

Family Home Evening

Principles of the Gospel

LESSON 3

Jesus Christ, Our Chosen Leader and Savior

Mondays has been set aside by Church Leaders as "Family Home Evening".

Family home evening is a special time set aside each week that brings family members together and strengthens their love for each other, helps them draw closer to Heavenly Father, and encourages them to live righteously.

"If the Saints obey [the counsel to have Family Home Evening], we promise that great blessings will result. Love at home and obedience to parents will increase. Faith will be developed in the hearts of the youth of Israel, and they will gain power to combat the evil influence and temptations which beset them." - 1st Presidency Letter - April 1915

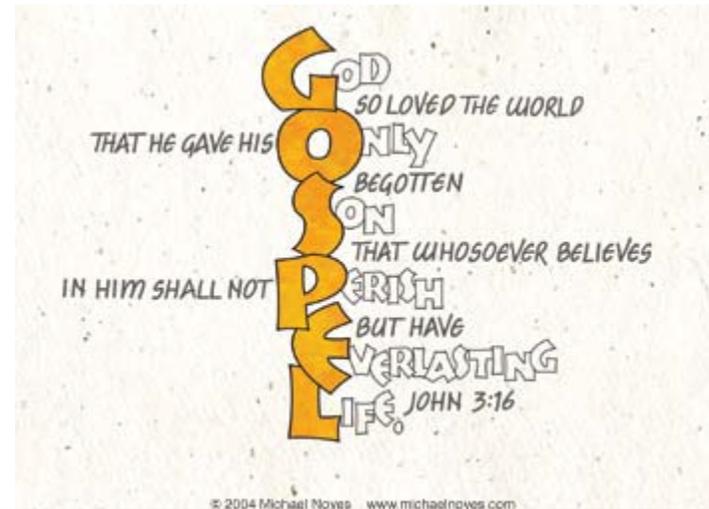
This booklet is designed as a Family Home Evening lesson for you to teach your family and is based on the Gospel Principles lesson from the previous day. It is complete with an agenda, lesson suggestions, and, most weeks, an activity.

Please prayerfully consider the needs of your family as you prepare your weekly family home evening.

**Nellis Manor Ward
North Las Vegas Nevada Stake**

FHE Agenda

Opening Song:	Children's Songbook # 4 <i>I Lived in Heaven</i> (found on page 6)
Invocation (opening prayer)	
Praise Achievement	A moment of recognizing achievements and receiving enthusiastic support from each other.
Scripture	Abraham 3:27 (page 38) (found on page 3)
Lesson	Summarize Lesson 1 from <i>Gospel Principles</i> manual (sample on page 3)
Activity	<i>Friend</i> , Mar 1994 "Sharing Time: The Plan of Salvation offers me peace" (found on page 4 & 5)
Picture	Gospel Art Picture Kit # 237 (found on page 8)
Memorize (for older children & adults)	John 3:16 (found on page 7)
Closing Song	Children's Songbook # 4 <i>I Lived in Heaven</i> (found on page 6)
Benediction (closing prayer)	
Refreshments	Ice Cream Bibles (recipe on page 7)



Ice Cream Bibles

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Bake Times: 14 min.

Ingredients:

- 8 oz. semi-sweet baking chocolate
- 3/4 c. firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/3 stick butter or margarine
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 c. chocolate chips (optional)
- 1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream

directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F
2. Lightly coat a 13" x 18" jelly roll pan with cooking spray.
3. Melt baking chocolate on high in microwave for 2 minutes.
4. Cream together brown sugar, butter, eggs, and vanilla.
5. Slowly add melted chocolate.
6. Fold in flour, baking powder and salt and mix until smooth.
7. Spread into pan (it will be a very

- thin layer). Bake for 14 minutes
8. Chill in refrigerator until completely cooled.
9. Cut into twenty 3" x 3" squares and ten 1/2" x 3" rectangles (see diagram)
10. Cut the ice cream with a hot knife into 3" squares.

Assembly:

Let children help assemble their ice cream bibles by placing an ice cream square (the book pages) on top of a cookie square (book back cover). Place another cookie square (the book front cover) on top of the ice cream. Place a 1/2 inch rectangle (the book spine) on one side, between the two cookies.

Optional:

Use decorator frosting to write Holy Bible on front cover.



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Sample Lesson

I Lived in Heaven

Simply ♩ = 48-58

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/8. The first system has a tempo marking of 'Simply' and a metronome marking of '♩ = 48-58'. The lyrics are: '1. I lived in heav-en a long time a-go, it is true; 2. Fa-ther said he need-ed some-one who had e-nough love 3. Je-sus was cho-sen, and as the Mes-si-ah he came,'. The second system has lyrics: 'Lived there and loved there with peo-ple I know. So did you. To give his life so we all could re-turn there a-bove. Con-quer-ing e-vil and death through his glo-ri-ous name,'. The third system has lyrics: 'Then Heav'n-ly Fa-ther pre-sent-ed a beau-ti-ful plan, There was an-oth-er who sought for the hon-or di-vine. Giv-ing us hope of a won-der-ful life yet to be'. The fourth system has lyrics: 'All a-bout earth and e-ter-nal sal-va-tion for man. Je-sus said, "Fa-ther, send me, and the glo-ry be thine." Home in that heav-en where Fa-ther is wait-ing for me.' The piano accompaniment includes various chords and fingerings indicated by numbers 1-5.

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2. Fa-ther said he need-ed some-one who had e-nough love
3. Je-sus was cho-sen, and as the Mes-si-ah he came,

Lived there and loved there with peo-ple I know. So did you.
To give his life so we all could re-turn there a-bove.
Con-quer-ing e-vil and death through his glo-ri-ous name,

Then Heav'n-ly Fa-ther pre-sent-ed a beau-ti-ful plan,
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As members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we know a little bit about the premortal existence. We learned of how we developed talents and how leaders were preordained to be leaders before they were born on the earth. A plan was presented there, which we call the Plan of Salvation or the Plan of Happiness.

We learned that we would leave the presence of God for a time. We would not be able to remember living with Him. This would allow us to live by faith.

God gives us the freedom to choose for ourselves in this life. This is known as “Moral Agency”. With this freedom we have we make some wrong choices. Sadly, we all do things that are against what God would have us do. This is known as sin.

To allow us to return to live with God, we needed a savior. The savior would pay a price for our sins and make up the difference. Two of our brothers offered to be the savior. Jesus Christ (who was then known as Jehovah) offered to follow God’s plan and allow us to choose for ourselves.

Satan (who was then known as Lucifer) would force us to do what we needed to return to live with God. We wouldn’t be able to learn and grow. We wouldn’t gain anything from coming to earth. Further, Satan wanted all of God’s glory.

God chose Jehovah (Jesus Christ) to become the Savior.

Satan got mad at God when Jesus Christ was chosen to be the Savior. This War was horrible. 1/3 of the hosts of heaven decided (with their moral agency) to follow Satan. As a result of their rebellion against God, they, along with Satan, was cast out of the presence of God.

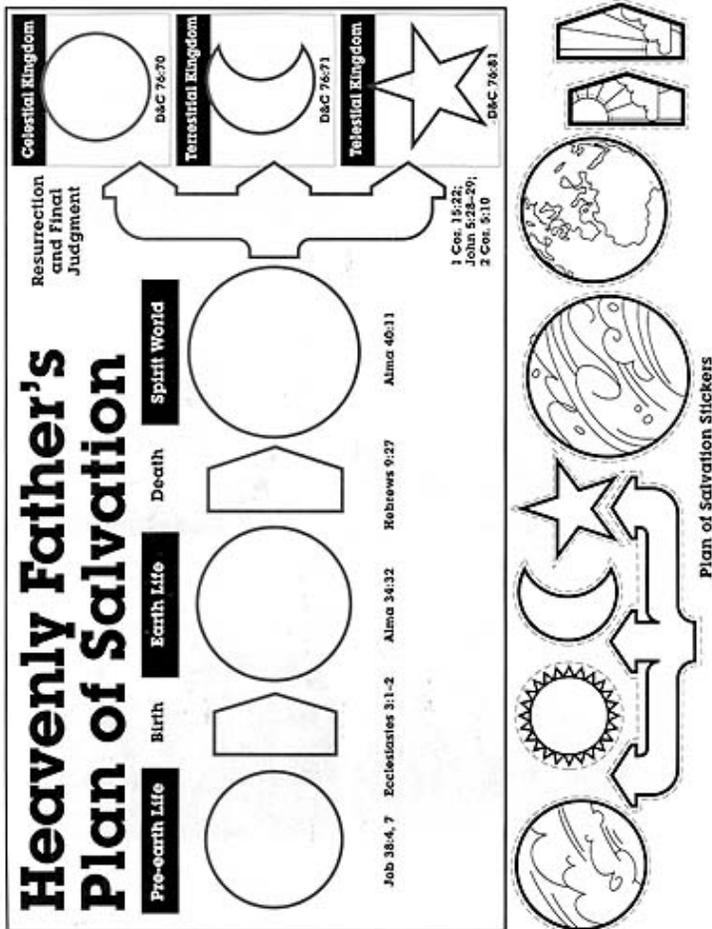
Everyone who has, is, or will live on earth chose to follow God. We “kept our first estate”. If we continue to follow God, we will return to His presence.

We can follow God’s teachings, which He has revealed through His prophets. Or we can choose not to. If we follow God’s teachings, we will be happy and will be able to return to His presence.

Scripture

And the Lord said: Whom shall I send? And one answered like unto the Son of Man: Here am I, send me. And another answered and said: Here am I, send me. And the Lord said: I will send the first.

Abraham 3:27



Where did you come from? Why are you here on earth? Where will you go when your life on earth is over? Heavenly Father answered these questions when He gave us the plan of salvation—His plan for His children:

Where did you come from? You came from heaven, where you lived with your Heavenly Parents as a spirit child.

Why are you here on earth? You came to earth to gain a body and to show that you can keep Heavenly Father’s commandments and learn to live like Jesus.

Where will you go when your life on earth is over? You will go to a spirit world, where you will be loved. You will wait there until the time of resurrection and judgment. Jesus is the Savior and has paid for all our sins. If you have turned eight years old and become accountable, have faith, and have repented and been baptized, you will be forgiven for your sins. In heaven are three separate kingdoms, or places of glory—the telestial (lowest), the terrestrial (middle), and the celestial (highest) kingdoms. If you have kept the commandments in a valiant way, you will go to the celestial kingdom to enjoy eternal life with Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

When we learned in our pre-earth life about the plan of salvation, we were so excited that we shouted for joy (see Job 38:7). Because we’re here on earth, we know that we followed the first part of Heavenly Father’s plan. And we can continue to follow His plan by keeping the commandments. In this way, with the help of the Savior, we can return home to Heavenly Father and Jesus someday. Understanding the plan of salvation brings us peace.

Instructions

1. Remove page 4, color the plan of salvation stickers, and cut them out
2. Cut off the plan of salvation chart and mount it on lightweight cardboard.
3. Read the scripture references, then paste the stickers where they belong on the chart