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"Worth...the Riches of the Whole Earth"

- Video** – Explain that in November 1831, Church leaders decided to put Joseph Smith’s revelations in a book for everyone to read. Today those revelations are printed in the Doctrine and Covenants. Watch “[Chapter 23: The Doctrine and Covenants](#)” video from the church. The revelations in the Doctrine and Covenants are “worth to the Church the riches of the whole Earth” (D&C 70 section heading). They teach us many things that are important. Share some favorite verses from D&C that we feel are of great worth.
 - If time/interest, Crystal from theredcrystal.org has some great printables to talk about the different books of scripture at [this link](#).
- Scripture Hop** – Follow instructions on page 3 below for a scripture hop for D&C 67:13. Emphasize the word “patience” and explain what it means. Jesus Christ is the only being who lived a perfect life on Earth. He knows we’re not perfect, but He wants us to continue following Him and doing our best to become like Him (through His help). He is the one who can clean us when we make mistakes. He is patient with us (and others) as we make mistakes, and He wants us to be patient with ourselves as well.
 - Talk from Elder Holland:** I would definitely recommend rereading “[Be Ye Therefore Perfect – Eventually](#)” from the 2017 conference, and if you have older kids, maybe going over it with them as well.
 - Emphasize that none of us are perfect right now and we need continual help from Christ in order to become clean each day.
- Lego Bucket Activity** – One thing that helps us become clean is baptism. Help the kids see how great baptism is!
 - Picture:** Show picture of girl getting baptized on page 4 below (or show a picture of Mom/Dad’s baptism if available) and ask what they know/remember about baptism.
 - Activity:** *A lady in a CFM group on Facebook shared this idea a while ago, and I loved it! We’ve done it once already but will review it again with this lesson. Picture and idea shared with permission from Cheryl Porter Stirling.*
 - Use a washable marker to write words of different examples of sins or misdeeds on Lego pieces (or if you have younger kids, give them some time to use the dry erase markers to just color all over the Lego pieces). Point out that they need to be cleaned now!
 - Let the kids take turns choosing a Lego piece. Read the word, dip it into a bucket of water, and then point out how it’s clean now! Compare this to how our sins/mistakes can be taken away through Christ and His Atonement. Our sins are washed away at baptism, and even after baptism, our sins can be washed away if we repent.
 - Song:** Sing and talk about the words in “[When I Am Baptized](#)” from the Children’s Songbook.
- Baptism Videos/Stories** – Use any of the following to discuss baptism:
 - “[Baptism: A Bible Story for Children](#)” video from the church.
 - “[Clean Again](#)” Story from *The Friend* (story about a white dress that gets muddy on baptism day)
 - “[Would Baptism Change Me?](#)” story from *The Friend*



- [“Baptism Sign”](#) Story from *The Friend* about being afraid of the water
 - [“Baptism”](#) video from Latter Day Kids
 - [Questions and Answers About Baptism](#) in *The Friend*
5. [Rainbow Treasure Hunt Activity](#) – Baptism is one of many things that cleans us and leads us to “the riches of eternity.” Follow instructions on pages 5-9 below to do a treasure hunt to talk about other ordinances and principles that lead us to these riches.
 6. [Baptism Activity Page](#) – Make this [super cute activity page from the primary manual](#).
 7. [Skittles Rainbow](#) – D&C 68:31 reminds us that we should seek the “riches of eternity” instead of being full of greediness. Make a Skittle rainbow following directions found [here](#). Share stories of family members’ baptisms while testifying of the riches that can come to our life through baptism (including the gift of becoming clean from our sins) and talking about the riches of the world vs. the riches of eternity.



Additional Stuff Throughout the Week – I really couldn’t get D&C 68:25-28 out of my mind as I was studying this lesson. For my own family, I really felt that we needed to spread these topics out throughout the week to get some additional learning in after our main lesson. The combination of it being summer on top of the fact that we don’t have any majorly big events going on this week made this feel doable to us. We’re going to choose one topic to focus on each day (repentance, faith, baptism, the Holy Ghost, and prayer) and just have some casual discussions about them. My youngest daughter (4) has been REALLY into the idea of tracing letters lately, so we made some sheets with the title at the top for them to trace. While we’re discussing, we’ll let them trace the words at the top and draw pictures that have to do with that topic in the space underneath. Print up pages 12-16 below if you want to do this.

- [This page](#) on the church’s website lists stories and activities from *The Friend* that could be used by topic. We’ll probably choose a story or two from these to help talk about some of the topics.
- If we get feeling really ambitious, we might make quill pens to use for these pages so can get a feel of what it was like for people in Joseph Smith’s time (plus, it just sounds fun 😊). Super Easy Quill Pen Instructions are on [this website](#). Basically, you just cut the end of a feather, clean out the inside with a toothpick, and use water with food coloring for ink. 😊



Additional Ideas:

More Great Free Ideas at www.theredcrystal.org

Gifts you receive on the day you’re baptized: [June 2013 Friend \(ldscdn.org\)](http://June2013Friend(ldscdn.org))

Faith, Repentance, Baptism, Holy Ghost mobile [June 2011 Friend \(ldscdn.org\)](http://June2011Friend(ldscdn.org))

Questions and Answers About Baptism [August 2008 Friend \(ldscdn.org\)](http://August2008Friend(ldscdn.org))

[“Learning About Baptism”](#) activity with steps of baptism to read and color

SCRIPTURE Hop

(D&C 67:13)

Cut apart the following strips and spread them out far enough in a room so that the kids will need to hop from one strip to another. Make sure to keep them in the correct order. Have them stand by the first one and help them say the top line out loud. Explain what it means. Then have them jump to the next one and do the same thing until they've jumped on each of them, said them out loud, and discussed them one at a time. Then have them start back at the beginning and practice saying the phrases from this verse in order while hopping from strip to strip again. Try going a little faster each time. Repeat as many times as wanted/needed. These can also be used as flash cards, taped onto the wall to practice throughout the week, etc.



CONTINUE



IN PATIENCE



UNTIL YE



ARE PERFECTED.

Note: The whole verse says, "Ye are not able to abide the presence of God now, neither the ministering of angels; wherefore, continue in patience until ye are perfected."



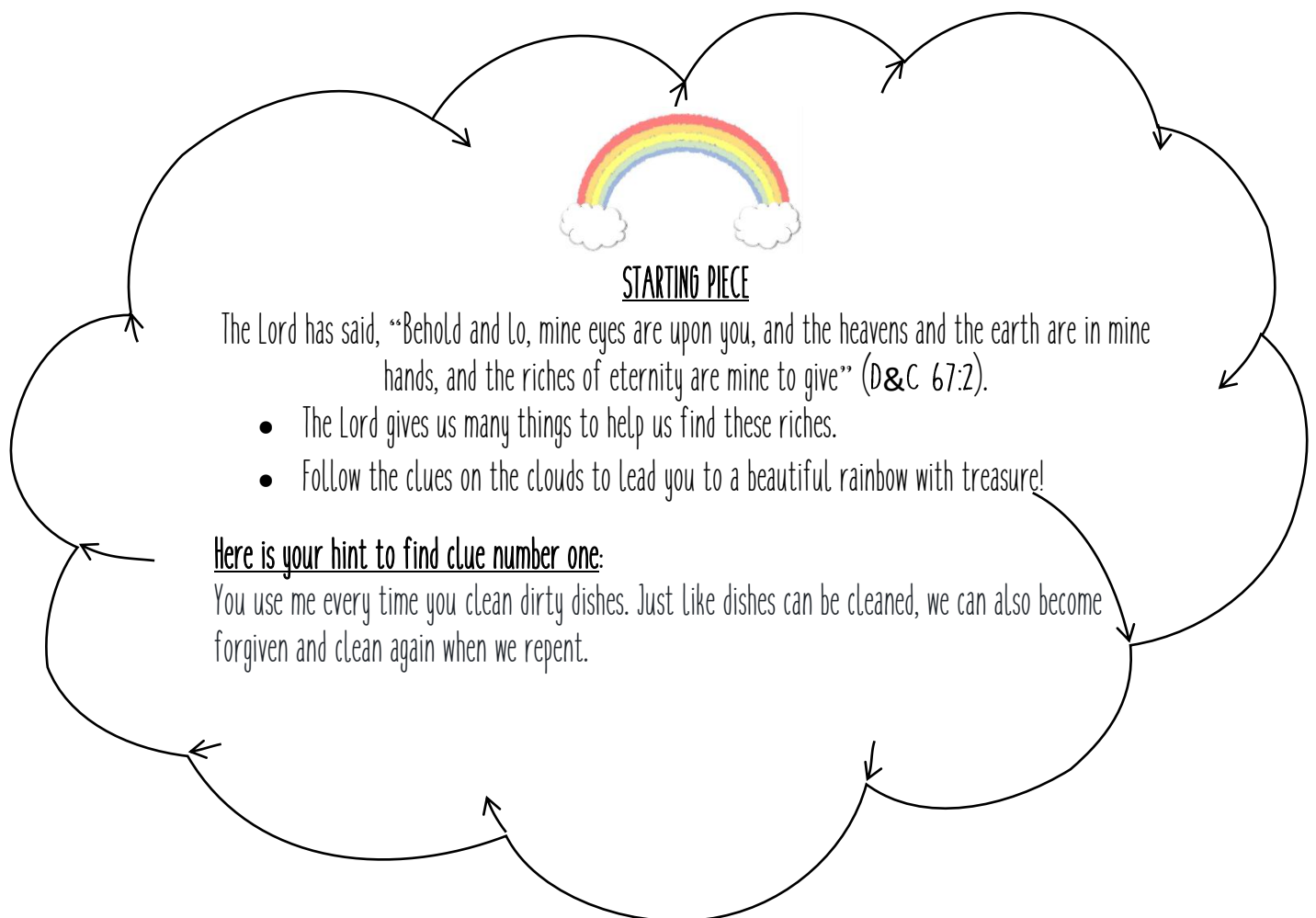


Rainbow Treasure Hunt



The scriptures teach us of many things that will lead us to the “riches of eternity.” These things help cleanse us and prepare us for incredible blessings the Lord wants to give us. This activity will help us learn more about these things as we search for the final treasure.

- Cut apart the following cloud clues.
- Give them the starting piece and hide the others.
- The clouds should be hidden as follows: Repentance (#1) in the dishwasher or by dish soap, Faith (#2) in/by scriptures, Baptism (#3) in bathtub, Holy Ghost (#4) in a blanket, Prayer (#5) at the table, Temple (#6) on a mirror, and put the final rainbow and treasure by a picture of Jesus Christ.
- As they get to each card, read and discuss it in as much detail as needed. Help them see how each thing helps cleanse and perfect us and bring us closer to Christ.
- With the final rainbow card, hide some kind of treat (such as Skittles) to represent the treasure.
- Note: If you want to simplify a little, you can also just lay the clouds out like stepping stones and have the kids hop from cloud to cloud as you read and discuss each one, talking about how each helps you get closer to the “riches of eternity.” Just cut off the clues underneath the clouds if you want to do it this way.
- The wording on these clouds comes from [True to the Faith](#).



1

REPENTANCE

Repentance is one of the first principles of the gospel. It is essential to your happiness in this life and throughout eternity. Repentance is much more than just acknowledging wrongdoings. It is a change of mind and heart that gives you a fresh view about God, about yourself, and about the world. It includes turning away from sin, and turning to God for forgiveness. It is motivated by love for God and the sincere desire to obey His commandments.

Here is your hint to find clue number two:

You read me to hear important stories and learn more about your Savior.

2

FAITH IN JESUS

In order for your faith to lead you to salvation, it must be centered in the Lord Jesus Christ. Faith is much more than passive belief. You express your faith through action—by the way you live.

The Savior promised, “If ye will have faith in me ye shall have power to do whatsoever thing is expedient in me” (Moroni 7:33). Faith in Jesus Christ can motivate you to follow His perfect example (see John 14:12). Your faith can lead you to do good works, obey the commandments, and repent of your sins (see James 2:18; 1 Nephi 3:7; Alma 34:17). Your faith can help you overcome temptation. Alma counseled his son Helaman, “Teach them to withstand every temptation of the devil, with their faith on the Lord Jesus Christ” (Alma 37:33).

The Lord will work mighty miracles in your life according to your faith.

Here is your hint to find clue number three:

You fill me up with water and use me to clean your whole body after you get dirty, just like baptism will cleanse your spirit.

3

BAPTISM

Baptism is the first saving ordinance of the gospel (see Articles of Faith 1:4). Through baptism and confirmation by priesthood authority, you become a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

When you are baptized, you show your willingness to follow the Savior's example. He too was baptized, even though He was without sin. As He explained to John the Baptist, He needed to be baptized in order to "fulfil all righteousness" (see Matthew 3:13-17).

All who seek eternal life must follow the example of the Savior by being baptized and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Here is your hint to find clue number four:

When you're cold, you can wrap me around you to feel warm and comfortable, just like the way the Holy Ghost can help you feel.

4

GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

The Holy Ghost is the third member of the Godhead. He is a personage of spirit, without a body of flesh and bones (see D&C 130:22). He is often referred to as the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of the Lord, or the Comforter.

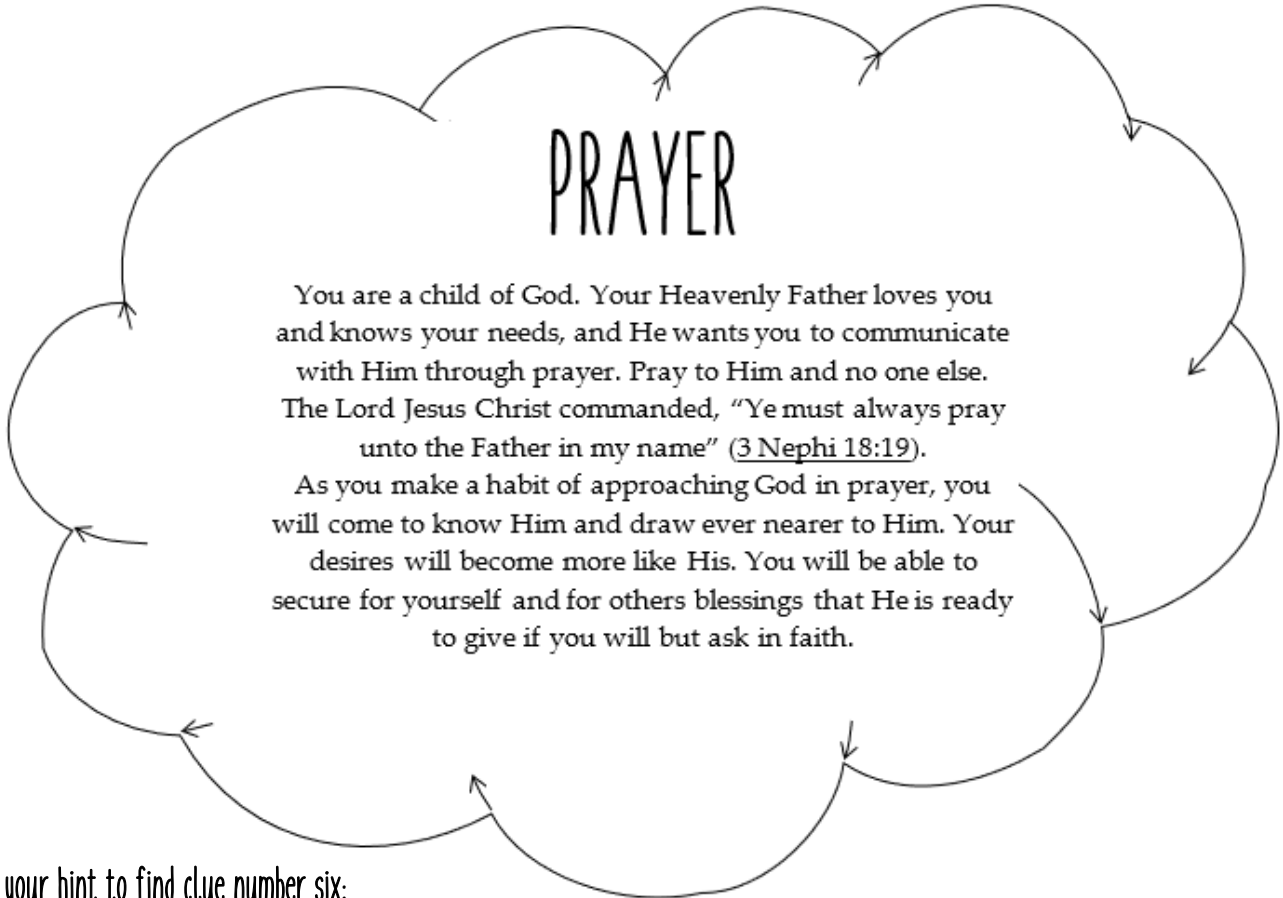
The Holy Ghost works in perfect unity with Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ, fulfilling several roles to help you live righteously and receive the blessings of the gospel.

All honest seekers of the truth can feel the influence of the Holy Ghost, leading them to Jesus Christ and His gospel. However, the fulness of the blessings given through the Holy Ghost are available only to those who receive the gift of the Holy Ghost and remain worthy.

Here is your hint to find clue number five:

You are sitting around me when you ask Heavenly Father to bless your food during meals.

5



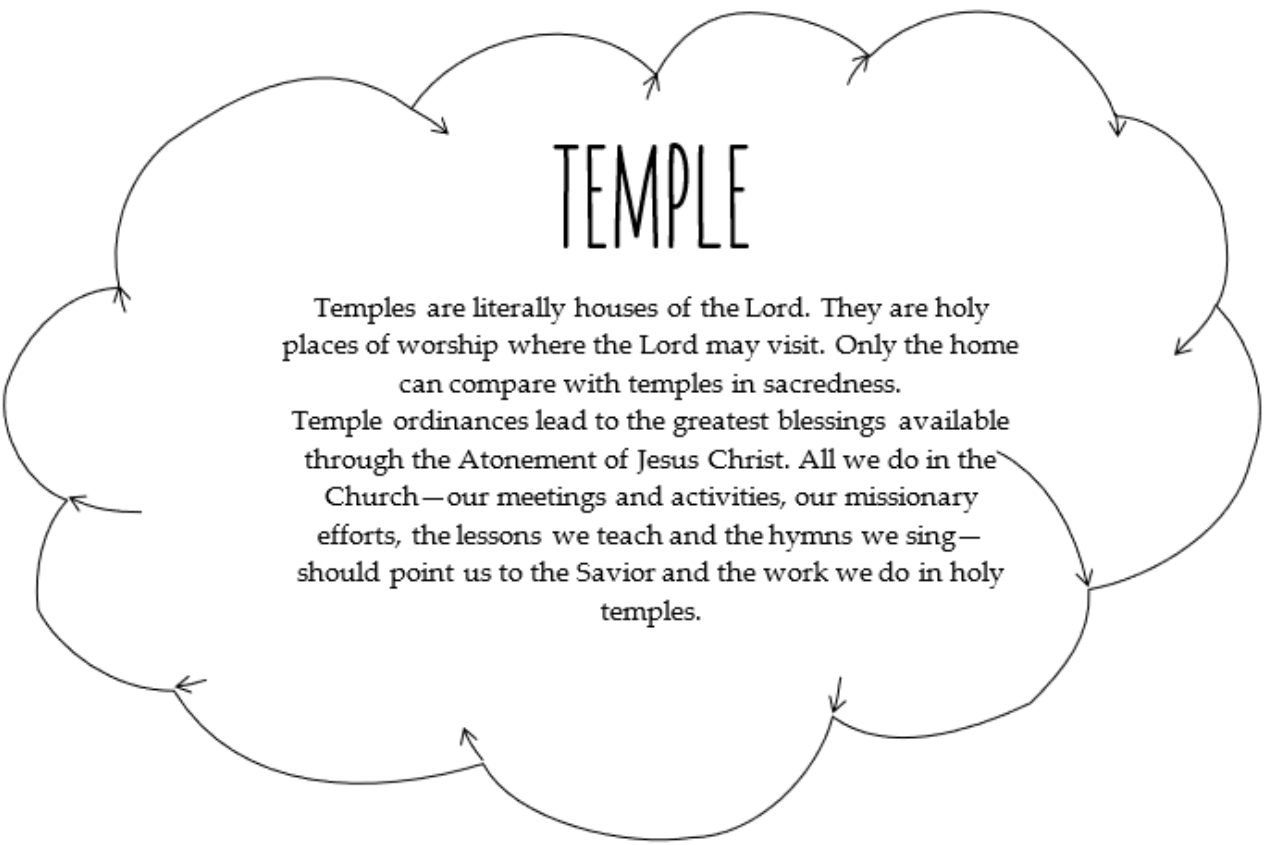
PRAYER

You are a child of God. Your Heavenly Father loves you and knows your needs, and He wants you to communicate with Him through prayer. Pray to Him and no one else. The Lord Jesus Christ commanded, “Ye must always pray unto the Father in my name” (3 Nephi 18:19).
As you make a habit of approaching God in prayer, you will come to know Him and draw ever nearer to Him. Your desires will become more like His. You will be able to secure for yourself and for others blessings that He is ready to give if you will but ask in faith.

Here is your hint to find clue number six:

In the temple you can look into me to see forever, but at home you can use me to see how your hair looks.

6



TEMPLE

Temples are literally houses of the Lord. They are holy places of worship where the Lord may visit. Only the home can compare with temples in sacredness.
Temple ordinances lead to the greatest blessings available through the Atonement of Jesus Christ. All we do in the Church—our meetings and activities, our missionary efforts, the lessons we teach and the hymns we sing—should point us to the Savior and the work we do in holy temples.

You're almost there! To find the final treasure, look for a picture of the One who can cleanse us. The One who died for us and loves each of us!



CONGRATULATIONS!

You've found the treasure!



Read and discuss the following scripture:

“Behold and lo, mine eyes are upon you, and the heavens and the earth are in mine hands, and the riches of eternity are mine to give”

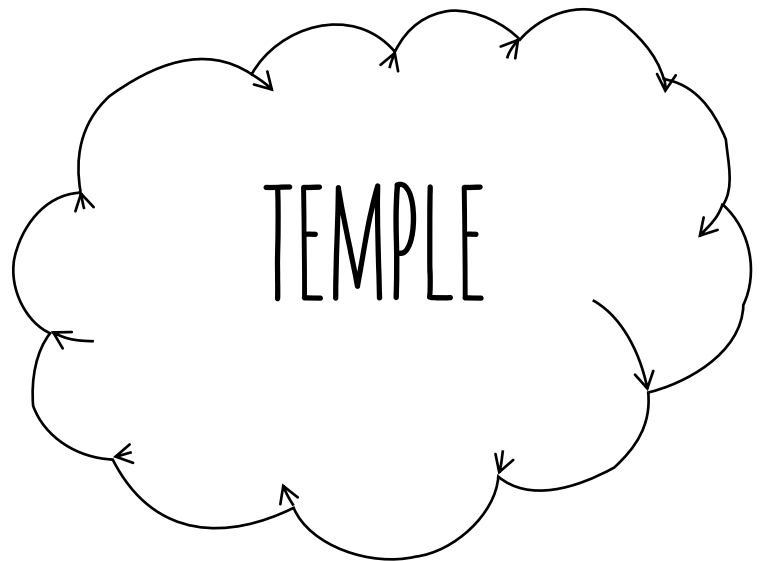
(D&C 67:2).

What are some of the riches we've been given by the Lord?

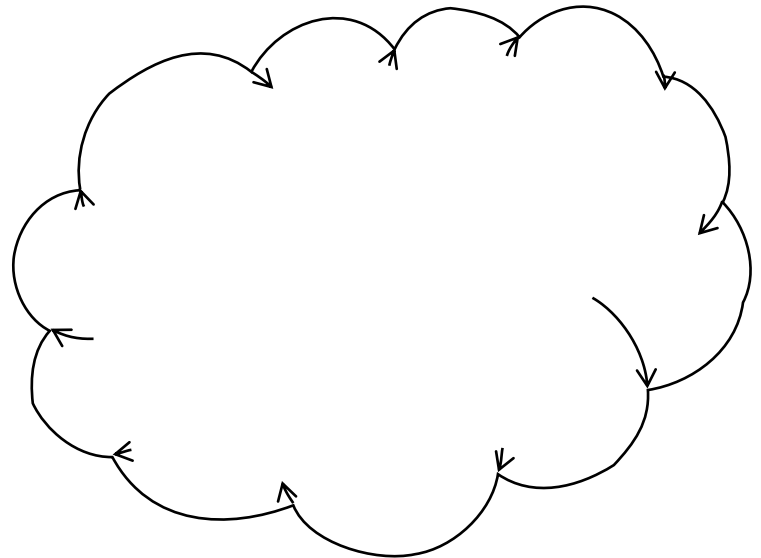
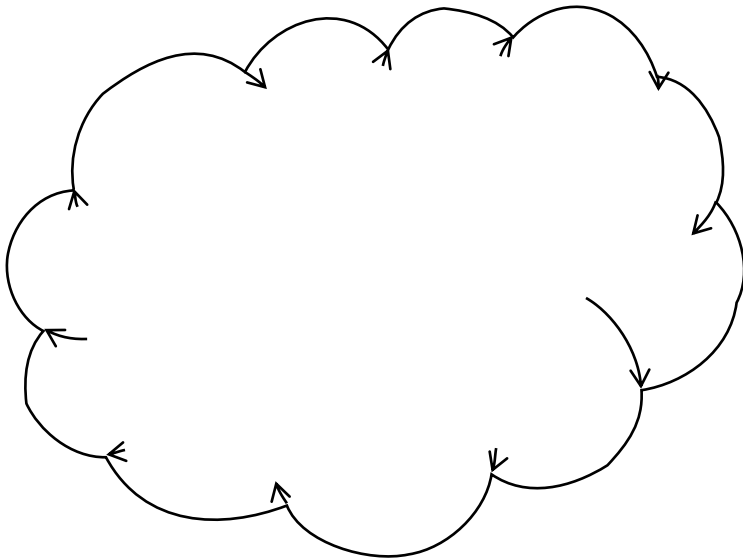
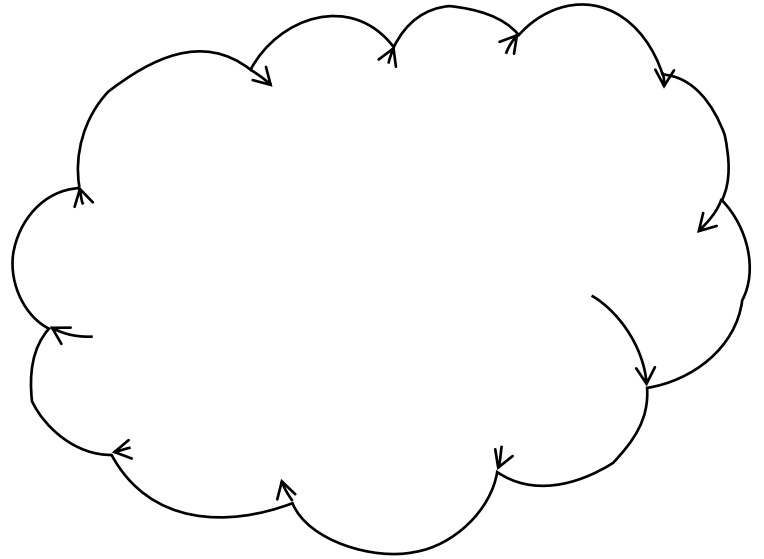
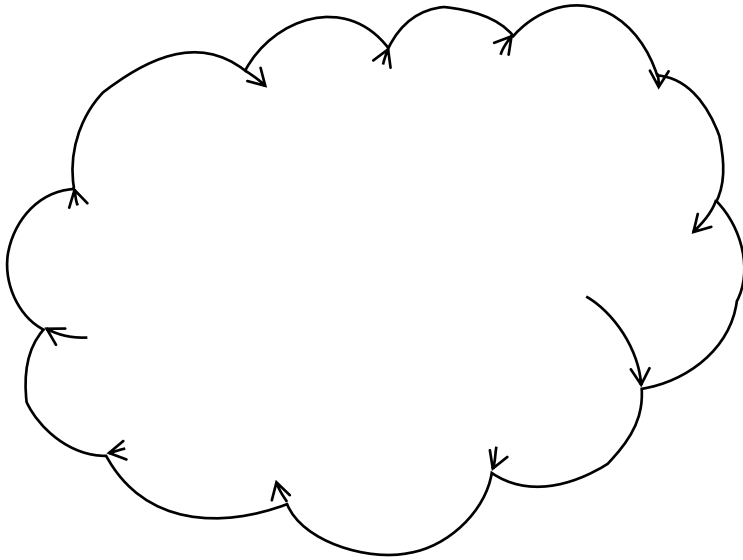
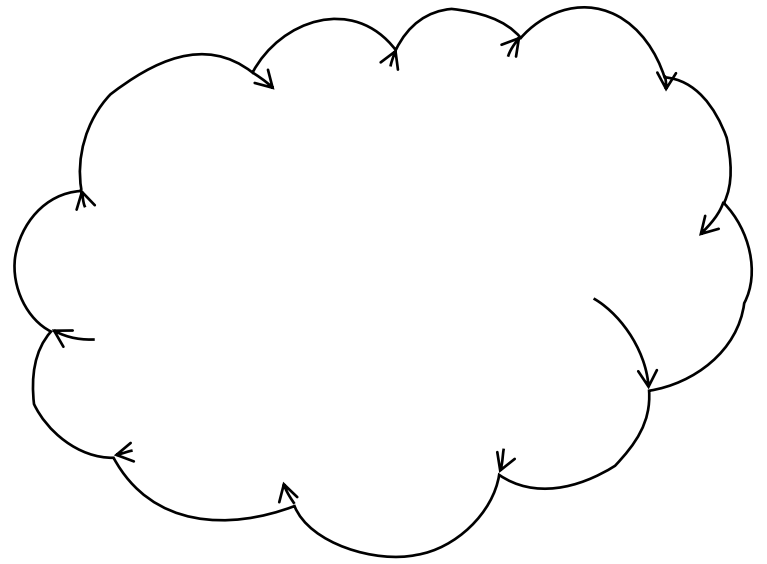
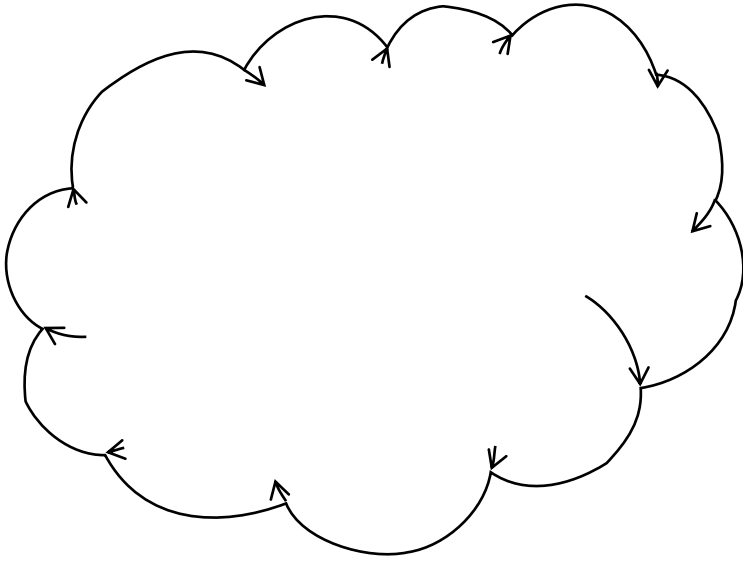
What are some promised riches that will come in the future?

How do following His principles and ordinances help us receive these riches?

If you want an even simpler version, you can use these clouds to make a trail to the rainbow. Step from cloud to cloud until you reach the final treasure at the rainbow.



Additional ideas for ways we can draw nearer to the Lord can be written/drawn on these blank clouds if desired.



Repentance

Faith in Christ

Baptism

The Gift of the

Holy Ghost

Prayer

Tours:

Some missionaries at the Mormon Battalion Site are offering free virtual tours and are wanting to get the word out about them. We did it, and even our young kids loved it! If you'd like to sign up, here is the link: <https://calendly.com/mormonbattalionhs>



After we did this tour, we received an email with links to many other virtual tours that seem like they would be great! Here are those additional links for anyone else who might be interested:

- Live virtual tours of New York and Pennsylvania church history sites (Sacred Grove, Priesthood Restoration site, Peter Whitmer farm, Book of Mormon publication site, etc.) [Schedule Appointment with New York & Pennsylvania Historic Sites \(as.me\)](https://www.as.me/schedule-appointment-with-new-york-pennsylvania-historic-sites)
- Historic Nauvoo Virtual Tours: <https://www.nauvoohistoricsites.org/live/>
- Joseph Smith Birthplace Virtual Tour: <https://calendly.com/josephsmithbirthplace>
- Kirtland Area Historic Sites: <https://go.oncehub.com/historickirtlandtours>
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- Mormon Trail Center at Winter Quarters: <https://calendly.com/trailcenterschedule>
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