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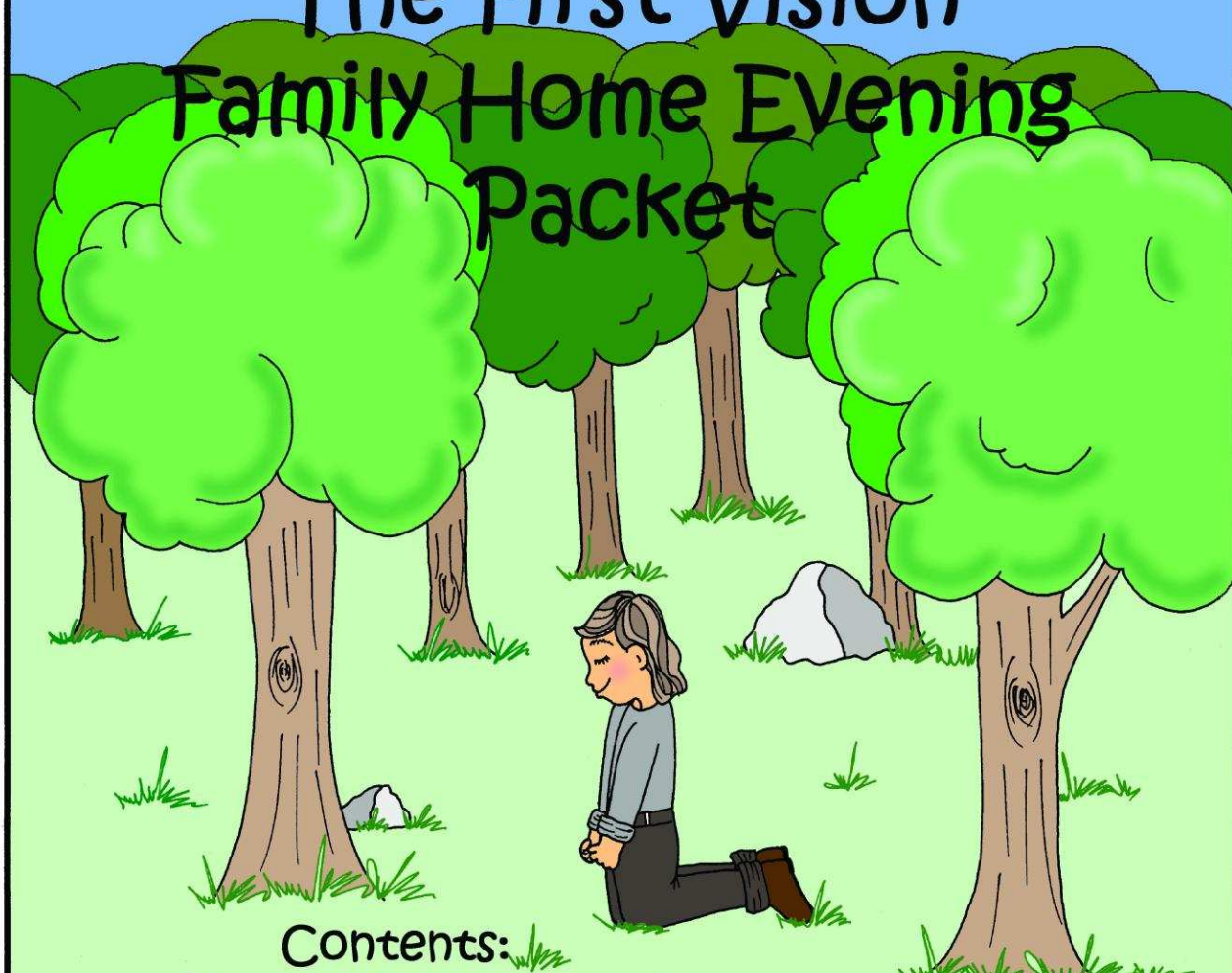
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The First Vision Family Home Evening Packet



Contents:
Story, Picture Sheets, Activity,

Scripture, Treat Recipe

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Home Evening Outline

- Opening Prayer
- Opening Song
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- Closing Prayer
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Suggested Songs: "The Sacred Grove", pg. 87 (Childrens)

"This Is My Beloved Son", pg. 76 (Childrens)

"Joseph Smith's First Prayer", pg. 26 (Hymn)

Scriptures: James 1:5, 2 Nephi 3:7-19

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: Treasure Hunt - Included in this packet are two different puzzles - a puzzle for younger children and another for older children. If you have both older children and younger children, use both puzzles. Have one parent be on the older children's team, and the other parent be on the younger children's team. Cut out the puzzle pieces. You may want to laminate them to protect them so they may be used over and over again. If the weather permits, use a combination of outdoor hiding places as well as indoor. Make up clues for the amount of puzzle pieces you have, and hide the clues and puzzle pieces. Place the last puzzle piece inside the cover of a Book of Mormon. Before the treasure hunt begins, emphasize that there is a wonderful treasure to be found, one that is worth far more than money could buy. You could even wrap the Book of Mormon like a gift, or place it in a chest, etc. Be creative! Each puzzle piece has a question pertaining to the lesson. Once the children have found the clue, read the question and allow the children to answer. After the question has been answered, read the next clue and proceed to find it. After all of the puzzle pieces have been collected, have the family congregate back together. Put the puzzle (or puzzles) together. Once the puzzle has been put together, (you may want to use scotch tape to piece it together) flip the puzzle over. There is a scriptural reference on the back. Have each of the family members look up the scripture and read it aloud. Explain to the children that the words found in our scriptures are the greatest treasures that we can ever possess. Tell them also of the sacrifice that Joseph Smith went through to be able to bring the Book of Mormon forth.

Easy Peanut Butter Cups

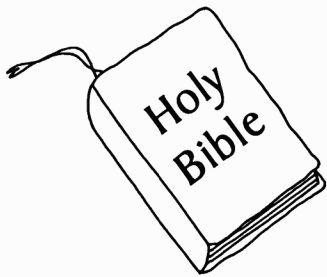
Ingredients:

- 2 cups peanut butter, chunky or smooth
- 3/4 cup margarine
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 3 3/4 cups powdered sugar
- 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips

•Melt margarine. Add the peanut butter and brown sugar. Remove from heat and gradually add powdered sugar. Using hands, mix carefully.

Cup method: Take a paper muffin tin liner and cut the top portion off, leaving about an inch at the bottom. Melt a portion of the chocolate chips on low heat until smooth. Take each liner, and carefully pour a small amount of melted chocolate into liner. Coat bottom and sides of liner. Refrigerate. Once the chocolate has hardened, take the peanut butter mixture and spread it evenly inside the chocolate coated liners. Melt the remainder of the chocolate chips on low heat until smooth. Carefully pour and spread the melted chocolate over the top of the peanut butter mixture. Make sure to get the chocolate to the edges. Refrigerate and enjoy!

Pan method: Carefully spread the peanut butter mixture on a cookie sheet. Melt the chocolate chips on low heat until smooth. Spread evenly over mixture on cookie sheet. Place in refrigerator until the chocolate has set up. Cut into bite size pieces. YUMMY!!



The First Vision



Many times throughout the Book of Mormon and the Bible, our Heavenly Father uses someone very young to carry out His great plans, such as Joseph, who was sold into Egypt, David and Mary. So it was with the prophet, Joseph Smith.

Joseph Smith was only 14 years old when he was privileged to see God the Father and Jesus Christ, His son. How would you have handled it, if God had allowed you to see what Joseph saw?

(Discussion)

It was in Sharon, Vermont on the 23rd day of December in 1805 that Joseph Smith was born to Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith. He was blessed to enter a family that had many children and Joseph could certainly say, as Nephi of old had said, that he was born of goodly parents. Joseph's brothers and sisters were Alvin, Hyrum, Samuel Harrison, William, Don Carlos, Sophronia, Catherine and Lucy. There were eleven in his family and Joseph loved his sisters and brothers dearly.

The Smith family moved often in those days. When they moved to Manchester, it wasn't long until there was a great commotion in the country over who had the best religion, the right religion. Many people began speaking out and trying to convert others to their religions, including the Methodists, Presbyterians and the Baptists. This caused a great commotion among the people and they began to fight with each other and to hate each other. Missionaries from the Presbyterian faith had converted four members of Joseph's family, including his mother, Lucy, Hyrum, Samuel and Sophronia.

Joseph was very confused and thought for long periods of time as to what he should do. He would attend meeting after meeting, listening to the different religions speak about their individual beliefs. He kept his feelings and thoughts to himself. In the midst of all the confusion, Joseph thought, "What is to be done? Who of all these parties are right; or, are they all wrong together? If any one of them be right, which is it, and how shall I know it?"

One day, while Joseph was reading the Bible, he turned to the book of James, chapter one, verse 5 which reads: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." The power of this scripture hit Joseph very hard in his heart. He thought about it again and again, believing that if *any* person needed wisdom at that time, it was he, for he had no idea what to do. After pondering it for some time, Joseph came to the conclusion that he must either remain in darkness and confusion, or that he must do as James said in the Bible and ask God. He decided that he would "ask of God."

Near Joseph's home stood a grove of trees. Early one beautiful spring morning in 1820, he walked to the wooded area to a spot he had thought about before. It was the first time in Joseph's life that he had ever made an attempt to pray out loud.

When he arrived at the place he had planned to go, he knelt down and began to pray very earnestly to our Heavenly Father. Now, whenever we do anything that the Lord wants us to do, Satan doesn't like it. He certainly didn't want Joseph to see God, for then Joseph would have an undeniable testimony and he would do much good in the world. Satan tried to make Joseph feel very bad and he tried to make him afraid. Young Joseph called out mightily to the Lord and God protected him, just as he will you or me when we call on him. We don't ever need to fear when we are on the Lord's side.

Suddenly, there appeared a pillar of light directly over Joseph's head. When the light rested upon him, he saw two people who were so bright and glorious that Joseph was almost at a loss as to how to describe them. They were standing above him in the air when one of them spoke to Joseph and called out his name. Then this personage pointed to the other and said, "This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!"

Joseph had wanted to know which religion to join, so as soon as he could compose himself, he asked God the Father, and His son, Jesus Christ, which religion it should be. He was told that he should join none of them, that they were all wrong and that their creeds were all an abomination to the Lord. God also told Joseph many other things that day as well.

When God and Jesus left him in the grove, Joseph took a little while to get his strength back. Why do you think that Joseph didn't have any strength after seeing God and Jesus? **(Discussion)**

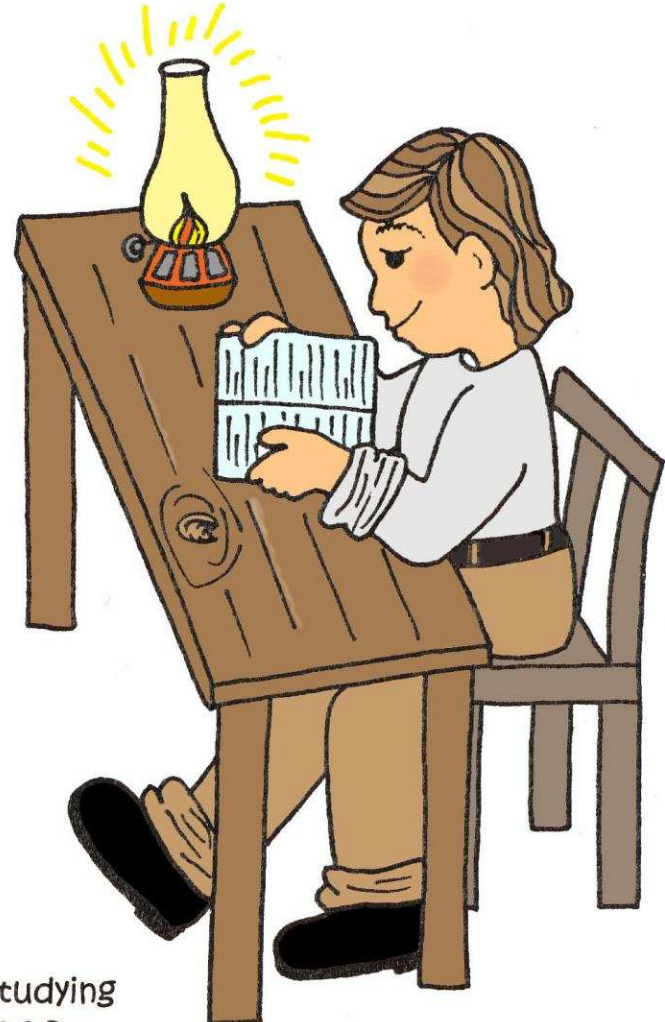
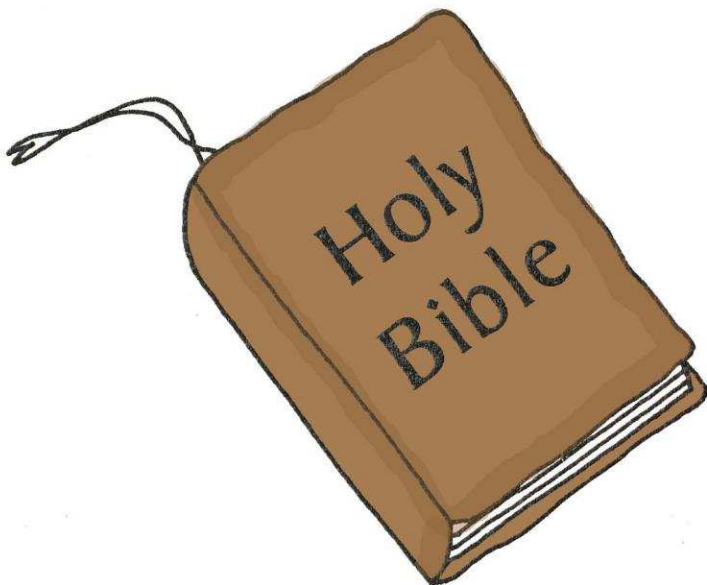
Joseph had the faith to do as the Bible instructed him to do. It had instructed him to pray to God to get answers to any questions that he needed answered. This is the first step we should always take. God always answers our prayers. Perhaps it is not in the way we want him to answer, but there is always an answer.

DISCUSSION:

- For what can you pray to your Father in Heaven?
- Do you always pray when something is bothering you?
- What things have you prayed about, and what were your answers?
- What do we need to gain a testimony that Joseph Smith did see God and Jesus?



Joseph's home in Manchester, New York



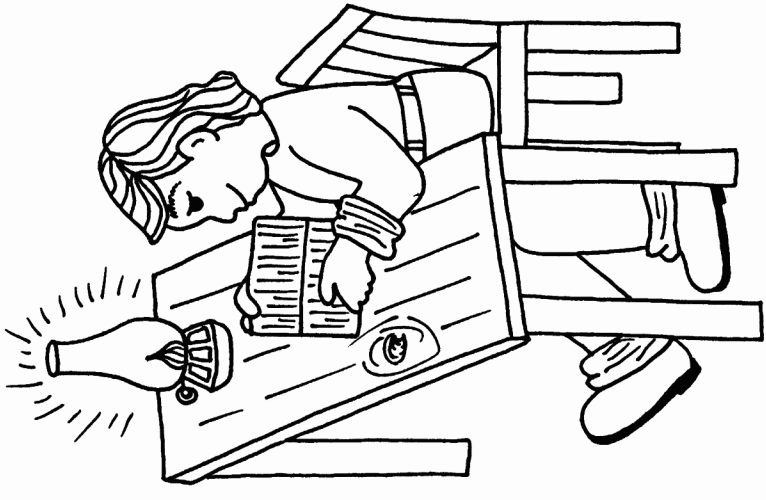
Joseph studying
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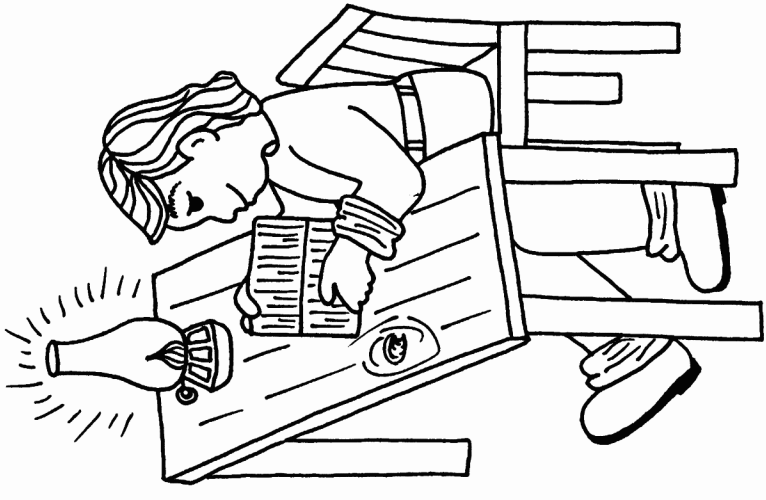
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Where was Joseph Smith born, and what was his birth date?

Where is the scripture found that prompted young Joseph to pray and ask God?

How many people were there in Joseph's family?

To where did Joseph and his family move to when

Joseph was privileged to have the First Vision?

Who didn't want Joseph to pray in the

Grove and receive a vision of our Heavenly Father and His son?

Joseph went to the grove in the spring of _____ year

Why did Joseph Smith go to the Grove to pray?

How old was Joseph when he saw God the Father and Jesus Christ?

What was Joseph studying that prompted him to pray and "ask of God"?

Who didn't want Joseph to pray in the Grove and receive a vision of our Heavenly Father and His son?

Did Joseph go to the Grove in the Spring, Summer, Fall or Winter?

Who did Joseph Smith see when he prayed in the Sacred Grove?

Turn to
and read:

JS-M

(Joseph Smith - Matthew)

1:37