



Called and Chosen

Doctrine and Covenants 51-57

Objectives:

- Discuss the importance of fulfilling our callings, being humble, and following the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Humility & Duty

Reverence Time

Song: "Give Said the Little Stream" Children's Songbook, page 236

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/give-said-the-little-stream>

Scripture: Doctrine and Covenants 51:19

"And whoso is found a faithful, a just, and a wise steward shall enter into the joy of the Lord, and shall inherit eternal life."

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

Lesson

Summary:

The Saints are called by the Lord to journey to the land of Missouri and settle there to build up Zion. The Lord gives callings and instructions to many of the Elders and members of the Church. Several Elders are called to take different paths to Missouri and preach along the way. Some are given specific assignments to help build up the new community once they reach Missouri. The Lord promises that those who are faithful will be blessed. The Lord reminds the people to take care of the poor and the needy. The Lord also warns those who are rebellious, selfish, and greedy. He says "blessed are the poor and pure in heart, whose hearts are broken, and whose spirits are contrite, for they shall see the kingdom of God coming in power and great glory unto their deliverance."

We are also called to serve and build up the Kingdom of God and share our resources, time, and talents. We can choose to be faithful, just, and wise and do our best to fulfill our callings and take care of others. The Lord knows how to help us grow, and he knows who needs our help. If we fulfill our callings with humble hearts, the Lord promises he will magnify our efforts and bless us.

Quote:

"We live in perilous times when many believe we are not accountable to God and that we do not have personal responsibility or stewardship for ourselves or others. Many in the world are focused on self-gratification, put themselves first, and love pleasure more than they love righteousness. They do not believe they are their brother's keeper. In the Church, however, we believe that these stewardships are a sacred trust." Quentin L. Cook

Questions:

What were some of the ways the Saints in these sections were asked to serve?

What are some of the things we are "called" to do?

How can we be faithful, just and wise stewards?

Why is it important to be humble and pure in heart and not greedy or selfish?

Activity Time

Treasure in Heaven

Description: The Lord promises great blessings to those who are pure in heart and serve with humility. If we follow the Lord, He will bless us with the greatest of blessings - Eternal Life.

What you need:

- A copy of "Treasure in Heaven" activity (artwork included with this lesson), scissors, glue, tape and laminating sheets or cardstock.

Preparation:

1. Print out the artwork. Laminate artwork or glue to cardstock.
2. Cut along dotted lines. Fold along solid lines.
3. Glue in place and secure with tape to form chest and lid.
4. Place lid on chest by inserting hinges on lid into slits on back of chest. Tape to secure.
5. Make necklaces by making a hole in top of jewel with a paper punch. Thread a length of yarn through holes and tie a knot in the end. Make rings and bracelets by taping the bands to back of jewels.
7. Place jewels in treasure chest and footsteps on floor leading to treasure chest.
8. Write down three situations for each child in which they could follow Jesus.
Example: Mother asked you to pick up your toys before going out to play, but your friend won't wait for you. What will you do to follow Jesus?

Activity: (Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.)

Read: "And he that will not take up his cross and follow me, and keep my commandments, the same shall not be saved." Doctrine & Covenants 56:2

Ask: How can we follow the Lord? (Discuss ways we can follow Jesus Christ.)

Ask: Why is life better for us when we follow Jesus? (Discuss ideas.)

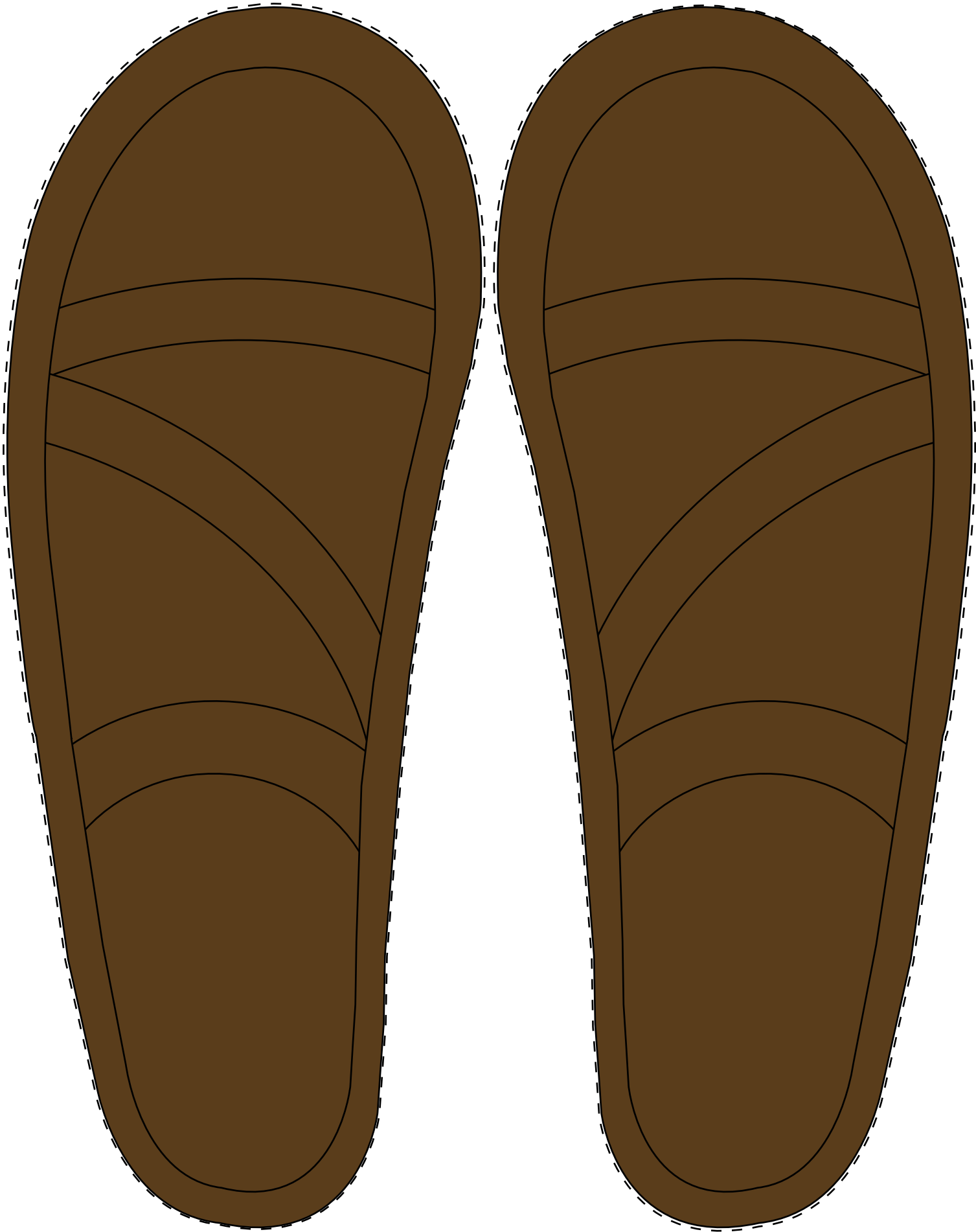
Ask: Why does Jesus want us to follow Him? (Because He loves and wants to save us all.)

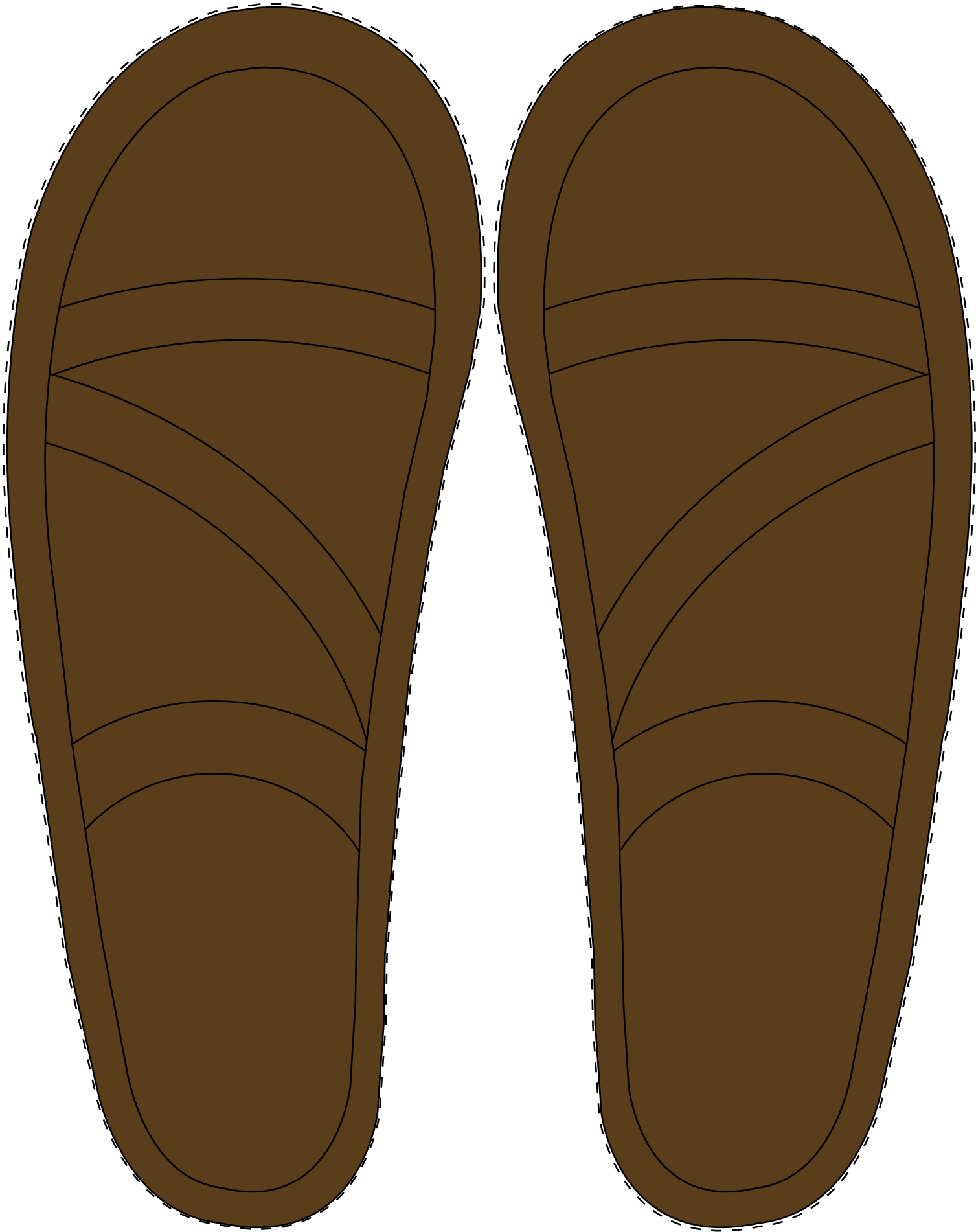
Have each child answer the questions you have prepared for them. Have child step on a set of footprints after answering each question. When they reach the last set of footprints let them choose something out of the treasure chest.

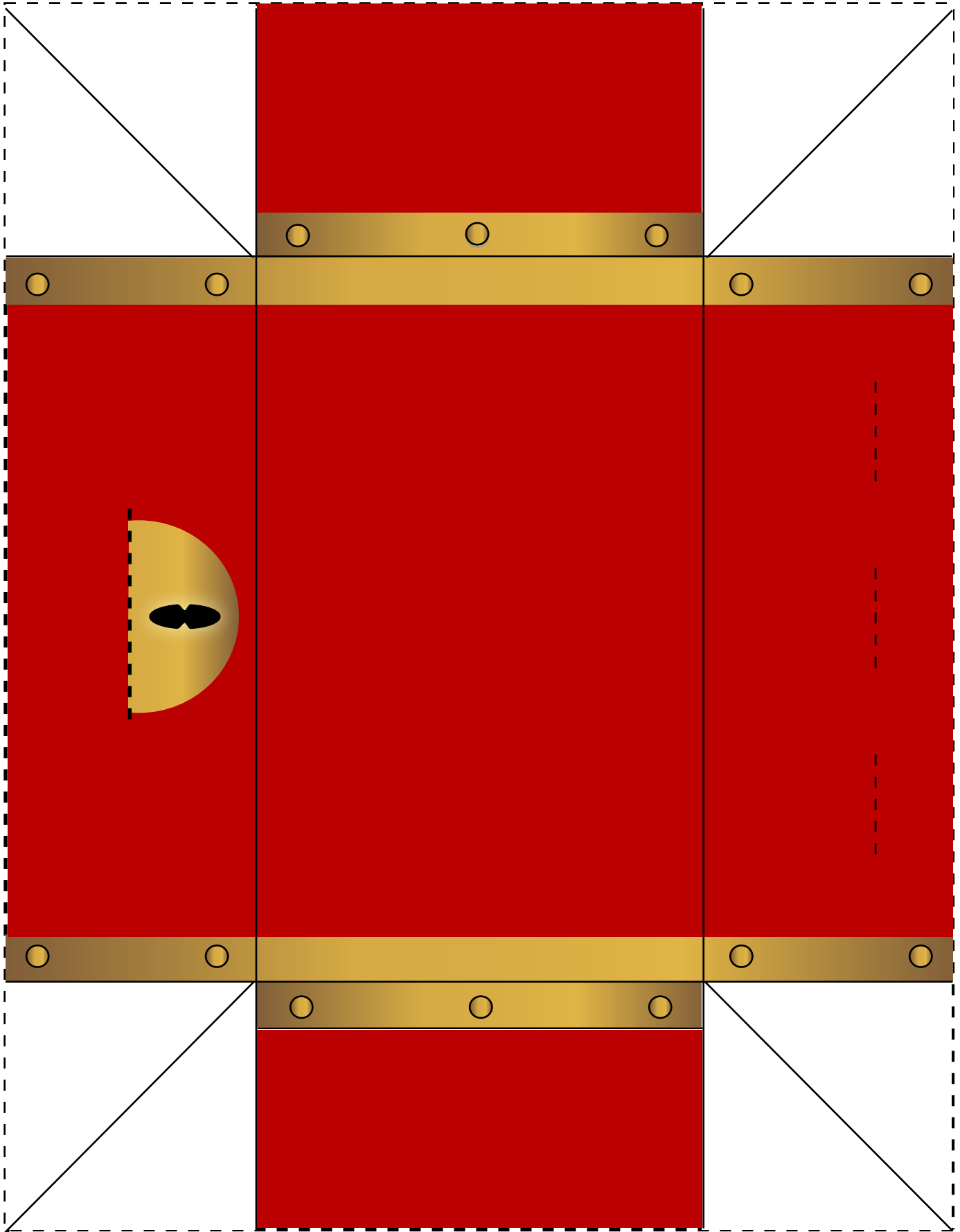
Ask: What is the treasure in Heaven that we can have if we follow Jesus? (Eternal Life.)

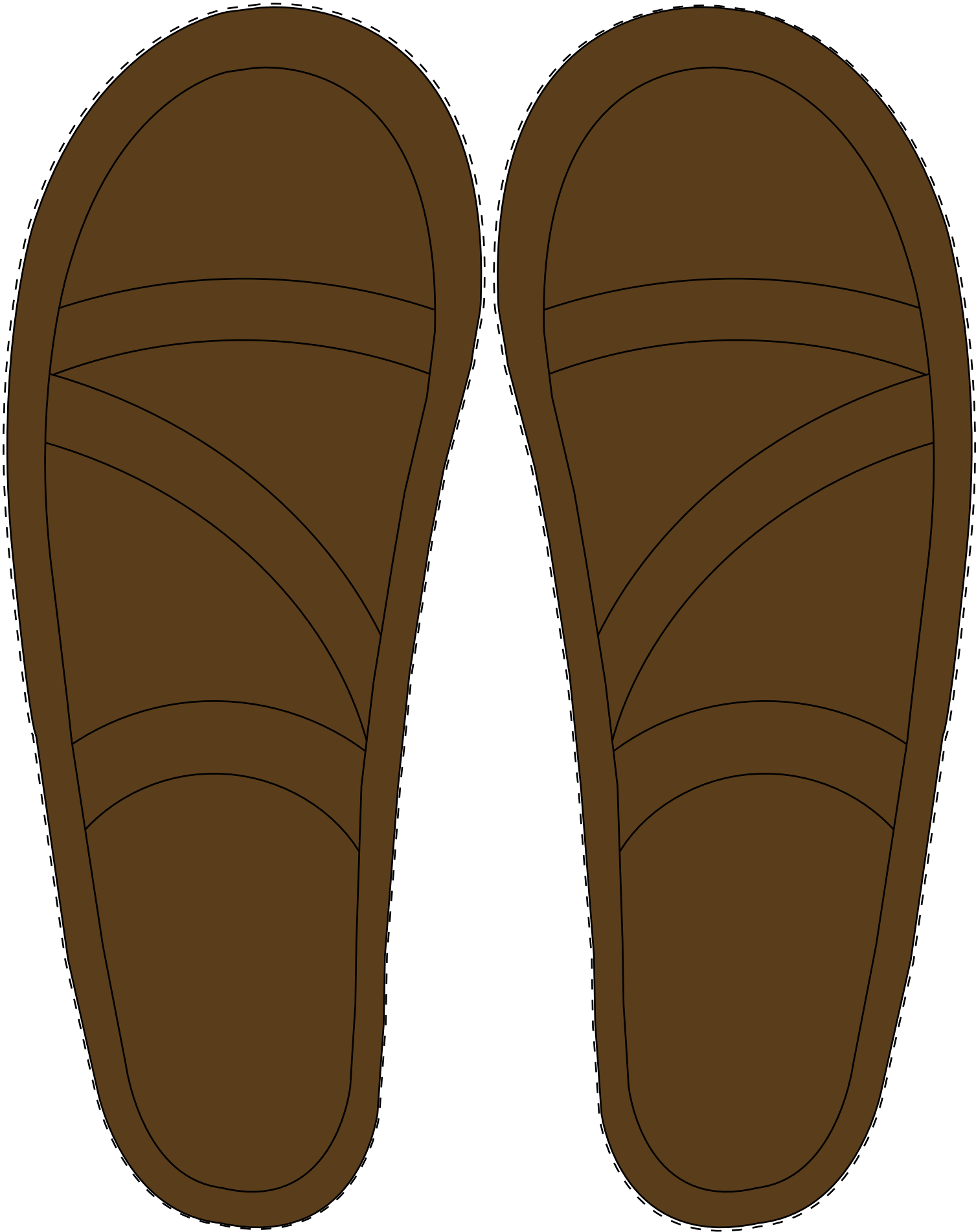
Bear testimony that if we follow Jesus, He will lead us back to live with our Heavenly Father again.

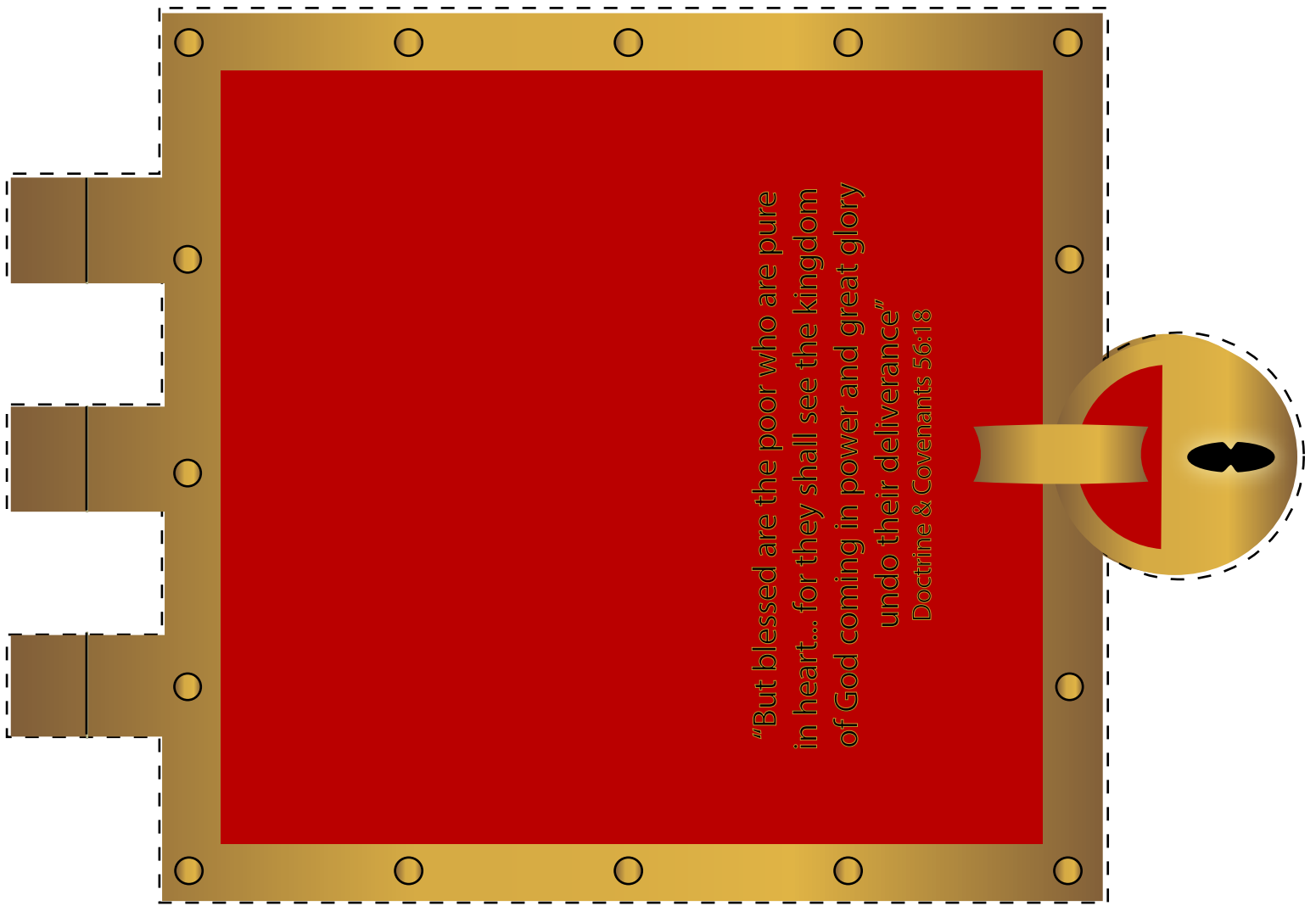




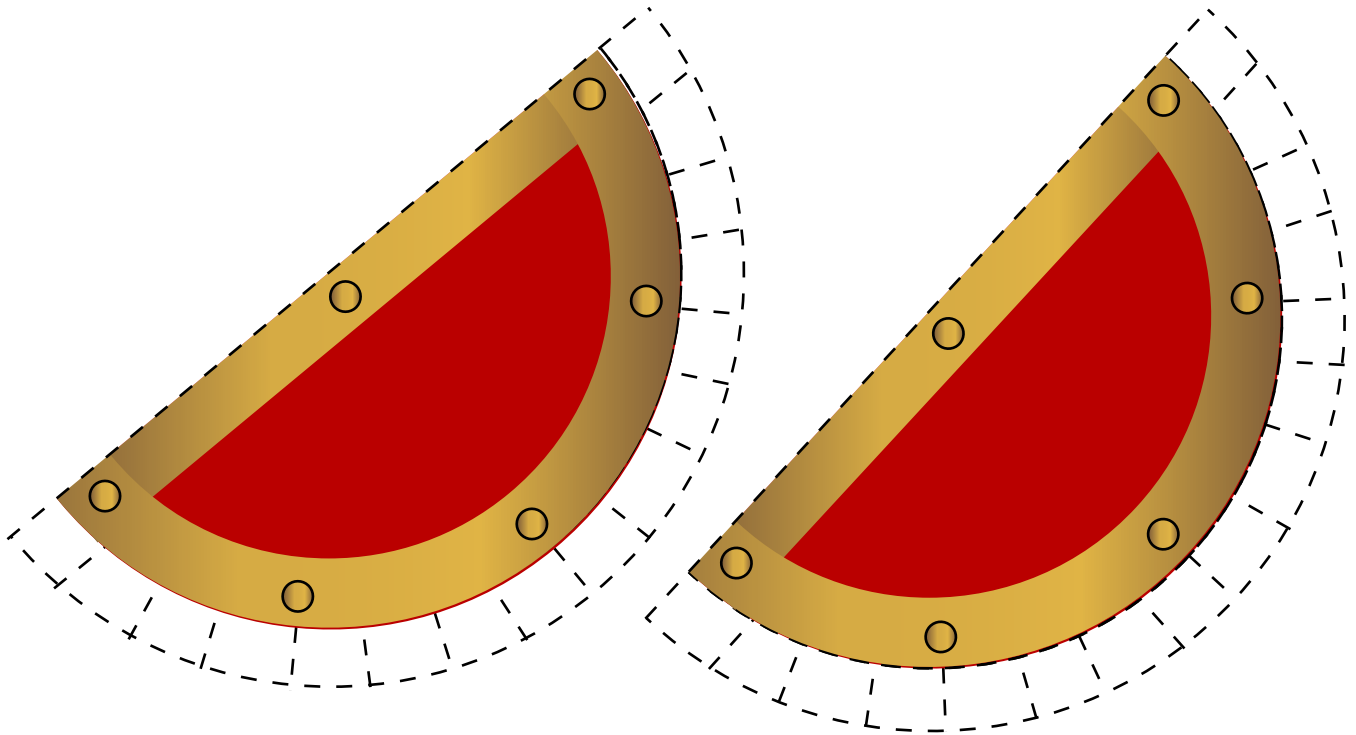


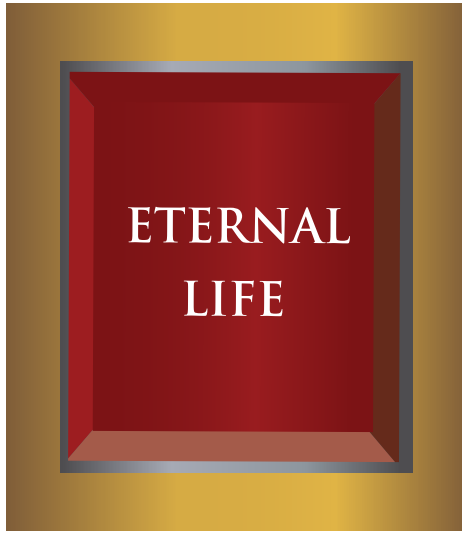
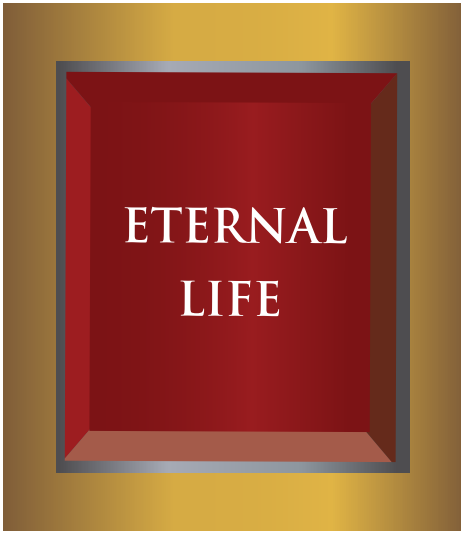
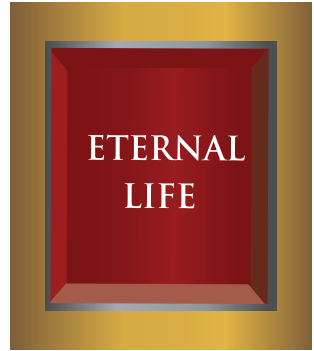
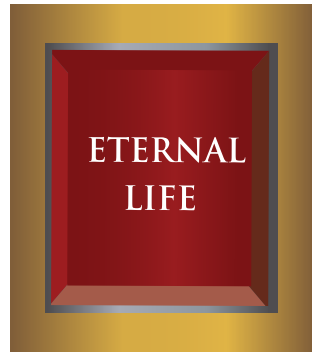
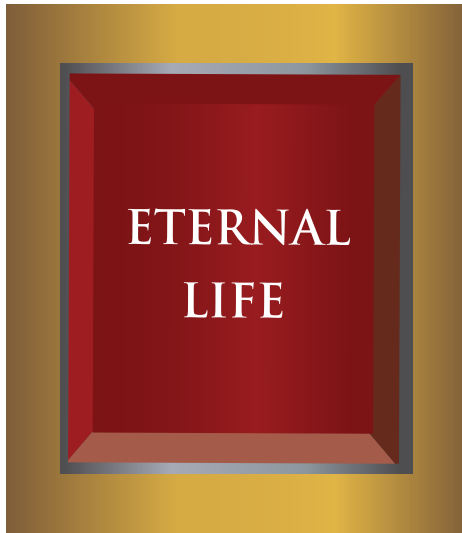
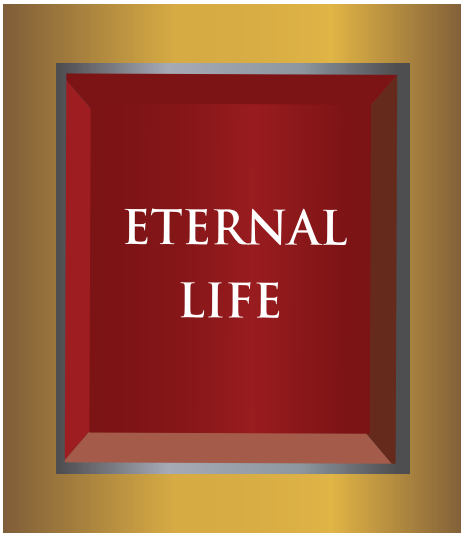






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in heart... for they shall see the kingdom
of God coming in power and great glory
undo their deliverance"
Doctrine & Covenants 56:18*





Treat Time

Cream Puff Hearts

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Bake Time: 25-30 minutes



Ingredients: Heart mixture:
1/2 cup butter
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup flour
4 large eggs

Cream Filling:
2 cups Whipped Topping–thawed
1 teaspoon almond extract

Raspberry Filling:
1 (21 oz.) can Raspberry Pie Filling

Instructions: Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Bring butter, sugar, salt and 1 cup of water to a boil in a saucepan. Stir in flour, and cook over medium-high heat, stirring constantly, for three minutes. Cool for 1 minute. Add eggs one at a time to the butter mixture, beating after each egg until smooth. Flatten dough to 2–3 inches thick. Cut into heart shapes. Bake on an ungreased baking sheet until golden brown, approximately for 25-30 minutes. Let cool. Slice each puff in half horizontally.

Treat Time: Give each family member a heart to fill with whipped cream and raspberries. Sprinkle tops with powdered sugar.