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"Mondays Made Easy"

I Belong to The
Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints



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-Family Home Evening Guide-

Gather the family together for a great Family Home Evening!

Welcome and weekly Family News Brief

Items to mention _____

Opening Prayer offered by _____.

Scripture given by _____.

Doctrine and Covenants 115:4-5

4 For thus shall my church be called in the last days, even The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

5 Verily I say unto you all: Arise and shine forth, that thy light may be a standard for the nations.

Song led by _____.

“The Church of Jesus Christ” (Children’s Songbook, Page 77)

Lesson given by _____.

Lesson- “I Belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints”

Words of a Prophet given by _____.

Closing Prayer offered by _____.

Game and Treats (if desired)

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Lesson Objective- To help children understand what it truly means to be a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and to explain some of the fundamental building blocks and beliefs of the Church they belong to.

Preparation- Prayerfully read over all parts of the lesson, adding personal points as the Spirit prompts. Familiarize yourself with the “Hands On” portion so it runs smoothly. Fill out the “FHE Guide” and prepare for the “Family News Brief.”

Lesson- Start out with a discussion about baby blessings and how, in the Church, infants are given a “name” that they will be known by on earth and also upon the records of the Church. This is the first step of many that we take in belonging to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

See What They Say-

Ask your family what it means to belong to something. Explain that belonging means to be a part of with a group or joined with an organization that have things in common. Ask what other groups they can think of that they “belong” to and what they have in common. Some examples might include their family, school class, primary class, scout group, sport’s team or even broader such as their neighborhood, state or country.

We also belong to Jesus Christ’s church and have many things in common as members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is important that we understand why we belong to the Church and what we believe in.

Share Yourself-

Take a moment to tell your family why you belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and what this

belonging means to you. Some ideas might include- the peace you receive from knowing you belong to Jesus Christ's only restored church on the earth in the latter days, the feelings of comfort you receive from the Holy Ghost on a daily basis, or the joy and happiness that come from living the gospel each and every day.

"Hands On" Activity-

The Building Blocks of Our Church

Divide the building blocks between the members of your family. Explain that you are going to be building something very important with these special blocks. Tell them that each block represents important beliefs that we hold as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As you call for each block, have the child stand next to you as you explain the block's topic, (older children may be able to tell you about the block's topic) and then help the child put the block in its correct place.



Block #1 -The Priesthood. Jesus Christ's church has the priesthood that existed back in the Old and New Testaments. This priesthood was restored to the Prophet Joseph Smith in the latter days. In our church, we use the priesthood to do many great things like baptizing new members, healing the sick, blessing the sacrament, and many other important things. Our church is the only church to have the restored priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Block #2 -The Book of Mormon. We believe The Book of Mormon to be another testament of Jesus Christ. Joseph Smith said that the Book of Mormon is "the keystone of our religion, and a man will get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book".

Block #3 -The Holy Bible. The Latter-day Saints have a great reverence and love for the Bible. The Prophet Joseph Smith studied the Bible all his life, and he taught its precepts. We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly.

Block #4 -The Godhead. God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ appeared to Joseph Smith in answer to his prayer in the sacred grove. We believe that the Godhead consists of three separate beings: God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost.

Block #5 -Baptism. We believe in baptism by immersion for the remission of our sins and the laying on of hands to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Jesus Christ himself set the example of the importance of baptism.

Block #6 -Temples. Temples are very important to the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This is where church members go to make sacred covenants with their Father in Heaven and to feel of his spirit. Just as in times of old, the temple is God's house on earth.

Block #7 -The Plan of Salvation. Before we came to earth, our Heavenly Father prepared a plan to help us become like Him.

This plan is called the plan of salvation. The plan of salvation is the fullness of the gospel. Because of this plan, we can be made perfect through the Atonement of Jesus Christ, receive a fulness of joy, and live forever in the presence of God. Our families can last forever because of the plan of salvation (Alma 24:14; Moses 6:62).

Block #8 -Latter-day Prophets. Jesus Christ's church is lead by a prophet called by God. What is a prophet? A man with a very special calling who talks with our Father in Heaven and Jesus Christ and tells the members of the church what they want us to know and do. Christ's church has a living prophet on the earth today.

Testimony-

As the Latter-day Saint church house is finished, place the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" block in front of the building. Bear your testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel, the Book of Mormon, and of the joy and peace you find in being a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Words of a Prophet-

"Joining the Church is a serious thing. Each convert takes upon himself or herself the name of Christ with an implied promise to keep His commandments. . . .Every one of you is precious. Every one of you is a son or daughter of God."

-Gordon B. Hinckley, "A Perfect Brightness of Hope: To New Members of the Church," *Ensign*, Oct 2006, 2-5