



Recorded in Heaven

Doctrine & Covenants 125-128

Objectives:

- Discuss what integrity is and why it is important to have integrity of heart. Discuss the importance of temples.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Baptism for the Dead
- Family History Work

Reverence Time

Song: Family History, I Am Doing It, Children's Songbook page 94

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/family-history-i-am-doing-it>

Scripture: Doctrine & Covenants 128:15

"And now, my dearly beloved brethren and sisters, let me assure you that these are principles in relation to the dead and the living that cannot be lightly passed over, as pertaining to our salvation. For their salvation is necessary and essential to our salvation, as Paul says concerning the fathers--that they without us cannot be made perfect--neither can we without our dead be made perfect."

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

Lesson

Summary:

While in hiding from danger and persecution, Joseph Smith wrote letters to other Church leaders about baptism for the dead. The principle of baptism for the dead had been revealed, but the details about how it should be done had not been fully established. Joseph Smith explained that careful records should be kept, including the names, dates, witnesses, and so forth. Keeping accurate records of ordinances is important, because “whatsoever you record on earth shall be recorded in heaven” (D&C 128:8).

Jesus said that we must be baptized to enter the kingdom of God (John 3:5). Because Heavenly Father loves us, He gives everyone the opportunity for baptism. He has authorized baptisms to be performed by proxy for those who have died without the opportunity to be baptized. A living person who has already been baptized, often a descendant, can be baptized in behalf of the deceased person in temples.

Quote:

“Do you young people want a sure way to eliminate the influence of the adversary in your life? Immerse yourself in searching for your ancestors, prepare their names for the sacred vicarious ordinances available in the temple, and then go to the temple to stand as proxy for them to receive the ordinances of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost. As you grow older, you will be able to participate in receiving the other ordinances as well. I can think of no greater protection from the influence of the adversary in your life.” Richard G. Scott

Questions:

Why is baptism important?
How does baptism for the dead show Heavenly Father’s love for us?
How can we help our ancestors have the opportunity to be baptized?
How are we blessed by participating in baptisms for the dead?

Description: Print a copy of this family tree for each family member. Let them fill it out, color it, and display it in their room or in a place where they can see it often.

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.

Preparation:

1. Print out the artwork
2. Find the names of parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents for each family member.

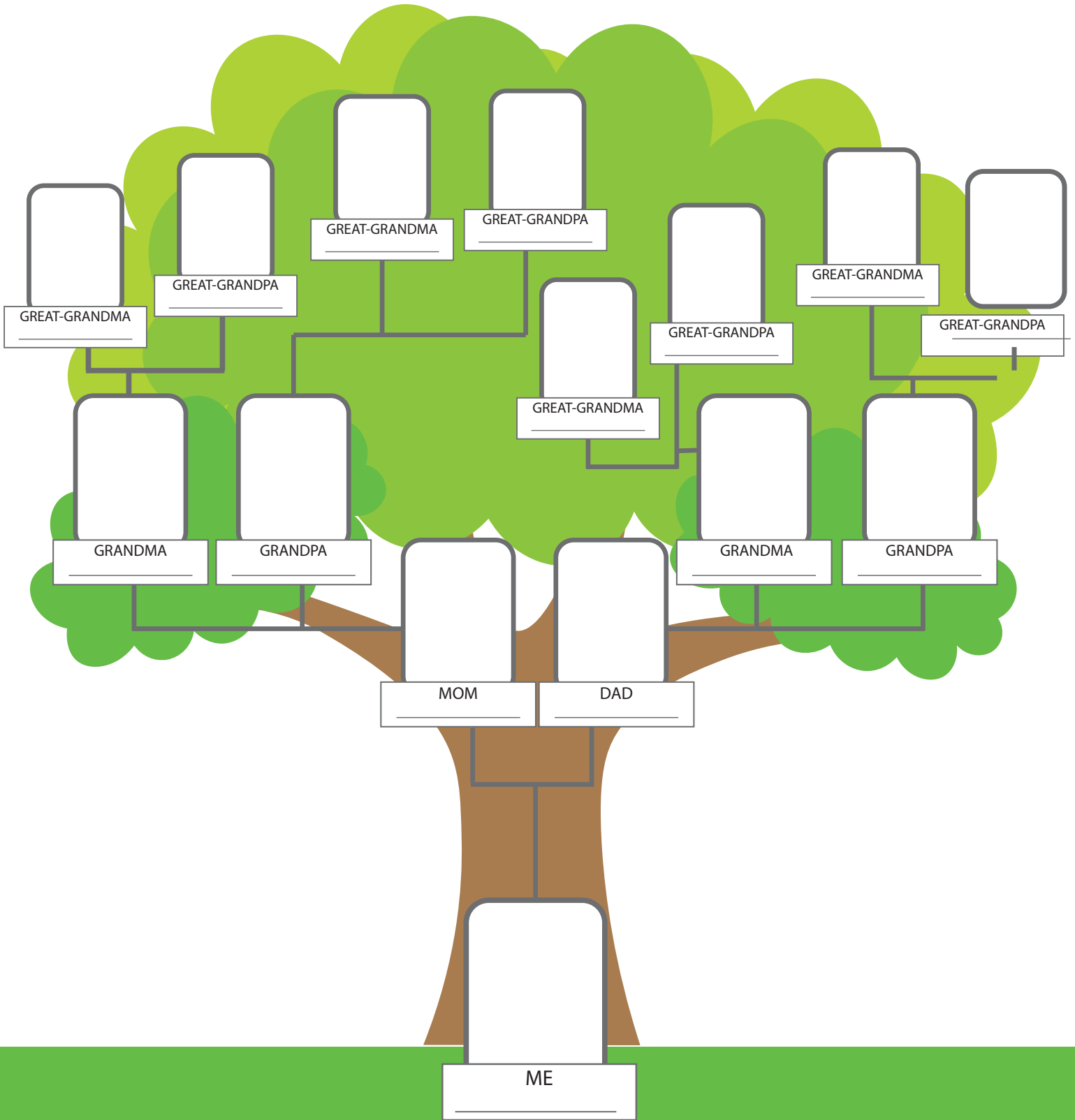
Activity: One of the joys of the gospel is being with our families forever. We can help our ancestors enjoy the blessings of the gospel by performing ordinances for those who did not get a chance during their lifetime.

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

Immersion Cookies

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Rise Time: 30 minutes
Bake Time: 7-10 minutes
Cool Time: 15 minutes



Ingredients: 2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup butter (softened)
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
A glass of milk for each family member

Instructions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Sift the flour, baking powder, and salt into a bowl and set aside. In a mixing bowl cream the butter until light and fluffy. Add the powdered sugar and continue to beat. Scrape down the sides of the mixing bowl once or twice while you are mixing. Beat in the vanilla extract. Slowly add the flour mixture. Mix on low until everything comes together into a thick dough. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface. Press the dough out into a flat patty an inch thick. Wrap in plastic and chill completely in the refrigerator for about thirty minutes. After the dough is chilled, roll the dough out to 1/2-inch thick. Cut the dough into small bite size shapes with cookie cutters or a knife. Place on a parchment lined baking sheet. Bake for 7 to 10 minutes, or until the bottoms of the cookies are barely golden (watch carefully; cookies burn easily). Place pan on wire rack and cool completely.

Treat Time: Immersion is the dipping of something in liquid so that it is completely covered. When we are baptized by immersion we are completely covered with water. When eating "Immersion Cookies" completely immerse (dunk) cookies into a cold glass of milk. Be sure to have plenty of napkins on hand, as fingers will get wet).