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### Joseph Fielding Smith

"The Simple, Honest Follower of Christ"
Family Home Evening Packet



Quote, Treat Recipe

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# The Simple, Honest Follower of Christ President Joseph Fielding Smith Family Home Evening Packet

# Home Evening Outline

Opening Prayer Opening Song Closing Prayer Refreshments Closing Song Scripture Game Story

Suggested Songs: "We'll Bring The World His Truth", pg. 172 (Childrens) 'Seek The Lord Early", pg. 108 (Childrens)

The Iron Rod", pg. 274 (Hymn)

Scriptures: D&C 1:38

Story: Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. and place magnets on back of graphics, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out

okens to the "Finish" space. If you run out of cards before play has ended, turn the pile of discarded cards over and place in the draw pile. @ 2003 Hatch Patch Creations Game: Preparation - There are two sheets of paper for the "Prophetic Pursuit" game board. Take the "Start" and "Finish" sheet, and with a ruler and sharp blade, line up Play - The object of the game is to be the first team to get all three tokens from the "Start" to the "Finish". Divide the family into two, three or four teams and give each team hree tokens. Determine which team will go first. Place the trivia cards face-down on the draw pile. The first team rolls the die but it does not yet move any game tokens. An answers correctly, it can steal the amount on the die, and move one of its tokens. If it misses the question, it has to send one of its tokens back to the "Start" position. Once a token makes it to the finish, it cannot be taken out. Two players may occupy the same space at one time. The game ends when a team successfully gets all three of its he ruler on the far right-hand side of the sheet with the edges of the game spaces, and cut a vertical line from top to bottom. Then place that sheet, overlapping it on the other -aminate and cut out the trivia cards. You will need a die for the game. If you have previously purchased any of the "prophet" packets, you may combine the trivia game cards opposing team draws a card and reads the trivia question to the first team. If the team answers the question correctly, it can move one of the tokens the amount shown on he die, or split the amount between two tokens. Its turn continues until it misses a question. If a question is missed, an opposing team can challenge. If the challenging team emaining sheet of the game board and line up. Tape or glue edges down on the back side. Color as desired and laminate. Color, laminate and cut out game tokens. from all packets to form one larger game. Every month a new prophet packet will be released so that you may add additional cards to your existing game.

# Joseph Fielding Smith's Delicious Apple Pie

## Pie Filling Ingredients

cored and sliced thin •1/2 tsp. cinnamon 6 apples peeled, •1/4 cup butter

1/4 cup brown sugar •1/2 cup sugar

•1 Tbsp. flour

nutmeg

Directions: Place sliced apples in pie crust inside pie pan. Combine in a separate bowl, both sugars, flour and cinnamon. Sprinkle mixture sealing edges and cutting excess off. Be sure to cut vents in the top sugar. Bake 15 minutes at 425 degrees. Reduce heat to 350 degrees crust before placing on the apple mixture. Sprinkle generously with over apples. Slice butter in thin squares and place on top of apples. Sprinkle apples with a light layer of nutmeg. Place top crust over apples, and bake another 45 minutes. MMMMMMMMMmmm!

### Pie Crust Ingredients

•1 cup lard or heaping 3 cups flour

2 Tbsp. lemon juice

•2 tsp. sugar 1 tsp. salt

cup shortening

5-6 Tbsp. cold water

Pie Crust Directions: Mix all ingredients together. Roll out on a floured surface. Makes five shells.

### Joseph Fielding Smith The Simple, Honest Follower of Christ

Joseph Fielding Smith, tenth president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints had the distinction of being the son of a prophet (Joseph F. Smith), the grandson of Hyrum Smith and the nephew of the Prophet, Joseph Smith. It was a legacy that he would be true to all of his life.

Joseph was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on the nineteenth of July, 1876 to Julina Lambson Smith and Joseph F. Smith. He lived in a home at 333 W. 1st North which was just three blocks northwest of Temple Square. His home was directly across the street from what was known then as the University of Deseret, now the University of Utah. When the University of Utah moved from that building it became what is now known as West High School.

Joseph came into a family of four brothers and three sisters born to his father, Joseph F. Smith and his wives. His mother Julina, had been promised that she would be able to name her first son after his father and so the name was saved for Joseph.

Eight years later on his birthday, Joseph was baptized in Salt Lake City by his father, Joseph F. Smith.

As a child, Joseph was constantly reminded of his amazing heritage and was taught well by both his father and his mother. He loved horses and rode every chance he could whether it was his own horse Junie, or the horses owned by his beloved aunt, Mercy Thompson. Mercy was the sister of his grandmother, Mary Fielding Smith.

Joseph loved to swim and play baseball. In fact, he was quite competitive in the sport of baseball. Each ward in the area had its own baseball team and they played each other many times a year. There was quite the competition between Joseph's ward, the fifteenth, and the sixteenth ward. His competitive nature began in his youth and continued throughout all of his life.

Children of the Church during Joseph's young years attended school in their wards. They were taught well and learned not only the basics of education but also the basics of the Church. Joseph developed a great love of reading through the examples of his teachers and his mother Julina, who was the biggest influence on the young prophet.

Julina loved reading books and instilled that same love in Joseph. He was an avid reader and loved the scriptures more than anything else. One would think that someone so well educated would use long, involved words in his speaking but Joseph Fielding chose not to. He was a simple man at heart and hated using flowery language or multi-syllable words. His language was clear, precise and common.

President Smith grew up in the influence of prominent people of the Church and in a loving family but he had many heartaches in his young life. His father served a mission in Hawaii while Joseph was a young boy and this caused the young prophet to suffer with a lot of loneliness. When he felt especially bad, he would visit his aunt Mercy and ride her horses until he felt at peace again.

When Joseph was just sixteen years old he was privileged to attend the dedication ceremonies at the Salt Lake Temple. He later presided over the dedication of the Ogden Temple in January of 1972 and the Provo Temple in February of 1972.

Joseph Fielding Smith married three women during his life, all who died before him. His first wife was Louie Emyla Shurtliff who died in 1908. Then he married Ethel Georgina Reynolds later that same year and she died in 1937. During these years President Smith served a mission to England and was ordained an Apostle on April 7, 1910. He was ordained by his father, Joseph F. and remained an apostle for sixty years! He also served as Church Historian for forty-five of those years. When he was called as Prophet of the Church on April 6, 1970, he was the oldest man to be called as Prophet since the restoration. He was ninety-three!

In 1938, Joseph married Jesse Ella Evans, a marvelous woman of many talents. She had been a stalwart member of the Tabernacle Choir and had a deep, rich, alto voice. Many people from all over the world would come to conference just to hear her sing. She was a soloist for the choir all her life until she became too ill to sing.

Joseph Fielding Smith was sometimes thought of as being very strict, staunch and unbending in his nature but those who knew him best tell a different story. In Heidi S. Swinton's book, "In The Company of Prophets" she relates a story told by Arthur Haycock about President Smith and an elevator. One day, after eating his lunch at the Lion House, Brother Haycock saw someone go up the stairs in the back of the building to go to the Church Administration building, which was next door. Brother Haycock thought that if he hurried, he could catch whoever was leaving and not have to find his own key. He raced up the stairs and got through the door just before it closed, not realizing who had just gone through it. As Arthur darted into the only elevator in the building, he came face to face with Joseph Fielding Smith. Brother Haycock felt very ill at ease and tried to talk with Elder Smith. He said, "I just followed you in the back door and caught the elevator door before it closed. I'm kind of hoping that's how it will be on the other side. If I can catch the pearly gates before they close behind someone like you, I may make it."

Elder Smith scanned the young Haycock and finally said, "If I were you, my brother, I wouldn't count on it." (In The Company of Prophets, p.59)

Brother Haycock who knew the prophet well and many others before him, said that Joseph Fielding was deliberate in his ways but quiet and soft-spoken. These are great qualities for a prophet to have.

President Smith loved children as was evidenced one time when he was leaving Temple Square. A small girl had escaped her parents and found the Prophet. He reached down, picked her up and held her close to him, resting his cheek upon hers. When her parents found her, they scolded her for getting lost and she simply told them that she wasn't lost, she was being held by the Prophet.

Joseph Fielding was a shy man but one with a purpose which he felt keenly. He believed that his main purpose in life was to serve the Lord. He was a General Authority for sixty years.

When this prophet married his third wife, Jesse, he was still an apostle. She changed his life dramatically and was often referred to as his opposite. Joseph had at one time been her home teacher, then called a ward teacher.

They were married in the Salt Lake Temple and soon began singing duets together. The people of the Church loved to hear them sing. Jesse Evans Smith was known far and wide for her singing of songs such as, "They Found Him Teaching in the Temple," and "He That Hath Clean Hands." President Smith would sometimes refer to their numbers as "Do-its" saying that he had to Do-it whether he wanted to or not.

Joseph Fielding loved nature and would take the time to view it often whether it was the mountains, oceans or wildlife. He also loved watermelon and strawberries. His favorite pies were all pies. President Smith ate pie like he did everything elsevery planned and precise. When he ate a slice of pie, he would cut off the crust and eat it first and then eat the filling.

In the summer of 1970, sister Smith was in the hospital for several weeks and President Smith would come to the hospital every night and sleep on a couch next to her bed. Almost a year later, she was hospitalized again with congestive heart failure and again, Joseph stayed at her bedside. When she was able to go home, they stayed in a suite on the eighth floor of the Hotel Utah.

Soon after, on August 3, 1971 Jesse Evans died quietly at home. Her funeral was held on Temple Square in the Tabernacle, which was only fitting for someone who had given so much pleasure there through her singing.

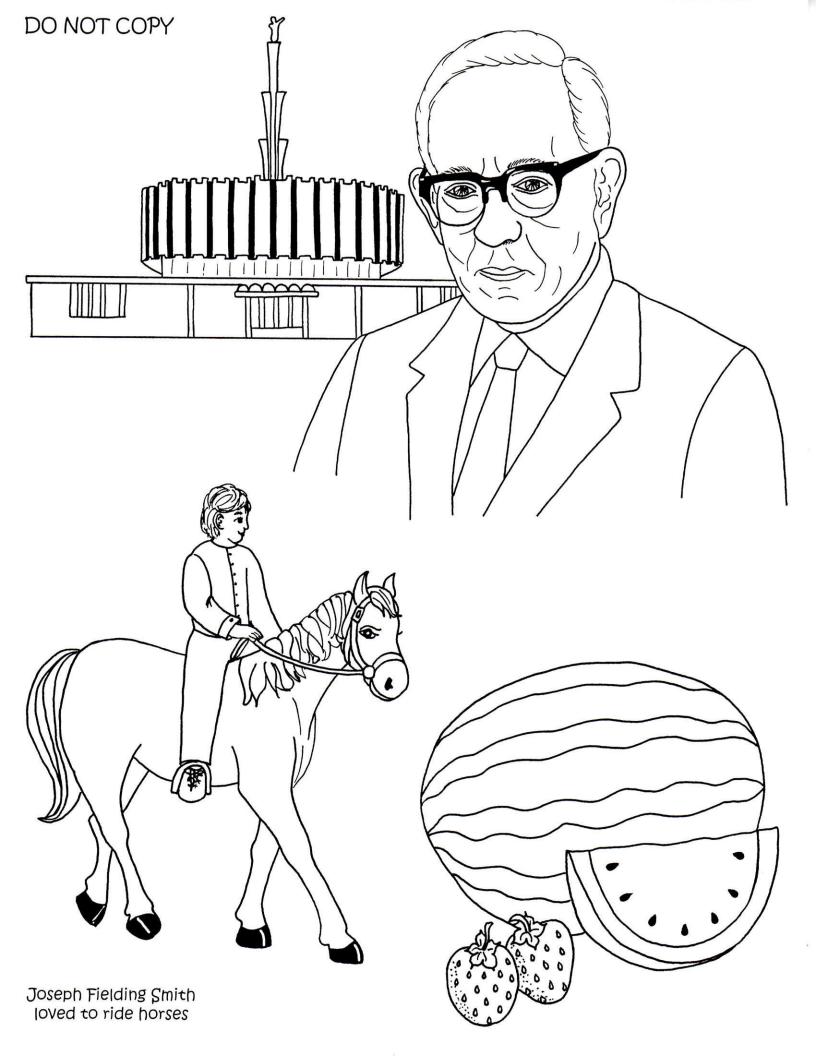
President Smith felt the loss very deeply but carried on with his many duties as Prophet of the Church. One of his most fond memories of his beloved Jesse was that when he had to give a talk somewhere, he would write it out on yellow legal-pad paper and then stuff it into his pocket. Jesse would lovingly remind him of where it was each time by whispering to him, "Your 'palk' is in your 'tocket'."

Joseph Fielding continued as Prophet until July 2, 1972 when he died in Salt Lake City. He had been sitting in his chair, gazing out of the window when he just slipped away. He was ninety-five.

### **DISCUSSION**

- •If you and I were to devote our entire lives to serving the Lord, what might we have to change?
- •How would you feel if your father had to leave you right now to serve a mission far away?
- •Do you think it would be difficult to serve as the Prophet and be as old as Joeseph Fielding was?

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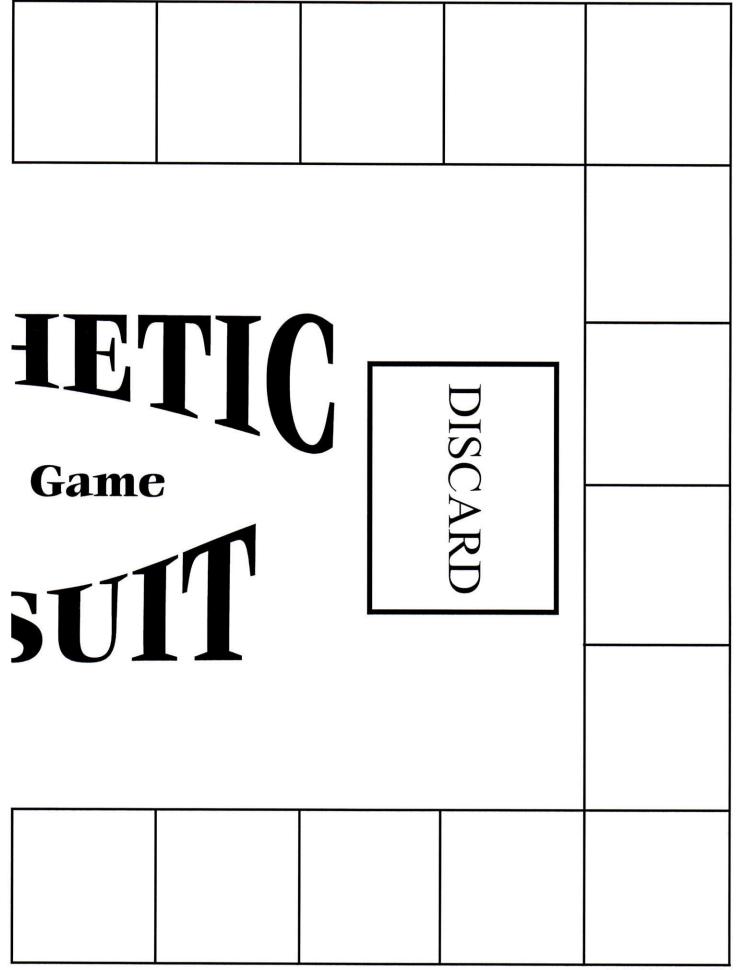
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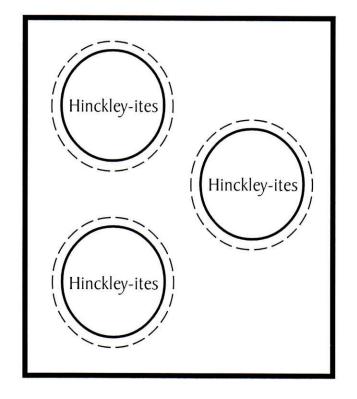
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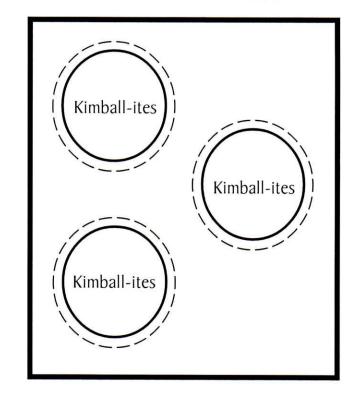


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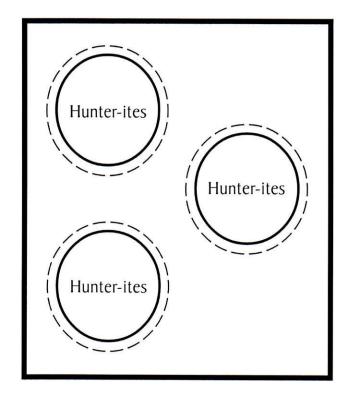
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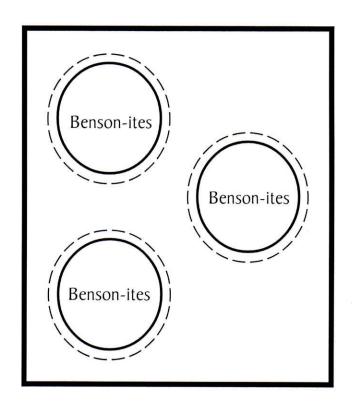




### Game Tokens

Every few months, a new "Prophet of God" packet featuring one of the past prophets of the Church will be released. Each packet will contain a new set of trivia cards to add to the "Prophetic Pursuit" trivia game. Once all prophet packets are collected, you will have an entire trivia game with questions about each prophet of the Church.





HISTORY	"JUST DO IT"	HISTORY	DATES, TRAITS	DATTES, TRAITS
Who was Joseph Fielding Smith's famous grandfather?	In what year did President Joseph Fielding Smith dedicate the Ogden temple?	Where was Joseph Fielding Smith born?	What was Joseph Fielding Smith's second wife's name?	Which Prophet was born on July 19, 1876?
A: Hyrum Smith	A: 1972	A: Salt Lake City, Utah	A: Ethel Georgina Reynolds	A: Joseph Fielding   Smith
DATES, TRAITS & MATES	PROPHETIC PASTIMES	HISTORY	DATES, TRAITS & MATES	DATES, TRAITS & MATES
What was Joseph Fielding Smith's third wife's name?	At the age of sixteen, Joseph Fielding Smith was privileged to attend what	How many years did Joseph Fielding serve as the Church Historian?	Joseph Fielding Smith died on what date?	What was Joseph Fielding Smith's favorite thing
A: Jesse Ella Evans	temple dedication?  A: The Salt Lake	A: Forty-five years	A: July 2, 1972	to eat:  A: Pie
DATES, TRAITS & MATES	DATES, TRAITS & MATES	DATES, TRAITS & MATES	DATES, TRAITS & MATES	DATES, TRAITS & MATES
Joseph Fielding Smith was particularly fond of what two kinds of fruits?	How did Joseph Fielding Smith eat a slice of pie?	On what date was Joseph Fielding Smith ordained an	How old was President Joseph Fielding Smith when he	What did Joseph Fielding Smith and his wife Jesse perform
A: Watermelon & Strawberries	A: He would cut the crust off and eat it and then eat the pie filling	apostle? A: April 7, 1910	died? A: Ninety-five	referred to as "Do-Its"?  A: Musical duets
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"JUST DO IT"	"JUST DO IT"	HISTORY	HISTORY	HISTORY
Joseph Fielding Smith served a mission in what foreign country <sup>2</sup>	Joseph Fielding  Smith presided  over which temple dedication?	Who became the tenth Prophet of the Church?	Who was Joseph Fielding Smith's father?	Joseph Fielding Smith served as a General Authority for how many years?
A: England	A: The Ogden	A: Joseph Fielding Smith	A: Joseph F. Smith, The Prophet	A: Sixty years
HISTORY	HISTORY	HISTORY	"JUST DO IT"	DATES, TRAITS & MATES
Where did Joseph Fielding's father serve a mission?	Which Prophet died while sitting in his chair gazing out the window?	What was Joseph Fielding's mother's name?	Which Prophet was the oldest man to be called as Prophet since the restoration?	Louie Emyla Shurtliff, Joseph Fielding's first wife died in what year?
А: Намай	A: Joseph Fielding Smith	A: Julina Lambson Smith	A: Joseph Fielding Smith	A: 1908
PROPHETIC PASTIMES	PROPHETIC PASTIMES	HISTORY	HISTORY	HISTORY
What two sports did Joseph Fielding Smith love to participate in?	When Joseph Fielding Smith was a young boy, what did he love to do when he would start to feel sad about his father	Which Prophet was sustained as President of the Church on April 6, 1970?	What hobby did Joseph Fielding Smith's mother, Julina instill in him?	What was Joseph Fielding Smith's horses name?
A: Swimming & Baseball	being away?  A: Ride horses	A:Joseph Fielding Smith	A: Reading	A: Junic
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