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Patrick and the Plan of Salvation Family Home Evening Packet



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Suggested Songs: "I Lived In Heaven", pg. 4 (Childrens)

"He Sent His Son", pg. 34 (Childrens)

"Teach Me to Walk in the Light", pg. 304 (Hymn)

Scriptures: 2 Nephi 31:20, Ether 3:14

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

Game: Preparation: Color the two game board sheets. Color each of the "Celestial Kingdom" spaces, the "Earth Life" spaces and the two squares beneath the "Celestial Kingdom" spaces the color that is indicated in parenthesis. Tape the two sheets together, using clear tape, on the back side of the sheets and then laminate. Color one set of family member tokens yellow (1 father token, 1 mother token, 1 brother token and 1 sister token), another set blue, another set red and the last set green. Laminate the tokens and cut them out, along with the "Gospel Principles Shields." Laminate and cut out the playing cards.

Object: To be the first team or player to get all of his/her "Family Member" tokens completely around the game board to the "Celestial Kingdom" space.

Play: Place the playing cards face-down on the playing surface. Place all "Family Member" tokens in the center of the game board, in the "Pre-mortal Existence" circle. Tokens move clockwise around the board. Play either as teams or singly. Determine which team or player will go first. Each team or player takes turns drawing a card and following the directions on the card. In order to be able to move a token off the "Pre-mortal Existence" space, a player must draw a "Happy Day" card. Once they have drawn this card, they may move one token from the "Pre-mortal Existence" space to the "Earth Life" space. In order for a token to move from the "Earth Life" space, they must draw either a "1" or a "2" card. If player lands on a "sun", "moon", or "star" space, they get to draw another card. Anytime a player is landed on by an opponent, that player must return that token to the "Earth Life" space. A player can not be attacked when he is on either of the two game spaces that are right below the "Celestial Kingdom" space.

OPPONENT SETBACK card: A player who draws this card, may take one of his tokens and move it from his "Earth Life" space and trade places with an opponent who is then bumped back to his "Earth Life" space.

TYRANT card: A player can switch places with one of his closest opponents and then bump them back to their "Earth Life."

GOSPEL PRINCIPLES SHIELD card: A player can place one of the "Gospel Principles Shields" over the top of one of his tokens. This protects this token from all attacks for one turn.

HAPPY DAY card: A player who draws this card may move one of his tokens off the "Premortal Existence" space to the "Earth Life" space.

Three Degrees of Glory Dessert

Ingredients:

- 1 white cake mix
- 8 oz. package of cream cheese
- powdered sugar
- 1 cup of heavy whipping cream
- 1 box of Danish Dessert and frozen fruit or canned pie filling

Directions:

Mix the white cake mix according to directions, and bake in a cookie sheet. Allow to cool. Mix the package of cream cheese with 1/8 cup powdered sugar. Set aside. In a large bowl, whip 1 cup of heavy whipping cream with 1/8 cup powdered sugar. When the mixture is stiff, mix in the cream cheese mixture. Spread on top of the cooled cake. Mix a package of Danish Dessert according to directions and add desired fruit, or use canned pie filling. Spread the fruit mixture on top of the cream cheese mixture. Refrigerate. ENJOY!

Patrick and the Plan of Salvation

Patrick's pet goldfish, Alex, was his pride and joy. He loved his little fish and took good care of him, but one day, Alex died.

Patrick felt as if his little seven-year-old heart would break in two. How he loved Alex! Every day he looked forward to coming home from school and playing with Alex. Now he was gone. The sadness Patrick felt was overwhelming at times, and he would search out Dad when those moments came. This was one of those times.

Father would take Patrick in his arms and lift him onto his strong knees and hold him close. "Being in Daddy's arms is such a wonderful thing," Patrick thought.

Then father began, "Our Heavenly Father loves all living things with all of His heart. They are His and He is deeply attached to us all. He loves Alex too, and has sent Alex to a wonderful place where he is very happy. God has a plan for all of us and the purpose of this wonderful plan is HAPPINESS! He wants us to be happy."

Father's words made Patrick want to know more. "Tell me more, Daddy, about this wonderful place and the plan," Patrick said.

Father continued, "Long before you were born, we all lived in Heaven with Heavenly Father and Jesus and everyone that we know here on earth. We were spirit children of our Father. The spirit world was a beautiful place and it was called the Pre-existence. We were taught many things there and were free to make our own choices and decisions. One of the things Heavenly Father taught us was the Plan of Salvation. It is His way of having us live with Him forever. He wants us with Him because He loves us so much."

"Did I get to see God there?" Patrick asked.

"Yes, you did, son. He knew you and me very well."

Daddy went on, "We were told that if we accepted this great plan, we could come to earth and receive a body to clothe our spirits. We would be tested to see if we would do everything that our Heavenly Father asked of us. Let me see if I can show you what I mean by this."

OBJECT LESSON: Take the glove from the packet. Explain that your hand represents your spirit body, the spirit that lived with Heavenly Father before we were sent here to earth. It is the same shape as the glove but the glove is limp and not movable like your hand. When you came to earth you received a body. Place the glove on your hand and explain that your body is a covering for your spirit and that your spirit makes your body move and function.

Father went on, "Our Heavenly Father explained to us that we would be given a great gift. The gift of free agency so that we could decide for ourselves if we wanted to obey Him or not. Then something terrible happened in Heaven.

There was a great war among all of the spirits that lived there. One spirit didn't like the plan and he proposed his own way of doing things. We would not have a choice any more. This spirit's name was Lucifer and when he rebelled against God, he was given a new name, which is Satan.

Satan began preaching to all of us there and convinced one third of the spirits to follow him, but a great and mighty spirit called Jehovah, rose up against him. He told our Father that he would follow the plan. This man, whose name is also Jesus, volunteered to do something very noble and unselfish. He said he would be our Savior, that he would suffer for the sins we would commit on earth so that we could all have a chance to return to God. Even if we couldn't keep all of his commandments all of the time, all we would have to do is repent and never do that thing again.

Heavenly Father told all of the spirits who had chosen to go with Satan that they must leave Heaven and never come back again. I think we must have felt very bad to see them all go but we were very valiant there and we chose to come to earth and follow God's plan."

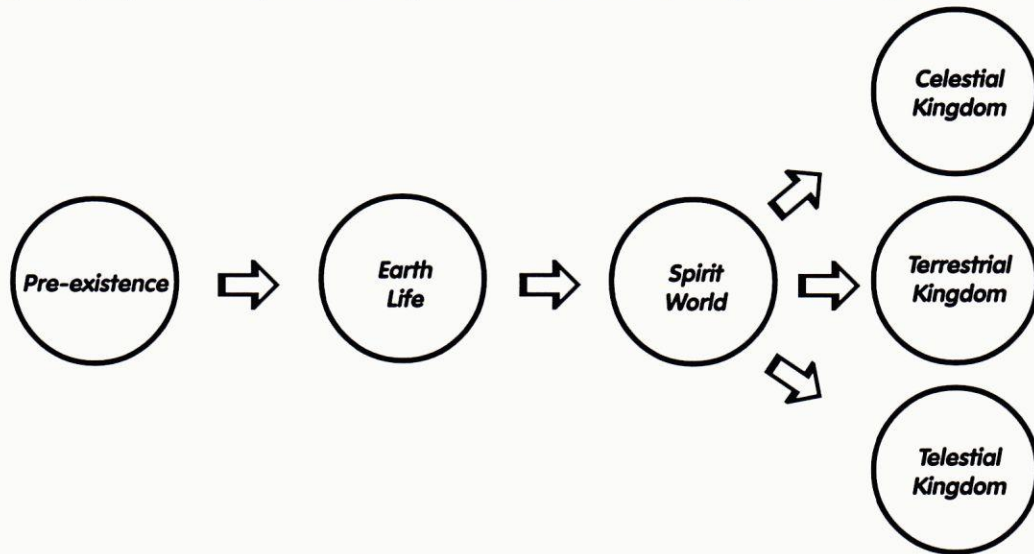
Patrick's eyes opened wide. "You mean, I did the right thing there?"

"Yes, son," Father answered, "you followed the Savior." Patrick's little face was beaming.

"Let me tell you of the rest of the plan," Father continued.

"We would all be allowed to come to earth to be tested and tempted by Satan. If we live good lives here, then there will be great rewards in Heaven. Heavenly Father has prepared many kingdoms in Heaven for His children. Which kingdom we will live in depends on how obedient we are here on earth.

OBJECT LESSON: Display the six spheres on your flannel board, magnet board, etc. in this manner.



Explain that we lived with our Heavenly Father in the Pre-existence. We were then sent to earth to gain our bodies and live with our families. What we do in this earth life will determine which kingdom we will live in. When we die, our spirit bodies temporarily go to the spirit world. Discuss with the children what types of people will go to each kingdom.

The first and lowest kingdom is called the Telestial Kingdom. It has great glory and is like the light that comes from the stars in the Heavens. The second is called the Terrestrial Kingdom and its light is like the moon. The third and highest kingdom, or degree of glory is called the Celestial Kingdom. Its light is as the sun and it is in that kingdom that we can all live together for all eternity.

When Jesus was crucified, he gave up his life for us so that we could repent of our sins and live with him and God again. It is the single, most precious gift we will ever be given by anyone. Because of him, we will all live again. Because he died and was then resurrected, only that body, that covering, dies and our spirits will live forever. When the time is right, we will again be given a new and glorious body. Death is only a step in God's great plan, and you, Alex and I are all part of that plan."

DISCUSSION

- How does it make you feel to know that you are a child of God?
- Do you feel proud of yourself to know that you had the courage to accept God's plan in the Pre-existence?
- Does this fact give you more courage to do the right things here on earth?
- How can we show our appreciation to the Savior for his great gift to us?



Telestial Kingdom

Who obtains the Telestial Kingdom?



Those who:

- Would not receive the gospel or the testimony of Jesus on earth or in the spirit world.
- Are liars, sorcerers, adulterers and whoremongers.

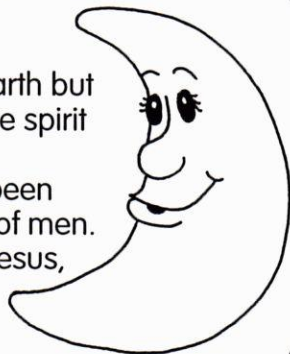
Those who inherit the Telestial Kingdom will be visited by the Holy Ghost, but not by the Father or the Son. These people will be as numerous as the stars in the heaven and the sand on the seashore.

Who obtains the Terrestrial Kingdom?

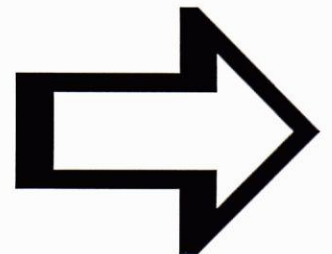
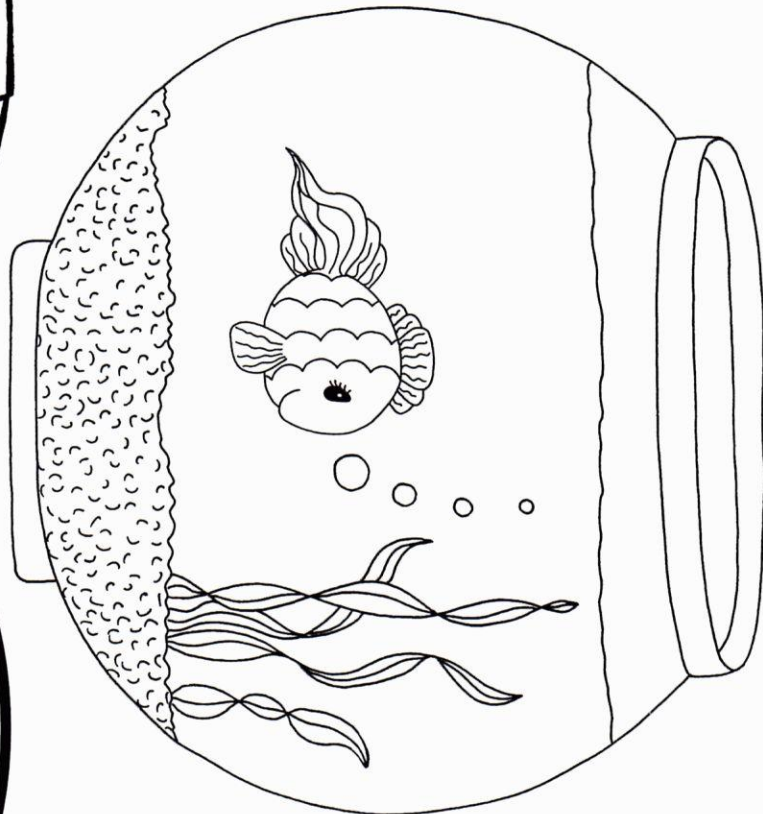
Those who inherit the Terrestrial Kingdom will be visited by Jesus Christ but not by our Heavenly Father.

Those who:

- Rejected the gospel on earth but afterward received it in the spirit world.
- Are honorable but have been blinded by the craftiness of men.
- Received a testimony of Jesus, but were not valiant.



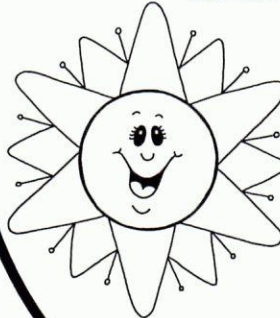
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Who gets to obtain the Celestial Kingdom?



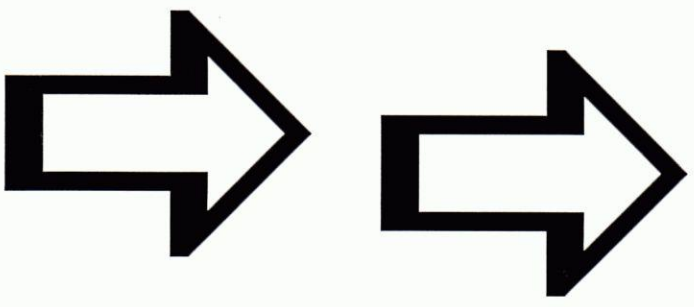
- Those who:*
- Receive a testimony of Jesus.
- Have been baptized.
- Keep the commandments.
- Have overcome the world by their faith.
- Are the just and true.
- Are to be exalted - have been married for eternity in the temple.

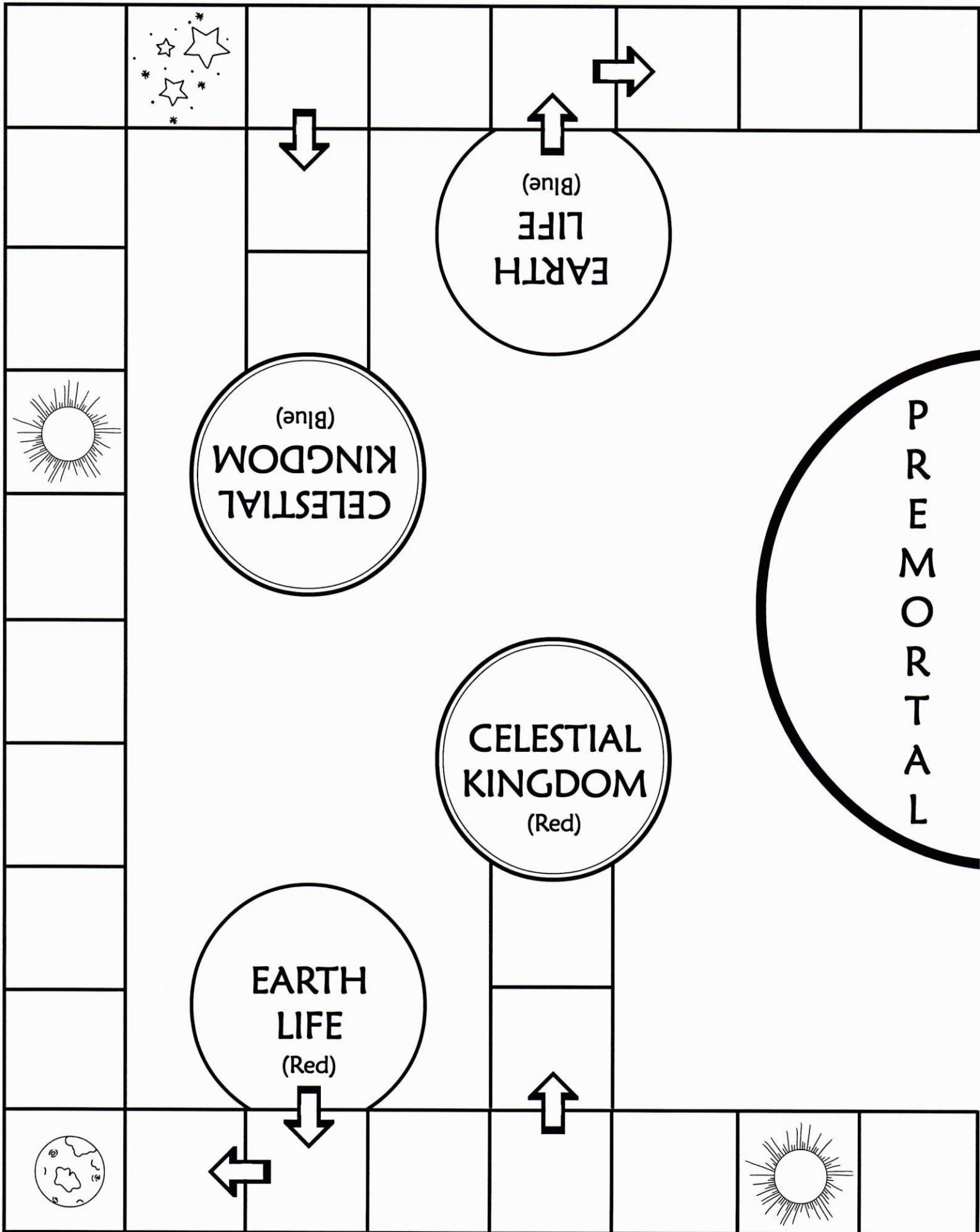
Those who inherit the Celestial Kingdom will live with Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ forever.

Pre-existence

PARENT NOTE: The Celestial Kingdom consists of three degrees. Exaltation is the continuation of the family for eternity. Marriage in the temple for time and all eternity is the gate to the highest degree of the Celestial Kingdom.

Spirit World





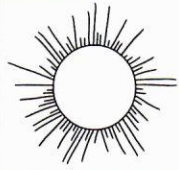
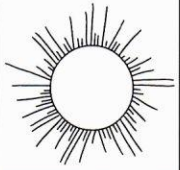
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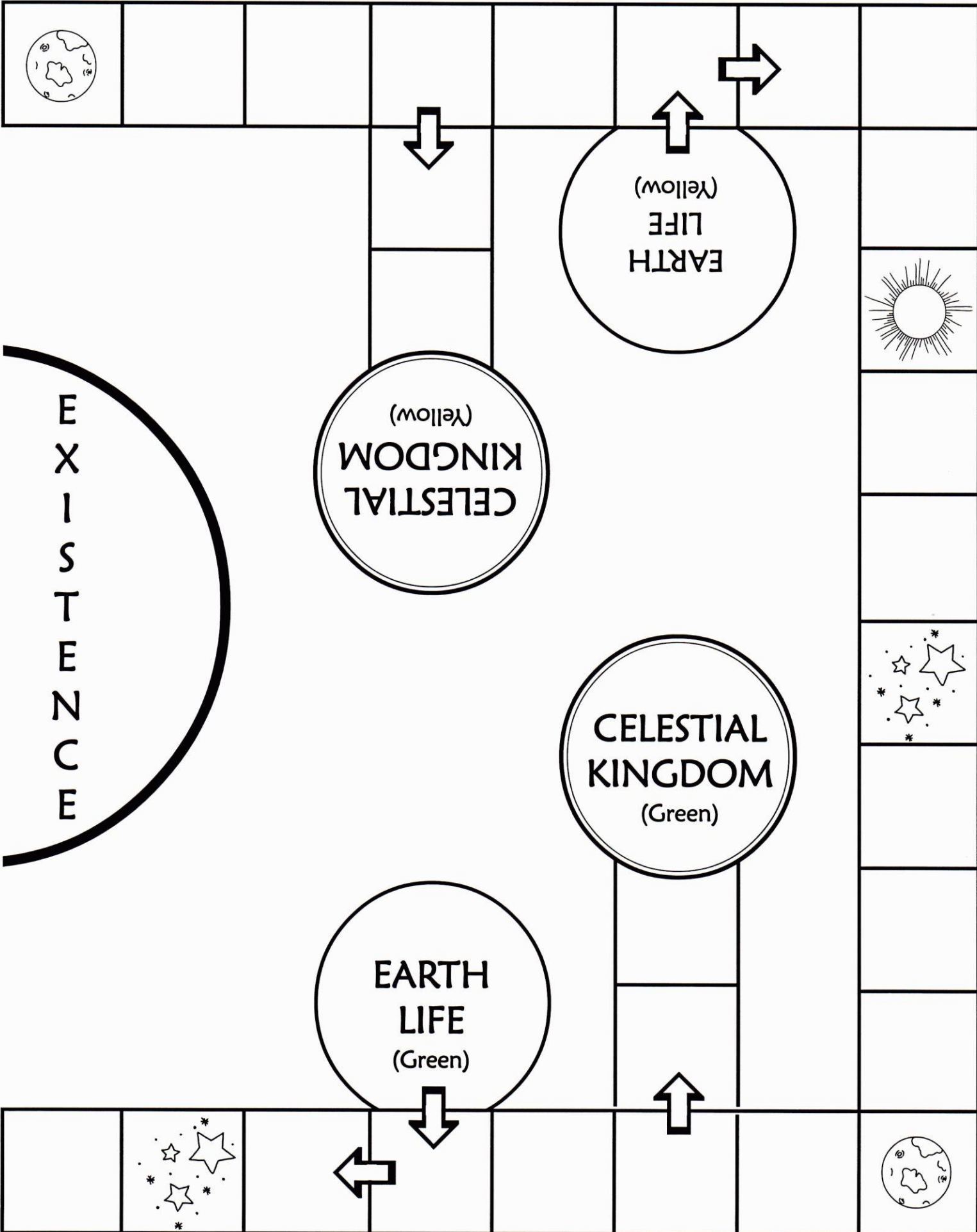
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EARTH LIFE (Yellow)

CELESTIAL KINGDOM (Green)

EARTH LIFE (Green)



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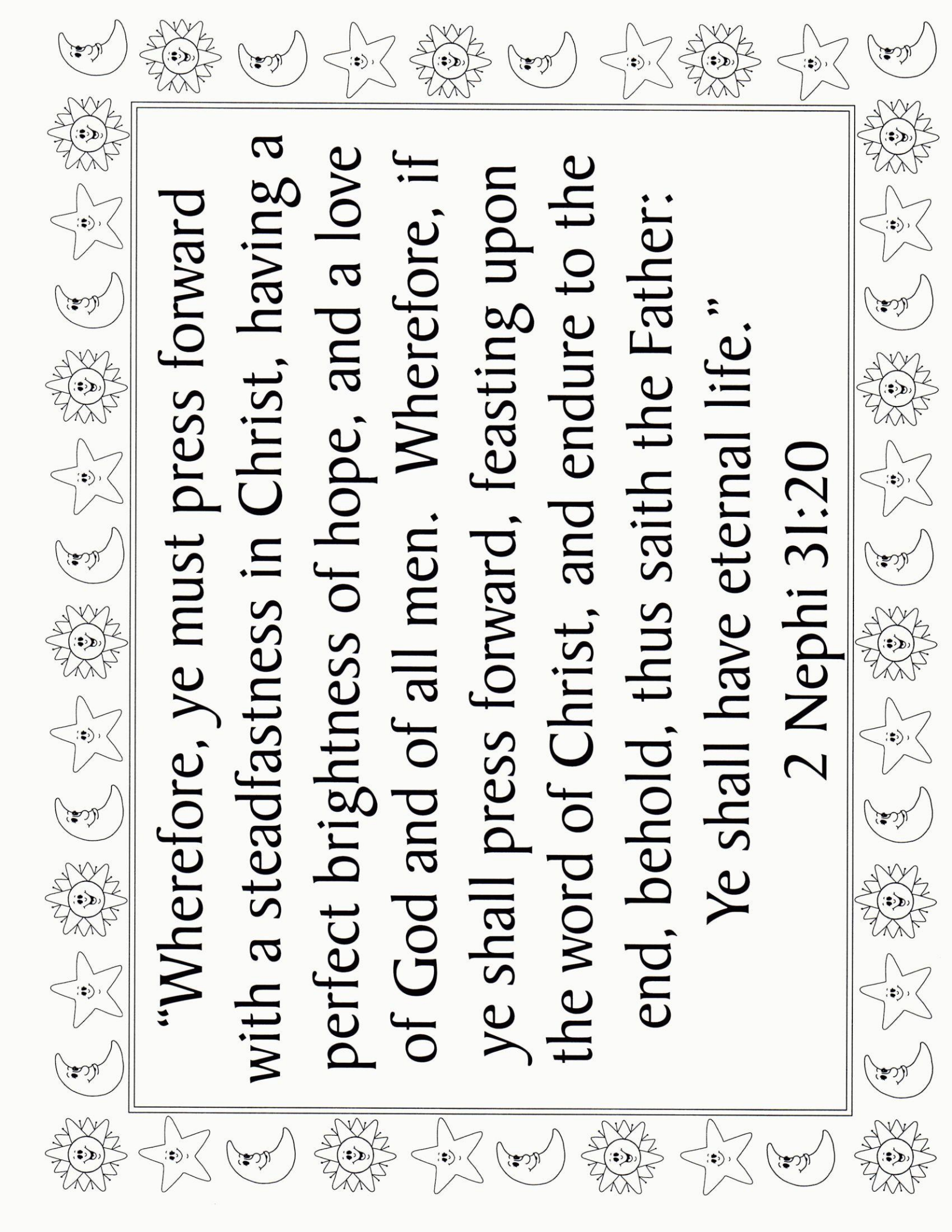
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“Wherefore, ye must press forward
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perfect brightness of hope, and a love
of God and of all men. Wherefore, if
ye shall press forward, feasting upon
the word of Christ, and endure to the
end, behold, thus saith the Father:
Ye shall have eternal life.”

2 Nephi 31:20