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The Fourth Article of Faith Family Home Evening Packet

We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the gospel are...

Contents:

Lesson, Articles of Faith Game, Article of Faith Memorization, Treat Recipe

\$5.00

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# Cream Angel Food Cake Candy's Chocolate

# Ingredients

- •1 large already prepared angel food cake
- thocolate bar (with almonds, special dark, etc.)
  - 3 1/2 cups frozen whipped topping thawed
    - 3 tbsp. chocolate syrup

### Directions:

Place cake on serving plate. Grind or finely chop chocolate bar into pieces. Stir with whipped topping and syrup in a bowl. Spread over top, sides and center of cake. Cover and refrigerate until served. YUMMY!!!!!!!!!!!

# THANKS

# to Candy Miller of

Logan, Utah, one of our recipe contest winners for submitting her recipe, "Chocolate Cream Angel Food Cake"!

Family Home Evening Packet The Fourth Article of Faith Home Evening Outline Opening Prayer Opening Song Article of Faith Lesson

Retreshments Closing Prayer Closing Song

Game

Suggested Songs: "The Fourth Article of Faith", pg. 124 (Childrens) Teach Me To Walk In The Light", pg. 177 (Childrens) 'How Gentle God's Commands", pg. 125 (Hymn)

Scripture: Ether 12:6, Acts 2:38, D&C 76:51-52

colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use this sheet to help memorize Article of Faith Article of Faith Memorization Sheet: Color graphics with markers, #4. 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 Gospel 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. 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 There are three sheets of game cards. Laminate if desired and cut out each card. You will need a "die" for the game.

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 Americal. 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 and 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 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 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 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. 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, 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.

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#### Article of Faith #4

#### Children's Version

The fourth Article of Faith states: "We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Laws are very important. This article of faith tells us about four of the laws of our Church that are special laws. Heavenly Father wants us to obey His laws so we can come and live with Him again.

#### DISCUSSION

•What do you think faith is?

Faith is like a little seed. When you put the little seed in the ground, you hope that he will grow into a big and strong plant. You water him and take good care of him and the sun shines on him all day long. Soon, he pops his little head out of the ground and begins to stretch for the sky.

You had faith that he would grow but you knew that you had to take care of him too. That is faith. We have faith in Jesus and then we take care of that faith and learn about Jesus and pray. This will make our faith stronger, just like the little seed.

#### DISCUSSION

•What does it mean to repent?

When we do something that is wrong, our conscience will let us know by making us feel guilty or bad. When this happens, we need to say, "yes," I did something wrong. Then, we need to feel sorry that we did that wrong thing. Once we are sorry, we can ask for forgiveness if we have made someone feel bad or we can go to our parents and tell them what happened. We can pray and ask our Heavenly Father to forgive us.

The last step of repentance is to promise ourselves to never do that thing again. Sometimes that is a hard thing to do, but we can do it. Heavenly Father will help us.

#### DISCUSSION

•What does it mean to be baptized by immersion?

Immersion is a long word but it has an easy definition. When you are baptized after you turn eight years old, your whole body must be covered by water for just a second or two. This is the way Jesus was baptized and He has asked us to do the same. Water wasn't sprinkled on Him. He was baptized in the River Jordan by John the Baptist and His whole body went under the water. We must be baptized, as Jesus was, in order to live with Him again.

#### DISCUSSION

•What does it mean to have the "laying on of hands"?

When someone is given a priesthood blessing or set apart for a calling in the Church, men holding the priesthood of God lay their hands on his head. It is a wonderful feeling and very special. After you are baptized, worthy priesthood holders will place their hands on your head and confirm you a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They will also tell you to receive the Holy Ghost. Then you can have that wonderful gift all of your life if you do the right things as you have been taught.

#### **DISCUSSION**

- •Why are these principles and ordinances important?
- •What do we need to do to be able to live with Jesus and our Heavenly Father again?

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The word "principle" used in this article is not the same as your principal at school. It is spelled differently and its definition is "a comprehensive and fundamental law, doctrine or assumption." (Webster's dictionary)

As we learned discussing the third article of faith, an ordinance can have two different meanings in the gospel sense. It too is defined as one of God's laws or it can be one of the rites performed, such as baptism. In this article of faith, it means a law. So, we could rephrase the beginning of this article to say: We believe that the first doctrines and laws of the gospel are . . . . .

These four principles are very, very important. Without them, we could not be the true church of Jesus Christ. As members of His Church, we need to have faith, know how to repent, be baptized by immersion, be confirmed a member and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

We could spend hours talking about "faith" and still not fully understand it. The apostle Paul defined it this way: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) In the Book of Mormon, Alma described it by saying: "Faith is not to have a perfect knowledge of things: therefore if ye have faith ye hope for things which are not seen, which are true. (Alma 32:21)

Elder Bruce R. McConkie helps us to understand what both of these prophets have said. "Faith is based on truth and is preceded by knowledge. Until a person gains a knowledge of the truth, he can have no faith. Thus, faith is a hope in that which is not seen which is true, and accordingly, it can enter the heart of man only after he has received the truth."

The process of faith includes gaining the knowledge of something, learning if it is true, and then having a hope or faith in that thing.

#### DISCUSSION

•In whom must our faith be centered?

The Savior, Jesus Christ. We must learn of Him, pray for the confirmation of the Holy Ghost, who will reveal the truth of all things to us, and then exercise our hope and faith in Christ.

The second principle is repentance. None of us are perfect and so we need to repent of those things that we do that are wrong. The four steps of repentance are: Recognition, regret, restitution and refrain from doing it again.

First, we must recognize what we have done wrong, then we must feel sorry that we have done it. Making restitution means to try and fix any wrong that we may have done and then we must not commit that sin again.

For instance, if we have stolen something from one of our brothers or sisters, we realize that it was a wrong thing to do and we are sorry for doing it. Then, we go to that brother or sister and apologize and give them back the item we took. Then, we promise to never do that again.

Sometimes, when we do something wrong, we need to talk with our bishop. He will help us get through the four steps of repentance.

Baptism by immersion is also very important. To be immersed means that our entire body must be covered by the waters of baptism for it to be a "true" baptism. We must also be baptized by a Priest who holds the Aaronic priesthood or a Melchezedik priesthood holder. When we are baptized correctly, our previous sins are all washed away. Isn't that a wonderful thing?

The priesthood holder who baptizes us offers a short but beautiful prayer. He says; (insert family member's full name) "Having been commissioned of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

"As a young girl I recollect being baptized in the font in the tabernacle on Temple Square in Salt Lake City. It was a beautiful place to be baptized. My mother had braided my long, dark hair, hoping that it would be easier to get all of me under the water. When I was laid back into the water, one of my pigtails just refused to go under, so I had to be baptized again." (Judy Hatch)

Every part of our body must be under the water. This is very important. We do not sprinkle for baptism, but we follow the example of our Savior when He was baptized and put our whole body into the water.

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Any time after we turn eight years old, we can be baptized. When we become eight years old, we are said to be "accountable" for our actions. That means that we are old enough to know what is right and what is wrong.

According to Alma, in the Book of Mormon, we make special covenants with the Lord when we are baptized. They are: To come into the fold of God, to be called His people, to bear one another's burdens, to mourn with those that mourn, to comfort those that stand in need of comfort, to stand as witnesses of God, at all times and in all things and in all places, and to agree to serve God and keep His commandments. Baptism is a very important principle of the gospel and we cannot advance in the kingdom of God unless we are baptized properly.

When we are given a priesthood blessing or when we are set apart for a calling in the Church, priesthood holders lay their hands upon our heads. This is what is called "the laying on of hands." After we are baptized, priesthood holders lay their hands upon our head and one of them offers a blessing. In that blessing, one of them gives us the gift of the Holy Ghost as our constant companion and he tells us to receive that gift. He also confirms us a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Our greatest goal in life should be to live with our Father in Heaven again. We cannot do that if we ignore these first four principles of the gospel. They are that important! To exclude even one of them would make it impossible to achieve that goal.

Let's review quickly what they are.

First: Have faith. Believe and hope in those things that are not seen but are true.

Second: Repent for those things we do that are wrong. Recognize, regret, restitution and refrain.

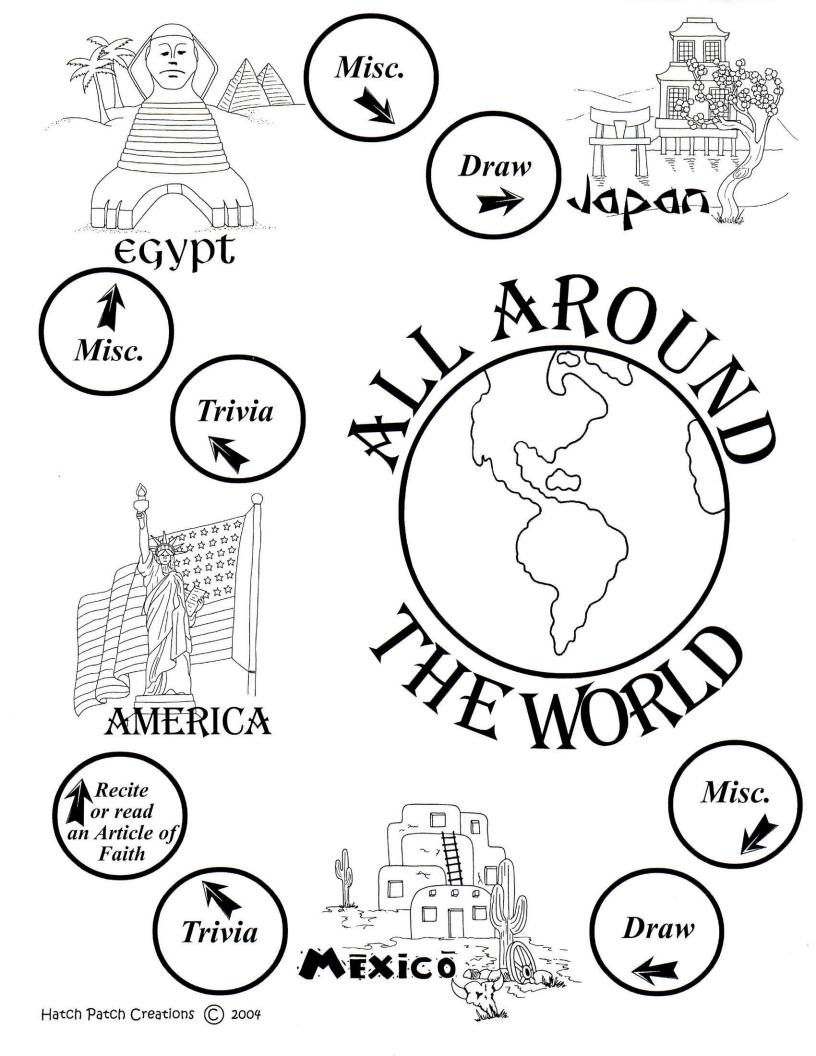
Third: Be baptized by immersion by a man who has the proper authority from God - a worthy priesthood holder.

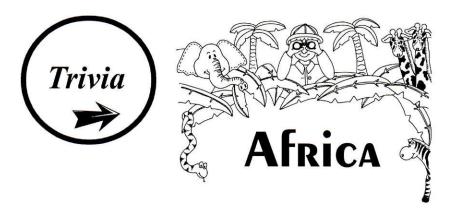
**Fourth:** Be confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by worthy priesthood holders who lay their hands upon your head and tell you to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Through the Prophet, Joseph Smith, our Heavenly Father revealed all of the things we must do to live with him again. Sometimes it seems overwhelming to accomplish all of those things but we can do it one day at a time, one step at a time. Sure, there will be days when we fall back or stumble, but we can make it by just trying to stay on the path. Heavenly Father knows how hard it is and He has provided help for us through His Son, Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Ghost. They are only a prayer away.

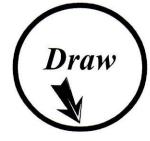
#### DISCUSSION

- •What are the first principles and ordinances of the gospel? (Faith, repentance, baptism and laying on of hands)
- •Why are these principles and ordinances so important?
- •If we are in need of help, who can we always turn to?

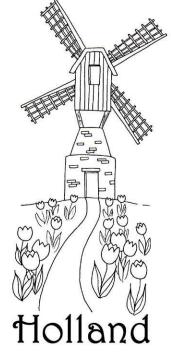




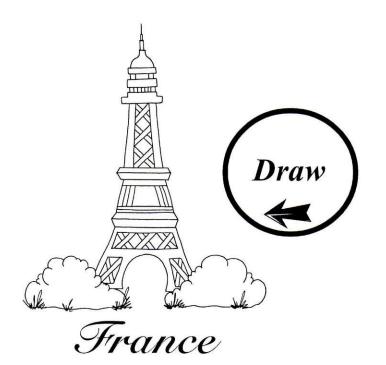




All around the world,
There's no need to search.
The truth lies before us,
As members of the Church!









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#### Article of Faith #4 MISCELLANEOUS

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Be Like Jesus" "I'm Trying To

#### Article of Faith #4 MISCELLANEOUS

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A Foundation" "How Firm

#### Article of Faith #4 MISCELLANEOUS

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Holy Scriptures" "As I Search The

#### Article of Faith #4 MISCELLANEOUS

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## Article of Faith #4 MISCELLANEOUS

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#### Article of Faith #4 **TRIVIA**

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- A. ObedienceB. FaithC. Charity

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What does the word "Ordinance" mean?

# A. RepentanceB. WorthinessC. Humility

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B. A revelation C. Knowledge

#### Article of Faith #4 TRIVIA

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#### Article of Faith #4 TRIVIA

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## Article of Faith #4 TRIVIA

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Baptism by immersion means

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pletely covered by what?

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TRIVIA

for our actions.

# A. Gift of the Holy Ghost B. Charity C. Authorite

Accountable

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Baptismal clothing

A. The spiritB. Baptismal ofC. Water

#### A. KnowledgeB. RighteousnessC. Baptism by immersion The third principle and ordinance of the gospel is:

#### Article of Faith #4 TRIVIA

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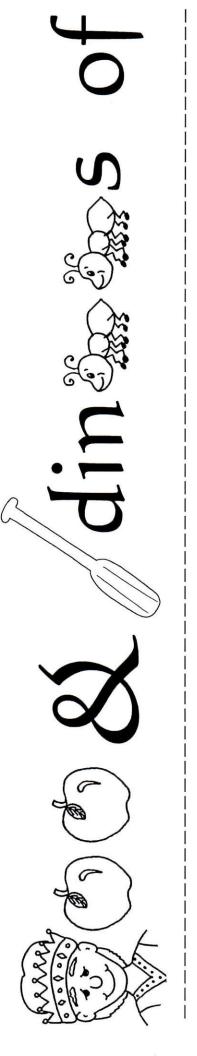
- A. Laying on of handsB. ResurrectionC. Prayer
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#### Article of Faith #4 TRIVIA

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- A. Forgive and forgetB. Baptize and confirmC. Have faith

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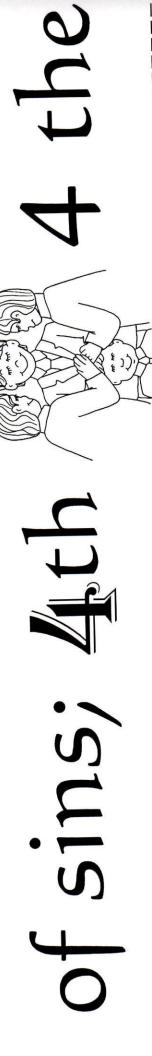
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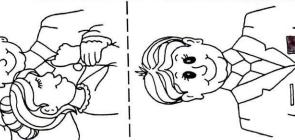
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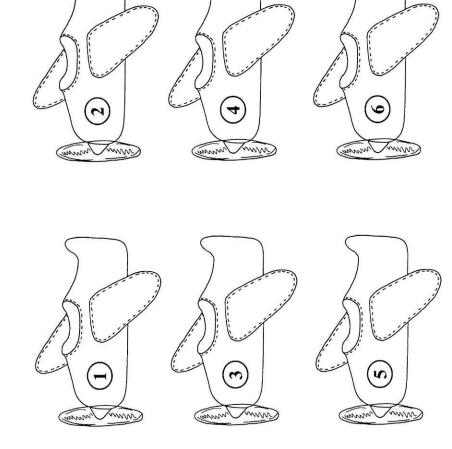






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"Airplane" game pieces

packet will be released. A new stanza Each month, a new "Article of Faith" to the poem will be added for each The Thirteenth "Article of Faith" each packet is released. "Article of Faith" as packet will include DO NOT COPY

the poem in its entirety.

# The Articles of Faith

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

Not for Adam's transgression Says Article number two. for wrongs that they do Men will be punished

The Atonement of Christ A way to be saved for you and for me. is in Article three.

The first principles and ordinances are in number four Faith, Repentance, Baptism & More

# The Fifth Atticle of Faith

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