



Family Home Evening

Principles of the Gospel

LESSON 1

Our Father in Heaven

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.

This Churchwide program is designed for families to take time to pray and sing together, read the scriptures, teach the gospel to one another, and participate in other activities that will help build family unity.

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**

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**WE BELIEVE IN
God, THE
ETERNAL FATHER,
AND IN HIS SON, JESUS
CHRIST, AND IN THE HOLY
GHOST.**



FHE Agenda

Opening Song:	Children's Songbook # 2 <i>I am a Child of God</i> (found on page 6) (GP: 366)
Invocation (opening prayer)	
Praise Achievement	A moment of recognizing achievements and receiving enthusiastic support from each other.
Scripture	Mosiah 4:9 (page 155)
Lesson	Summarize Lesson 1 from <i>Gospel Principles</i> manual (sample on page 3)
Activity	<i>Friend</i> , Feb 1995 "Sharing Time: The Godhead" Read each scripture reference and then color the spaces as directed. (found on page 4 & 5)
Picture	Gospel Art Picture Kit # 403 (found on page 6)
Memorize (for older children & adults)	The 1st Article of Faith (found on page 6)
Closing Song	Children's Songbook # 5 <i>I Know My Father Lives</i> (found on page 7) (GP: 367)
Benediction (closing prayer)	
Refreshments	Scripture Cake (recipe on page 3)

I Know My Father Lives

Gently ♩ = 72-92

To play this as a duet, one person plays the accompaniment, and another person plays the voice parts one octave higher.

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I Am a Child of God

Optional descant (with verse 3) for voice over instrument

The musical score consists of four systems. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics, a piano accompaniment with chords, and a guitar line with chords. The lyrics are: "I am a child of God, And bless-ings are in store; If I learn to do his will, I'll live with him once more. Oh, giv-en me an earth-ly home With par-ents kind and dear. me to un-der-stand his words Be-fore it grows too late. I but learn to do his will, I'll live with him once more. lead, guide, walk be-side, Help me to find the way. Lead me, guide me, walk be-side me, Help me find the way. Teach me what I must do To live with him some-day. Teach me all that I must do To live with him some-day."

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Sample Lesson

As members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we know that God lives. He is the almighty, the ruler of the all. He lives in Heaven. His son, Jesus Christ, is our Lord and Savior. Everything in the galaxy, including the stars, the moon, and the sun, was made by Jesus Christ, under the direction of His Father. Everything on earth, the plants, the animals, everything, Christ created.

All these things testify to the honest in heart that this is a God, there is someone or something that created it all.

God created all of us. He is literally our “Father in Heaven”. We were created in His image. What does this mean? It means we look like Him! However, our body is not perfect yet. Because of the body we have, it wears out. During our mortal life, we get sick, we get old, there are physical and mental handicaps, and a variety of other problems. And, eventually, our body will die. Just like us, God has a body. However, His body is perfect! He doesn’t get sick, His body doesn’t age, and, of course, God won’t die.

As a loving parent, God wants what is best for us. He wants us to become like Him. If we will do as He commands us, we shall be able to say, like John, that we know that “when [Christ] shall appear, we shall be like him” (1st John 3:2).

The more we know God, the more we can become like Him.

How Can We Know God?

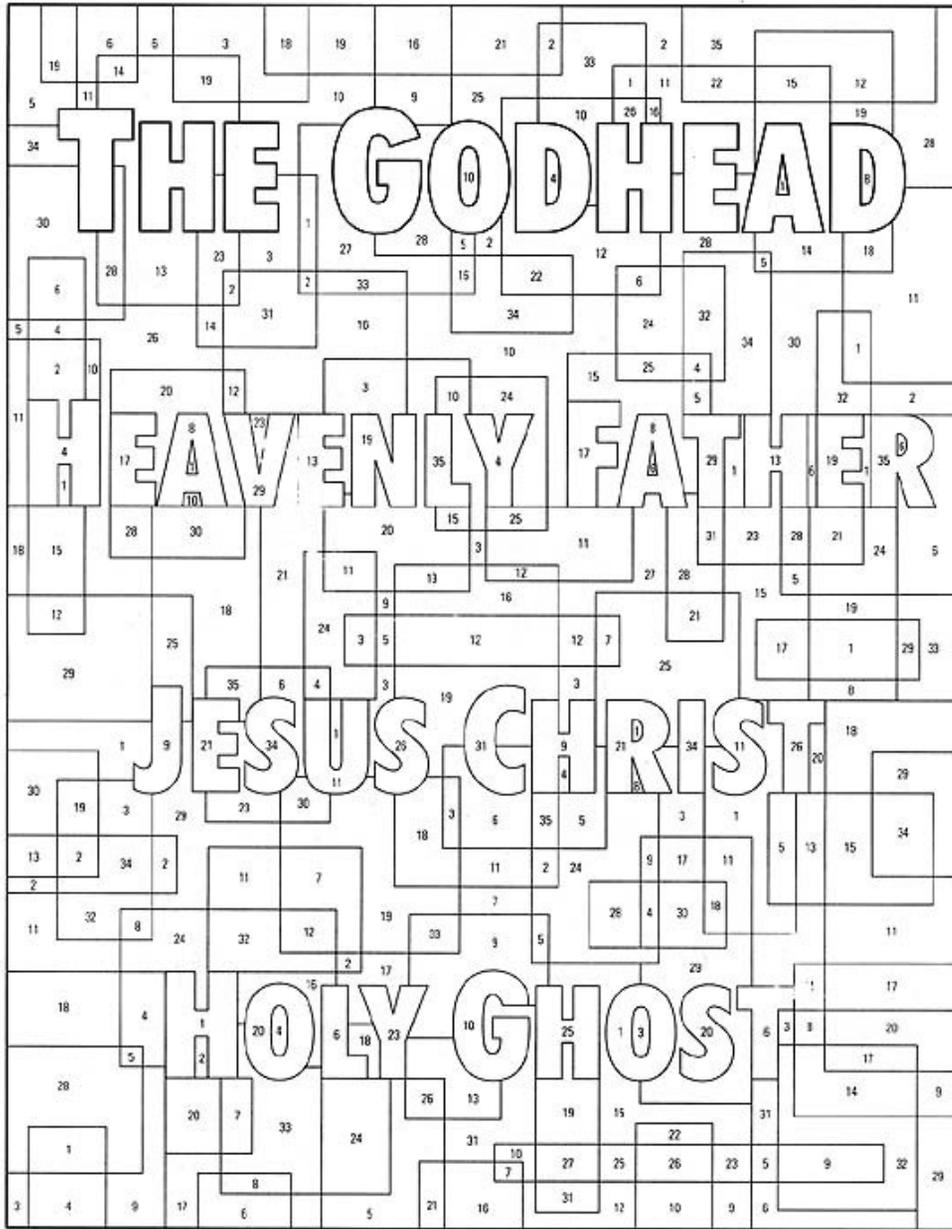
- By doing what He asks!
- By studying the scriptures!
- By praying to Him!
- By having faith in Him!

Scripture Cake (Spice Cake)

You may read the scripture references to your family and let them figure out what the ingredients are.

- 2 cups 1 Kings 4:22 (flour)
- 1 1/2 cups Jeremiah 6:20 (sugar)
- 2 teaspoons Amos 4:5 (1 tsp. baking soda and 1 tsp. baking powder)
- 2 Chronicles 9:9 (spices— 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1/4 tsp. ground cloves, 1/4 tsp. nutmeg)
- pinch of Leviticus 2:13 (salt)
- 1 cup Judges 4:19, last clause (milk)
- 1/2 cup Judges 5:25, last clause (butter)
- 3 large Jeremiah 17:11 (eggs)

- Note: May add 1/2 teaspoon vanilla if desired
- Heat oven to 350°. Grease sides and bottoms of a 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan.
 - In a bowl combine 1 Kings, Jeremiah 6:20, Amos, 2 Chronicles and Leviticus.
 - Add Judges 4:19 and 5:25. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed until combined. Beat two minutes on high.
 - Add *Jeremiah 17:11* and beat two minutes more.
 - Pour batter into pan. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean.
 - Cool on a wire rack.



The scriptures help us learn about each member of the Godhead. After you read each characteristic and scripture citation below, look up the reference to learn more about God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost. Then color the spaces in the picture as suggested after the scripture reference.

1. God the Father is the father of everyone: “We are the offspring of God” (Acts 17:29) and “Ye are of God, little children.” (See 1 Jn. 4:4.) Color 1s and 20s yellow.

2. You receive the Holy Ghost after you are baptized: “If thou wilt ... be baptized ... in the name of ... Jesus Christ ... , ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” (See Moses 6:52.) Color 2s and 16s orange.

3. The Holy Ghost is a gift from Heavenly Father: “The Holy Ghost, which ... shall dwell in your heart ... is thy gift.” (See D&C 8:2–4.) Color 3s and 33s green.

4. Jesus is Heavenly Father’s Son: “Jesus is baptized and the Father acclaims him,” saying, “This is my beloved Son.” (See Matt. 3:17, heading.) Color 4s and 17s blue.

5. God the Father lives in a beautiful and shiny place: “The angels ... reside in the presence of God, on a globe like a sea of glass and fire.” (See D&C 130:6–7.) Color 5s, 22s, and 27s purple.

6. God the Father knows all things: “O how great the holiness of our God! For he knoweth all things.” (See 2 Ne. 9:20.) Color 6s and 23s yellow.

7. Jesus Christ created our earth: “The Father ... hath delivered us ... into the kingdom of his dear Son: ... For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth.” (See Col. 1:12–16.) Color 7s, 18s, and 32s purple.

8. Jesus Christ is the perfect example: “Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; ... For I have given you an example.” (See John 13:13–15.) Color 8s and 29s blue.

9. The Holy Ghost helps you gain a testimony of Jesus Christ: “Ye may know that he is, by the power of the Holy Ghost.” (See Moro. 10:7.) Color 9s, 21s, and 34s red.

10. God the Father gave us his Only Begotten Son: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son.” (See John 3:16.) Color 10s and 25s yellow.

11. Jesus Christ is the God of this earth: “Behold, I am Jesus Christ. ... I am the God of ... the whole earth.” (See 3 Ne. 11:10–14.) Color 11s, 26s, and 31s red.

12. You lived with Heavenly Father in heaven: “Ye have known him ... from the beginning ... , because ye have known the Father.” (See 1 Jn. 2:13.) Color 12s green.

13. The Holy Ghost helps you to know the truth: “And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things.” (See Moro. 10:5.) Color 13s, 19s, and 35s blue.

14. You belong to Jesus’ church: “For thus shall my church be called in the last days, even The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” (See D&C 115:4.) Color 14s, 24s, and 30s green.

15. The Holy Ghost can guide you: “If ye will ... receive the Holy Ghost, it will show unto you all things what ye should do.” (See 2 Ne. 32:5.) Color 15s and 28s orange.