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## Activity Time

## Linking Family Members

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**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:** Elijah appeared to Joseph Smith in the Kirtland Temple to 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.

Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



Step 5



Step 6



