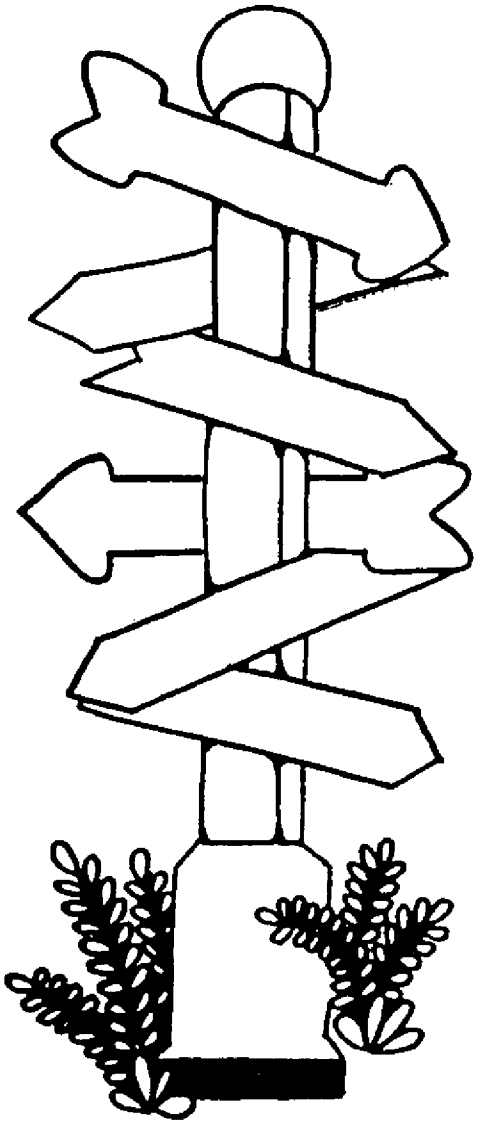
Preparing For My Baptism

You've made the right decision!

Congratulations!



You will soon be turning eight and will have the opportunity to be baptized. You are preparing for a very special day. We hope to be of service in making this event an outstanding highlight in your life.

We have compiled this book to help you learn the importance of the baptismal covenants you make and the promises Heavenly Father makes to you.

You are following one of Heavenly Father's commandments and He is very pleased with you. He loves you very much.

We hope you use and enjoy this book.

With love,

The Primary Presidency

My Baptismal Covenants

"My soul delighteth in the covenants of the Lord"
-2 Nephi 11:5

"Then cometh, Jesus from Galilee to, Jordan unto, John, to be baptized of him."
Matthew 3:13

What I Promise:

1. I will follow Jesus.
2. I will remember Jesus
3. I will keep his commandments.

Heavenly Father Promise's

1. He will forgive me.
2. He will give me the gift of the Holy Ghost.
3. He will give me eternal life.

Baptism Question

Am I ready?

What does it really mean to become a member of the church?

Who will baptize me?

QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE

1. What do I wear to the baptism service?
   Sunday Clothes
   Clean white underwear

2. What do I need to have with me?
   A towel
   A comb
   Dry underwear
   White socks
   Your recommend
   White clothes for the Priesthood holder doing the baptizing
   (You will be provided white clothing for the child being baptized)

3. Who may come to see me be baptized?
   Mom and Dad
   Brothers & Sisters
   Grandmas and Grandpas
   Aunts, Uncles, Friends, Teachers, anyone!

4. Can I hold my nose when I go under the water?
   Yes. The person baptizing you will show~ you how.

5. What happens if some of my hair or one of my toes doesn't go all the way under the water?
   You will be immersed (put under the water) a second time.

6. What promise or covenant do I make with Heavenly Father when I am baptized?
   You promise that from now on you will choose the right and obey all of his commandments. You will take upon yourself the name of Christ (that is, to become one of His true followers), and always remember to do what He has taught us to do.

7. What does Heavenly Father promise me?
   That His Spirit (the Holy Ghost) will always be with you. This will help you do what is right so that you can always be happy. If you do this, you can return and live with Him again.

8. What does it mean to be baptized by "immersion"?
   This means that your whole body is put completely under the water and then brought back up out of the water. Being under the water is a likeness of Jesus' death and burial. Being brought up out of the water is a likeness of Jesus' resurrection to a new life, and a likeness of your being born to a new clean life of righteousness.

9. Why must I be baptized and confirmed only by a man who holds the priesthood?
   A man who holds the priesthood has some of the same powers on earth that Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus have. Jesus says that if a man is a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood, or holds the Melchizedek Priesthood, he has the right or authority to baptize people in Jesus' name. A man who holds the Melchizedek Priesthood has the right to confirm people members of the Church of Jesus Christ. If a man doesn't hold the Priesthood, he doesn't have the right to do these special things for Heavenly Father and Jesus.

10. How shall I remember the promises I make at baptism? By reverently partaking of the sacrament each Sunday, and by listening to prayers offered over the bread and water.

Baptism Questionnaire

A. THINGS I SHOULD BE DOING

1. DO I HAVE PERSONAL PRAYER BOTH MORNING AND NIGHT?
2. DO I HONOR AND OBEY MY PARENTS
3. DO I PLAY FAIR WITH MY FRIENDS AND BROTHERS AND SISTER'?
4. DO I HELP AND RESPECT OTHERS?
5. DO I REPENT OF THINGS I DO WRONG?
6. DO I SHOW RESPECT FOR OUR CHURCH?
7. DO I ATTEND MY CHURCH MEETINGS?

B. THINGS I SHOULD KNOW AND FEEL INSIDE

1. DO I HAVE A TESTIMONY?
   A. DO I KNOW THAT HEAVENLY FATHER AND JESUS LIVE?
   B. DO I KNOW THE THINGS I AM TAUGHT IN PRIMARY ARE TRUE?
   C. DO I TRY YO LIVE THE THINGS I AM TAUGHT?
2. DO I WANT TO BE BAPTIZED?

C. ADDITIONAL THOUGHT QUESTIONS

1. DO I KNOW THE JOSEPH SMITH STORY?
2. DO I KNOW WHAT THE BOOK OF MORMON IS?
3. DO I KNOW WHAT THE BIBLE IS?
4. DO I PAY TITHING? DO I KNOW WHAT TITHING IS?
5. DO I FAST? DO I KNOW WHAT FASTING IS?
6. DO I KNOW WHAT THE PRIESTHOOD IS?
7. HAVE I ASKED SOMEONE WITH PRIESTHOOD AUTHORITY TO BAPTIZE ME?

CROSSWORDS

GAMES

WORDSEARCH

What is Baptism?

1. Baptism is for the remission of _____.

2. When I am ____ years old, I can be baptized.

3. To be baptized under water is called _____.

4. I need to be baptized by someone who has the _____ and is worthy.

5. Most people are baptized in a _____ _____.

6. I will be a _____ of The Church of _____ _____ of _____ - ____ _____ when I am baptized.

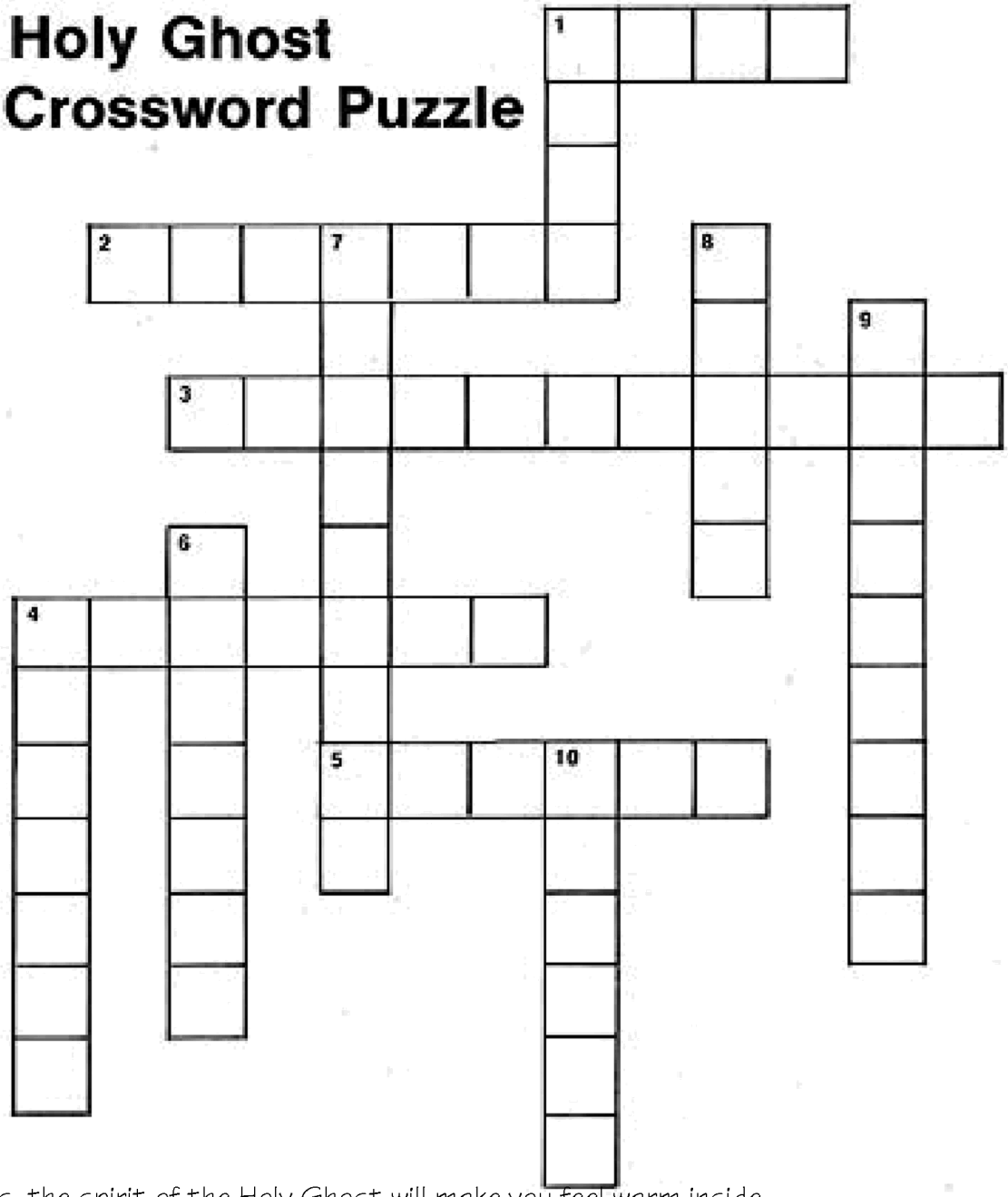
7. _____ clothes represent being clean & pure.

8. It is a _____ to be baptized.

A. Baptismal Font
B. sins
C. member
D. priesthood
E. Jesus Christ
F. immersion
G. Latter-day saints
H. white
I. eight
J. commandments

Answers: 1-b, 2-i, 3-f, 4-a, 6-c,e,g, 7-h, 8-j

Holy Ghost Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. The Holy Ghost is a _____ from our Heavenly Father.

2. The Holy Ghost is the third member of the _____.

3. The gift of the Holy Ghost must be given by men who hold the _____ Priesthood.

4. The Holy Ghost gives revelations to our _____ for the whole Church.

5. Because the Holy Ghost does not have a body of flesh and bones and we cannot see Him, He is a _____.

Down

1. When you do _____ things, the spirit of the Holy Ghost will make you feel warm inside.

4. The Holy Ghost will help you receive answers to your _____.

6. After being baptized, men lay their hands upon your head and _____ you a member of the Church and say, "Receive the Holy Ghost."

7. This helper can guide those who are baptized and live worthily (two words).

8. When you are worthy the Holy Ghost can _____ quietly to your conscience.

9. If you pray and live the commandments of our Heavenly Father, the Holy Ghost will help you develop a strong _____ of the gospel.

10. To be worthy of having the Holy Ghost for a companion, what must you do about your sins?

Across—(1) gift, (2) godhead, (3) Melchizedek, (4) prophet, (5) spirit. Down—(1) good, (4) prayers, (6) confirm, (7) Holy Ghost, (8) speak, (9) testimony, (10) repent.

Understanding the Holy Ghost

1. T___ e ____ oly G___ ost is t___ e t___ ird member of t___ e God___ ead.

2. We receive the H___ ly Gh___st by the laying ___n ___f hands. This ___rdinance is kn___wn as a c___nfirmati___n.

3. On___y men who ho___d the Me___chizedek Priesthood can bestow the ___ord's gift of the Ho___y Ghost on someone e__se.

4. If ___ou will tr___ to listen, ___ou will receive answers to ___our pra___ers from ___our Heavenl__{ Father.

5. ___oing into the waters of baptism and bein___ baptized and then receivin___ the ___ift of the ___host is a ___lorious blessing.

6. Always live wort__ily and listen closely so you can __ear t__e still, small voice of t___ e ___oly G___ost inside you.

7. The H___ly Gh___st will help y___u t___ build a str___ng testim___ny.

8. The Holy Gho___t doe___ not have a body of fle___h and bone___, but i___ a ___pirit that we cannot ___ee.

9. ___he Holy Ghos___ is a good friend and will always ___ell ___he ___ru___h.