

"Come, Listen to the Prophet's Voice"

Obedience

Display For The Week: "Surely, the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."
Amos 3:7

Scripture: "We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, namely, apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, and so forth."
6th Article of Faith

Opening Prayer:

Suggested Song: "Come, Listen to a Prophet's Voice" Hymns, page 21

Lesson:

When we left heaven and came to live here on earth, our memory of our time with Heavenly Father was dimmed and we forgot what took place there. He told us that he would not leave us alone but would give us instructions and prophets to help us return to Him. From the time of Adam, as long as the Church was on the earth, there have been prophets to lead and guide us. Sometimes the people have chosen to listen to those prophets and other times they have put them to death or ignored them (if it was not convenient or they were words they didn't want to hear).

Have you ever wondered what it might have been like to live on the earth when Jesus was here? Sometimes it's hard to imagine how the people could have put Him to death when He loved them so much. He healed their sick, lame and blind. He taught them how to be happy. He never stole, fought or hurt anyone and yet they killed Him. Sometimes it is hard for us to understand how they could have been so wicked. I'm sure that if I had been a child then, or a mother, or a father that I would have worshipped and listened to Him.....OR WOULD I?

He has established the same church now that He established when he was here on the earth many years ago. He has told us "What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself; and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same." (D&C 1:38)

That means that when a prophet tells us to do something, it is the same as if Jesus was telling us to do it! Sometimes we choose to obey. Sometimes we disobey.

Some of the things the prophets have instructed us to do are:

(Pull the word strips out and discuss each one and where you are as a family in your progression).

1. Have Family Home Evening.

2. Honor our fathers and mothers.
3. Don't quarrel or fight in our families.
4. Obtain our food storage.
5. Attend the temple.
6. Do our Genealogy.
7. Love others and forgive them.

How are we doing as a family? You may want to rate yourselves from 1-10. By working together, it will help all of us to work out our salvation and be able to return to our Father in Heaven.

Each year we have two special times that the prophet speaks directly to us at General Conference. One is in April and the other time is in October. They give us revelations directly from the Lord for our time. We also have the Ensign, Church News and other instructions for us weekly or monthly. Do we read them and try to obey?

When conference is broadcast on TV or we have an opportunity to attend General Conference or Stake conference, Regional conference or any other special meeting that is for our benefit - Do we eagerly attend and listen carefully to the instructions the Lord has asked our leaders to give to us?

Heavenly Father can see the whole eternal plan. We can only see a small portion. We might know what is going to happen today or this week, but it is hard for us to predict what will happen next year or five years from now. Heavenly Father knows where we are and what we need to do to be safe and happy. He wants to help us and guide us. He loves us and wants us to be happy.

Will we have the faith to follow him?

Activity: Set one goal in one area that we will do as a family to follow the prophet. When conference comes, listen carefully to the Prophet's message for us to follow - then ____ as President Kimball said "DO IT!"

Smaller children may want to color the picture or make a mark next to the word when they hear the word in conference on the enclosed sheet. A conference bingo is also enclosed to help concentrate on special subjects during the conference.

Refreshments: Heavenly Lemon Pie

- 1 Can sweetened condensed milk
- 1/2 lemon juice & grated rind 1 ctn. cool whip
- 1 can frozen lemonade mix (6 oz) 1 baked pie shell

Mix milk, lemonade, juice and rind together thoroughly. Fold in whipped topping. Pile high into baked pie shell and top with graham cracker crumbs. Serves 8. (This can be made in orange, strawberry or banana flavor.)

Closing Prayer:

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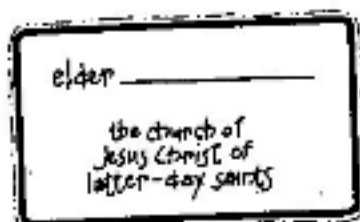
Jesus



food storage



attend temple



missionary



commandments



read scriptures



genealogy

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sing



be happy



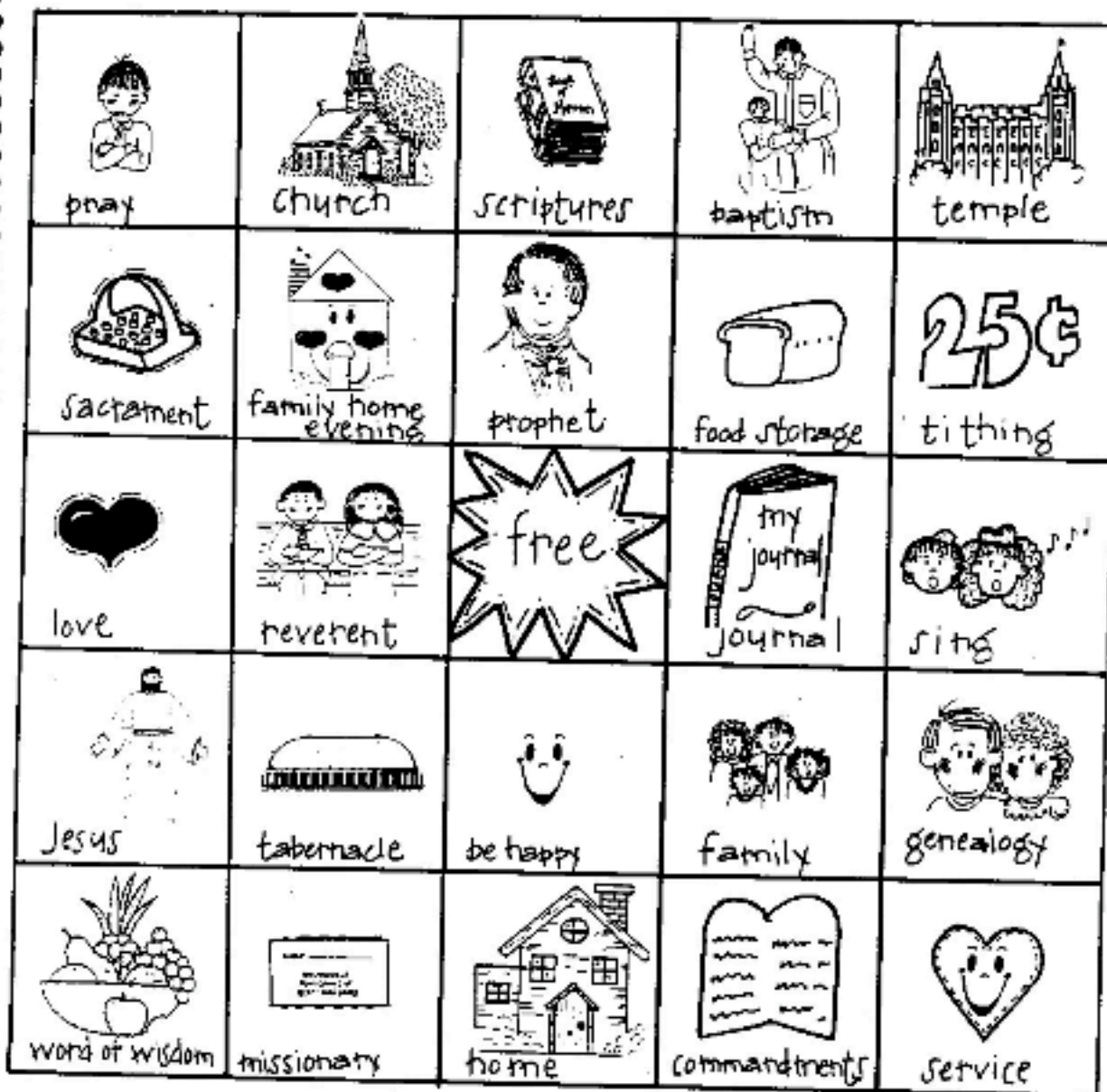
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family home evening



Conference bingo



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