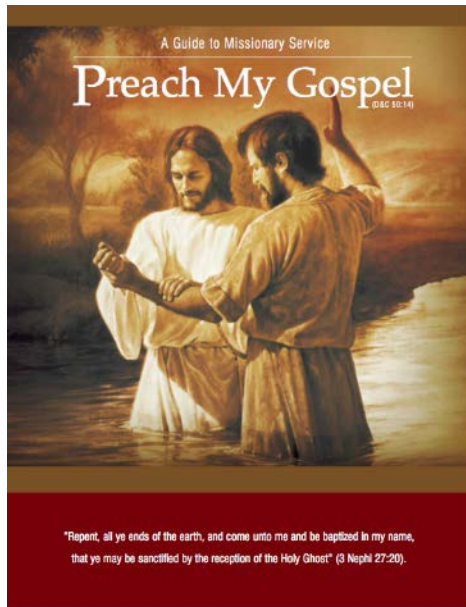


# Family History Resources for Missionary Work

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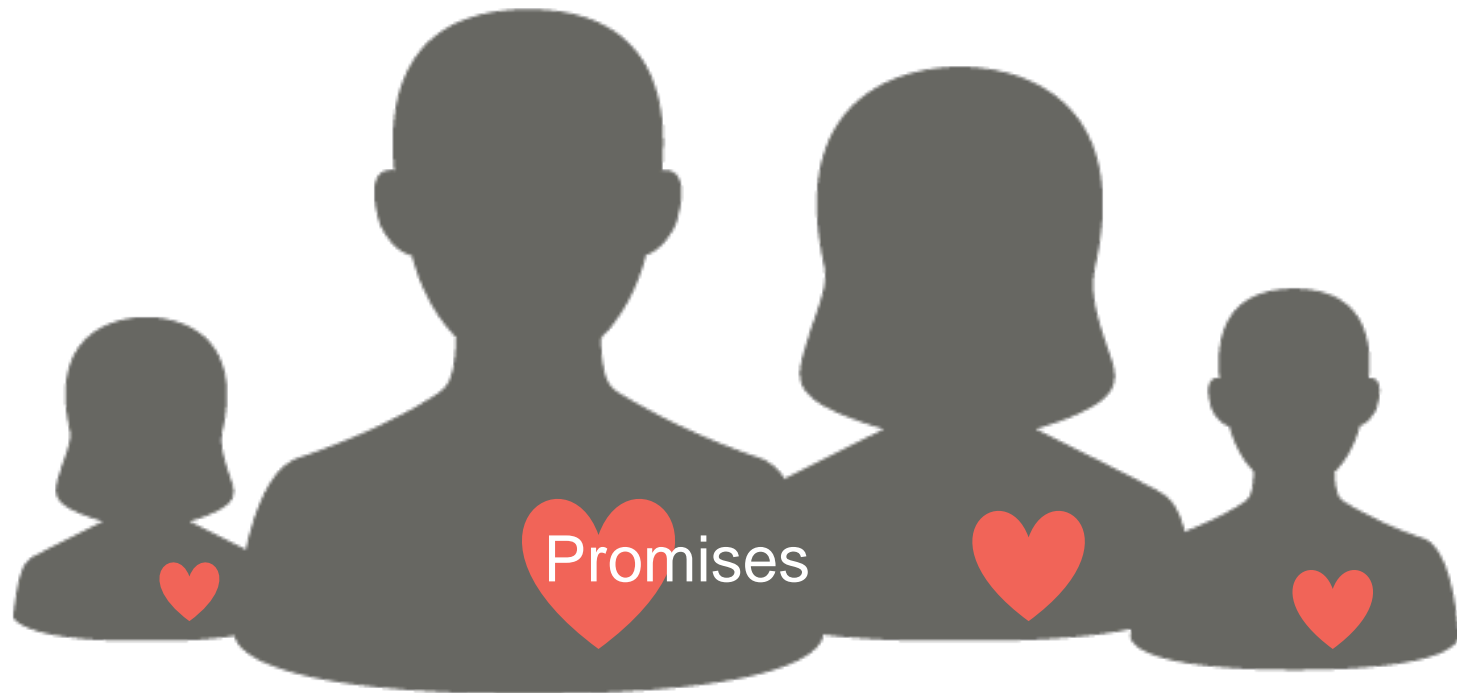


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“Family history is a **powerful resource** to use in finding those whom the Lord is preparing to receive the restored gospel.”

*Preach My Gospel: A Guide to Missionary Service*  
(2004), 165



“The Prophet Elijah was to **plant in the hearts** of the children the promises made to their fathers.”

Doctrine and Covenants 138:47



What happens in the heart?

What do you feel?

“When our hearts  
turn to our ancestors,  
something changes  
inside us.”

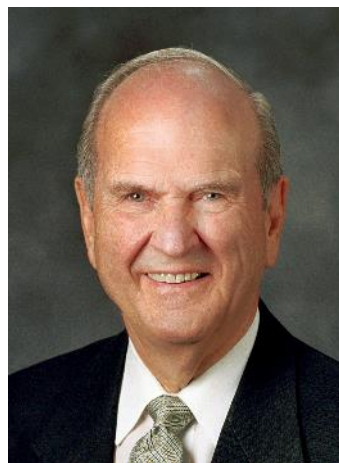
Elder Russell M. Nelson  
"Generations Linked in Love," *Ensign*  
or *Liahona*, May 2010, 92



# The Spirit of Elijah Is...

“a manifestation of the Holy Ghost bearing witness of the divine nature of the family.”

Elder Russell M. Nelson  
*Ensign*, May 1998, 34





“I hope to see us dissolve the artificial boundary line we so often place between missionary work and temple and genealogical work, because it is the same great redemptive work!”

**President Spencer W. Kimball**  
In *Preach My Gospel*, 164

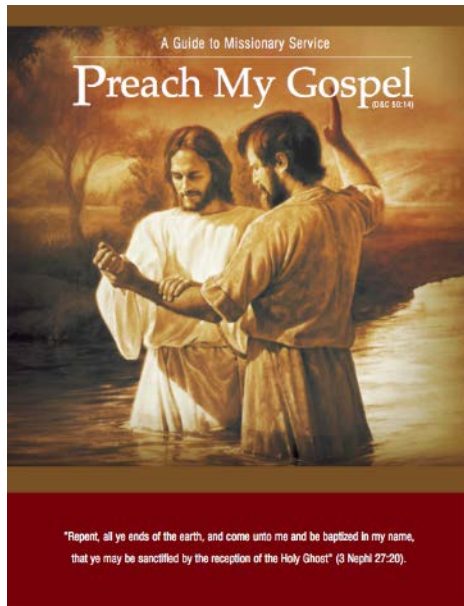


“The time has come for us to capitalize more effectively on the potent combination of the mighty change of heart, made possible primarily by the spiritual power of the Book of Mormon, and the turning of hearts to the fathers, accomplished through the Spirit of Elijah.”

**Elder David A. Bednar**  
2013 Seminar for New Mission Presidents







“The Spirit of Elijah is influencing millions of people throughout the world to search for their ancestors.”

*Preach My Gospel*, 163

# Discover and Apply the Spirit of Elijah in the Work

## Discover

Become witnesses of this manifestation of the Holy Ghost.

Missionaries and active members become witnesses by personally discovering their own family history.

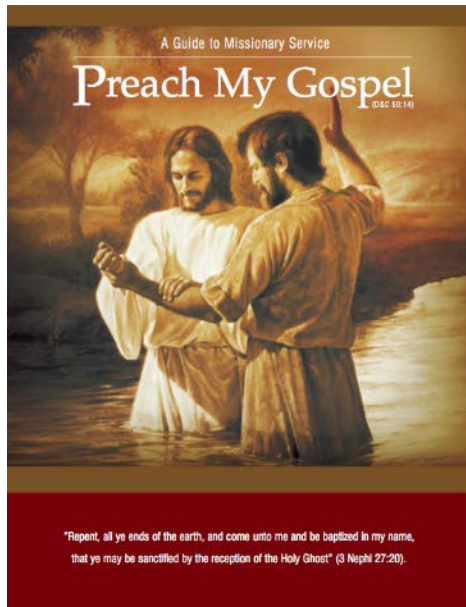


# Discover and Apply the Spirit of Elijah in the Work

**Apply** family history to existing missionary efforts.

Missionaries and members apply their newfound witness and skills to their finding, teaching, retention, and activation efforts.





“Determine what types of family history resources are available in your area.”

*Preach My Gospel*, 164

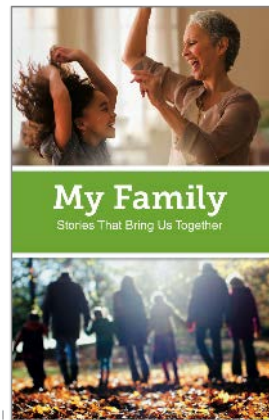
# Resources

to help us become witnesses of this manifestation of the Holy Ghost

Missionaries and active members become fellow witnesses by discovering their own family history individually and as families.



Stories



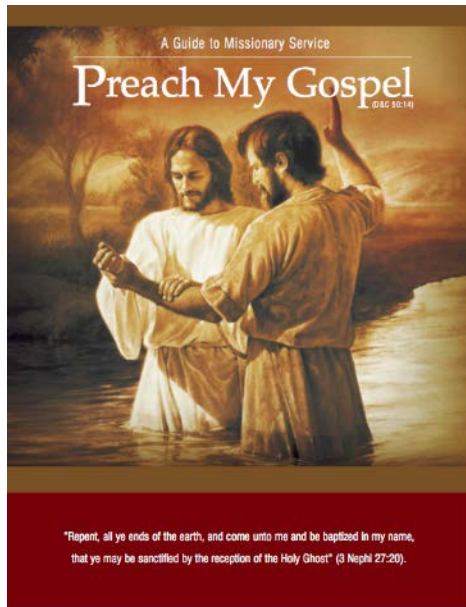
Booklet



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Centers



“People typically have spiritual feelings as they talk about families.”

*Preach My Gospel*, 165

# Stories

Start with family stories to invite the Spirit.



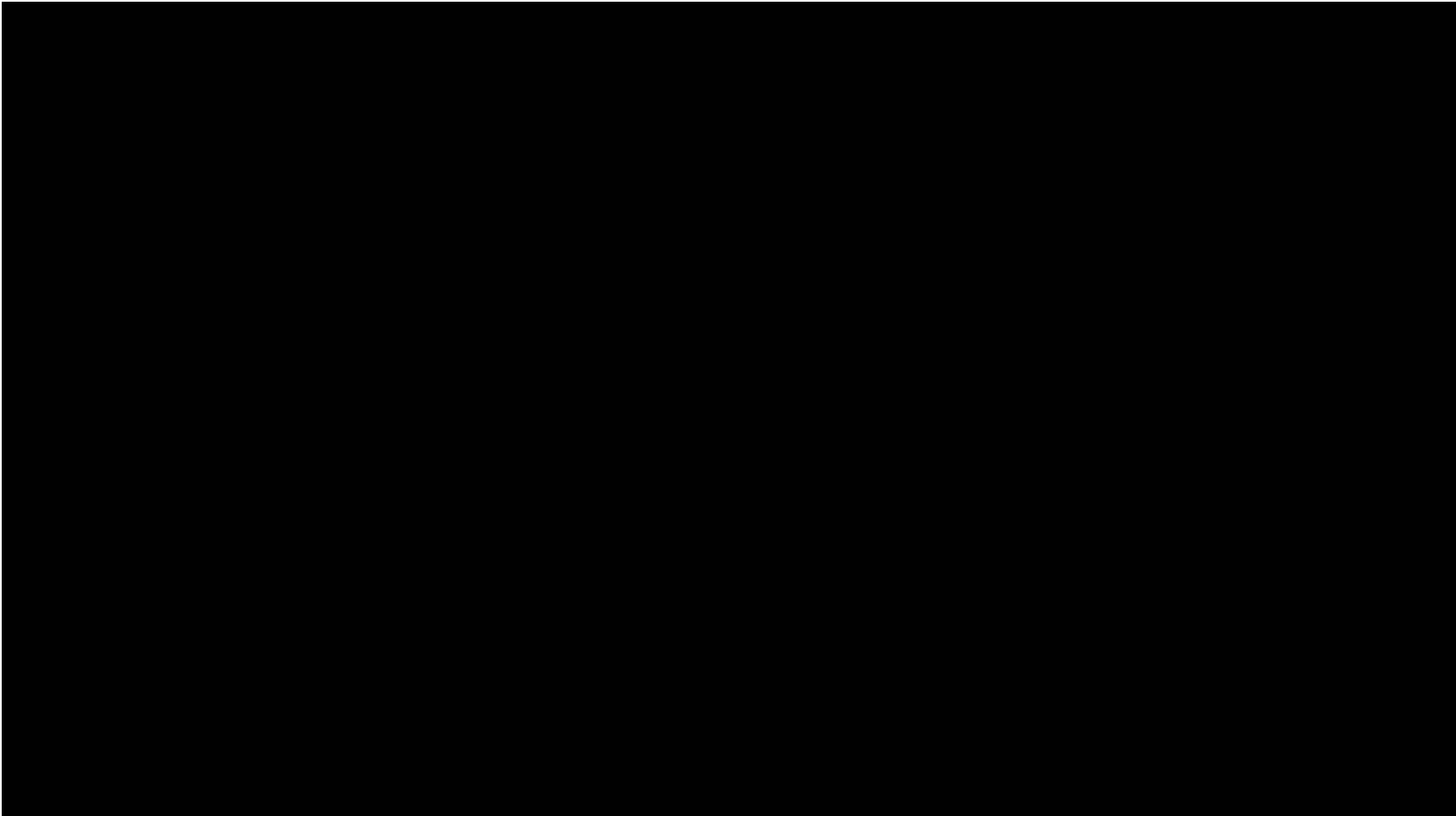


# Family Stories and Photos

- Real people
- Real lives
- Real experiences
- Real family connections



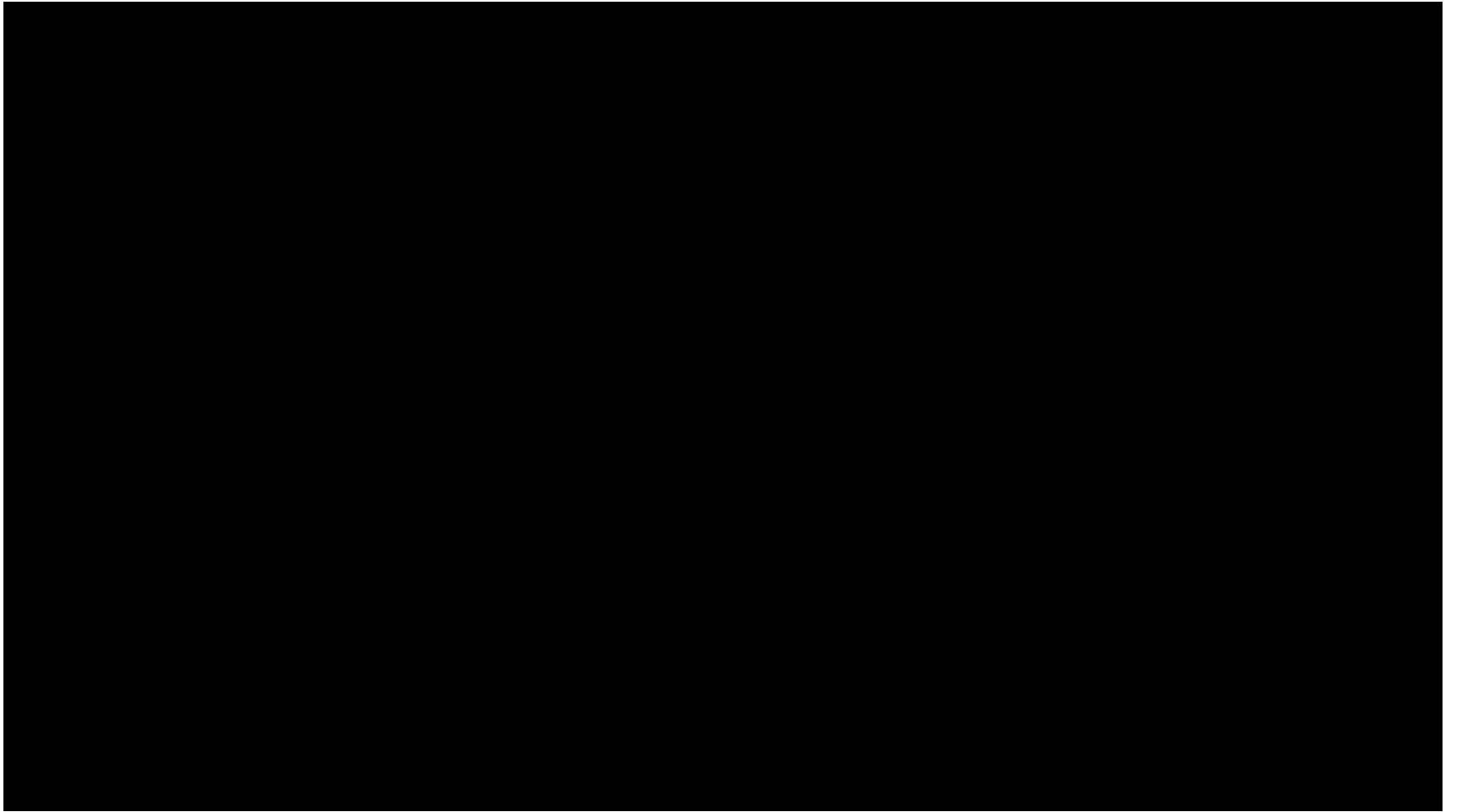




# Questions

- Will family history be a comfortable, nonthreatening way to share the gospel?
- Is the “turning of the heart” designed by the Lord for this purpose?





# FamilySearch.org—Wonderful Tools Are Now Available to Everyone!



Record Search



Family Booklet



Photos, Stories



Family Tree,  
Fan Chart

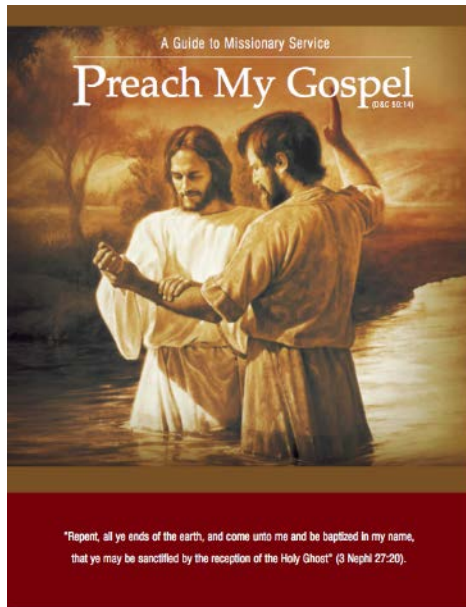


# Let's Find a Personal Record of an Ancestor



# Gathering Stories and Information





“Practice how you will offer family history help to those you meet.”

*Preach My Gospel*, 165

# Getting Started

to immediately experience the Spirit



## Stories

- Facilitate immediate experiences with the Spirit through stories.
- Teach the doctrine regarding the Spirit of Elijah and its influence in the work.
- Discover questions and other means to prompt stories.
- Start with ward council and active members.

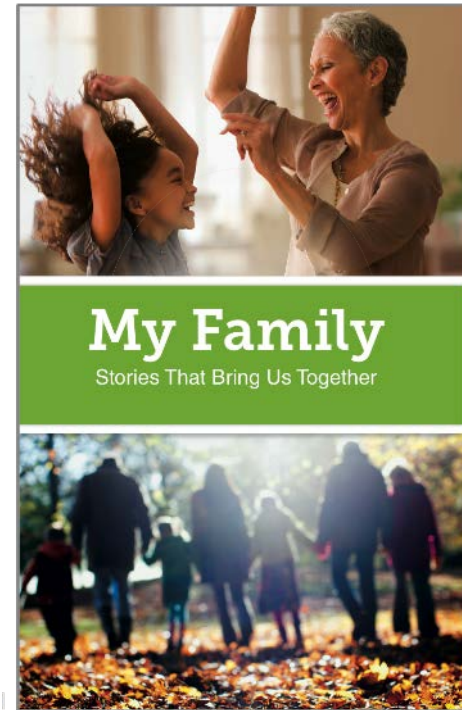


# Getting Started

to immediately experience the Spirit

## Booklet

- Assignment to actually do the steps described in the booklet.
- Involve families in appropriate ways.
- Apply the booklet to the work.
- Start with the ward council and active members.



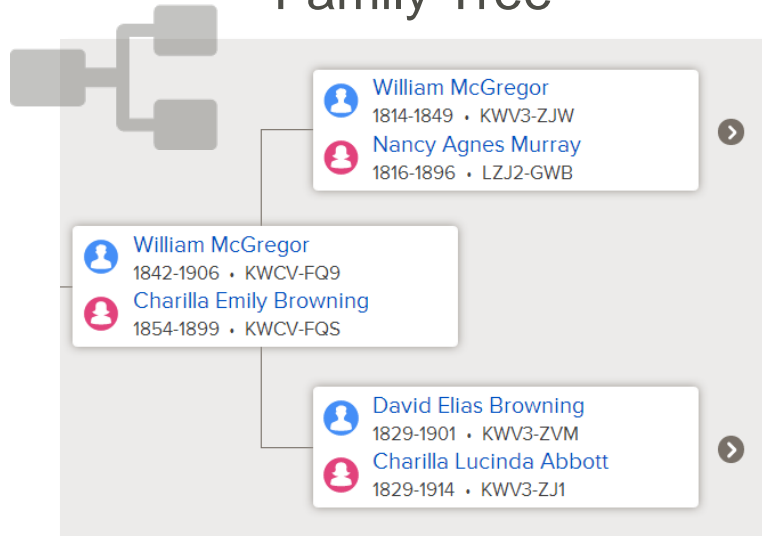
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Preserve and share stories, and build your own family tree online.

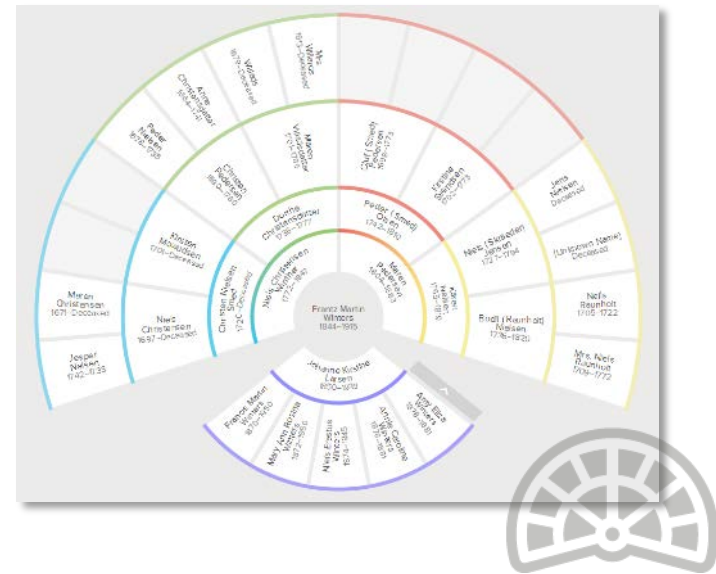
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# FamilySearch.org

## Family Tree



## Fan Chart

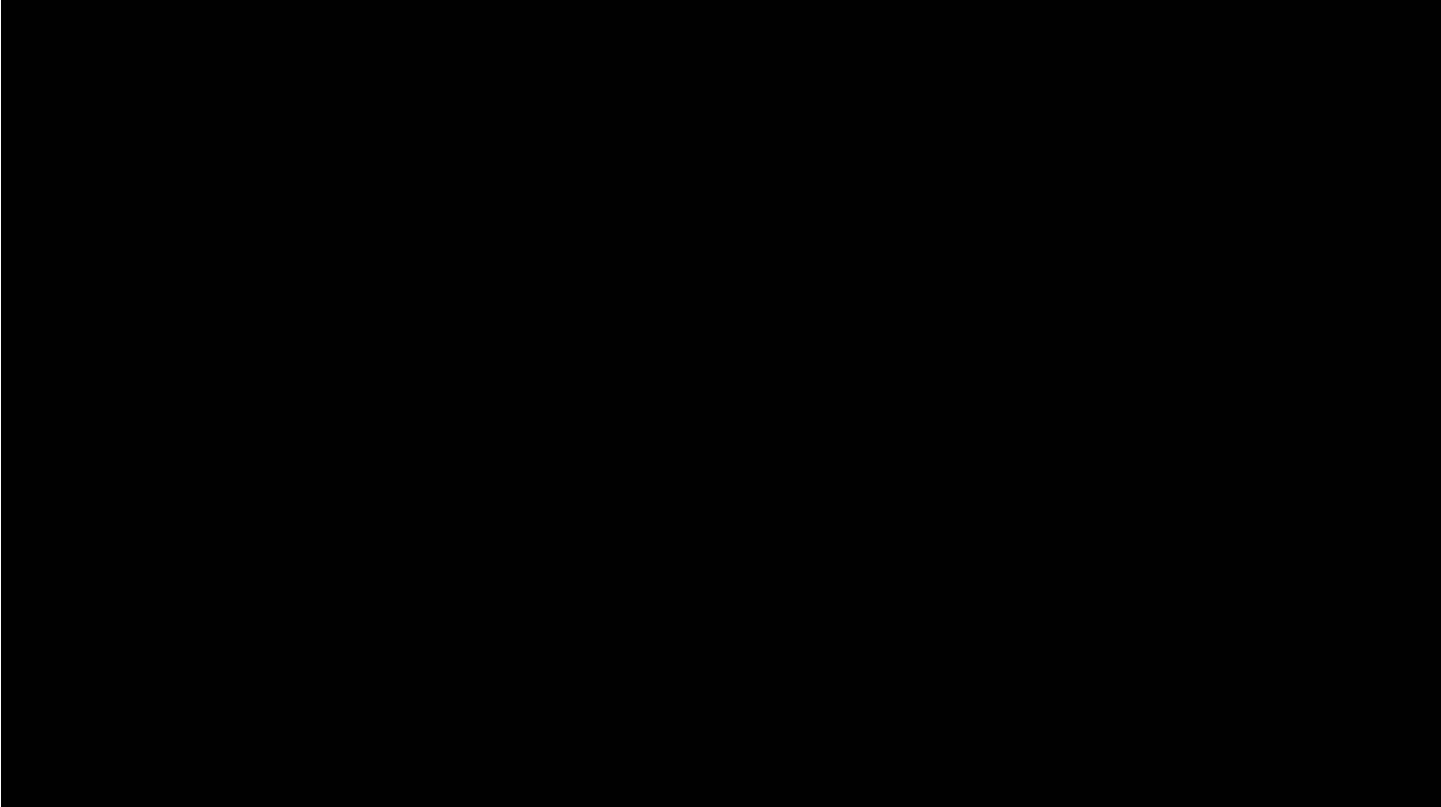


# FamilySearch.org

## Photos and Stories

- Of your ancestors.
- Available to all relatives.

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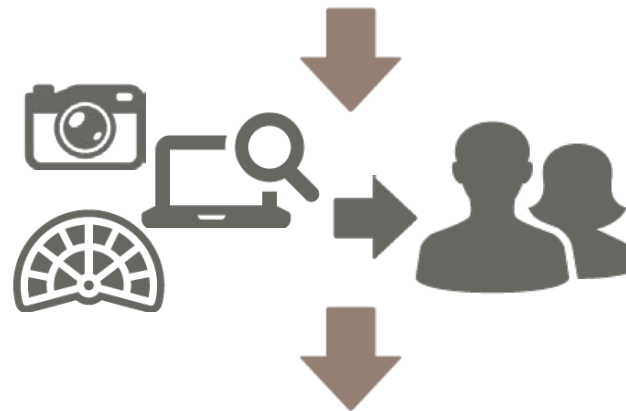


# Invite the Spirit of Elijah

For yourself



For others to feel



For others to understand



# For Yourself

- Find records.
- View photos.
- Learn stories.

Have your own  
personal experience  
with the Spirit of  
Elijah.





# For Others to Feel

- Talk with others.
- Share resources.
- Help them feel something special in their hearts.

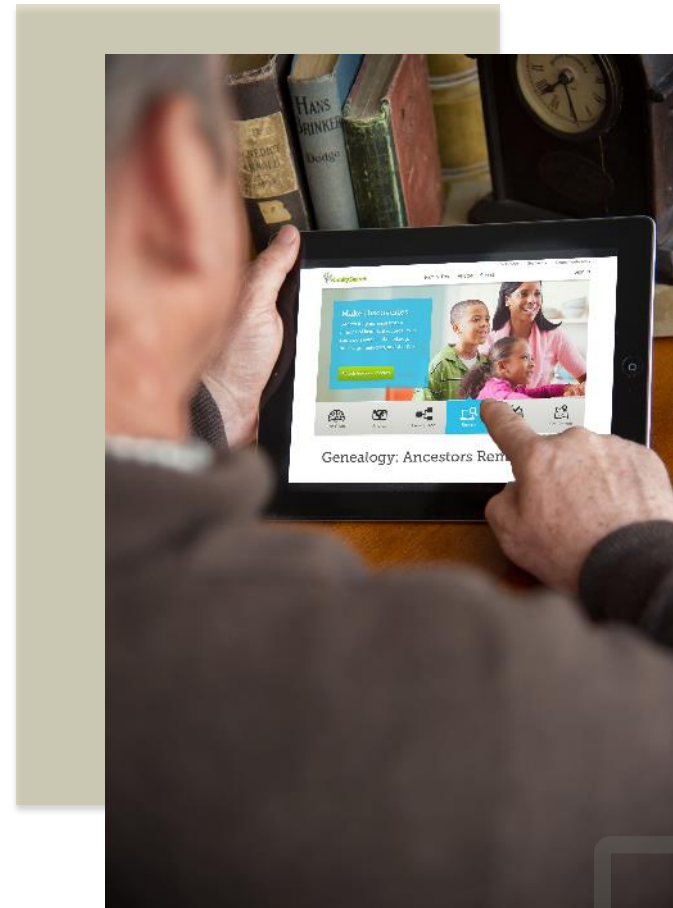




# For Others to Feel

Help them recognize the feelings they have as they:

- Find a record.
- Fill out the booklet.
- Talk to family and invite them to share the experience.

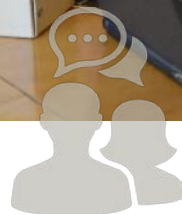


# For Others to Understand

Ask them:

- Do you know why we do family history work and why we build temples?

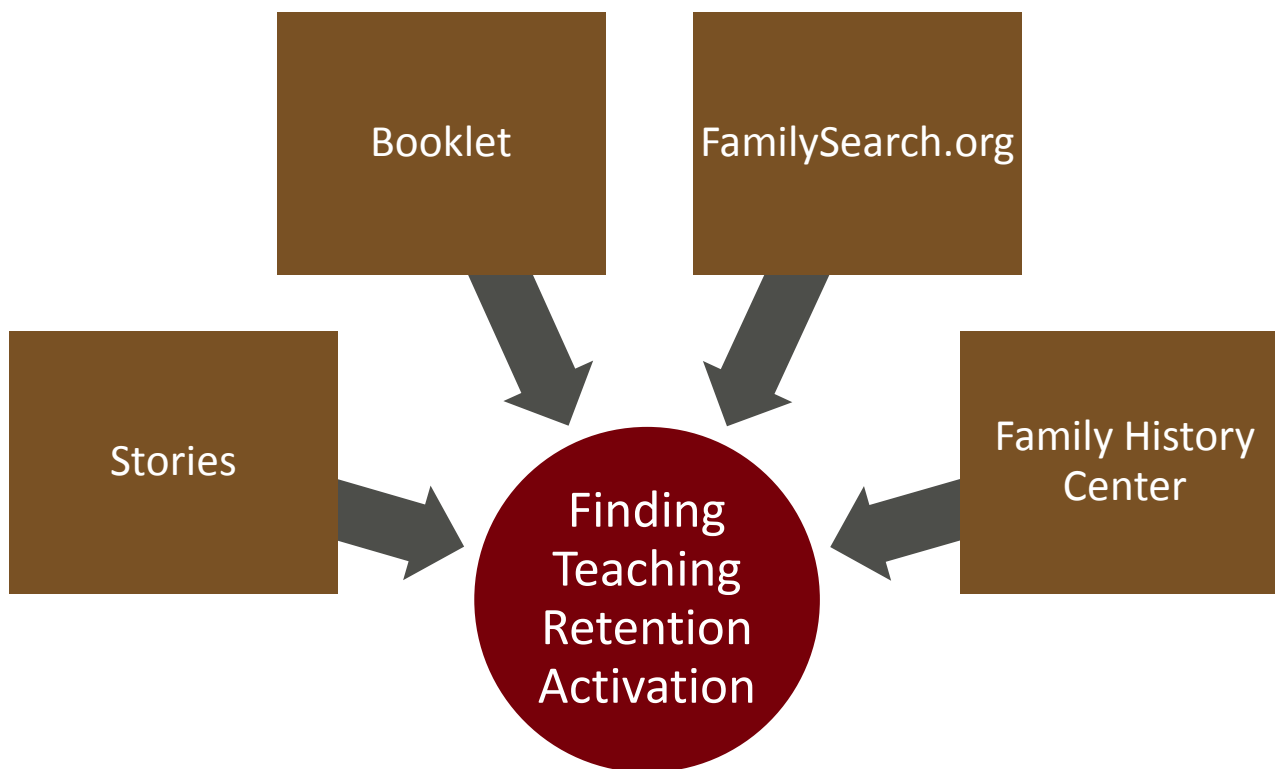
Invite them to learn why.

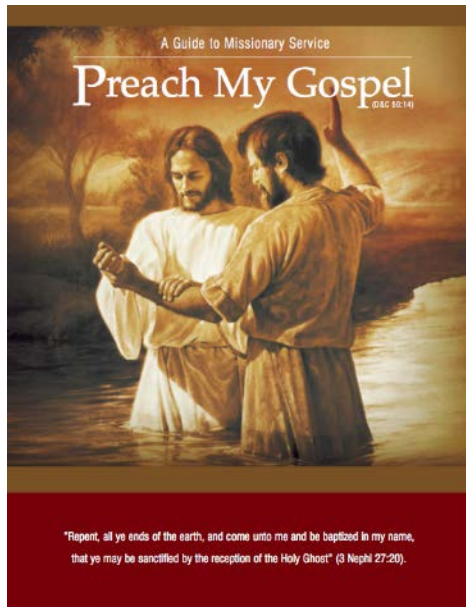




# Apply to Existing Efforts

to enhance finding, teaching, retention and activation efforts





“Convert retention is enhanced as new members are able to search their family roots and perform sacred ordinances in behalf of their ancestors.”

*Preach My Gospel, 165*

# Families Can Be Forever through Ordinances in the Temple





# First Step: Contacting

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# What to Say?

Ask others a question:

- About their ancestors.
- About their family name.
- About famous ancestors.
- About interesting **stories.**
- About their own interest and experiences in searching for stories.





# Show and Tell

## With the Internet:

- Find a record.
- Share the booklet.
- Invite them to gather information.

## Without the Internet:

- Invite others to your home or a family history center.
- Share the booklet to help them gather information.

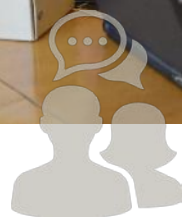


# Transition to a Gospel Discussion

Ask them:

- Do you know why we do family history work and why we build temples?

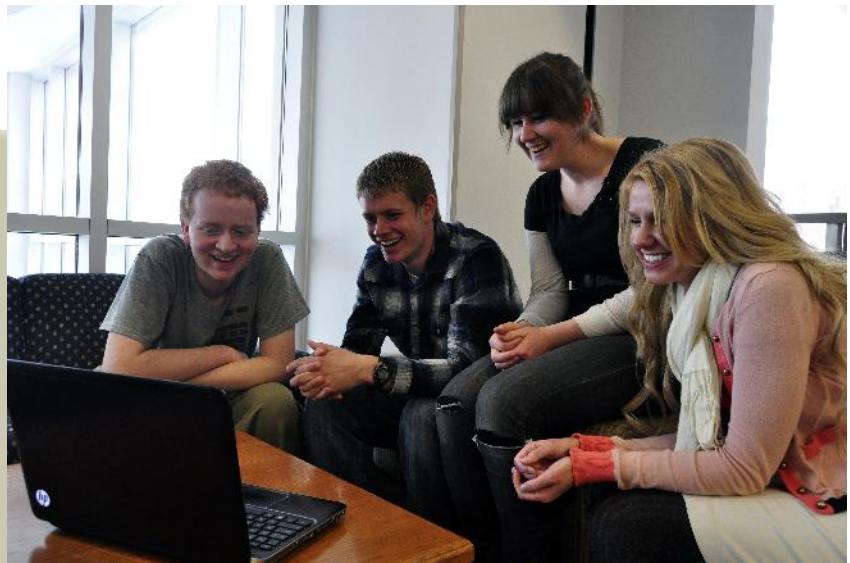
Invite them to learn why.



# Plan a Follow-Up Lesson

To start entering data online and to teach others the reasons for family history and temple work, plan a follow-up lesson:

- In a home, church, or family history center.
- With a family history consultant.
- And with a missionary.



# Invite Their Friends and Family Also!





# Follow-Up Lesson

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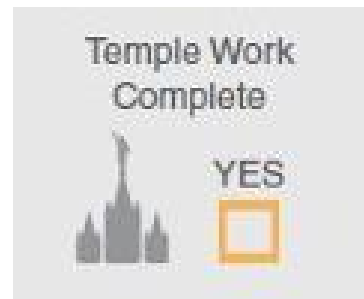
# Lesson Intro

- Have a prayer.
- Review the booklet.
- Create an account.
- Enter booklet data online.
- Find a record.



# Transition to Missionary Message

- “Do you know why we build temples?”



**Grandfather**

**NAME** *Peter Christian Gottfredson*

Stories and memories about him:

*It seems that grandpa had a bad day at work. A few days have been behind while he was building the temple up in his head just like that. The work was around with some better. The job actually didn't do him on his head? The work was better. He got a beautiful job. The building and work on a belly and the second month. He got back to work right away.*

Added to FamilySearch.org YES

Temple Work Complete YES

Birth Date *24 May 1924*

Place *Ellsworth, Pierce, Wisconsin*

Death Date *16 November 1989*

Place *San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA*

Marriage Date *31 December 1943*



# Missionaries Teach Doctrine

- Eternal families
  - The Family: A Proclamation to the World
- Necessity of ordinances
  - John 3:5
- Work for the dead
  - 1 Peter 3:18–20; 4:6
  - 1 Corinthians 15:29
- Temples
  - Ordinances for the living and the dead



# Set Separate Return Appointments

## Consultants

- Continue to help

## Missionaries

- Teach lessons



# Have Fun!

