

# TEMPLE COUNTDOWN

# 40

Weeks

Activity Book for  
Individuals & Families



2025-26

# WELCOME TO THE 40 WEEK MODESTO TEMPLE COUNTDOWN



The 40-Week Countdown and Celebration for the Modesto California Temple is a special initiative designed to prepare and unite members of the stake in joyful anticipation of the temple's dedication. Each week, families and individuals will engage in meaningful activities centered around the Savior, the importance of the temple, and the blessings of eternal covenants. These activities will provide opportunities for personal and family worship, reflection, and service, creating a shared journey of spiritual growth throughout the community.

Weekly celebrations will include simple, uplifting actions such as family home evenings focused on temple teachings, special children's activities to build excitement and understanding, and invitations for youth and adults to participate in personal study, service projects, and missionary efforts. Every activity is designed to deepen testimony, encourage family unity, and foster a greater love for the Lord and His house. There are also 40 coloring pages for children to work on each week with the family.

Through this 40-week journey, members will experience heightened spirituality as they prioritize the Savior and temple covenants in their daily lives. Worship will become more meaningful as hearts and homes are turned more fully toward eternal principles. In addition, this effort is expected to broaden missionary outreach as members

share their excitement and love for the temple with friends, neighbors, and their wider communities.

Ultimately, the countdown will create a spirit of unity and joyful anticipation, strengthening faith across all ages. By the time the temple doors open for the open house and dedication, members will be prepared, spiritually refined, and filled with gratitude for the blessings the temple brings. This 40-week celebration is more than a countdown — it is a transformational journey that invites all to come closer to Christ and experience the joy of His sacred house.

*See, the Good Shepherd is seeking,*

*Seeking the lambs that are lost,*

*Bringing them in with rejoicing,*

“ *Saved at such infinite cost.*

“

*17 Then said Jesus unto them, The law and the prophets testify of me; yea, and all the prophets who have written, even until John, have foretold of these days.*

Luke 16:17

Share your testimony with someone this week, in person, by email, text or social media. Sharing your testimony about the temple can be a deeply personal and meaningful experience. Focus on your own feelings and how the temple has impacted your life. Instead of describing specific aspects of the temple, share the peace, love, and clarity you've felt when you've been there.

Keep your words simple and sincere, focusing on how the

temple brings you closer to God and helps you feel His love. It's also powerful to tie your testimony back to Jesus Christ, as the temple is a place to connect with Him.

Look for natural opportunities to share, whether through casual conversations or moments when people express curiosity about your faith. A brief and heartfelt witness, like "The temple has brought me so much peace and direction," can be powerful.

## Share Your Testimony

Week **01**

October 19

FOR KIDS



A testimony is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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*5 And an account of my making these plates shall be given hereafter; and then, behold, I proceed according to that which I have spoken; and this I do that the more sacred things may be kept for the knowledge of my people.* 1 Nephi 17:5

Writing in your journal is a unique tool for spiritual growth and multi-directional connection. By recording your thoughts, experiences, and testimonies, you create a personal history that can bless both you and your posterity. Journaling helps you recognize the Lord in your life, making everyday more meaningful.

As you reflect on your spiritual journey, you draw closer to the Savior and gain greater clarity on His role in guiding you. Your

journal can also be a record of temple experiences, family history efforts, and promptings received during sacred moments. For future generations, your words become a legacy of faith, showing how you lived the gospel and trusted in Christ.

Over time, your journal becomes more than just a record—it becomes a witness of your testimony and a source of inspiration rooted in love, covenant keeping, and temple-centered living.

## Write in Your Journal Every Day

Week **02**

October 26



My favorite memory is when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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*20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:*  
Ephesians 2:20-21

Painting a stone with an temple theme and placing it in a public space is a simple yet powerful way to inspire and uplift others. Such a small act of creativity can serve as a quiet testimony, reminding those who see it of sacred places, eternal families, and the peace that comes from spiritual connection. The image of a temple—a symbol of holiness, hope, and heavenly purpose—can offer comfort to those facing challenges and spark curiosity in those unfamiliar with its meaning. Whether it prompts

a moment of reflection, a smile, or even a deeper interest in faith, this kind gesture can plant seeds of light in unexpected places, sharing the message that God’s love and presence can be felt everywhere. Thoughtful and respectful places to leave them might include:

- Public parks
- Community gardens
- Libraries
- Hospital gardens
- Trail heads
- Bus stops
- Community centers
- Theatre entries
- Anywhere!

## Make a Temple Stone

Week **03**

November 02

FOR KIDS



I'm going to place my stone at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

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*7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 1:7-8

Doing an act of kindness can help us focus on the temple and Christ by aligning our actions with the Savior's example of love and service. The temple is a symbol of holiness, sacrifice, and covenant-keeping, and when we serve others, we emulate the very attributes Christ taught and embodied.

Kindness softens our hearts, invites the Spirit, and turns our thoughts away from self-centered concerns toward eternal values. As we lift

others, we are reminded of the temple's purpose: to prepare us to become more like Christ and to bind families together through love and service.

Each act of kindness becomes a small expression of our temple covenants to care for one another and build Zion. In living this way, we draw closer to the Savior and find deeper meaning in our worship, both inside and outside the temple.

Perform An Act of Kindness

Week **04**

November 09

FOR KIDS



I can be kind by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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*4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*

Romans 15:4

Studying the scriptures effectively begins with prayer, inviting the Spirit to guide your understanding. Start by setting aside a quiet, consistent time each day to study. Read slowly and thoughtfully, looking for words, phrases, or themes that stand out to you. Take notes or highlight verses that feel meaningful, and ask yourself questions like, “What is God teaching me?” or “How does this apply to my life?”

Study by topic, character, or chapter to deepen your focus, and don’t rush—pondering even a few verses can be more powerful than reading large sections quickly. Cross-reference scriptures and use study guides or footnotes to gain deeper insights. Most importantly, seek personal revelation as you study, allowing the Lord to speak to your heart. Acting on what you learn—by living it—will help the scriptures become a powerful, living part of your daily life.

Read Your Scriptures Every Day

Week **05**

November 16



My favorite scripture is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

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*I O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.*

Psalms 136:1

Sharing a moment of gratitude is a simple, yet impactful way to uplift yourself and those around you. It can be as basic as writing a thank-you note, expressing appreciation in a conversation, or posting a kind message on-line.

These small acts remind others that they matter and their efforts are seen. Gratitude strengthens relationships, fosters empathy, and creates a ripple effect of positivity. When you pause to acknowledge

blessings—like a friend’s support, a kind gesture, or even a quiet moment of peace—you shift your focus from stress to joy. Sharing that gratitude out loud invites others to reflect on their own blessings, building a sense of connection and mutual encouragement. Over time, these shared moments build a culture of kindness, strengthen emotional resilience, and increase your own sense of peace, purpose, and spiritual strength in everyday life.

## Share a Gratitude Moment

Week **06**

November 23

FOR KIDS



I am grateful for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

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*21 Yea, and they did obey and observe to perform every word of command with exactness; yea, and even according to their faith it was done unto them; and I did remember the words which they said unto me that their mothers had taught them.* Alma 57:21

Documenting a family story by interviewing older adults is a powerful way to connect with your heritage and deepen your commitment to temple work. By asking thoughtful questions and listening to their experiences, you preserve valuable memories, faith-filled moments, and personal insights that might otherwise be lost. These stories bring ancestors to life, helping you see them as real people with trials, triumphs, and testimonies.

Recording these histories through writing, audio, or video strengthens family bonds and can reveal names or details useful in family history work. As you learn about their lives, your desire to perform ordinances for them in the temple often increases. This process invites the Spirit, centers your heart on the Savior's plan of eternal families, and turns storytelling into sacred work that links generations with love and purpose.

## Document a Family Story

Week **07**

November 30

FOR KIDS



I interviewed my \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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*6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.*

Isaiah 9:6

Creating a temple-themed Christmas ornament is a beautiful way to combine holiday joy with spiritual meaning. Start with a clear or wooden ornament and add a small picture or silhouette of your favorite temple using stickers, vinyl, or decoupage. You can also paint a simple temple outline by hand or trace it onto the ornament.

Add meaningful touches like stars, white glitter for purity, or words such as “Holiness to the Lord.”

Small charms, ribbon, or tags with scriptures or family names can personalize it even more. Crafting this ornament can be a fun family activity or a quiet moment of reflection.

Hanging it on your tree serves as a visual reminder of eternal blessings and the Savior’s role in temple covenants. Each year, it helps focus your holiday celebrations on Christ, family, and the hope found in His holy house.

## Create a Temple Christmas Ornament

Week **08**

December 07

FOR KIDS



Above is an example ornament template you can color in or use!

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*46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.*

John 12:46-47

A visit to the Oakland Temple Visitor Center at Christmas time is a beautiful way to feel the spirit of the season and prepare our hearts for the blessings of the new temple. Spend time on the grounds or at the visitor center enjoying the peaceful gardens and stunning Christmas lights.

Bringing a friend makes the experience even more meaningful, offering a chance to share testimonies, memories, and feelings

about the Savior and the purpose of temples. Inside the visitor center, exhibits and art focused on Jesus Christ and eternal families help center our thoughts on the true meaning of Christmas. The light displays serve as a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World, and remind us of the sacred work to come in the new temple. This uplifting experience gently turns our hearts toward holiness, hope, and deeper temple preparation.

Visit the Oakland Temple

Week **09**

December 14

FOR KIDS



My favorite place at the temple is \_\_\_\_\_.

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*21 Pray in your families unto the Father, always in my name, that your wives and your children may be blessed.*

3 Nephi 18:21

Holding a family prayer circle focused on the temple is a meaningful way to invite the Spirit and strengthen your home. Choose a quiet time when all family members can gather—perhaps in the morning, evening, or on a Sabbath. Begin with a short message or scripture about temples, helping everyone focus on their sacred purpose. Then take turns offering simple, heartfelt prayers for the success of the temple, for those building it, and for people who will

one day enter its doors. Encourage children and adults to express their love for the Savior and their hopes for temple blessings.

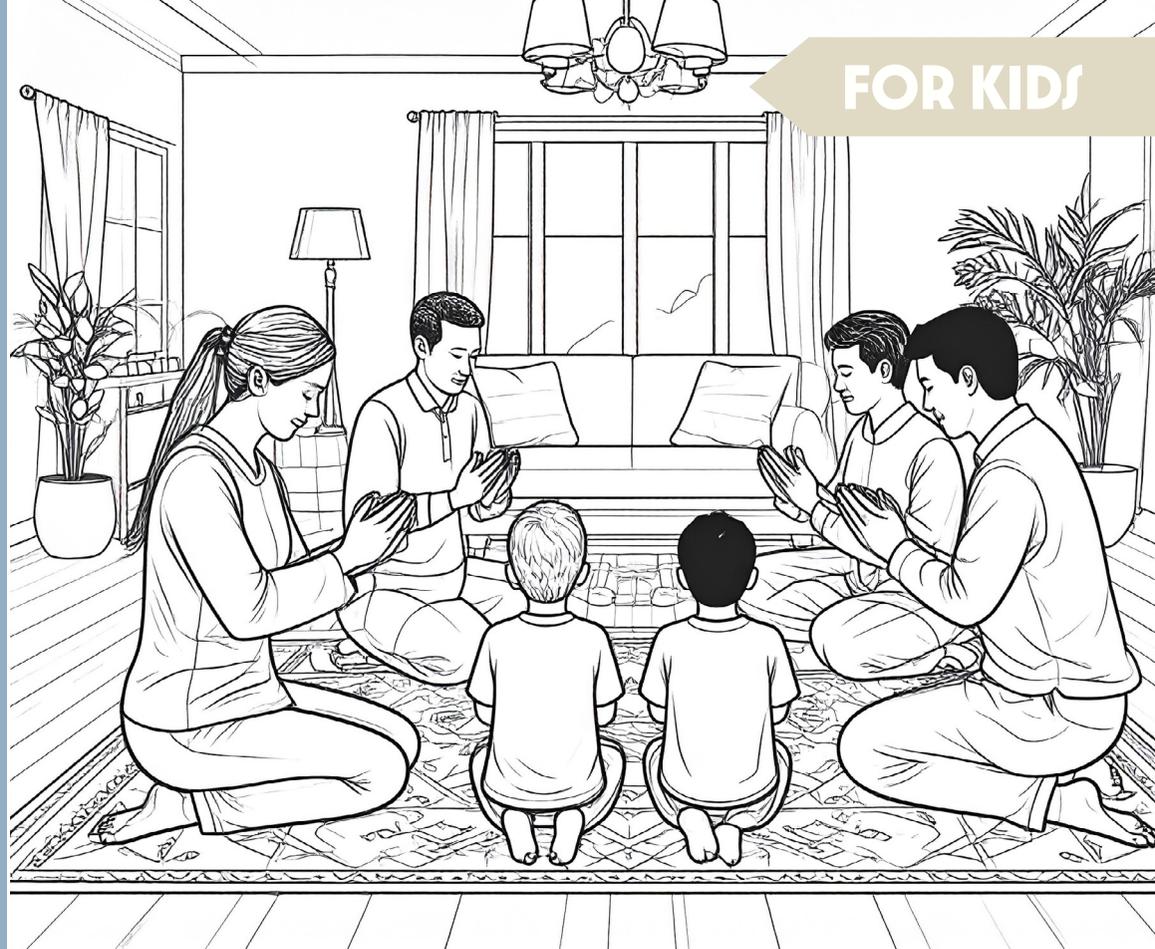
This shared prayer experience brings unity, peace, and a deeper spiritual connection among family members. Regular prayer circles centered on the temple help anchor your family in faith, increase reverence, and remind everyone of the eternal blessings found in the house of the Lord.

## Hold a Family Prayer Circle

Week **10**

December 21

FOR KIDS



I will pray with my family for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

“

2 ...yea, and they had waxed strong in the knowledge of the truth; for they were men of a sound understanding and they had searched the scriptures diligently, that they might know the word of God..  
Alma 17:2

Hosting a Temple Trivia Night is a fun and engaging way to learn more about the temple and strengthen testimonies together. Gather family, friends, or your church group and split into teams. You can decorate the space with temple pictures and set a peaceful, joyful tone.

Begin with a prayer to invite the Spirit, then dive into trivia questions about temple history, symbolism, locations, and purpose. You might offer small prizes or

treats for correct answers, but keep the focus on learning and sharing. This activity helps participants gain a deeper love and understanding of the temple in an enjoyable way.

It's a great opportunity to teach children and adults alike in a relaxed setting. For a long list of temple trivia questions and answers, visit the QR code:

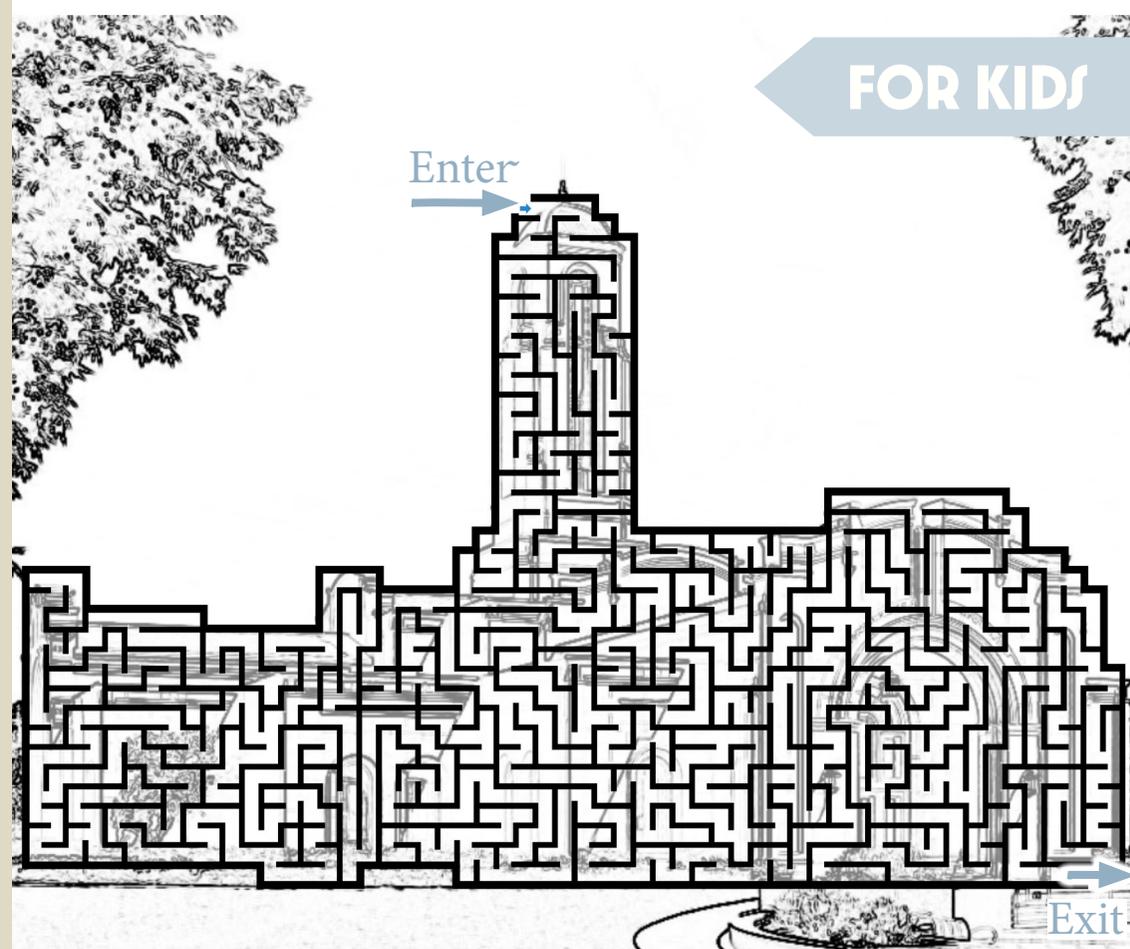


## Hold a Temple Trivia Night

Week **11**

December 28

FOR KIDS



Can you find your way through the Modesto temple maze?

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*9 Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.*

Deuteronomy 29:9

A Personal Covenant Review is a sacred opportunity to reflect on and recommit to the temple promises you've made with the Lord. Begin by finding a quiet space and inviting the Spirit through prayer. Take time to ponder the covenants you've made—such as obedience, sacrifice, and consecration—and how you are living them day to day.

You can write in a journal, study scriptures and General Conference talks related to covenants, and

ask the Lord for guidance in strengthening your commitment.

Consider setting new goals to align your actions more closely with these sacred promises. This review helps renew your spiritual focus and reminds you of the eternal blessings connected to temple worship. Regularly revisiting your covenants draws you closer to the Savior, helps you feel His peace and love, and strengthens your desire to live a temple-centered life.

## Review Your Personal Covenants

Week **12**

January 04

Baptism  
Family  
Light  
Prayer  
Serve  
Clean  
Forever  
Love  
Promise  
Spirit  
Covenant  
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Obey  
Sacred  
Temple  
Faith  
Jesus  
Peace  
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Can you find these words?

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*Never forget, question, or ignore personal, sacred spiritual experiences. The adversary's design is to distract us from spiritual witnesses, while the Lord's desire is to enlighten and engage us in His work.*

Elder Ronald A. Rasband

Creating a temple vision board is a tangible way to reflect on the temple and keep its purpose front and center in your life. Start by choosing a poster board or scrapbook page, then gather photos of temples—especially those with personal meaning, like one you've visited or are preparing to enter. Add quotes from prophets, scriptures about the temple, and meaningful words like “Covenants,” “Eternal,” or “Holiness to the Lord.”

Include space for journaling, family names, or personal goals related to temple attendance and preparation. You can decorate with drawings, stickers, or borders that represent peace and light. As you assemble your board, you'll reflect on your relationship with the Savior and your eternal goals. Displaying it in a visible place provides a daily reminder of the blessings of the temple and inspires you to live in a way that brings you closer to it.

## Create a Temple Vision Board

Week **13**

January 11

FOR KIDS



I have visited \_\_\_ (#) temples in \_\_\_  
 (#) states and \_\_\_ (#) countries.

“

*41 And let all things be done in cleanliness before me.*

D&amp;C 42:41

The Cleanliness Challenge is a simple but powerful way to invite the Spirit into your home by mirroring the purity of the temple. Over one week, commit to decluttering and deep cleaning one area of your home each day. Begin with prayer, asking the Lord to help you create a space where His Spirit can dwell.

As you clean, reflect on how physical cleanliness can inspire spiritual cleanliness in our hearts

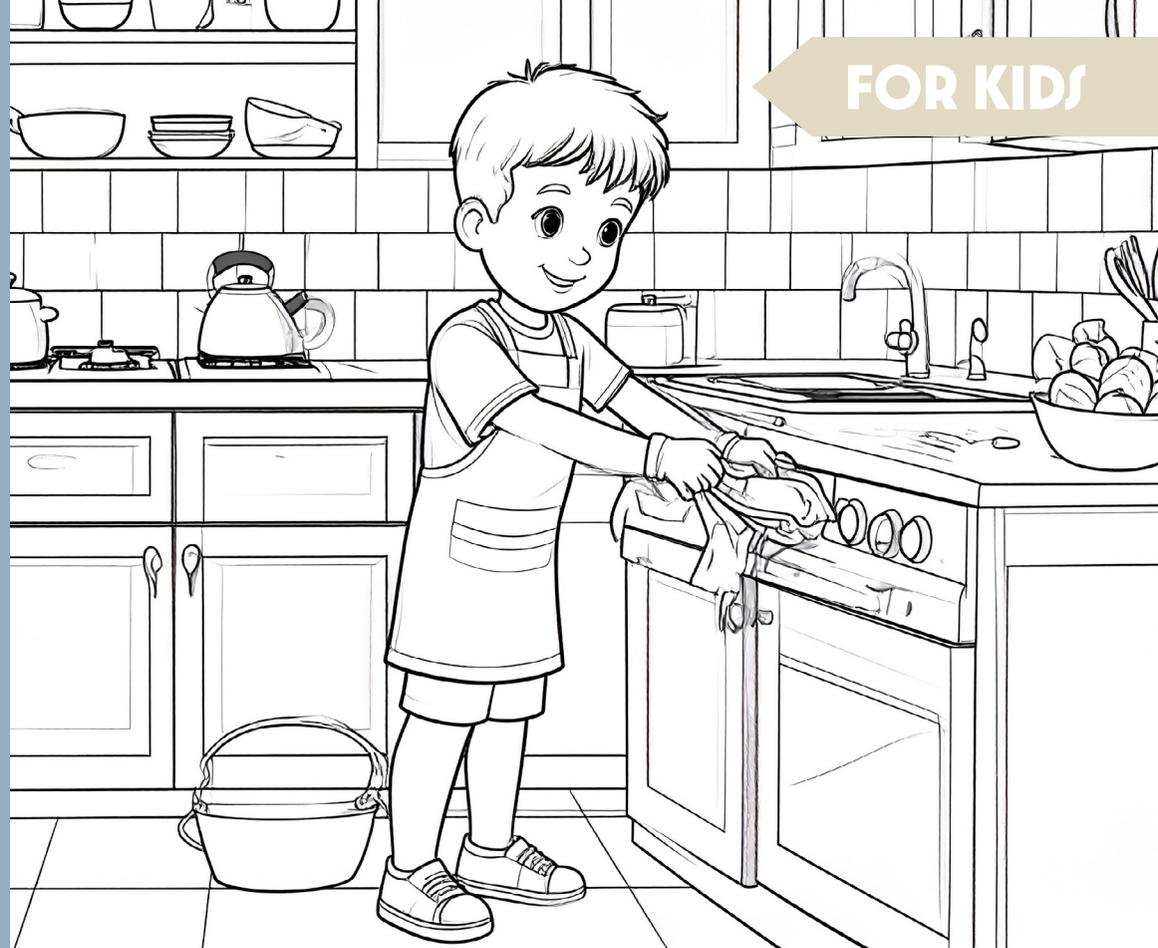
and minds. Involve the whole family by assigning age-appropriate tasks and sharing thoughts on why creating a peaceful, clean space matters. Display a picture of the temple as a reminder of the goal: to make your home more holy and welcoming.

This challenge not only brings order and peace into your daily life but also strengthens your desire to live more like the Savior and prepare for temple blessings.

## Cleanliness Challenge

Week **14**

January 18



FOR KIDS

I can help by cleaning the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

“*3 But this is not all; they had given themselves to much prayer, and fasting; therefore they had the spirit of prophecy, and the spirit of revelation, and when they taught, they taught with power and authority of God.*

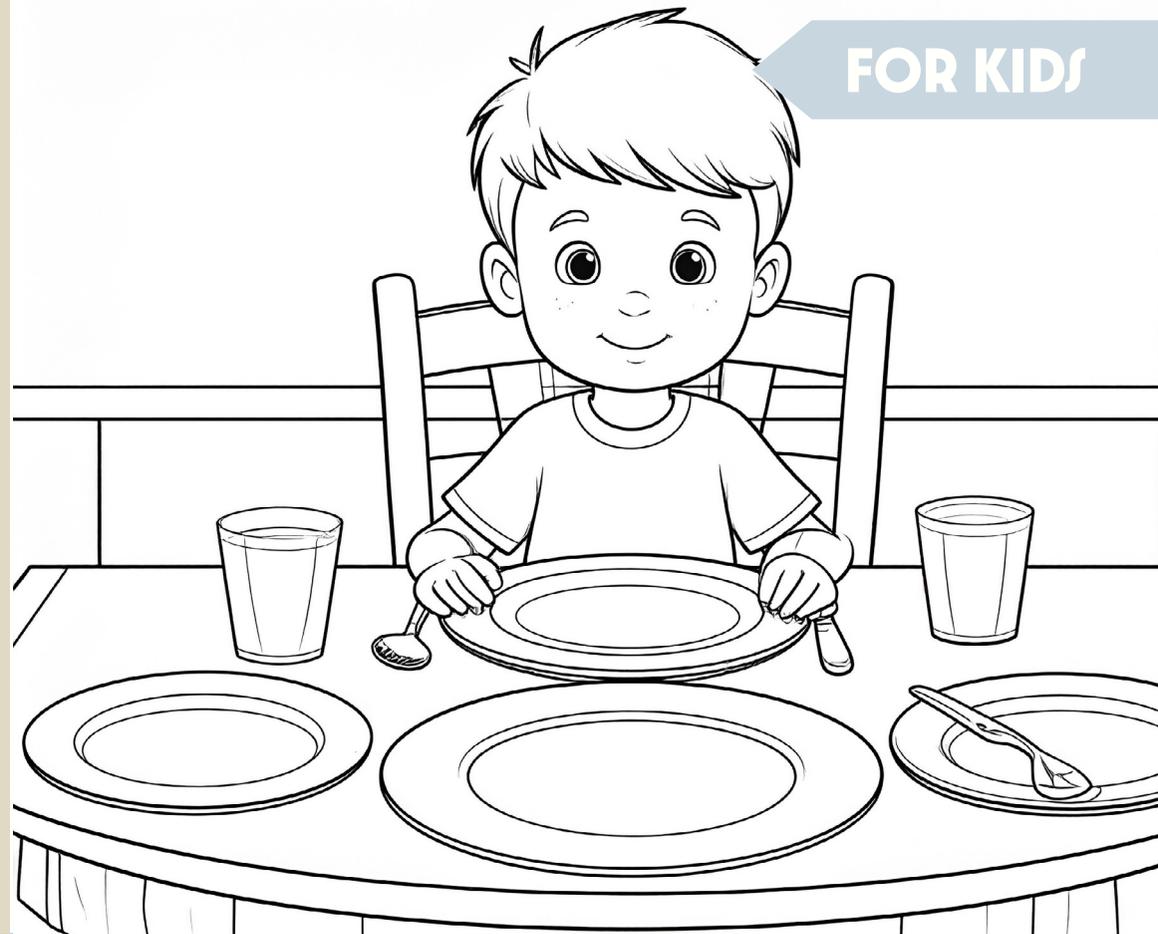
Alma 17:3

Choosing a day to fast for the success of the temple in the Modesto area is a powerful way to show faith and invite the Lord's blessings. Begin by prayerfully selecting a day when you can focus without too many distractions. Prepare your heart and mind beforehand by thinking about the purpose of your fast—to support the temple's construction, future ordinances, and the people it will bless.

Start your fast with a sincere prayer, asking Heavenly Father to strengthen the community and help hearts be prepared for temple blessings. As you go through your day, stay spiritually focused by reading scriptures, listening to uplifting music, or journaling thoughts about the temple. End your fast with another heartfelt prayer. This small act of devotion brings spiritual power, personal growth, and unity with others also praying for the temple's success.

Fast for a Day

January 25



Draw what you love to eat for Sunday dinner after fasting.

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*4 Let the work of my temple, and all the works which I have appointed unto you, be continued on and not cease; and let your diligence, and your perseverance, and patience, and your works be redoubled, and you shall in nowise lose your reward...D&C 127:4*

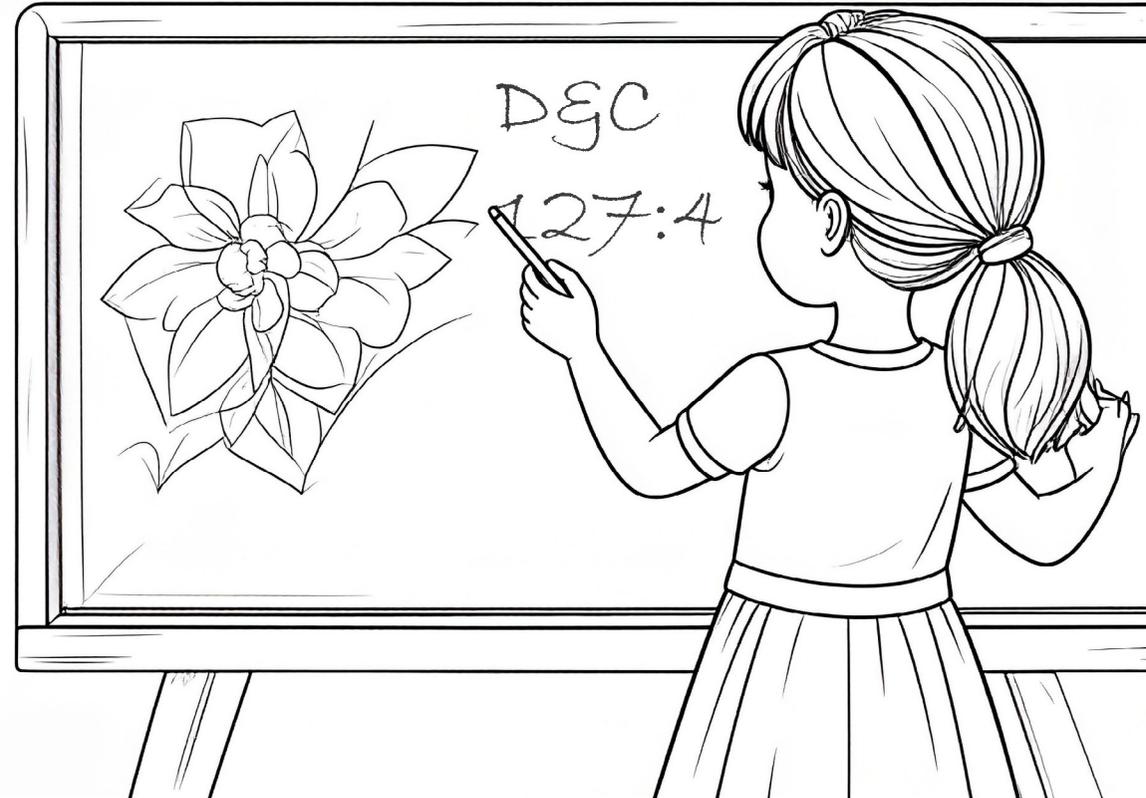
Sharing scriptures and quotes regularly about the temple can be deeply uplifting both individually and within a community. These sacred words inspire greater faith, peace, and a sense of purpose by reminding us of eternal truths, covenants, and the presence of God in our lives. They encourage righteous living and offer hope through promises of eternal families and divine guidance. For the community, such sharing builds unity, strengthens testimonies, and fosters a spirit of reverence and

mutual support. As we reflect on shared beliefs and sacred teachings, we are drawn together in love and understanding. Sharing can also inspire increased temple attendance and deeper commitment to gospel principles. By uplifting one another through inspired words, both scripture and prophetic counsel, communities are spiritually strengthened and more centered on Christ. In this way, the temple becomes not only a sacred place but a shared foundation for growth, peace, and eternal perspective.

Share a Temple Scripture/Quote Weekly

Week **16**

February 01



My favorite scripture story is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

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*Temple. One other word is equal in importance to a Latter-day Saint. Home. Put the words holy temple and home together, and you have described the house of the Lord!”*

Boyd K. Packer

A temple string art project is a hands-on, creative way to reflect on the beauty and symbolism of the temple. Using a wooden board, nails, and string, create a simple outline of a temple. As you carefully place each nail and weave the string, take time to reflect on the strength, design, and purpose of real temples.

This craft can be done individually, with family, or in a youth group, and is a great conversation starter about faith, commitment, and the

temple’s role in helping us draw closer to the Savior. Each thread represents connection—between heaven and earth, generations, and our personal relationship with God.

Once completed, display your art in your home as a daily reminder of your temple goals and the peace and purpose found in the house of the Lord.

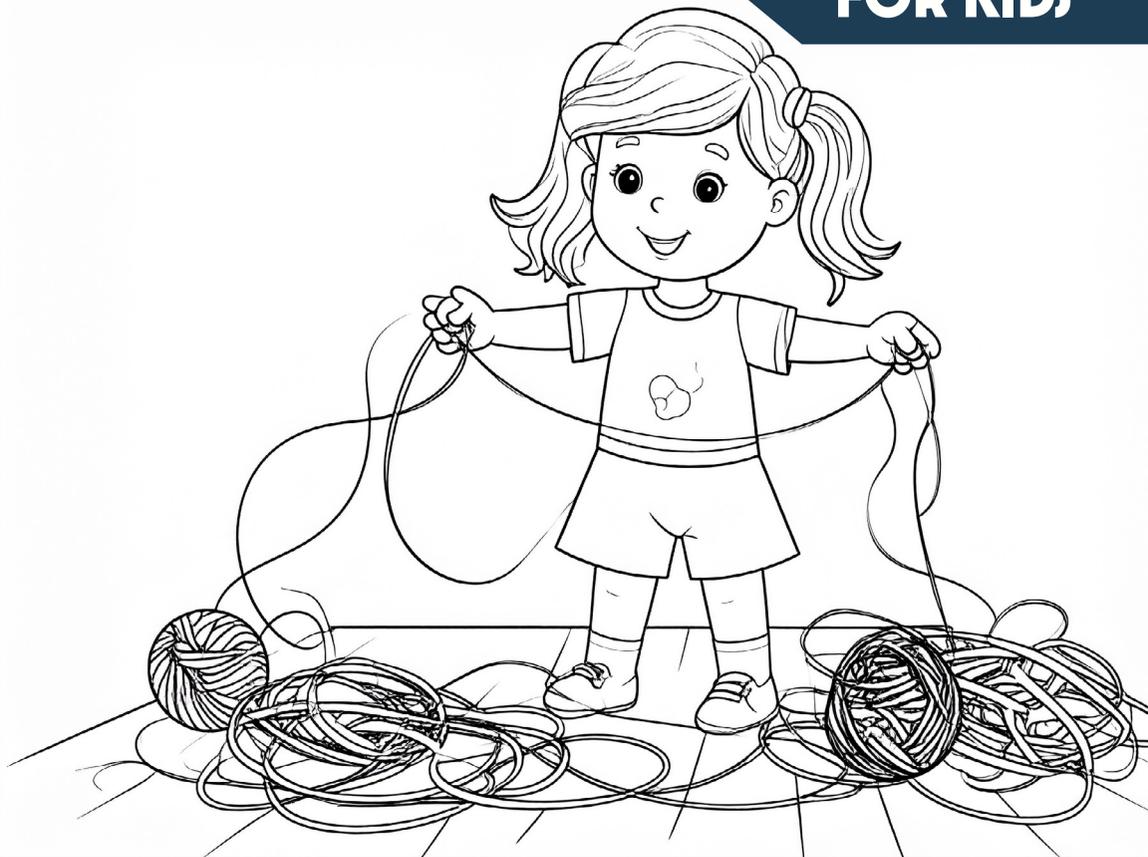


## Create a String Art Temple

Week **17**

February 08

**FOR KIDS**



Can you create a temple with string or thread?

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*17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.*  
*Luke 1:17*

Discovering a family name through genealogy and taking it to the temple can be a deeply spiritual and uplifting experience.

As you research and find an ancestor, a personal connection often begins to form, turning a name into a story, and a story into a soul. Bringing that name to the temple allows you to perform sacred ordinances on their behalf, creating a bridge between generations.

This act of love and service invites the Spirit, deepens your testimony of eternal families, and brings peace and joy to both you and your ancestor. It's a reminder that we are part of something greater—an eternal family with divine purpose. Temple work transforms research into revelation and ordinary names into eternal blessings, uniting hearts on both sides of the veil.

## Find a Family Name

Week **18**

February 15

FOR KIDS



I found my \_\_\_\_\_  
who was born in \_\_\_\_\_

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12 For my soul delighteth in the song of the heart; yea, the song of the righteous is a prayer unto me, and it shall be answered with a blessing upon their heads.

D&C 25:12

Bringing temple-related music into your daily life can create a peaceful, uplifting atmosphere and draw your heart closer to the Savior. You can listen to hymns and instrumental music inspired by the temple during personal study, while driving, or as background music at home. Singing or playing such music yourself—on piano, guitar, or voice—can deepen your emotional and spiritual connection to sacred truths. Including temple music in family home evening or

quiet moments of reflection helps center thoughts on eternal goals and the Lord's presence. Music softens the heart, invites the Spirit, and reminds you of the peace found within holy places. It can also reduce stress, uplift moods, and create a sense of reverence throughout the day. This QR code will take you to a list of hymns related to the temple.

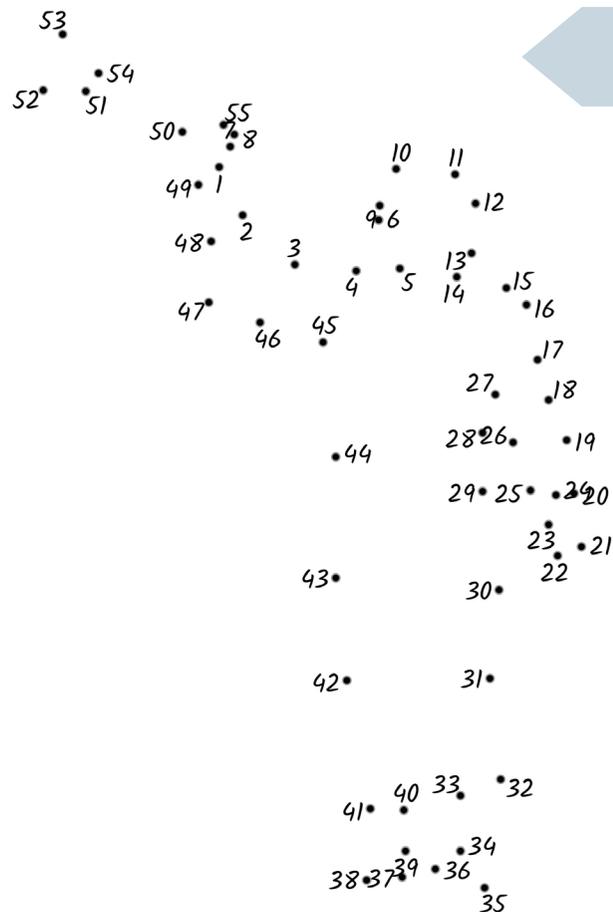


Add Temple Music to Your Life

Week 19

February 22

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Connect the dots...what kind of instrument do you see?

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*I plead for heaven's help as we strive to be Christlike teachers in our homes.*

Devin G. Durrant

A Family Home Evening lesson on preparing to attend the temple is a powerful way to help children and youth understand the sacredness of the Lord's house.

Begin with a short lesson on why temples are important and how they help us draw closer to Jesus Christ. Choose a focus—such as reviewing the My Gospel Standards from the Children's Guidebook, discussing temple recommend questions, or sharing what it means to be

worthy to enter the temple. Use age-appropriate questions, stories, and visuals to keep everyone engaged.

Invite each family member to set a personal goal to prepare for the temple. End with a testimony of how temple preparation brings peace, purpose, and joy. Follow this QR code to find the temple recommend questions.



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Host a Temple Themed FHE

Week **20**

March 01

I can prepare to go to the temple by \_\_\_\_\_.

“

*4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

Ecclesiastes 3:4

Temple Bingo is a fun and faith-building activity perfect for families, Primary classes, or youth groups. To play, print out the provided Temple Bingo cards using the link below. Each card features temple-related words like “Ordinance,” “Reverence,” “Family,” “Peace,” and “Covenant.” Print the list of clues or definitions to read aloud that match the words on the cards. As players recognize the word being described, they mark it on their card. The first person

to get five in a row—horizontally, vertically, or diagonally—calls out “Temple!” and wins.

This game encourages learning about temple concepts in a fun, interactive way, and helps reinforce vocabulary and spiritual understanding. It’s a great way to keep the temple in our thoughts.

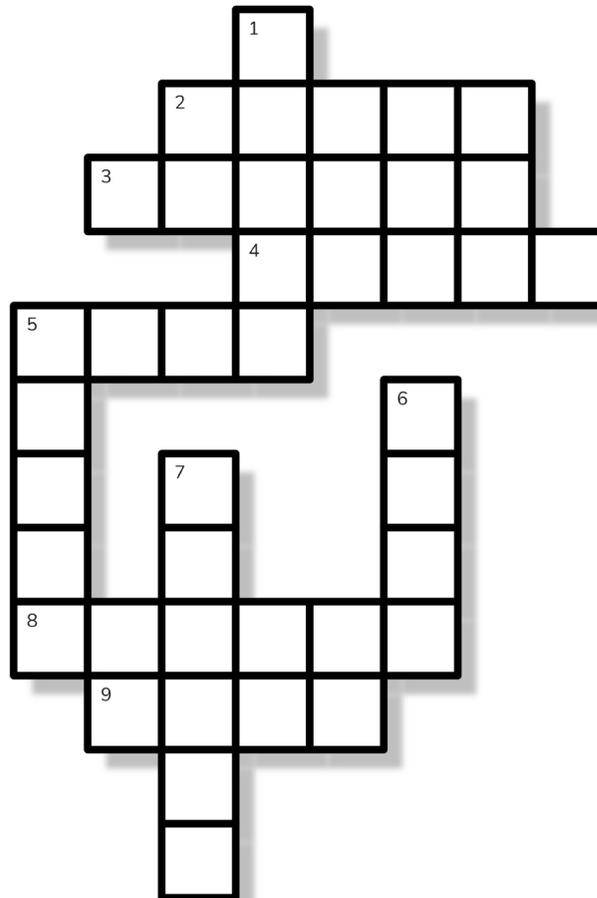


Play Temple Bingo

Week **21**

March 08

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Across

2. God’s Son and our Savior
3. Talking to Heavenly Father
4. Pure and ready for God’s house
5. A warm and caring feeling
8. A holy place to worship God
9. Being nice and caring to others

Down

1. A calm and happy feeling
5. What helps us see and feel happy
6. A place where we live with family
7. People who are related to you

Can you complete this temple crossword puzzle?

“

*22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

1 Corinthians 15:22

Taking a personal family name to the temple, whether for baptisms for the dead or an endowment session, brings powerful spiritual focus and meaning. As you participate in these sacred ordinances on behalf of your ancestors, you become a vital part of their eternal journey.

This act deepens your connection to family, strengthens your testimony of the plan of salvation, and highlights the temple's eternal purpose. It reminds us that temple

blessings are not just for ourselves, but for generations past and future.

As you perform these ordinances, the Spirit often brings peace, love, and confirmation of the Savior's role in redeeming all of God's children. The experience centers your heart on selfless service and eternal covenants, inspiring you to return often and live worthy of the blessings that come through temple worship and the gathering of your eternal family.

## Take a Family Name to the Temple

Week **22**

March 15

FOR KIDS



I found my \_\_\_\_\_  
 who's mother was \_\_\_\_\_.

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*...it is necessary and expedient in me that you should open your mouths in proclaiming my gospel, the things of the kingdom, expounding the mysteries thereof out of the scriptures...*

D&C 71:1

Sharing your favorite scripture or quote from a prophet about the temple is super simple and easy to do, but can be a meaningful way to strengthen your faith and uplift others. You can write it in a note, send it in a text, include it in a social media post, or simply speak it during a conversation.

When you share a quote that has touched your heart, you bear quiet testimony and invite the Spirit into someone else's life. It may offer

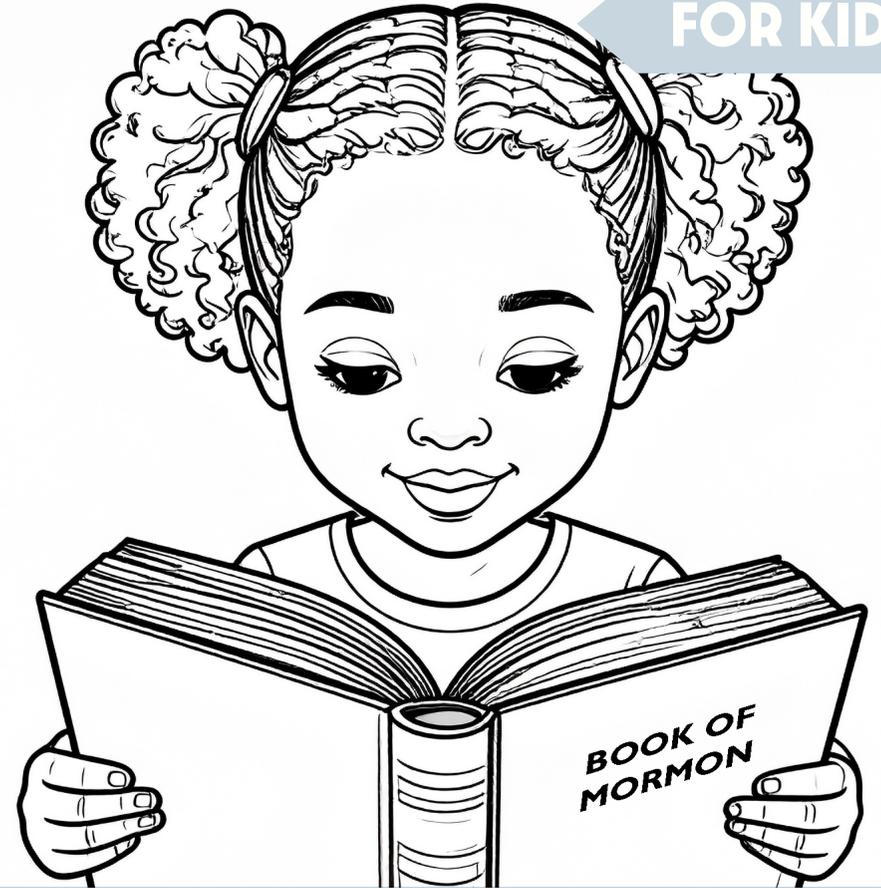
comfort, guidance, or inspiration at just the right moment. For you, sharing scripture deepens your own understanding and helps you recognize how God's word is active in your life. For others, it can be a spark of hope, a moment of peace, or a reminder that they're not alone.

Whether shared casually or intentionally, scriptures are powerful tools to connect hearts, strengthen testimonies, and draw everyone closer to the Savior.

Share Your Favorites

Week **23**

March 22



My favorite book is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

“

*7...the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.*  
Joshua 4:7

Building a one square foot garden can be a meaningful way to create a daily reminder of the Savior and His holy temple. Start with a small planter box or patch of ground, and fill it with purpose. Choose plants or flowers with symbolic meaning—white blooms can represent purity, evergreens can symbolize eternal life, and herbs like rosemary can signify remembrance. Add a small rock painted with a temple, a scripture verse, or the name of Christ to

make it spiritually personal. Tending this garden becomes a quiet act of devotion, reflecting the care we should give to our spiritual lives. As it grows, it reminds us of the Savior’s nurturing love and the growth that comes through temple covenants. This small, sacred space invites peace, reflection, and a daily focus on holiness and the path that leads us closer to God.

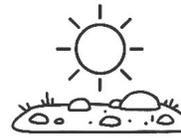


## Build a One S.F. Temple Garden

Week **24**

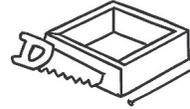
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### 1. CHOOSE YOUR LOCATION

Find a sunny spot that gets at least 6 hours of sunlight per day



### 2. BUILD YOUR SQUARE

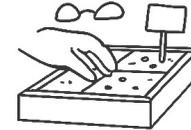
Use untreated wood, bricks, or recycled materials to make 12"x12" box. Height should be 6-12"



### 3. PREPARE THE SOIL

Fill with a mix of:

- 1/3 compost
- 1/3 peat moss or coconut coir
- 1/3 vermiculite or perlite



### 4. PLAN YOUR PLANTING

Choose crops based on spacing

- 1 large plant (like a tomato)
- 4 medium plants (like lettuce)
- 9 smaller plants (like spinach)
- 16 tiny plants (like carrots)



### 6. WATER & CARE

Water daily (or as needed)



### 7. HARVEST & REPLANT

Pick when ripe & replant for a continuous harvest

My favorite type of plant is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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*49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?*

Acts 7:49

Visiting the Modesto California Temple visitor center with a friend offers an opportunity to deepen your understanding of temple worship and share your testimony of the Savior. Open Monday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., the center provides insights into the temple's construction process, its future purpose, and the sacred ordinances performed within. Guided by dedicated volunteers, visitors can view architectural renderings and learn about

symbolic design elements, such as motifs representing Yosemite Falls and almond blossoms, reflecting the temple's connection to both nature and divinity. Engaging in this experience together can foster meaningful conversations about faith, eternal families, and the significance of temple covenants. Sharing this visit not only strengthens personal testimonies but also invites others to feel the peace and purpose that come from understanding the Lord's house.

Take a Friend to the Visitor Center

Week **25**

April 05

FOR KIDS



I learned that the Modesto temple

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*3 Therefore, go ye unto your homes, and ponder upon the things which I have said, and ask of the Father; in my name, that ye may understand, and prepare your minds for the morrow, and I come unto you again.*

3 Nephi 17:3

Making our home more like a temple begins with creating an atmosphere of peace and quiet reflection. Just as temples are places of reverence, light, and spiritual clarity, our homes can become sanctuaries from the noise and stress of the world.

Set aside time each day to turn off distractions and invite the Spirit through prayer, scripture study, or soft uplifting music. Create spaces where quiet thought and

family connection are prioritized. Encourage kind words, gentle voices, and respectful behavior that reflect the love and reverence found in the temple.

When we make our home a peaceful place, we feel closer to the Savior, and it becomes easier to hear His guidance. These small daily efforts build a spiritual foundation, helping every member of the household feel safe, loved, and inspired to live more in harmony with gospel principles.

## Make Your Home More Like a Temple

Week **26**

April 12

FOR KIDS



I can help make home like a temple by \_\_\_\_\_.

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*For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit*

1 Peter 4:6

The Get Involved app by Family Search makes it easy for anyone to help preserve and share family history.

Through the app, users can participate in small, quick tasks like reviewing and correcting historical records, making these records searchable for others worldwide.

Every contribution helps families discover their ancestors and connect with their heritage. Designed for

convenience, Get Involved lets users serve in meaningful ways, whether they have a few minutes or more time to give. It's a simple, powerful way to make a global impact—one name, and one act of service at a time.



Download & Try the “Get Involved” App

Week **27**

April 19

FOR KIDS



Grandma's name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Great Grandma's name is \_\_\_\_\_.

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*17 And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.*

Mosiah 2:17

Organizing a group service project with family, friends, or neighbors is a powerful way to unite hearts and draw closer to the Savior through kindness. Begin by choosing a meaningful, manageable project—such as a landscape cleanup, assembling hygiene kits, cleaning a community space, or delivering meals to those in need.

Invite others with warmth and purpose, emphasizing how service reflects Christ’s love. Assign simple

roles so everyone feels involved and valued. Start the gathering with a short prayer or scripture to set a spiritual tone. As you work side by side, hearts are softened, connections are strengthened, and the Spirit is invited. Kindness in action becomes a living testimony of discipleship. These moments of shared purpose not only meet needs but also nurture love, faith, and a deeper commitment to follow the Savior’s example.

Perform a Group Service Activity

Week **28**

April 26

FOR KIDS



I can help \_\_\_\_\_ by doing \_\_\_\_\_.

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*41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.*

1 Corinthians 15:41

Understanding gospel principles can be greatly deepened by studying the symbolism found in temples. Every element—architecture, artwork, clothing, and ordinances—teaches eternal truths in quiet, sacred ways. Symbols in the temple point to Jesus Christ, His Atonement, and the covenant path that leads us back to God. As we reflect on these symbols, they unlock deeper layers of meaning, helping us internalize doctrines like obedience, sacrifice, and eternal

progression. For example, the use of light in temple spaces reminds us of spiritual enlightenment and Christ as the Light of the World. The layout of the temple itself mirrors our journey back to the presence of God. When we approach temple worship with a seeking heart, these symbols become powerful personal revelations. They help us live more intentionally, draw nearer to the Savior, and understand how His plan of salvation applies to our daily lives.

## Study the Symbolism of Temples

Week **29**

May 03

Consecrate  
Recommend  
Celestial  
Garment  
Baptism  
Family  
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Ordinance  
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Holiness  
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Endowment  
Covenant  
Sealing  
Worthy  
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Find these words in the word search puzzle above!

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*12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.*

Isaiah 55:12

Exploring nature on walks is a peaceful way to reconnect with divinity and feel closer to the Savior. As you walk, take time to notice the beauty around you—sunlight through trees, the sound of birds, or the feeling of fresh air.

These simple moments remind us of God's creations and His love for us. You can use this time to pray, ponder scriptures, listen to conference talks, or simply be still and listen for spiritual impressions.

Nature often quiets distractions, allowing space for the Spirit to speak to your heart. Walking with purpose can also become a form of meditation or gratitude, deepening your awareness of the Lord's presence in your life.

Whether alone or with loved ones, spending time in creation helps renew your soul, shift your focus to eternal things, and strengthen your connection to both heaven and the temple.



My favorite of God's creations is \_\_\_\_\_.

Week **30**

May 10

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*I Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.* Malachi 3:1

Sharing temple facts with others is a simple and meaningful way to increase understanding and spark interest in the sacred purpose of temples.

You can start by learning key facts about the temple's purpose, design, ordinances, and history. Share these in casual conversation, on social media, during family home evening, or as part of a youth activity. Create fun ways to present them—like a fact-of-the-day calendar, a small

poster, or bookmarks with facts and scriptures. Use visuals like photos or diagrams to help others connect with what you're saying. Focus on uplifting, clear information that shows the temple's beauty and eternal significance.

Sharing temple facts can open the door to budding testimonies, spark curiosity, and expose others to the feelings the spirit brings, and the peace found at the temple.



Share Fact About the Temple

Week **31**

May 17

I learned that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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*I pray that each of us will honor the Savior and make any necessary changes to see ourselves in His sacred temples.*

Elder Quentin L. Cook

Drawing or sketching a picture of the temple is a creative way to focus your heart on the Savior.

You don't need to be a skilled artist—simple sketches, watercolor, or even coloring pages can invite a peaceful spirit. As you draw, you naturally think about what the temple represents: covenants, eternal families, and the presence of the Lord. Including symbols like light, nature, or the Savior Himself can add deeper meaning.

This artistic process becomes a form of quiet worship, helping you reflect on Christ's role in your life and your eternal goals. Sharing your drawing with others, displaying it at home, or keeping it in a journal can inspire both you and those around you.

Each line drawn is a reminder of your desire to come closer to God, and to make the temple—and the Savior—the center of your life.

## Draw a Picture of a Temple

Week **32**

May 24

FOR KIDS



The color white is used to show things that are cl\_\_ \_n and \_\_ur\_\_.

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*You are never lost when you can see the temple. The temple will provide direction for you and your family in a world filled with chaos. It is an eternal guidepost which will help you from getting lost in the “mist of darkness.”*

Elder Gary E. Stevenson

Incorporating art of temples into daily life is a meaningful way to keep your focus on the Savior and eternal goals. You can display temple prints in your home, use temple-themed wallpapers on your phone, tablet, or computer, or wear small jewelry or key chains with temple designs.

Even journaling or sketching temples in your personal study can invite reflection and peace. These visual reminders of sacred

spaces help center your thoughts on Christ, who is at the heart of temple worship. Temples symbolize His power to bind families eternally and bring us closer to God through covenants and ordinances. Seeing temple art daily reminds us to live worthily, prioritize spiritual goals, and seek His guidance.

These simple touches elevate our environment and hearts, quietly drawing our minds back to holiness, hope, and the Savior’s eternal love.

## Add Temple Art to Your Life

Week **33**

May 31



My favorite temple is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

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*3 Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste...*

Deuteronomy 16:3

Cooking together can be a meaningful way to reflect on the spirit of the temple. Choose light and symbolic foods such as angel food cake to represent purity, or bake temple-shaped cookies to spark conversation about the sacredness of the house of the Lord.

As you prepare the meal, discuss how the temple points us to the Savior and eternal covenants. Reflect on the Passover meal in the Old Testament, which included

unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs—each element reminding the Israelites of their deliverance and looking forward to Christ’s sacrifice. In a similar way, our meals today can remind us of God’s blessings and His plan.

Cooking and eating together becomes more than a meal—it becomes a way to teach, reflect, and spiritually prepare ourselves and our families to enter the temple with pure hearts and focused minds.

**Cook a Meal with Someone**

Week **34**

June 07

FOR KIDS



I love to cook or bake \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

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*16...for every thing which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ; wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God.*

Moroni 7:16

Extending an invitation to someone for the temple open house is a loving and simple way to share your faith and invite the Spirit into someone's life. Start by praying about who might be open to learning more—whether a neighbor, coworker, classmate, family member, or friend.

Gently explain that the open house is a rare opportunity to walk inside a temple before it's dedicated and learn about its purpose. Let them

know it's a peaceful, uplifting experience, open to all faiths, and guided by friendly volunteers. Offer to go with them, answer questions, and share why the temple is meaningful to you.

A sincere, personal invitation shows love and respect, and it could open someone's heart to the gospel. Even if they say no, your invitation plants a seed and reflects your desire to help others come closer to Jesus Christ.

Extend an Open House Invitation

Week **35**

June 14

FOR KIDS



I will invite \_\_\_\_\_ to  
come to the open house with me.

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*Whenever any kind of upheaval occurs in your life, the safest place to be spiritually is living inside your temple covenants!*

President Russell M. Nelson

Reviewing President Nelson's talks on the temple will deepen your understanding and help you draw closer to the Savior. Individually, set aside time each week to read or listen to one of his messages, marking phrases that touch your heart or teach something new. Keep a journal to record insights and impressions. As a family, choose one talk to study together during family home evening or a quiet Sunday. Discuss what each person learned, and how it relates to temple worship

and preparation. You can also assign talks to different family members to summarize and share. President Nelson's teachings offer inspired guidance on making the temple a central part of our lives. Regularly reviewing his words invites the Spirit, strengthens testimony, and unites families in their desire to live worthy of the blessings of the Lord's house.

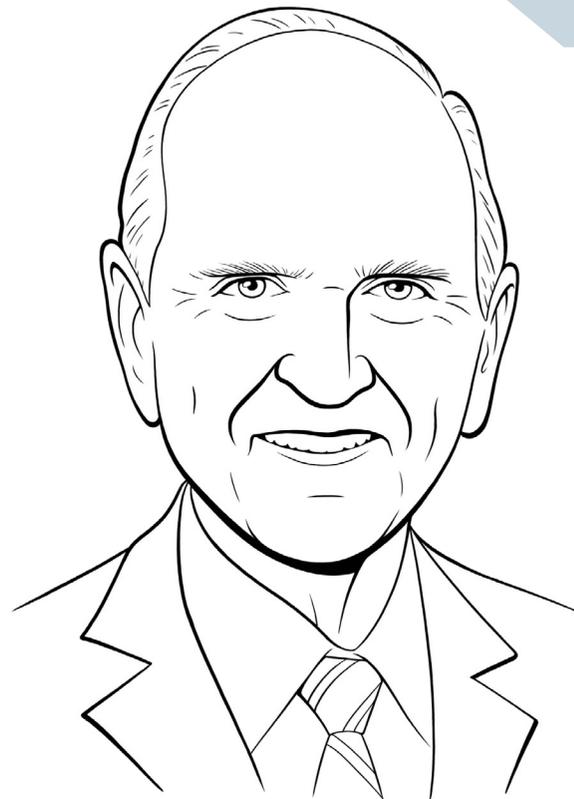


Review President Nelson's Temple Talks

Week **36**

June 21

FOR KIDS



President Nelson taught me that \_\_\_\_\_.

“20 And moreover, I say unto you, that the time shall come when the knowledge of a Savior shall spread throughout every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

Mosiah 3 :20

Sharing a temple day experience or a published interview with the Temple President on social media is an individual way to uplift others and bear quiet testimony. Start by writing from the heart—briefly describe your experience, feelings, or something meaningful you learned.

If you choose to reference an interview, highlight a quote or message that stood out and explain how it touched you. Use respectful, reverent language and focus on the

peace, joy, or inspiration you felt. Including a photo of the temple or a simple graphic can make your post more inviting. Keep it brief but sincere, and consider using #TempleDay, #HouseOfTheLord, or #ComeUntoChrist to reach others who may be uplifted by your message.

When shared with love and simplicity, your post can touch hearts, invite curiosity, and help others feel the sacred influence of the temple.

Share a Temple Day Experience

Week **37**

June 28



How many temples can you find hidden in this drawing? \_\_\_\_ (#)

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*9 And again, let all the records be had in order, that they may be put in the archives of my holy temple, to be held in remembrance from generation to generation, saith the Lord of Hosts..*

D&C 127:9

Creating a temple building craft is a fun and meaningful way to reflect on the sacredness of the house of the Lord. Start by selecting your materials—cardboard, paper, foam blocks, clay, marshmallows, graham crackers, or even recycled items. Use photos of temples for inspiration, and sketch a simple outline before building.

Focus on key elements like spires, doors, windows, and angel Moroni (if applicable). This craft can be

adapted for different age levels—from simple paper temples for children to more detailed models for youth or families. As you build, discuss the purpose of temples and how each part reminds us of eternal truths. This hands-on project encourages creativity while keeping thoughts centered on the Savior and eternal covenants. Display your finished model at home to serve as a reminder of your personal commitment to temple worship and the joy it brings.

## Craft a Model of the Temple

Week **38**

July 05

FOR KIDS



I'm going to make a temple out of \_\_\_\_\_.

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*3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

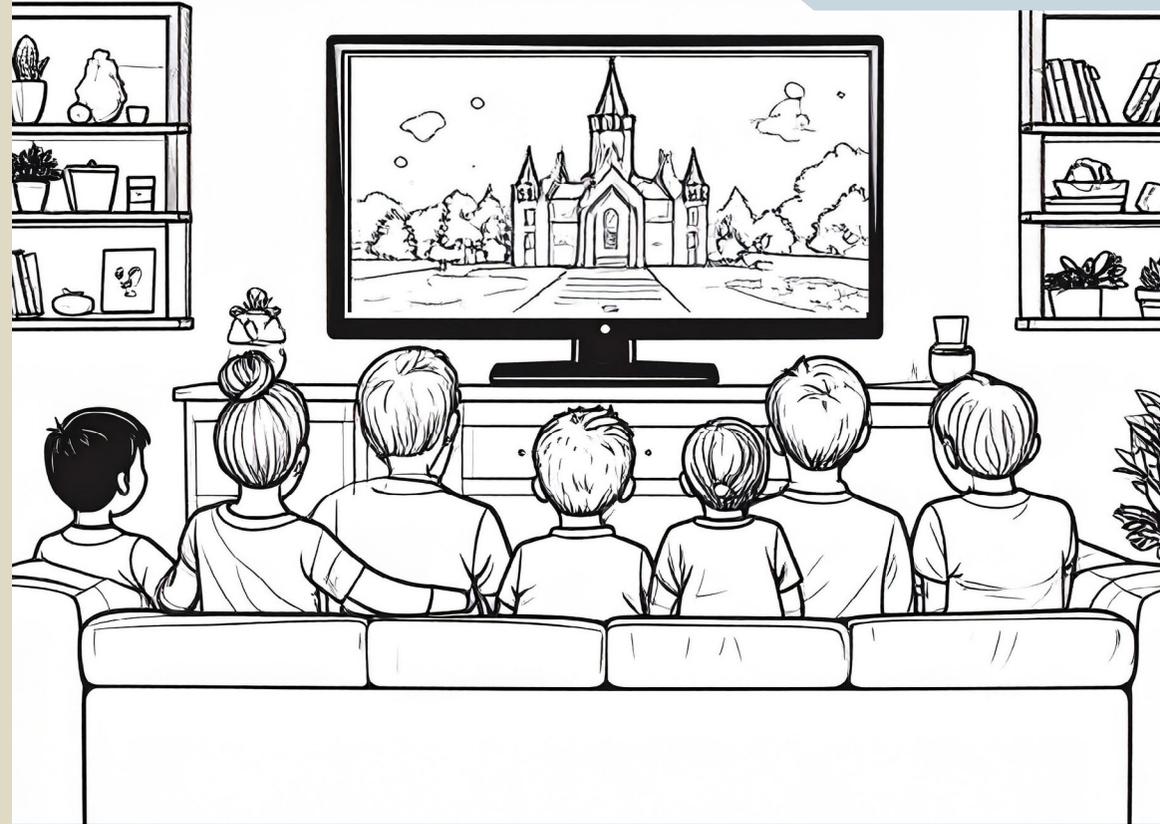
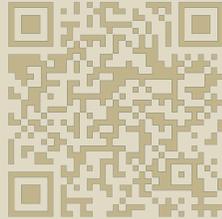
John 14:3

Sharing videos about the temple can be a great way to bear testimony of the Savior and the blessings of temple work. You can share short clips from official Church sources on social media, in text messages, or invite others to watch together with you during family home evening.

These videos can explain the purpose of temples, and show the beauty and peace found in these holy places. Videos are accessible and can reach

people who might not otherwise engage in gospel conversations. They spark curiosity, open hearts, and gently teach eternal truths.

Sharing temple videos not only strengthens others but also deepens your own testimony, reminding you of the Savior's role in temple covenants and the eternal nature of His love and plan.



Share a Video About Temples

Week **39**

July 12



I love to see the \_\_\_\_\_.  
I'm going there \_\_\_\_\_.



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*6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*

2 Corinthians 5:6-7

The open house is here! Taking a peaceful walk around the new Modesto Temple grounds can be a deeply spiritual experience. As you quietly observe the beautiful architecture, carefully landscaped gardens, and feel the sacredness of the space, your heart may be filled with a sense of reverence and calm.

The temple represents the house of the Lord, and being near it can remind you of His love and eternal plan. The peaceful surroundings

invite prayer, reflection, and gratitude, helping you to let go of stress and refocus your mind on the Savior.

Whether you go alone or with a friend or family member, walking the temple grounds offers a moment of stillness in a busy world. It's a special way to feel the Spirit, draw closer to Jesus Christ, and renew your commitment to live with more purpose and faith.

Take a Walk Around the New Temple

Week **40**

July 19

FOR KIDS



At the temple I saw \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.



“There, in the house of the Lord, you can learn what you need to know to be truly free. There, tucked away from turmoil and strife, is the chance to be totally unselfish—a rarity in today’s world.”  
—Robert L. Simpson

