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The First Article of Faith Family Home Evening Packet

*We believe
in God, the
Eternal Father . . .*

Contents:

Lesson, Articles of Faith Game,
Article of Faith Memorization, Treat Recipe \$5.00

“Top It” Treat

Ingredients

- cinnamon & sugar
- frozen, baking rolls
- oranges
- butter
- apples

In different parts of the world, cinnamon and sugar is used to sprinkle over different foods to make delicious treats.

Here are three varieties to try.

Baked Apple Directions:

Peel, core and slice apples and arrange on a microwave safe plate. Sprinkle apples with cinnamon and sugar and heat in the microwave until the apples are warmed through.

Orange Slice Directions:

Slice oranges, leaving the peel on. Place on a plate and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar.

Cinnamon & Sugar Rolls Directions:

Bake frozen, baking rolls according to directions on bag. Remove from oven and immediately spread butter on rolls and sprinkle with cinnamon & sugar.

Thank you to Heidi Luekenga from Avondale, Arizona for sharing this idea with us!

The First Article of Faith Family Home Evening Packet Home Evening Outline

Opening Prayer
Opening Song
Article of Faith
Lesson
Game

Closing Song
Closing Prayer
Refreshments

Suggested Songs: “The First Article of Faith”, pg. 122 (Childrens)

“I Know My Father Lives”, pg. 5 (Childrens)

“I Believe In Christ”, pg. 134 (Hymn)

Scripture: Ether 12:6-8

Article of Faith Memorization Sheet: Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use this sheet to help memorize Article of Faith #1. It will be especially helpful for small children.

Game - “All Around The World”: Teach family members that no matter where you go in the world, the Church is constant, it never changes.

Game Setup - Color game board sheets (two) as desired. Place the game board sheets side by side so that the “All Around The World” game logo is on the left hand side. Tape the two sheets together on the back of the sheets and laminate the game board. Color, laminate and cut out each “Airplane” game piece, being sure to color each plane a different color. There are three sheets of game cards. Laminate if desired and cut out each card. You will need a “die” for the game.

Object - To be the first team to collect ten game cards. To make the game shorter, decrease the amount to five game cards. To make the game longer, increase the amount to fifteen game cards.

Play - Divide the family in two or three teams. Each team chooses an “Airplane” game piece and places it on one of the eight “Country” game spaces (Egypt, Japan, Africa, Holland, England, France, Mexico or America). Each team must choose a “Country” game space that is not already occupied to begin the game. However, once the game has started, a space can be occupied by more than one team at a time. Divide the cards into three piles (Trivia, Draw and Miscellaneous) placing the piles face down on the playing surface. Choose which team will go first. That team begins by rolling the “die.” They move their game piece clockwise around the game board the number of spaces indicated on the “die.” The team will either land on a “Trivia”, “Draw”, “Miscellaneous”, “Article of Faith” or “Country” space. If a team lands on a “Trivia”, “Draw” or “Miscellaneous” space they draw the corresponding card from the draw pile. An opposing team reads the card. If a “Draw” card is drawn, the team must choose a team member that will draw, and the card is then shown to that team member. Each team is given one minute per card. If the team successfully answers or completes the card, they win the card and their turn continues. If a team lands on the “Recite or read an Article of Faith” space, that team must choose an Article of Faith to recite or read. Try and work on the Articles that you are currently trying to memorize. Once the team recites or reads the Article, their turn ends and rotates to the next team. If a team lands on a “Country” space, they can choose which of the three categories (Trivia, Draw or Miscellaneous) they want to answer a question for. If a team does not answer the card correctly in the one minute time allotment, their turn ends and rotates to the next team. The card is placed at the bottom of it’s corresponding pile. The game ends once a team has collected the necessary amount of game cards.

Each month, a new “Article of Faith” packet will be released. You can then combine your game cards to make a larger game.

Article of Faith #1

Children's Version

The Articles of Faith were written by the Prophet Joseph Smith and we can find them in the Pearl of Great Price section of our Book of Mormon. There are thirteen of them and it is important that we memorize them so that we always know some of the most important things that our Church believes in.

The first article of faith says:

"We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in his Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost."

This means that there are three personages that make up what we call the Godhead.

These personages are very much alike but each one has a separate job to do. They are perfect men. They are our Heavenly Father, His Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost.

Heavenly Father is the father of our whole universe. He is the father of every planet and star. He knows everything and can answer any question you may have about anything you want to know about. He is very smart.

We say our prayers to our Heavenly Father. He listens always and will hear and answer our prayers. He loves us so much. We just really don't have any idea how much He loves each one of us. He wants us to be happy. If we live as He wants us to live, we will be just that - happy.

Jesus is our Savior. He is our brother and He is Heavenly Father's son. His mother's name was Mary. He loves us so much that He was willing to come to the earth and give his life for us. He showed us that we will be resurrected, just like Him. He is our friend and He cares about us.

The Holy Ghost is the third member of the Godhead. He is not scary. He has a body that is made of spirit, just like we were before we came here. He can help us to learn everything that is true. He cannot tell a lie. He will take care of you and make you feel better when you feel bad. He loves you too.

You can have the Holy Ghost with you all of the time after you are confirmed and given that gift. You must try hard to do what is right, though. When he is near, you feel warm and happy. Sometimes there is a wonderful feeling in your heart and you feel that everything is all right. He will tell you when something is not right. You may feel scared or uneasy when this happens. That is the time you need to get away from whatever it is that you are doing. He wants to help you all of the time. He is wonderful!

Each personage is a tangible being and can only be in one place at a time. Their influence, however, can be felt by everyone. This can best be explained when compared to the sun in the sky. There is only one sun in our universe, but yet people all over the earth can feel of its warmth. That is how the Holy Ghost is. There is only one Holy Ghost but his influence can be felt by everyone.

It is very important to know that there is not just one person in the Godhead, but three - three personages who are our best friends. You can count on them, time and time again. Whenever you are afraid or unhappy or sad, just pray to your Heavenly Father in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ and you will be sent the Holy Ghost to comfort you. Isn't that wonderful? It is a promise, but it is a promise that has a rule with it.

DISCUSSION: Do you know what that rule is?

Yes, you need to try to be good. The Holy Ghost will not come to someone who is being bad.

Remember who you are at all times. You are the spirit child of your Heavenly Father. Jesus is your brother and The Holy Ghost is your comforter and protector. We are very blessed indeed.

DISCUSSION

- What does the "Godhead" mean?
- What does the 1st Article of Faith tell us we believe in?
- What do we need to do to keep the Holy Ghost with us at all times?

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Article of Faith #1

While the Prophet Joseph Smith was on the earth, he was asked many times to explain what the Latter-Day Saints believe. The editor of a newspaper called the "Chicago Democrat" asked Joseph to give him a history of what the saints had been through and what their beliefs were. The editor's name was John Wentworth. Joseph did as he was asked, believing that the information would be published in the newspaper.

The article was never published but Joseph had it included in an edition of the Church newspaper, "Times and Seasons" in March of 1842. Among the items in the article were thirteen statements which told of the L.D.S. beliefs.

The Articles of Faith were then included in the Pearl of Great Price when it was revised in 1878. The Articles of Faith then became official doctrine of the Church. (See Church History, Fullness of Times, Church Educational System Manual, 1993, p. 256-57)

Since the time when Joseph wrote the Articles of Faith, many revelations have been given to the Latter-Day prophets which include more of the doctrines of the Church. We believe in continuing revelation, just as the seventh and ninth Articles of Faith state.

The Articles of Faith are basic to every member of the Church and will help us to understand eternal truths. It is important to not only memorize the Articles, but to understand what they mean as well.

The first Article of Faith states:

"We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost."

This is the anchor of our religion. Because of what Joseph Smith saw in the first vision, we know beyond doubt that the Godhead consists of three distinct personages - God, our Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, his son, and the Holy Ghost. What a wonderful thing it is to know for a fact that they exist, separately and uniquely and yet they are very much the same in purpose and personality.

Abraham recorded the revelation that says that the members of the Godhead are called: God the first, the creator; God the second, the Redeemer; and God the third, the witness or Testator. (Teachings of Joseph Smith, p. 190)

What are the characteristics of the three who comprise the Godhead? Even though the three members of the Godhead are separate and distinct, they are often referred to as being "one." This is because they are one in being perfected. Each has the fullness of truth, knowledge, charity, power, justice, judgement, mercy and faith. (Mormon Doctrine, p. 319)

Each personage is a tangible being and can only be in one place at a time. Their influence, however, can be felt by everyone.

God the Father has a body of resurrected flesh and bones. (D&C 88:27) He is the Supreme Being. He is the Father of the entire universe, not just our planet. He knows everything and is the most powerful being in the universe. There are three words which are used to describe Heavenly Father and they are: omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient. To be omnipotent means that there is no limit to His power. By being omnipresent, it means that He is the "light which is in all things, which giveth life to all things, which is the law by which all things are governed." (D&C 88:12) In other words, because of Him, we have life and light. Our Heavenly Father is also omniscient which means that He has unlimited knowledge. He knows all there is to know. It is because of this attribute that we can have unwavering faith in Him.

He is our literal Father. He loves us in a way that we cannot even begin to understand and He is there for us always. It is Him that we pray to in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ.

The Son is Jesus Christ. He is Heavenly Father's spirit son, as well as his physical and mortal son. Jesus has many names, including Jehovah and Lord. When we refer to the "Lord" it is always a reference to Jesus Christ.

The name "Jesus" is taken from a Hebrew word, Yeshua, which means "Jehovah is salvation or deliverance . . ." (Luke 1:31) His name is sacred as is that of God the Father and should never be profaned or mistreated.

Jesus Christ was foreordained from before the world was created to be the Savior of mankind. He is without sin. He and the Father are not only one in purpose but the Savior is in the same form and likeness of Heavenly Father's image. He is the mediator between us and our Heavenly Father. He too loves us with incomprehensible love.

Jesus was born of an earthly mother and our Heavenly Father. He lived only thirty-three years upon the earth and then died for us so that we might be forgiven of our sins if we truly repent. He was resurrected and we too will be resurrected to go on into the eternities. How we live our lives will determine where we will live when we leave this earth life.

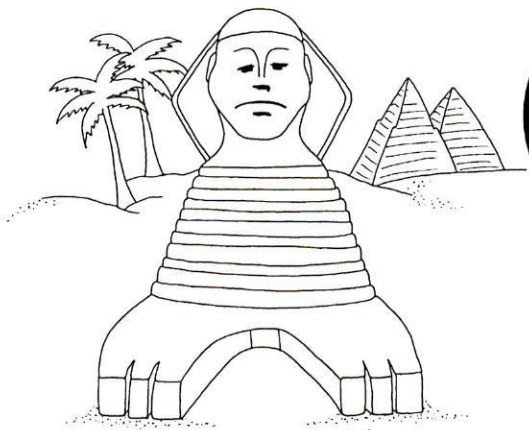
The Holy Ghost also has several names which include Comforter, Holy Spirit of Promise, Revelator, and Testator. He is a spirit person, having never been born or resurrected. He does not transform himself into anything other than the spirit personage He is. He can be in only one place at a time but like the Father and the Son, his influence can be felt everywhere. To have the Holy Ghost as your companion is the greatest gift you can possess in your life. One of the most beautiful characteristics of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is that each member who reaches the age of eight years old may be given the gift of the companionship of the Holy Ghost through confirmation following baptism.

The Holy Ghost can perform very special functions because his body is made of spirit. He has all of the same characteristics that the Father and the Son have and is sent by them to comfort us in times of need and to teach and testify of truth. We come to a sincere faith in the Godhead through Him. To sin against the Holy Ghost is the most serious crime that a person can commit.

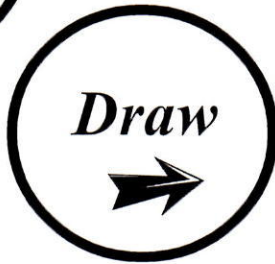
We as a church are so blessed to have proof that there are three members of the Godhead - three beings whose ultimate goal is to bring us back into their presence. They are always there to help, teach and buoy us up. The Prophet Joseph Smith once said, "We live far below our possibilities in working with the Lord." If we rely on God, the Father, Jesus Christ His Son; and in the Holy Ghost, there is nothing that we cannot achieve or endure in our lives.

DISCUSSION

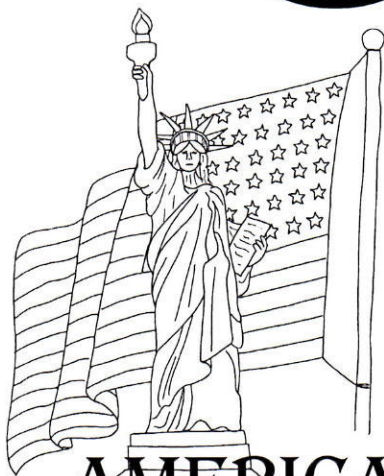
- Who are the three members of the "Godhead"?
- What does omnipotent mean?
- What does omnipresent mean?
- What does omniscient mean?
- Why is it important that we believe that the three members of the "Godhead" are all separate beings?



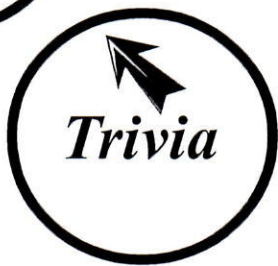
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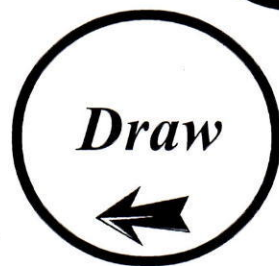
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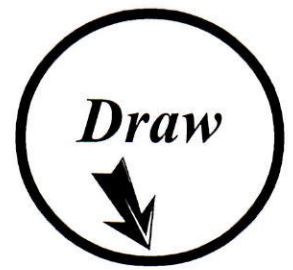


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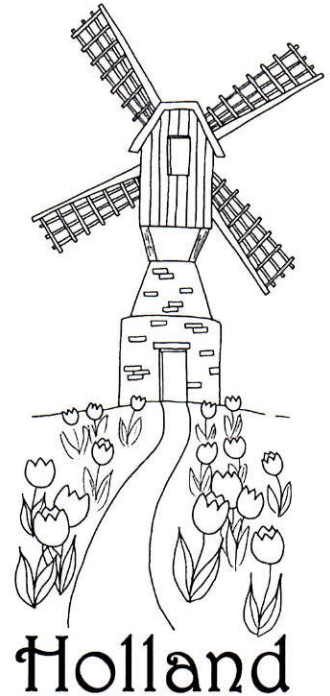


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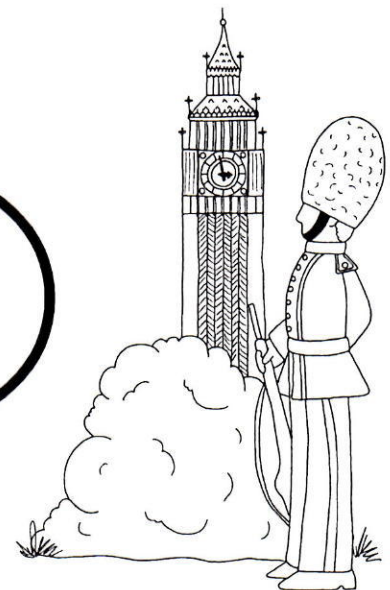
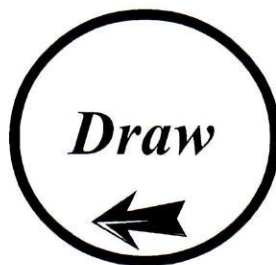




*All around the world,
There's no need to search.
The truth lies before us,
As members of the Church!*



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Article of Faith #1
DRAW

A team member must draw
PEARL OF GREAT PRICE
with his/her eyes open

A younger child
must draw
THE SUN

Article of Faith #1
DRAW

A team member must draw
THE EARTH
with his/her eyes shut

A younger child
must draw
THE EARTH

Article of Faith #1
DRAW

A team member must draw
PRAYING
with his/her eyes shut

A younger child
must draw
A STAR

Article of Faith #1
DRAW

A team member must draw
BODY
with his/her eyes open

A younger child
must draw
THE BOOK OF MORMON

Article of Faith #1
DRAW

A team member must draw
THE BOOK OF MORMON
with his/her eyes open

A younger child
must draw
A LIGHT

Article of Faith #1
DRAW

A team member must draw
SPIRIT
with his/her eyes open

A younger child
must draw
CHURCH

Article of Faith #1
DRAW

A team member must draw
BAPTISM
with his/her eyes open

A younger child
must draw
FATHER

Article of Faith #1
DRAW

A team member must draw
CONFIRMATION
with his/her eyes open

A younger child
must draw
BROTHER

Article of Faith #1
DRAW

A team member must draw
MEN
with his/her eyes shut

A younger child
must draw
THE SKY

Article of Faith #1
DRAW

A team member must draw
UNIVERSE
with his/her eyes open

A younger child
must draw
GIFT

Article of Faith #1
DRAW

A team member must draw
LISTENS
with his/her eyes open

A younger child
must draw
PRAYING

Article of Faith #1
DRAW

A team member must draw
GIFT
with his/her eyes shut

A younger child
must draw
LOVE

Article of Faith #1
MISCELLANEOUS

SONG

Try and get your team-mates to guess this hymn by humming it:

"I Believe In Christ"

Article of Faith #1
MISCELLANEOUS

CHARADES

Try and get your team-mates to guess who this person is by acting out:

Joseph Smith

Article of Faith #1
MISCELLANEOUS

UNSCRAMBLING

As a team try and unscramble these letters to form a word:

edhdoga

Godhead

Article of Faith #1
MISCELLANEOUS

SPELLING

Choose a team member to spell this word:

"Omnipotent"

Article of Faith #1
MISCELLANEOUS

SONG

Try and get your team-mates to guess this song by humming it:

"I Know My Father Lives"

Article of Faith #1
MISCELLANEOUS

UNSCRAMBLING

As a team try and unscramble these letters to form a word:

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Eternal

Article of Faith #1
MISCELLANEOUS

SPELLING

Choose a team member to spell this word:

"Omniscient"

Article of Faith #1
MISCELLANEOUS

SONG

Try and get your team-mates to guess this hymn by humming it:

"Joseph Smith's First Prayer"

Article of Faith #1
MISCELLANEOUS

UNSCRAMBLING

As a team try and unscramble these letters to form a word:

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Redeemer

Article of Faith #1
MISCELLANEOUS

SPELLING

Choose a team member to spell this word:

"Resurrected"

Article of Faith #1
TRIVIA

We believe in God, the _____ Father.

- A. All knowing
- B. Eternal**
- C. Omniscient

Article of Faith #1
TRIVIA

Who recorded the revelation stating that the three members of the Godhead are called God the first, God the second and God the third?

- A. **Abraham**
- B. Moses
- C. Joseph Smith

Article of Faith #1
TRIVIA

What does the word "Omnipotent" mean?

- A. Can only be in one place at a time
- B. One in purpose
- C. Limitless power**

Article of Faith #1
TRIVIA

What does the word "Omnipresent" mean?

- A. Light which is in all things**
- B. Limitless mercy
- C. Influential

Article of Faith #1
TRIVIA

What does the word "Omniscient" mean?

- A. Charitable
- B. Limitless knowledge**
- C. Powerful

Article of Faith #1
TRIVIA

In Abraham's revelation, Heavenly Father is referred to as God the first, the _____.

- A. Merciful
- B. All knowing
- C. Creator**

Article of Faith #1
TRIVIA

In Abraham's revelation, Jesus Christ is referred to as God the second, the _____.

- A. Redeemer**
- B. Son
- C. Mediator

Article of Faith #1
TRIVIA

In Abraham's revelation, the Holy Ghost is referred to as God the third, the _____.

- A. Revelator
- B. Witness or Testator**
- C. Comforter

Article of Faith #1
TRIVIA

What was the name of the Church newspaper that Joseph Smith first published the Articles of Faith in?

- A. "Times and Seasons"**
- B. "Fullness of Times"
- C. "Church Chronicles"

Article of Faith #1
TRIVIA

God is the Father of the entire _____.

- A. Planet
- B. Solar System
- C. Universe**

Article of Faith #1
TRIVIA

The name "Jesus" is taken from what Hebrew word meaning Jehovah is salvation or deliverance?

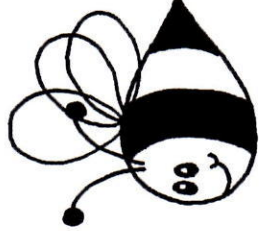
- A. Gehenna
- B. Jehoiada
- C. Yeshua**

Article of Faith #1
TRIVIA

Where are the Articles of Faith found?

- A. Book of Mormon
- B. Doctrine & Covenants
- C. Pearl of Great Price**

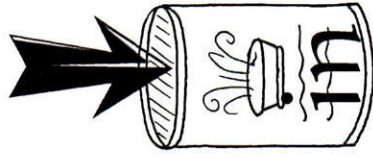
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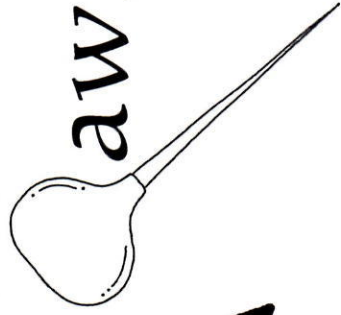
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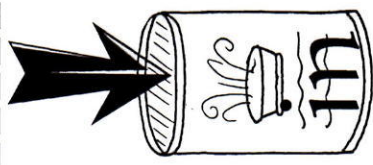
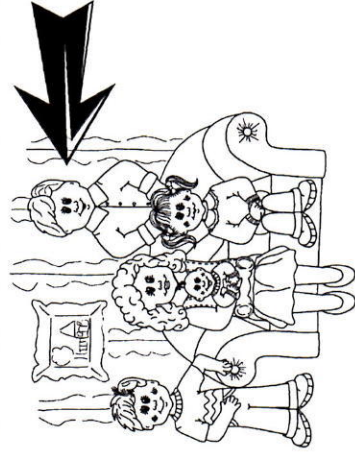
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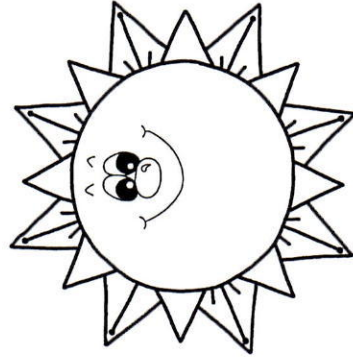


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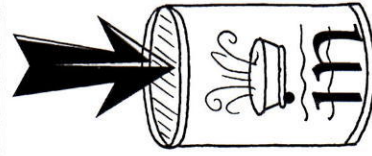
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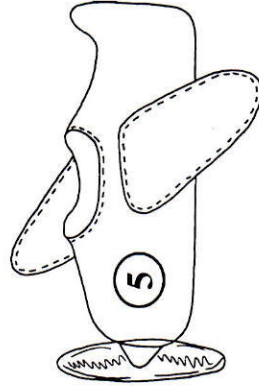
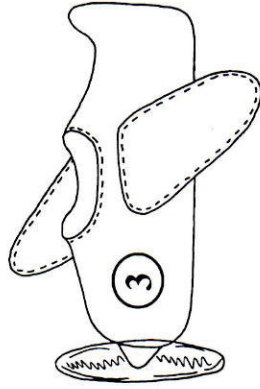
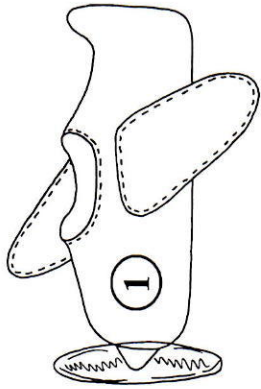
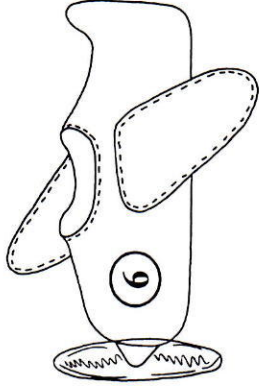
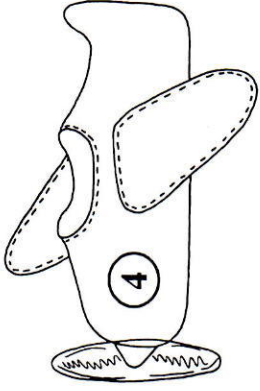
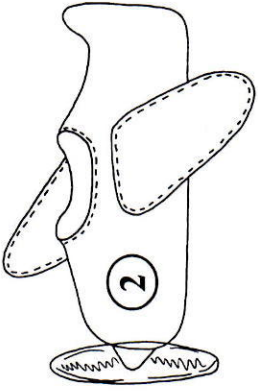
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the Holy Ghost.

The Articles of Faith

*God the Father,
the Holy Ghost,
and the Son;
all belong to Article one.*



"Airplane" game pieces

Each month, a new "Article of Faith" packet will be released. A new stanza to the poem will be added for each "Article of Faith" as each packet is released. The Thirteenth "Article of Faith" packet will include the poem in its entirety.

The First Article of Faith

We believe in God,
the Eternal Father,
and in His Son,
Jesus Christ, and
in the Holy Ghost.