

Description: The Saints had to prepare themselves to build and enter the new temple. Learn what we can do to be prepared to enter the temple with this activity.

What you need: ■ A copy of the “Building Temples” artwork for each child, scissors, tape

Preparation:

1. Print out the artwork
2. Cut along dotted lines
3. Fold along solid lines

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

1. Ask: If we will all be resurrected and live again, why do we need to be baptized, keep the commandments, repent and receive temple ordinances? (Discuss ideas.)
2. Ask: Why is it important to live worthily to go to the temple? (Discuss ideas.)
“Temples of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are sacred structures... Each is dedicated as a house of the Lord, a place of holiness and peace shut apart from the world. There truths are taught and ordinances are performed that bring knowledge of things eternal and motivate the participants to live with an understanding of our divine inheritance as children of God and an awareness of our potential as eternal beings.” *President Gordon B. Hinckley, Why These Temples?* © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.
3. Play the “Building Temples” activity: (See instructions on next page.)



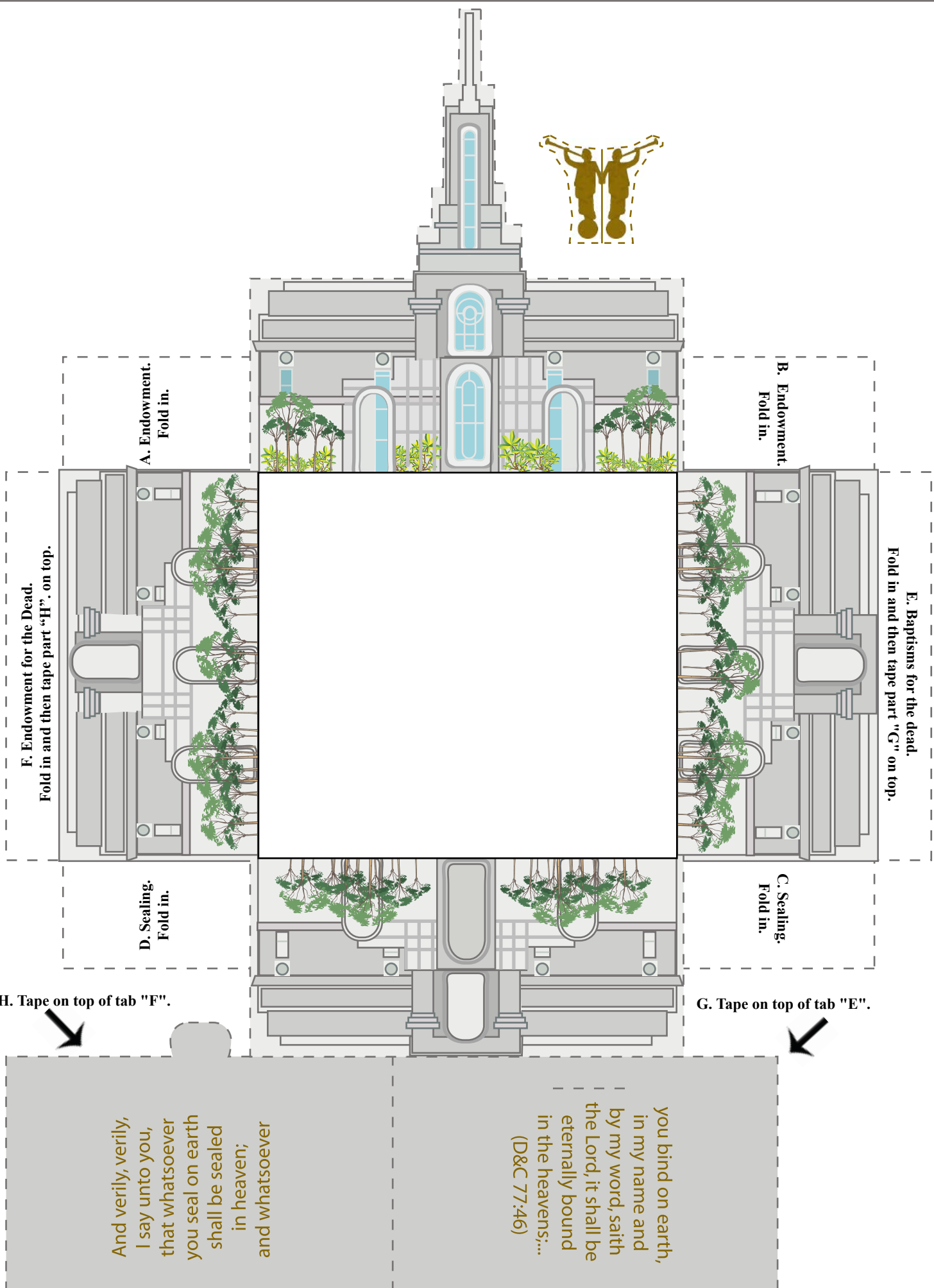
“Building a Temple” Activity Instructions

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
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SERVE
OTHERS

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SCRIPTURES

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