



## Out of the Best Books

### Doctrine and Covenants 88

#### Objectives:

- Discuss why learning many different subjects is important and how it can increase our faith.

#### Reinforces Principles of:

- Study and Learning

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## Reverence Time

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#### Song:

“Search, Ponder, and Pray” Children’s Songbook, page 109

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/search-ponder-and-pray>

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#### Scripture: Doctrine & Covenants 88:118

“And as all have not faith, seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek learning, even by study and also by faith.”

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#### Video:

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

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## Lesson Time

## Out of the Best Books

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### Lesson

#### Summary:

In Doctrine & Covenants 88, the Lord asks the elders to establish a School of the Prophets and seek learning out of the best books. In this school, they are to learn things about the gospel and about the world around them. They also need to learn to be loving and charitable. The Lord warns them not to be idle or unclean, and He teaches them about things that will happen at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. The Lord asks them to prepare to "establish... a house of God." As we learn "by study and also by faith," our faith increases.

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#### Quote:

*"Because of our sacred regard for each human intellect, we consider the obtaining of an education to be a religious responsibility. Yet opportunities and abilities differ. I believe that in the pursuit of education, individual desire is more influential than institution, and personal faith more forceful than faculty." Russell M. Nelson*

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#### Questions:

What kinds of things should we study and learn?

Why is learning so important?

What does it mean to "cease to be idle"? (D&C 88:124)

How can we make our home a "house of God"? (D&C 88:119)

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## Activity Time

## *Building a House of God*

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**Description:** In D&C 88:119, the Lord asks the Saints to prepare to build a house of God. In this activity, learn how you can make your home a "house of God" while preparing to go to the temple.

**What you need:**

- A copy of "Building Temples" activity (artwork included with this lesson) for each child, scissors and tape. Optional: Card stock and glue for added durability. Coloring tools.

**Preparation:**

1. Print out the artwork.
2. Optional: Glue artwork to card stock.
3. Cut along dotted lines.
4. Fold along solid lines.

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

Ask: Why is it important to live worthily to go to the temple? (Discuss ideas.)

Ask: How can we make our home a "house of God?"

Read Doctrine & Covenants 88:119 "Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing; and establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God;"

As we prepare ourselves by praying, studying the scriptures, and keeping the commandments, we are also helping our home to be a "house of God."

Play the "Building Temples" activity: (See instructions on next page.)

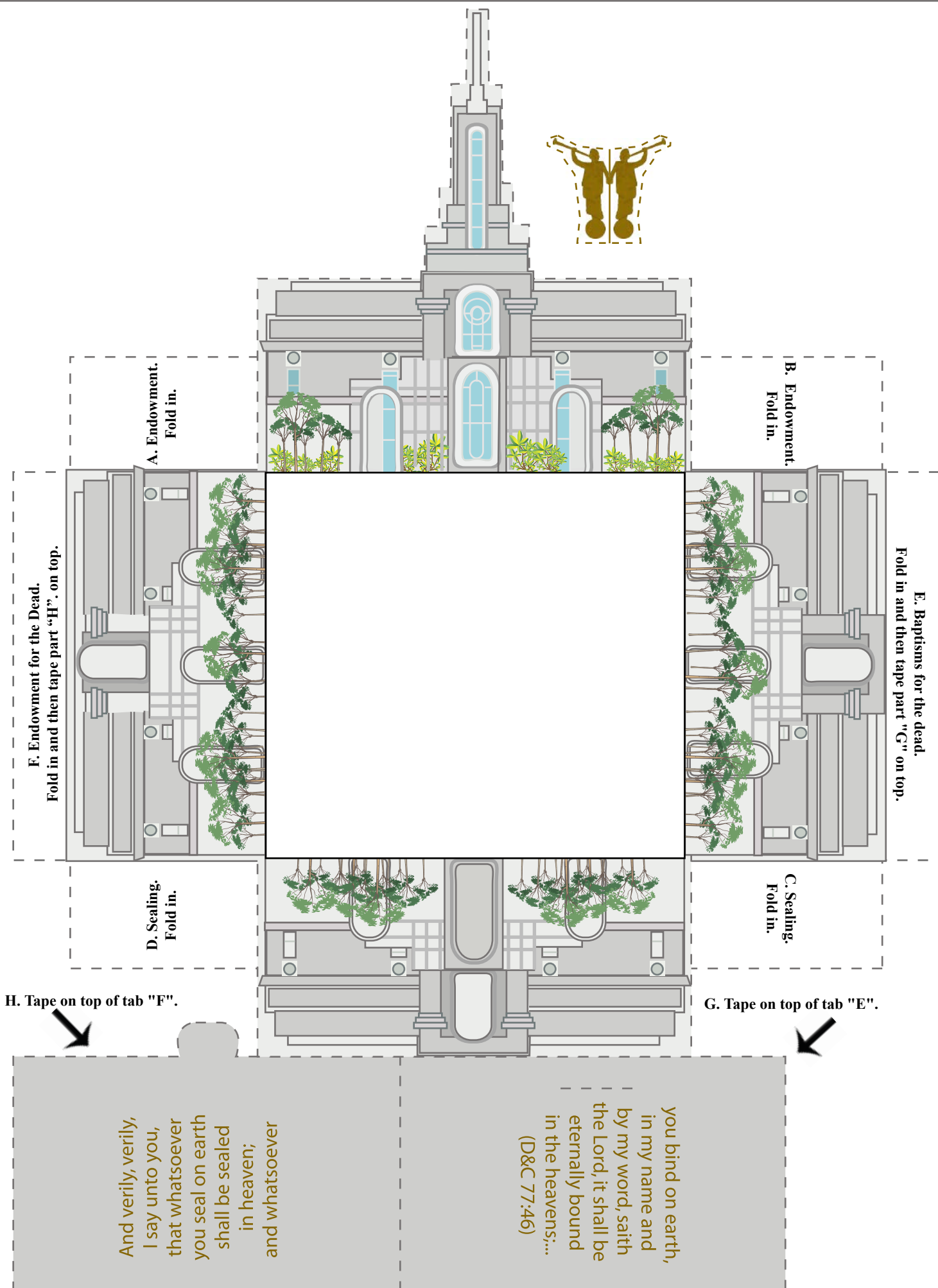
# **“Building a Temple” Activity Instructions**

## **We build temples for:**

- 1. Fold in tab A & B. Tape together to build walls. (Always apply tape to both sides.)**  
**The endowment ordinance (gift):** In the temple we receive our own endowment (gift) from our Heavenly Father that helps prepare us for eternal life with Him.
- 2. Fold in tab C & D. Tape together to build walls.**  
**The sealing ordinance:** In the temple, sealing ordinances are performed to help us be together forever as families. If a couple is married in the temple, all of their future children are also sealed to them. Families who have not yet been sealed should prepare to go to the temple. To be a family forever is a blessing given to those who are sealed in the temple and keep the promises they make there.
- 3. Fold in tab E. Tape part G to top to build roof.**  
**Baptisms for the dead:** In the temple we can be vicariously (done by somebody as a substitute for someone else) baptized for people who have died and were not able to receive this ordinance while they lived on earth.
- 4. Fold in tab F. Tape part G to top to build roof.**  
**Endowment for the Dead:** In the temple we can also be endowed vicariously for people who have died and were not able to receive this ordinance while they lived on the earth.
- 5. Fold and tape the Angel Moroni together to form a pocket. Slide onto steeple.**  
**Sealing for the Dead:** In the temple we can also be sealed vicariously for families who have died and were not able to receive this ordinance while they lived on the earth.

## **Preparing to go to the temple:**

**Explain to your children that obeying these commandments will help them be worthy to go to the temple when they are older. (Read and discuss the words on the cards together. If time permits let children draw an illustration on the back of each card. Put cards into your temples with a promise to prepare and keep yourself worthy to go to the temple.**



**PRAY**

**OBEY  
PARENTS**

**LOVE  
ONE  
ANOTHER**

**GO TO  
CHURCH**

**PAY  
TITHING**

**KEEP  
THE  
WORD  
OF  
WISDOM**

BE  
HONEST

BE  
CHASTE

SERVE  
OTHERS

READ  
SCRIPTURES

GAIN  
AND  
SHARE  
TESTIMONY

HONOR  
YOUR  
CHURCH  
LEADERS

**Prep Time:** 15 minutes  
**Chill Time:** 15 minutes  
**Bake Time:** 30 minutes



**Ingredients:**

**Cake:**  
3/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice  
3 eggs  
1 cup granulated sugar  
3/4 cup canned pumpkin  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

**Filling:**  
8 ounces cream cheese  
6 tablespoons butter  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup powdered sugar

**Decorating:**  
Chocolate "licorice" twists  
Extra powdered sugar  
Food coloring

**Instructions:** Prepare Cake: Sift together flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and pumpkin pie spice. Beat eggs and vanilla until foamy. Beat in sugar. Mix in pumpkin. Fold in dry ingredients. Bake in a greased jelly roll pan lined with wax paper that has been greased and floured. Bake at 375 degrees F for 15 minutes.

Sift some powdered sugar onto a slightly damp dishtowel. Turn cake onto towel. Peel off wax paper and roll up in towel. Chill in refrigerator until cool.

Prepare Filling: Beat all ingredients together until smooth and creamy. Unroll cake and cut into 6 large or 12 small rectangles (see diagram).

Treat Time: Give each family member a rectangle on a piece of wax paper. Spread filling evenly over each rectangle. With the tip of a tooth pick dipped in food coloring, write "Seek Learning" on your rectangle. Roll into a scroll and tie with a chocolate "licorice" twist. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

