



Come, Follow Me
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Living Scriptures
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Both Sides of the Veil

Doctrine and Covenants 137-138

Objectives:

- Learn about the celestial kingdom and the missionary work that is happening on both sides of the veil.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Missionary Work
- Plan of Salvation

Reverence Time

Song: I Lived in Heaven, Children's Songbook page 4

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/i-lived-in-heaven>

Scripture: Doctrine and Covenants 138:30

"But behold, from among the righteous, he organized his forces and appointed messengers, clothed with power and authority, and commissioned them to go forth and carry the light of the gospel to them that were in darkness, even to all the spirits of men; and thus was the gospel preached to the dead."

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

Lesson

Summary:

In January of 1836, Joseph Smith saw a vision of his father, his mother, and his brother Alvin in the celestial kingdom of God. Joseph knew that his brother had not been baptized. He had died before the priesthood had been restored. Joseph learned that “all those who have died without a knowledge of this gospel, who would have received it if they had been permitted to tarry, shall be heirs of the celestial kingdom of God (D&C 137:7)”.

Over 80 years later, after praying to understand a passage of scripture, Joseph F. Smith received a revelation describing Jesus Christ’s visit to the spirit world after He had been crucified, but before He was resurrected. Jesus Christ taught the gospel to the righteous spirits there and appointed messengers to teach the gospel to the unrighteous and those who had died without a knowledge of the truth. Missionary work is taking place on both sides of the veil so all may have the opportunity to choose to be redeemed through the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

Quote:

“Our message to the world is simple and sincere: we invite all of God’s children on both sides of the veil to come unto their Savior, receive the blessings of the holy temple, have enduring joy, and qualify for eternal life.” Russell M. Nelson

Questions:

What do you think the celestial kingdom will be like?

How can we prepare ourselves to live in the celestial kingdom?

What did the Savior do when He visited the spirit world?

Why is it important to know that missionary work is being done on both sides of the veil?

Description: All of us belong to God's family! Discuss ways we can help to gather the family of God on both sides of the veil and help it to grow, like a paper chain grows as it's unfolded.

What you need: ■ A copy of the "Gathering the Family of God" activity for each child and scissors.

Preparation:

1. Print out the artwork.
2. Cut along dotted lines.
3. Fold each group of children, accordion style, along solid black lines.
4. Cut around the figure, careful not to cut along the folds where the hands touch (this can be done before or after the activity).

Activity: Explain: Since the early days of the Restoration, church leaders have worked at the task of building up Christ's Church. As early as 1837, missionaries served in foreign missions. The work continues today with over 50,000 full time missionaries throughout the world.

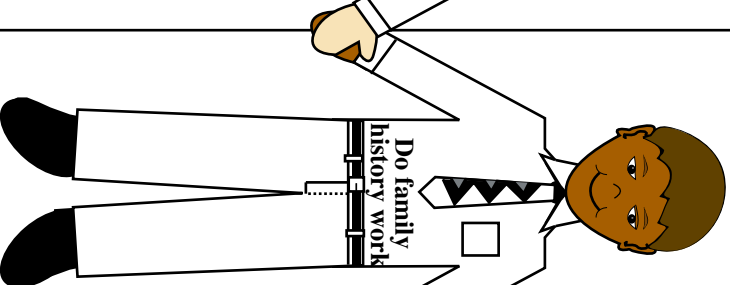
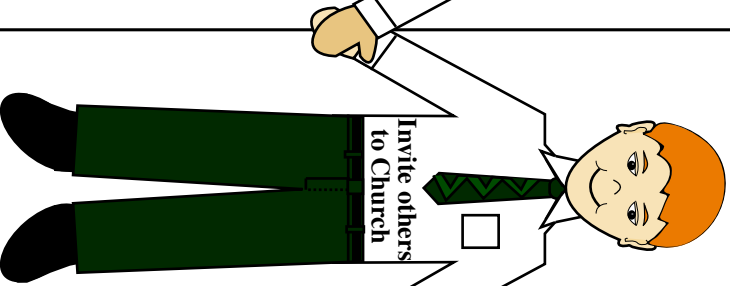
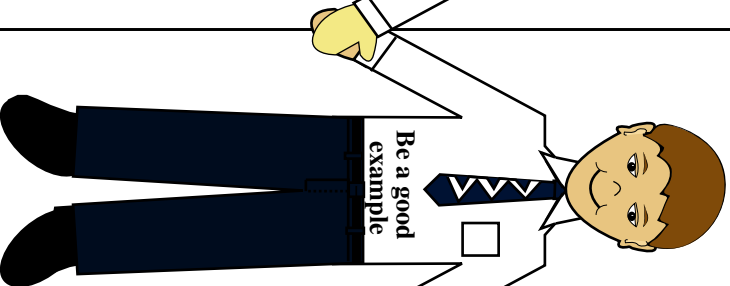
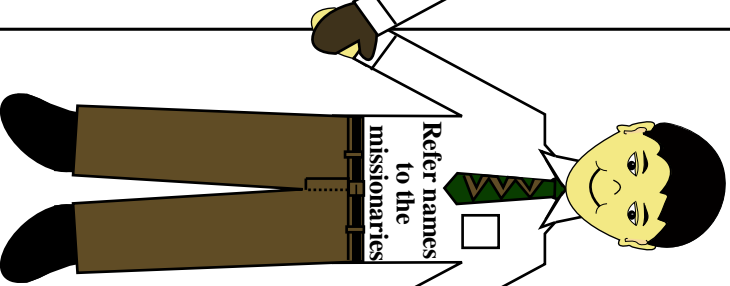
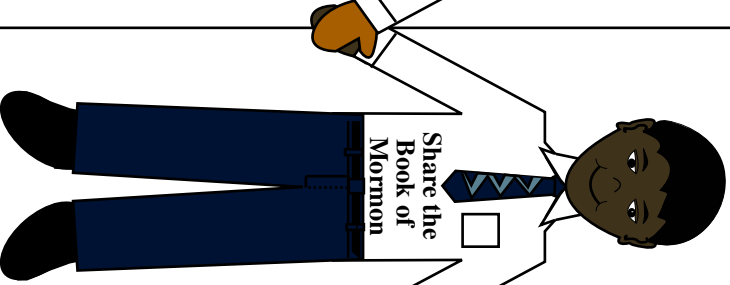
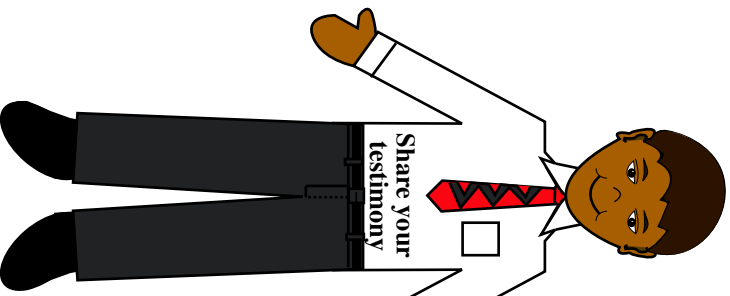
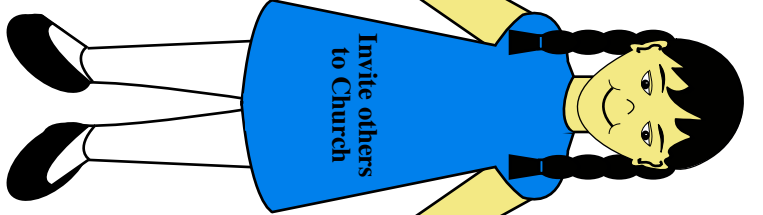
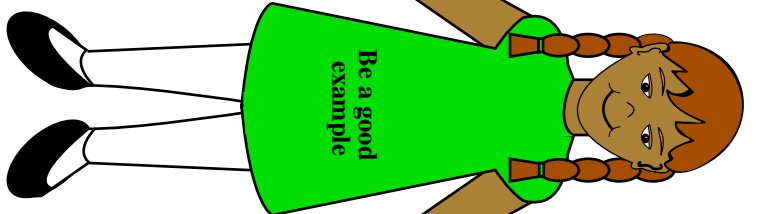
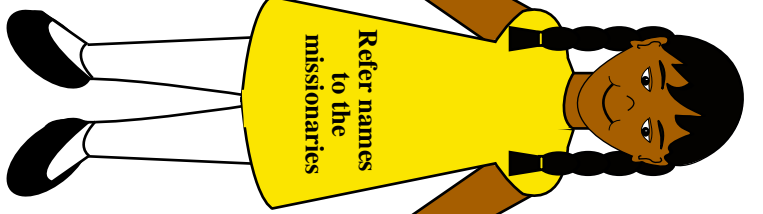
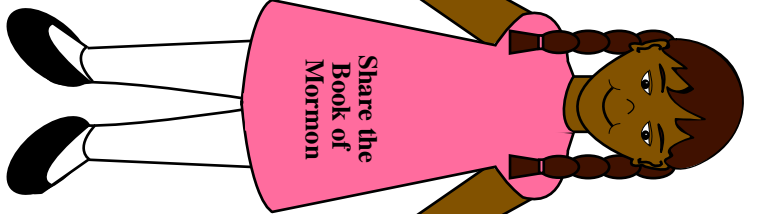
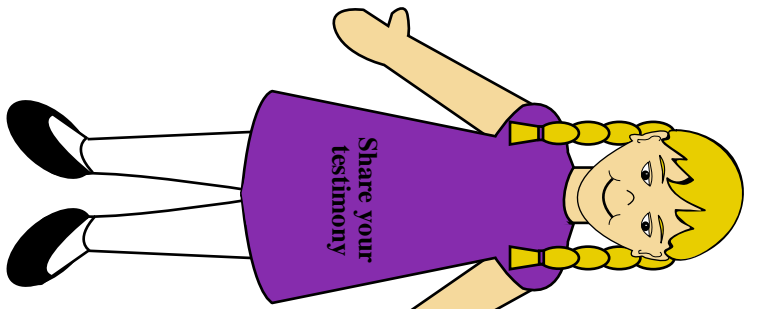
Ask: How many members were there when the Church was organized in 1830? (Six.)
How many members are there today? (Almost 17 million.)

Explain: Heavenly Father loves all his children and wants them all to have the opportunity to accept the Gospel and return to live with Him someday, even those who have died.

Give each family member a folded children chain (unfold as you discuss each topic).

- a. Sharing our testimonies will help others gain and strengthen their testimonies.
- b. Sharing copies of the Book of Mormon with people not of our faith will help build up the Church by giving more people the opportunity to read it and gain a testimony of it.
- c. The missionaries have a greater chance of being invited into homes to teach the Gospel when members refer names of interested people to them.
- d. Setting a good example for family members, neighbors, and friends is a reflection of the church to people not of our faith. Your example can influence others to join the church.
- e. Inviting others to Church activities, meetings, and firesides, where they can feel of the spirit and love of our Heavenly Father can help them want the Gospel in their lives.
- f. Doing family history work helps our ancestors have the opportunity to be baptized and receive other important ordinances in the temple.

Just like this chain of children grew, each of us can help the family of God grow and be gathered together in love.



Treat Time

Fruit Leather Family

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 4-5 hours



Ingredients: 2 (29 oz.) can peaches
1 banana

Instructions: Drain peaches. Puree peaches in blender. Pour into 2 jelly roll pans that have been lined with plastic wrap. To prevent plastic wrap from falling into fruit mixture, wet sides of pan before lining.

Bake at 170 degrees F. for 4-5 hours or until surface feels leathery. Let cool completely. Cut into 3 x 9 inch strips. Remove plastic wrap. (For a faster alternative, use commercially available fruit rolls.)

Treat Time: For each family member, fold strips accordion style into 1.5 x 3 inch folds. Cut out "Fruit Leather Children" by placing pattern with the back on the solid folded side and the front on the side with the two open ends. Cut along dotted lines with kitchen shears. Carefully unfold. If fruit leather tears while unfolding you can press it back together again.

