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## President Thomas S. Monson

A Prophet For The World

## Family Home Evening Packet



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Story, Picture Sheets, Activity, Quote, Treat Recipe

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## Home Evening Outline

- Opening Prayer
- Opening Song
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- Story
- Game
- Closing Song
- Closing Prayer
- Refreshments

### **Suggested Songs:**

"Follow The Prophet", pg. 110 (Childrens)

"We Thank Thee, O God, For A Prophet", pg. 19 (Hymn)

### **Scriptures:** D&C 1:38

**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** - 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 the 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 remaining 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. Laminate 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 from all packets to form one larger game.

**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 three 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 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 the 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 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 tokens 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.

# Thomas S. Monson's Rocky Road Ice Cream Pie

### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 cup fudge ripple ice cream, softened
- 3 cups chocolate ice cream, softened
- 1 (9 in.) graham cracker pie crust
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup marshmallow creme
- 1 cup chocolate covered peanuts
- 1 cup whipped topping
- 1 cup hot fudge topping
- M&M candies

**Directions:** Spread one cup chocolate ice cream in the graham pie crust. Top with half of the marshmallow creme, the fudge ripple ice cream. Spread remaining marshmallow creme on top. Sprinkle half of the marshmallows and chocolate covered peanuts. On top of that spread one cup of the chocolate ice cream. Sprinkle remainder of marshmallows and chocolate covered peanuts. Spread remainder of chocolate ice cream on top. Freeze the pie uncovered for three to four hours. Let stand at room temperature for five to ten minutes and serve each piece with whipped topping, hot fudge topping and M&M's.

# President Thomas S. Monson

## A Prophet For The World

Thomas Spencer Monson was ordained and set apart as the sixteenth president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on February 4, 2008 after the death of President Gordon B. Hinckley.

Thomas was born on Sunday morning at St. Marks' Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah on August 21, 1927 to G. Spencer and Gladys Condie Monson. He was the first son to be born in the family and his mother, after hearing that a new bishop had been called in the Salt Lake Sixth-Seventh ward, announced that she was holding a future bishop. President Monson became the bishop of the Salt Lake Sixth-Seventh ward when he was just twenty-two years old.

Tommy was blessed with five brothers and sisters: Marjorie, Robert, Marilyn, Scott and Barbara.

Thomas had a wonderful childhood where he learned many important things from his mother, father and his grandparents including the love of the outdoors and fishing.

Grandfather Condie built several homes which were known as "the Terrace" on Fifth South and Second West in Salt Lake City. He gave each of his daughters and their husbands a home there. The families could visit and see each other often. They also had a cabin in Vivian Park which was on the Provo River. The families would be together during the summers and have a great time.

Thomas spent most of July and August every year at Vivian Park. It was not long and Tommy began a lifelong hobby of fishing. He soon jumped from regular fishing to fly fishing. The story is told that the highlight of his fishing career came when he fished with a fly called "Parson's Glory" in New Zealand. Now, President Monson has a reputation for being honest and so this fish tale is true. He said that they were able to catch their limit of rainbow trout that were "five pounds and over in size."

When President Monson was twelve years old, he visited temple square. He was fascinated by all of the nickels and dimes that were thrown in the reflecting pool at the base of the Seagull Monument. He wanted to know how he could get them out!

His visit there touched him though and it showed when he gave his very first talk in his ward on the pioneers, the seagulls and the crickets.

One day, when Tom was just a teenager, he went swimming in the Provo River. A group of people began shouting that someone was in trouble. It looked as though the young woman would drown in the whirlpools where she was being swept. Soon, Tom could see her. He dove into the water, grabbed hold of her and pulled her to the bank. He was credited with saving her life that day.

Thomas grew up tall and strong. He attended the University of Utah and received his Master's degree from Brigham Young University. He served in the United States Navy near the end of World War II.

Late in the 1940's, Tom had gone to a freshman class dance at the University of Utah. He was dancing with a young lady from West High School when a young lady from East High School came dancing by. Tom took one look and was smitten by her. The evening ended before Tom could ask the girl to dance. He wasn't even able to find out her name!

Several months passed and one day while Thomas was waiting for a streetcar on Thirteenth East and Second South in Salt Lake City, he couldn't believe his eyes! There was Frances with another young girl and a young man. Tom recognized the boy from his grade school days but couldn't remember his name. He decided to jump at this opportunity.

He walked up to the young man and said, "Hello, my old friend from grade-school days." The boy couldn't remember Tom's name either. After telling the young man his name, Tom was introduced to Frances Johnson. Thomas married Frances Beverly Johnson in the Salt Lake Temple on October 7, 1948.

The Monson's have three children: Thomas Lee Monson, Ann Frances Monson Dibb and Clark Spencer Monson. They also have eight grandchildren.

He was famous during his tenure as Bishop for visiting the widows which he continues to do today. At one time, there were eighty-seven of them in his ward. Tom made a promise that he would speak at the funeral of all of them and one day he asked his secretary how many of their funerals he had spoken at. She answered, "eighty-seven."

Clark Monson, President Monson's son remembers some wonderful moments with the prophet. One day when they were fishing, President Monson asked Clark to reel in his line for a moment. When the poles were laid inside the boat, President Monson said, "In about five minutes your brother Tom will be sitting down to take the bar examination . . . he has worked hard through three years of law school for this and he will be a little nervous. Let's just kneel here in the boat. I'll offer a prayer for him, and then you offer one."

Clark also recalled how his father drove sixty-four kilometers out of his way one day to let him get a good look at a hawk's nest. It's the kind of thing President Monson does. He is always thinking of others.

President Monson's son Tom also recalls that no matter how busy his father was, he would still put aside everything to play a game of checkers with him at night.

Thomas S. Monson is an example not only of leadership but of being a great father. He tells the story of liking dogs when he was young. One day, he put a wooden orange crate in his wagon and went looking for dogs. At the end of his search, he had gathered and captured six dogs.

He placed the treasured dogs in the coal shed by his house. When his father opened the door to get coal, the dogs came bounding out. Tom's father showed a great lesson in patience as he calmed himself and said, "Tommy, coal sheds are for coal. Other people's dogs rightfully belong to them."

This was a lesson President Monson would remember later during an experience with his own son, Clark.

Clark loved animals and one day came home with a water snake he found in Provo Canyon, whom he named "Herman."

Well, Herman soon got lost and Sister Monson found him in her silverware drawer. Clark decided to find a better home for Herman and he plugged up the bathtub and placed Herman in a little water. He attached a sign telling everyone not to use the tub. It belonged to Herman now. The family used the other bathroom.

However, one day Herman disappeared again. Sister Monson cleaned up the tub and the family began using it again.

President Monson decided to take a bath one evening. He filled the tub with lots of warm water and laid down to relax. When the soapy water reached the overflow drain, guess who came swimming out, right in his face. President Monson yelled for his wife, Frances, telling her "Here comes Herman!"

Herman was taken to Vivian Park in Provo Canyon and released into the beautiful waters of South Fork Creek.

President Monson is a tall, stately looking man who might have had a basketball career. President Jeffrey R. Holland wrote of him, "He is a robust, buoyant, whirlwind of a man who might have been a superb basketball player in his youth had it not been required of him . . . (to) forgo the pleasure of extracurricular school activities in order to work at his father's side in the printing business." Thomas worked side by side with his father from a very young age in the printing business.

Thomas S. Monson has a warm, excellent storytelling ability and he loves to help the unfortunate and poor. He is an outstanding example of being our brother's keeper. He loves his fellow human beings and is concerned for all of our welfare.

He loves to tell of his mother and her gentle, kind heart in feeding the hobo's who came past their home. "I remember that time and time again those who were riding the rails came to our home. I think they had it marked. I can see (a hobo) now, holding his cap in his hand. He asks, 'Is there something I can do to earn a sandwich?' My mother would say, 'You come right in and sit down, wash your hands over there in the sink,' And then she'd make a sandwich."

President Monson served as a mission president in the Canadian Mission from 1959 to 1962 and has served as a General Authority for forty-five years. He has served as a counselor to the President three times in that time. He has received numerous awards and honors.

He is passionate about the Boy Scouts of America. He has been honored with Boy Scouts of America's Silver Beaver Award, The Silver Buffalo Award and Scouting's highest Award, The Bronze Wolf in 1993.

Thomas S. Monson loves sports and attending Utah Jazz or college games. He loves all flavors of ice cream, including Rocky Road. He is a kind, generous, loving man who has a story for every occasion. He will be a great leader of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Elder Jeffrey R. Holland said of him, "His life seems something of a sacred manuscript upon which the Holy Ghost has written - and is still writing, one remarkable message after another."

May God Bless our Prophet!

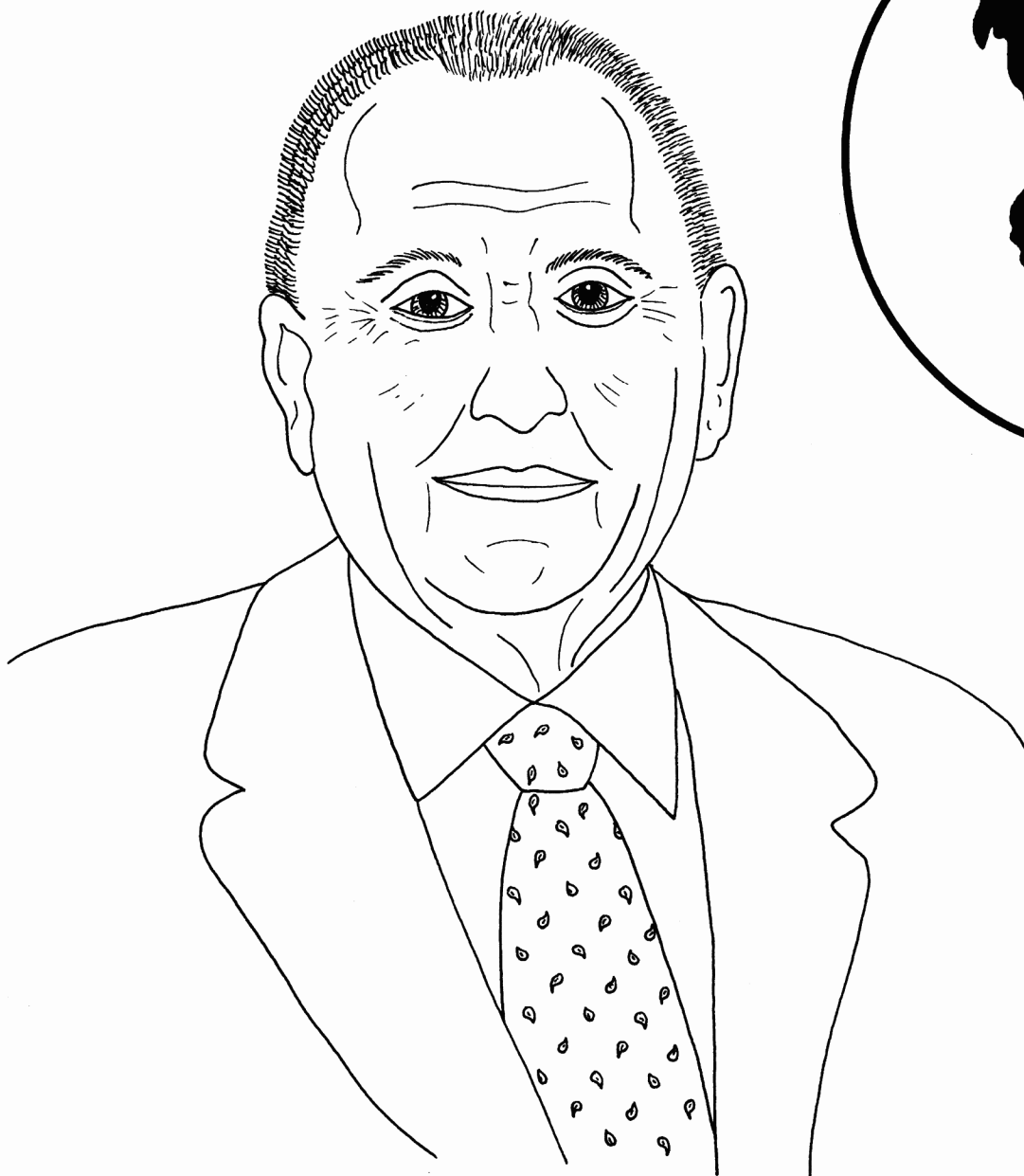
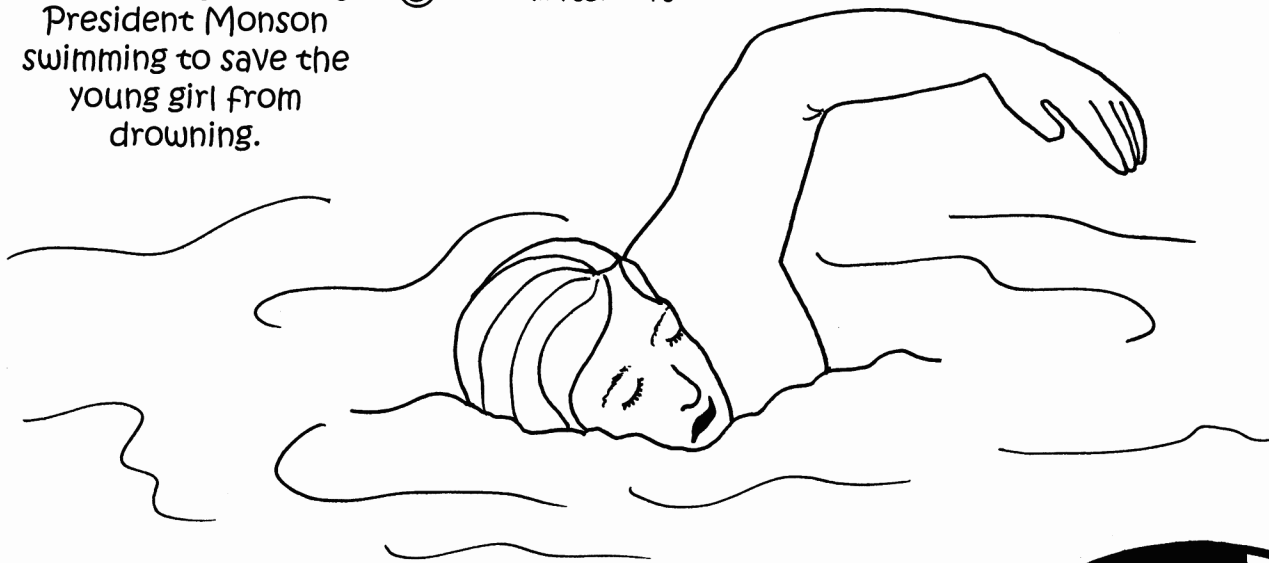
## DISCUSSION

- What traits did President Monson gain from his parents?
- How will these traits help President Monson as the prophet of the Church?

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young girl from  
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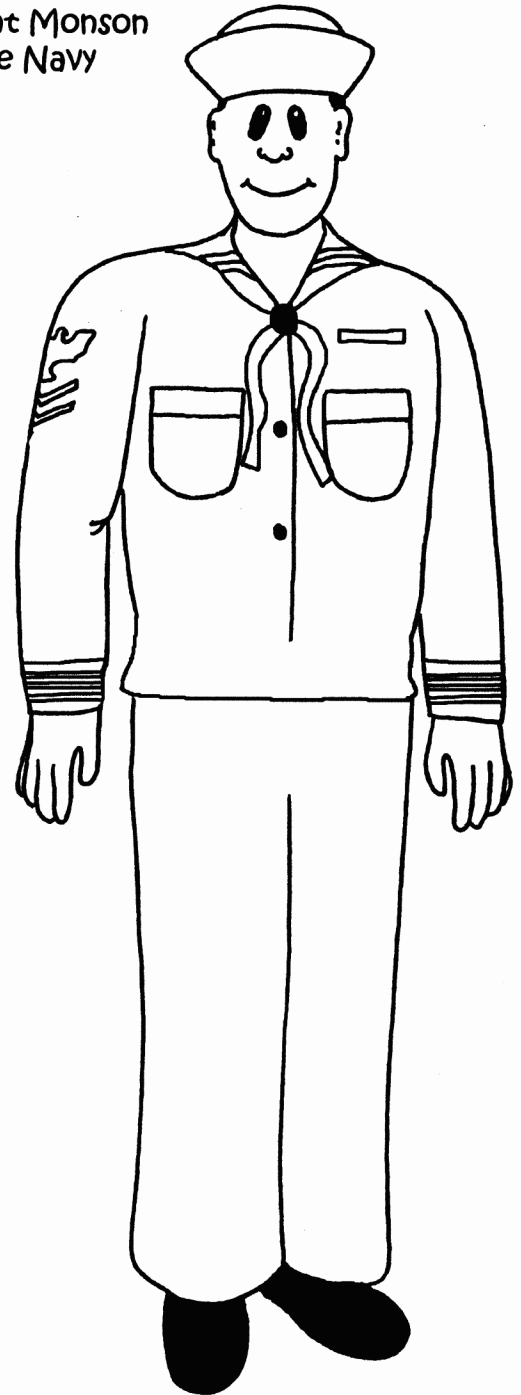
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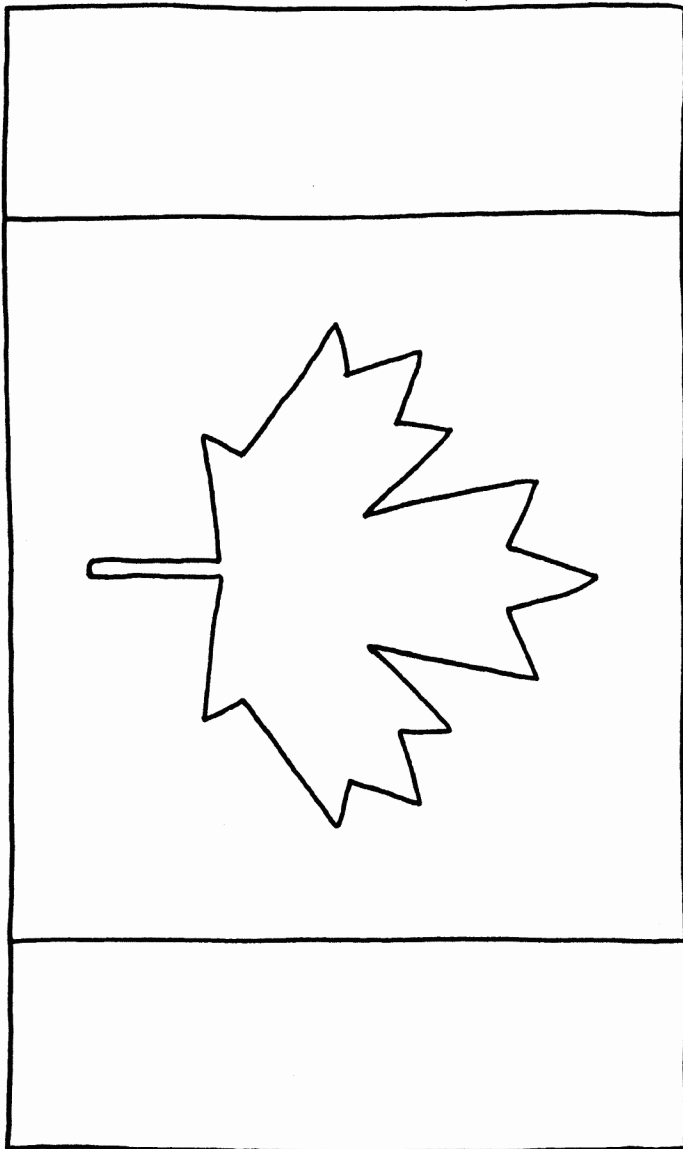
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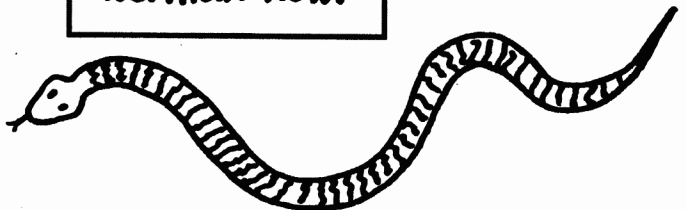


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use the tub.  
It belongs to  
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## PROPHETIC PASTIMES

This Prophet developed a lifelong hobby of fishing, and loved to go to Vivian Park and fish.

Who was he?

**A: Thomas S. Monson**

## HISTORY

What was Thomas S. Monson's mother's name?

**A: Gladys Condie Monson**

## HISTORY

Thomas S. Monson has how many children?

**A: Three**

## HISTORY

This Prophet was honored with three of scoutings highest honors, the Silver Beaver, the Silver Buffalo and the Bronze Wolf.

Who was he?

**A: Thomas S. Monson**

## HISTORY

How many brothers and sisters does President Monson have?

**A: Five**

## PROPHETIC PASTIMES

No matter how busy Thomas S. Monson was when his children were young, he was never to busy to play what game with his children?

**A: Checkers**

## HISTORY

What was President Thomas S. Monson's father's name?

**A: Spencer Monson**

## PROPHETIC PASTIMES

What was the name of the park President Monson loved to visit every summer as a youth?

**A: Vivian Park**

## DATES, TRAITS & MATES

When was President Thomas S. Monson born?

**A: August, 21, 1927**

## PROPHETIC PASTIMES

President Monson's son, Clark remembers his father driving sixty-four kilometers out of his way to show his son what?

**A: A hawk's nest**

## HISTORY

This Prophet visited Temple Square at the age of twelve and was fascinated with the Seagull Monument. It had a profound affect on his life. Who was he?

**A: Thomas S. Monson**

## PROPHETIC PASTIMES

This Prophet ended up sharing a bathtub with his son Clark's pet snake Herman.

Who was he?

**A: Thomas S. Monson**

## HISTORY

What are the names of President Monson's three children?

**A: Thomas Lee, Ann Frances and Clark Spencer Monson**

## HISTORY

How old was President Monson when he became the sixteenth prophet of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?

**A: Eighty years old**

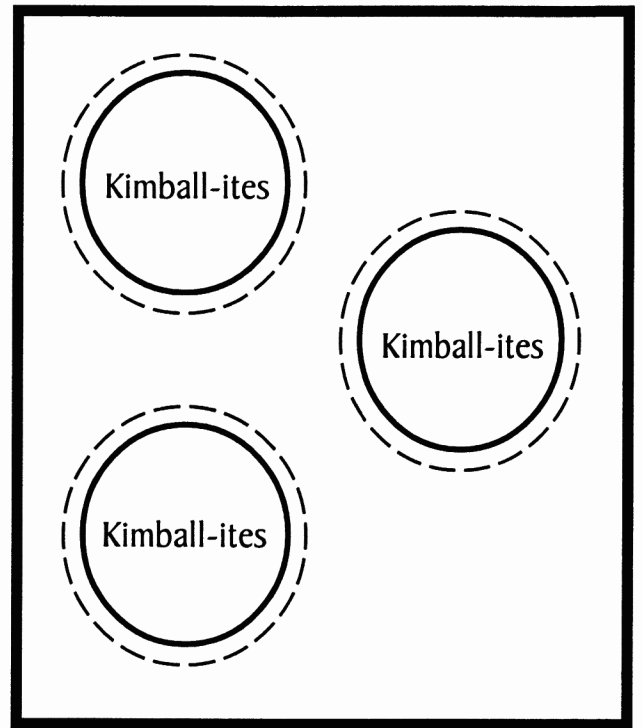
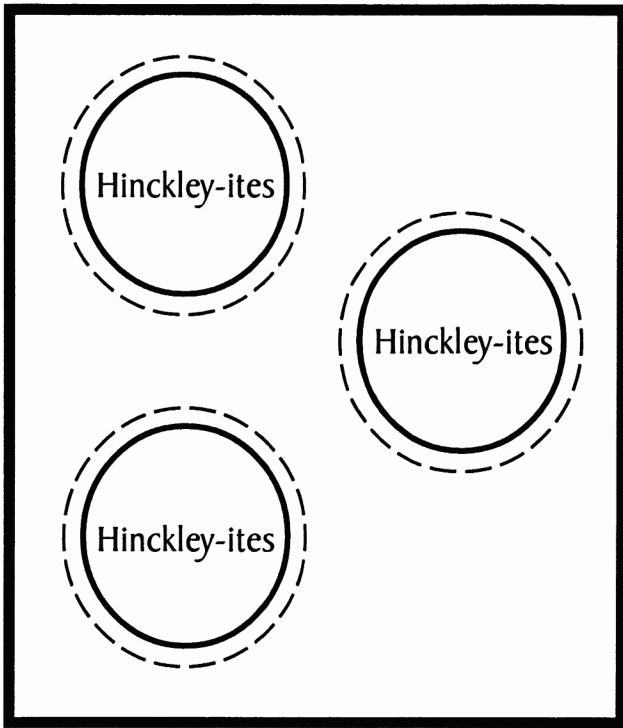
## PROPHETIC PASTIMES

This Prophet loves basketball and enjoys attending Utah Jazz games and college basketball games.

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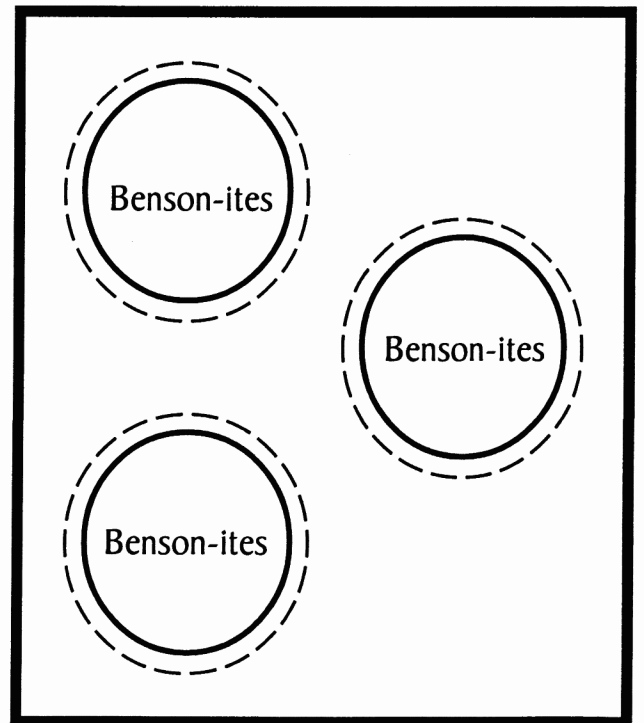
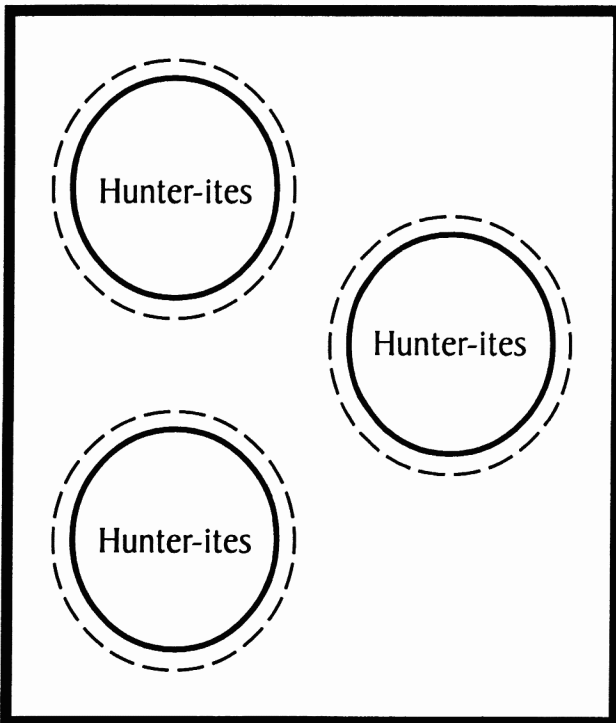
**A: Thomas S. Monson**

<p><b>DATES, TRAITS &amp; MATES</b></p> <p>Where was Thomas S. Monson born?</p> <p><b>A: Salt Lake City, Utah</b></p>	<p><b>FAITH-PROMOTING EXPERIENCES</b></p> <p>This Prophet's mother was a very gentle and kind woman. When he was young his mother would often invite whom to come into their home and eat a sandwich?</p> <p><b>A: Hobo's (Vagrants who would ride the rails in Salt Lake City)</b></p>	<p><b>FAITH-PROMOTING EXPERIENCES</b></p> <p>Jeffrey R. Holland said of this Prophet: "His life seems something of a sacred manuscript upon which the Holy Ghost has written - and is still writing, one remarkable message after another." Who was Jeffrey R. Holland speaking of?</p> <p><b>A: Thomas S. Monson</b></p>	<p><b>DATES, TRAITS &amp; MATES</b></p> <p>This Prophet married Frances Beverly Johnson on October 7, 1948.</p> <p><b>A: Thomas S. Monson</b></p>	<p><b>HISTORY</b></p> <p>President Thomas S. Monson became the bishop of the Salt Lake Sixth-Seventh ward at what age?</p> <p><b>A: Twenty-two</b></p>
<p><b>DATES, TRAITS &amp; MATES</b></p> <p>This man became the sixteenth president of the Church?</p> <p><b>A: Thomas S. Monson</b></p>	<p><b>HISTORY</b></p> <p>President Monson attended the University of Utah and then received his master's degree from what university?</p> <p><b>A: Brigham Young</b></p>	<p><b>HISTORY</b></p> <p>President Thomas S. Monson served in what branch of the military near the end of World War II?</p> <p><b>A: The Navy</b></p>	<p><b>DATES, TRAITS &amp; MATES</b></p> <p>Thomas S. Monson married Frances Beverly Johnson in which temple?</p> <p><b>A: Salt Lake</b></p>	<p><b>HISTORY</b></p> <p>As a young boy, this Prophet saved a girl from drowning in the Provo River. Who was he?</p> <p><b>A: Thomas S. Monson</b></p>
<p><b>DATES, TRAITS &amp; MATES</b></p> <p>This Prophet while serving as a bishop promised eighty-seven widows that he would speak at their funerals and he did!</p> <p><b>A: Thomas S. Monson</b></p>	<p><b>HISTORY</b></p> <p>While fishing in a boat, President Monson and his son Clark knelt in prayer, and prayed for whom?</p> <p><b>A: His son, Thomas Lee Monson</b></p>	<p><b>HISTORY</b></p> <p>President Monson is passionate about the Boy Scouts of America. He earned scoutings highest award. What was it?</p> <p><b>A: The Bronze Wolf</b></p>	<p><b>DATES, TRAITS &amp; MATES</b></p> <p>On what date was Thomas S. Monson sustained as the new Prophet of the Church?</p> <p><b>A: February 4, 2008</b></p>	<p><b>"JUST DO IT"</b></p> <p>President Thomas S. Monson is passionate about the Boy Scouts of America. He earned scoutings highest award. What was it?</p> <p><b>A: The Bronze Wolf</b></p>



# 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.





"Loving service  
anonymously given  
may be unknown to  
man- but the  
gift and the  
giver are  
known to  
God."

Thomas S. Manson

