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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Apostles

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### **5 tips for successful Family Home Evenings**

- 1. Pray.** Pray about the needs of your family as you consider topics for home evenings, and pray as you prepare.
- 2. Prioritize.** Make Family Home Evening a priority; learn to say no to other activities.
- 3. Involvement.** Involve everyone in the family; help little children take part.
- 4. Commitment.** Be committed and be consistent. Set a designated time and stick to it. Holding Family Home Evening on a weekly basis takes dedication and planning on the part of all family members.
- 5. Relax** and enjoy it. The most important thing your children will remember is the spirit they feel in your family home evenings and activities. Be sure the atmosphere is one of love, understanding, and enjoyment.

# Apostles

**Thought:**

It has always seemed a remarkable thing to me that, although the Lord chose twelve Apostles to assist him in the work of the ministry, and to extend it following his death; and that although Paul, who was an Apostle, declared that the Church should be “built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets . . . the office of Apostle, and certainly a Council of Twelve Apostles, is not found to my knowledge in other Christian churches.

(Gordon B. Hinckley, “Special Witnesses for Christ,” *Ensign*, May 1984, 49)

**Purpose:**

Help our family understand the responsibilities and purpose of the apostles.

**Song:**

“The Priesthood is Restored,” *Children’s Songbook*, p. 89.

**Scripture:**

And also with Peter, and James, and John, whom I have sent unto you, by whom I have ordained you and confirmed you to be apostles, and especial witnesses of my name, and bear the keys of your ministry and of the same things which I revealed unto them

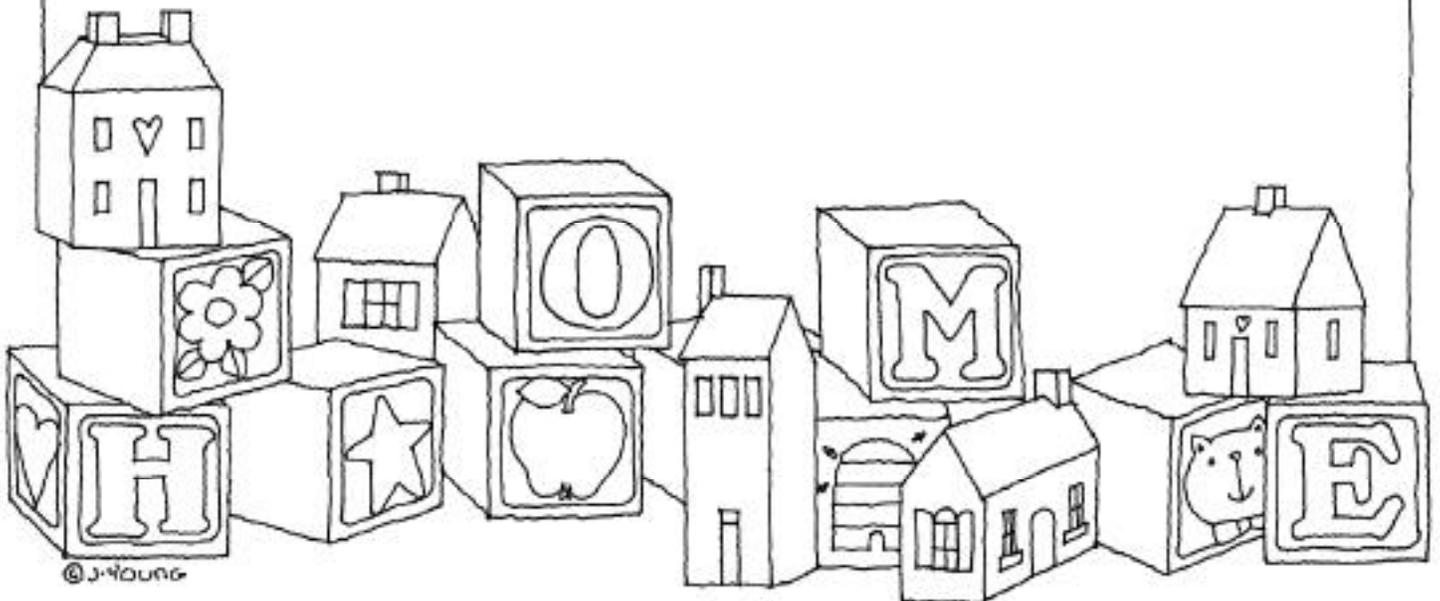
(D&C 27:12)

**Lesson:**

Write the letters A P O S T L E on seven separate sheets of paper. Lay them face down on the floor. Have your family members guess which letters are on the papers. When they guess correctly, turn the letter over. Do this until all the letters have been turned over or they guess what the word is.

Discuss the responsibilities of the apostles, such as:

1. Knows and testifies for Jesus Christ.
2. Knows and teaches righteousness.
3. Dedicates his life to the Lord.



## Story:

### Call to the Quorum of the Twelve

(Heber J. Grant)

Forty years ago this October conference [1922], I met the late Elder George Teasdale at the south gate of the Tabernacle grounds. He shook hands with me and said: “Brother Grant, I am delighted to see you. You and I are going to be—” and he stopped suddenly and his face turned red. But the Lord gave me the balance of the sentence. Four times in my life I have been permitted to read the thoughts of people. The balance of Brother Teasdale’s sentence was—“sustained this afternoon as apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ to fill the vacancies in the Quorum.” And that went through me like a shock of electricity.

I came to the Sunday afternoon meeting of the conference, because of this partial sentence, and the balance that was given to me, with the assurance in my heart that Brother Teasdale and myself would be sustained as apostles. Those of you who were at that conference remember that it adjourned without filling those vacancies. I do not believe that any mortal man ever more humbly supplicated God during the next few days to forgive him for his egotism than I did for thinking I was to be chosen as an apostle. As you are aware, within a week a revelation came to John Taylor calling Brother Teasdale and myself to those positions.

It has never ceased to be a wonder to me that I do represent the Lord here upon the earth. My association from childhood with the remarkable and wonderful men that have preceded me has made it almost overwhelming to think of being in the same class with them.

I have felt my own lack of ability. In fact when I was called as one of the apostles I arose to my feet to say it was beyond anything I was worthy of, and as I was rising the thought came to me, “You know as you know that you live that John Taylor is a prophet of God, and to decline this office when he had received a revelation is equivalent to repudiating the prophet.” I said, “I will accept the office and do my best.” I remember that it was with difficulty that I took my seat without fainting.

. . . But from that day I have never been bothered, night or day, with the idea that I was not worthy to stand as an apostle, and I have not been worried since the last words uttered by Joseph F. Smith to me: “The Lord bless you, my boy, the Lord bless you; you have got a great responsibility. Always remember this is the Lord’s work and not man’s. The Lord is greater than any man. He knows whom He wants to lead His Church, and never makes any mistake. The Lord bless you.”

(as quoted in Jack M. Lyon, Linda Ririe Gundry, and Jay A. Parry, *Best-Loved Stories of the LDS People*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1997], p. 258–262.)

## Activity:

Make conference bingo cards to help prepare family members for general conference.

Materials: Paper; pencil; copied pictures of the First Presidency and Twelve Apostles; other appropriate photographs that are specific to general conference; current chart of the First Presidency and Twelve Apostles; glue stick; contact paper (optional); markers

This game will help prepare children for general conference. Prepare a 5x5-inch bingo grid, five rows down and five rows across. Copy pictures of the current First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve so they are sized to fit in the squares. Use a current chart of the general authorities (available in the most recent conference issue of the *Ensign*) for reference. Because each card has twenty-five

squares to fill, you'll need to supplement the card with other illustrations such as the Salt Lake Temple, the Conference Center, the First Presidency, a hymnbook, the Quorum of the Twelve, the Assembly Hall, the Tabernacle organ, the angel Moroni, and the general Primary president. Cut out the pictures and glue them randomly onto the squares, making each card different. In the center square, write FREE.

If you would like to protect the cards, cover each with contact paper or have them laminated. These can be used for other activities, too.

To play before conference: write a description of each picture (name of the person pictured, or the illustration) on slips of paper and place them in a container. Familiarize the children with the names and faces of the apostles and prophet, as well as the other illustrations. Try to get the children to associate names with faces, then hand each a playing board and a handful of markers (anything from a handful of beans to small candies). Pick slips of paper from the container till someone gets "Conference," which is five in a row in any direction.

To play during conference: Mark the squares of the apostles as you see them speak, or the other illustrations as you see them on the television or hear them spoken about.

(Clark L. and Kathryn H. Kidd, Kent D. and Shannon Pugmire, *Ward Activities for the Clueless*, [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 2001], p. 158-159.)

### **Extras:**

- Review messages from the Apostles found in past conference editions of the *Ensign*.
- Discuss ways you can support the Apostles of the church.

## Refreshment

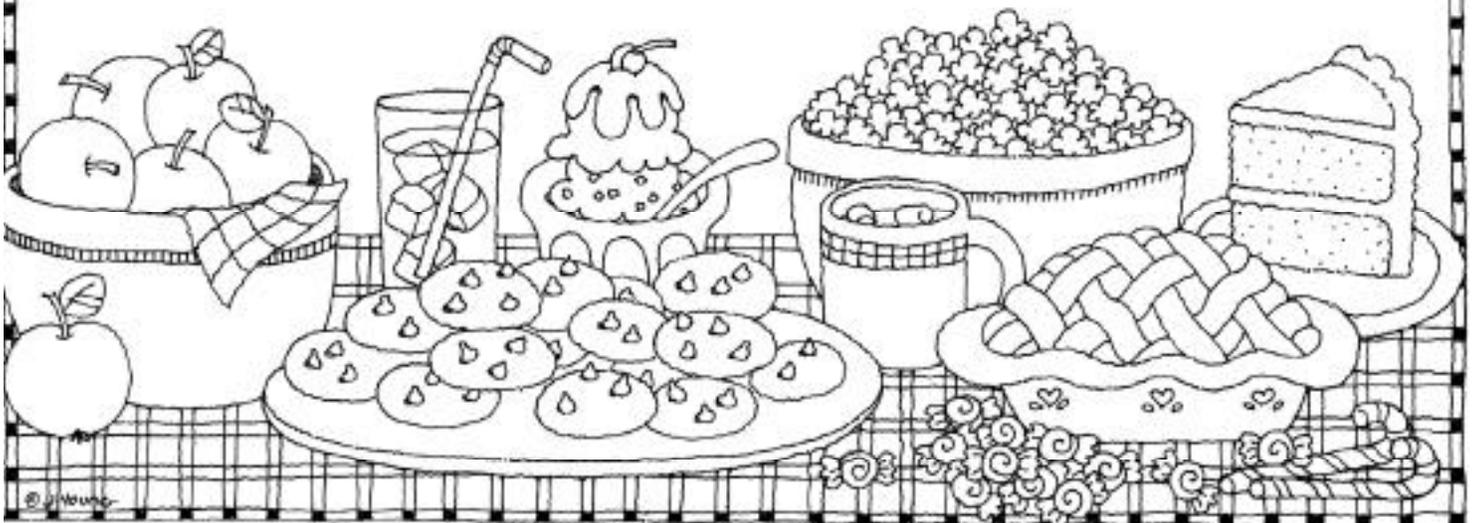
### Honey-Buttered Popcorn

(Joe J. Christensen)

12 qts. popped corn  
3/4 c. honey  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 c. butter

Put honey in a saucepan over high heat. Add salt and a stick of butter. Bring the whole batch to a lively boil, stirring constantly, until it becomes a bubbly, frothy, yellowish color. The cooking process takes about 5 minutes. Pour the mixture around on top of the popcorn and, with a long-handled wooden spoon, mix or fold it into the popcorn to assure an even distribution of the topping. That's it—the concoction is ready for immediate consumption. We pass around bowls and napkins and each family member returns to the source for refills until it is gone. If any is left over, it is put in plastic bags and given to the families for a treat to take home. You may want to vary the amount of honey, butter, or salt used, but it is hard to have a failure. Give it a try.

(Elaine Cannon, compiler, *Five-Star Recipes from Well-Known Latter-day Saints*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2002], p. 259.)



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