups finely crushed chocolate sandwich cookies (about 24)
3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
3 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 cup white chocolate chips
5 drops red food coloring

Instructions: Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Combine cookie crumbs and butter; press firmly on bottom of 9x13 inch baking pan. With mixer, beat cream cheese in a large bowl until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add eggs and vanilla; mix well. Pour half of the batter evenly over prepared crust.

Melt white chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir in food coloring. Heat for an additional 3 seconds and stir until completely melted. Stir melted chocolate chips into remaining batter; spoon over vanilla batter. With table knife or metal spatula, gently swirl chocolate batter through vanilla batter to marble. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until set. Cool. Chill at least 1 hour.

Treat Time: Help children cut out individual servings with heart-shaped cookie cutter.

Optional: Share heart treats or recipe with grandparents or extended family members.