

Conference Lessons for Kids

Rejoice in the Gift of Priesthood Keys



Topic

The priesthood keys are a great blessing to me!

Materials/Preparation

- The Priesthood Keys printable (just one)
- Kirtland Temple coloring page (one per kid)
- Keys
- Optional: Three keys that open something in or near your home (ex: front or back door key, car key, mailbox key, safe box key, bedroom door key, journal lock key, etc.)

Lesson

Hook: Show you kids some keys. What are keys used for? What would happen if we lost a key to something that was locked? There is something called the priesthood keys. They are not like these keys that you can hold, but they are the authority God has given priesthood leaders to direct and govern the use of His priesthood on earth.

Elder Oaks taught us that, “All keys of the priesthood are held by the Lord Jesus Christ, whose priesthood it is. He is the one who determines what keys are delegated to mortals and how those keys will be used.” The Prophet has authority from the Lord to exercise all the priesthood keys that are needed for the Church to function.

During the Apostasy the priesthood and priesthood keys were not on the earth, which means there were certain priesthood blessings and covenants that we could not “unlock” or have. In the Kirtland Temple, Joseph Smith received three special messengers who brought him three important priesthood keys that had been taken from off the earth. These keys would allow the prophet to have access or unlock certain priesthood powers on the earth that had been lost or taken away. Let’s find out what these keys are!

Activity: Do the Priesthood Keys activity page with included instructions together!

Then listen to a snippet of President Nelson’s talk using the QR code while completing the Kirtland Temple printable (color, draw yourself at the temple, and complete the quote). Have a quick discussion afterwards about what blessings the temple can bring us that they heard while listening to President Nelson.



Snippet:
11:15- 16:12

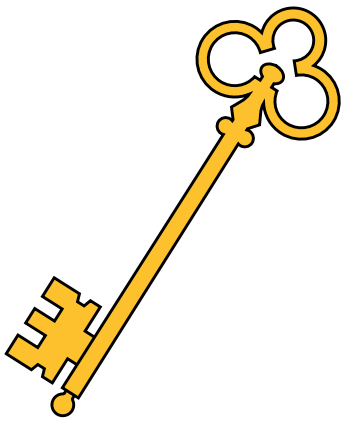
Invitation: As a family, think of one way you can enjoy the blessings of the temple this month. For example- print and hang up a picture of the temple, visit a temple, sing a temple song, etc.

Priesthood Keys

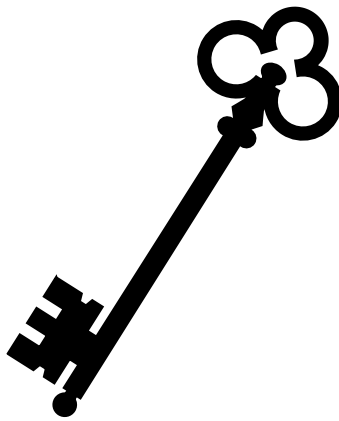
Instructions: Cut out the six cards below. Hide the three lock description cards around the house. Give each child a key cards (you may need to pair up if you have more than 3 kids). Have them search around to find the lock card that matches the key color. After they are found, read each card together and answer the question at the bottom.

****Bonus Idea:** Find three items in your house with a lock (door, cars, mailbox, safe box, journal lock, etc). Hide the lock cards inside those objects (car, mailbox, safe, behind door) and tape the key to the back of the key cards. Have them search to figure out what their key opens and find the lock card. This extra element of actually unlocking something adds a little more fun!

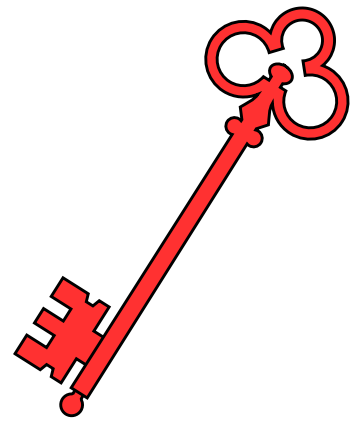
Moses



Elias



Elijah



The Gathering of Israel

These keys give the prophet the power to send missionaries around the world.

Why is missionary work important?



The Dispensation of the Gospel of Abraham

These keys restored the promises the Lord made with Abraham, such as celestial marriage and eternal posterity.

Why is celestial marriage important?



The Sealing Power

These keys restored the sealing power, including temple and family history work.

How are you and your family blessed by the sealing power?

Kirtland Temple



“My dear brothers and sisters, here is my promise. _____ will help you more to hold fast to the iron rod than worshipping in the temple as regularly as your circumstances permit. _____ will protect you more as you encounter the world’s mists of darkness. _____ will bolster your testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Atonement or help you understand God’s magnificent plan more. _____ will soothe your spirit more during times of pain. _____ will open the heavens more. _____!”

- President Nelson