



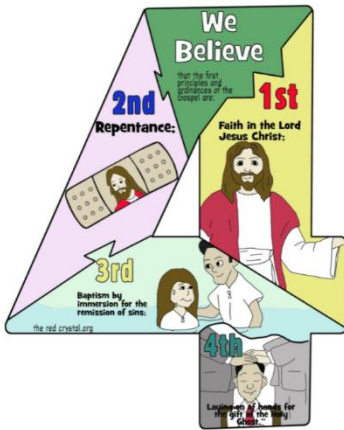
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December 6-12

"The Articles of Faith and Official Declarations 1 and 2"

1. Scripture Hop Circle Song – What are some things we believe in? Give a quick explanation of what the Articles of Faith are. Explain that there are 13 of them, and for today's scripture hop, we're going to learn the first one. Follow instructions on page 3 below for a scripture hop for Article of Faith #1.
 - Since there is a song to go along with this, we'll probably put the scripture hop pieces in a circle and play the [1st Article of Faith song from the Children's Songbook](#) while they listen for the different parts of it and hop to those strips as they hear them in the song. Then we'll have them try to say it without the music and try to memorize it.
 - Talk about why knowing about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost is important to us. Share stories of when those truths were helpful in our lives.
2. Friend Story – Read and discuss "[Why I Love the Articles of Faith](#)" from *The Friend*. Explain that the truths in the Articles of Faith are important to us in our lives.
3. Articles of Faith Song and Word Match Game – Follow directions on pages 4-5 below to do a matching game with the songs for the Articles of Faith and pictures about them. When I was growing up, learning the songs for the Articles of Faith REALLY helped me memorize them, so I felt strongly that I needed to help my own kids get more familiar with the songs for these.
 - *If you feel like doing all of the songs in one setting is too long for the attention spans of the kids you're teaching, feel free to shorten this and cut down the number of matches.*
 - *You could also just let the kids look at the picture cards, choose some that look interesting to them, and listen to and discuss those songs and information included in those Articles of Faith.*
4. Article of Faith Memorization –
 - Read and discuss "[Doing Something Good with My Time](#)" story from *The Friend* about a boy who memorizes the Articles of Faith.
 - Print up the "Articles of Faith Pass-Off Chart" on page 6 below. This is not something we plan to do in one setting. It will be spread throughout the coming months. We will display the pass-off chart in our home and break each down one at a time. We will spend time listening to the song, discussing the words, and doing any other activities we feel are useful in helping us learn them. There are some fun resources out there to help kids memorize these. For my kids, I LOVE these [Articles of Faith puzzles](#) the redcrystal has created. We plan on printing these up and laminating them so we can use them repeatedly to help us learn and practice each Article of Faith. We'll listen to the songs while putting the puzzles together.
 - Have each person write their name in the box on the pass-off chart as they pass each Article of Faith off. Give each person a small treat as they pass each off. My plan as of now (who knows if it will change as we actually get into this!) is to practice each Article of Faith daily as a family (starting with number 1). Once EVERYONE has passed off number 1, we'll move on to number 2, then 3, etc.

- Decide on a family reward to celebrate when everyone has passed these off (a family outing, restaurant, game night, ice cream, etc.).
- Here are some resources that I thought looked helpful for learning the Articles of Faith. Our family plans on putting together theredcrystal's puzzles while listening to the songs for each and practicing them.



[Puzzles from theredcrystal.org](http://theredcrystal.org)



[Posters from A Year of FHE](#)



[Free Articles of Faith Coloring Pages](#)

Additional “We Believe” Tree idea from The Friend:

- Sing “He Sent His Son” (*Children’s Songbook*, 34–35).
- The Articles of Faith teach what we believe. Joseph Smith wrote the Articles of Faith to explain the gospel to others.
- Read “Why I Love the Articles of Faith” on [page 26](#). Cut out 13 circles to make paper ornaments. Number the circles from 1 to 13. Then draw something on the other side that reminds you of that article of faith. You can hang them on your Christmas tree or in another place in your house. As you hang each ornament, say the article of faith that goes with it.

Additional Idea From the Manual:

Consider how your family could create “mini-lessons” for the [Articles of Faith](#). For example, throughout the week, each family member could pick one article and find a related scripture, picture, hymn, or children’s song or share a personal experience.

Or family members could take turns asking each other questions about the Church and our beliefs and then answering those questions with an article of faith.

Additional Ideas:

More Great Free Ideas at www.theredcrystal.org

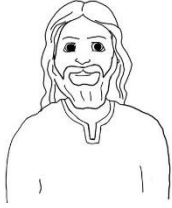
[Articles of Faith Quiz](#) from *The Friend*

[Articles of Faith](#)

SCRIPTURE Hop

(ARTICLE of Faith 1)

Cut apart the following strips and spread them out far enough in a room so that the kids will need to hop from one strip to another. Make sure to keep them in the correct order. Have them stand by the first one and help them say the top line out loud. Explain what it means. Then have them jump to the next one and do the same thing until they've jumped on each of them, said them out loud, and discussed them one at a time. Then have them start back at the beginning and practice saying the phrases from this verse in order while hopping from strip to strip again. Try going a little faster each time. Repeat as many times as wanted/needed. These can also be used as flash cards, taped onto the wall to practice throughout the week, etc.



WE BELIEVE in God,



THE ETERNAL FATHER,



And in His Son,



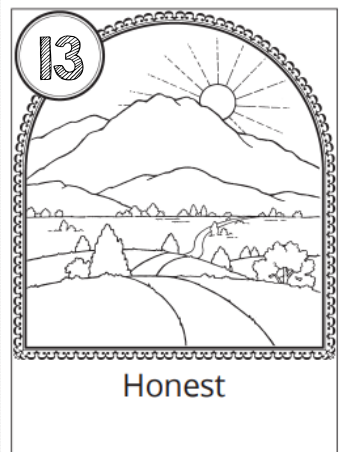
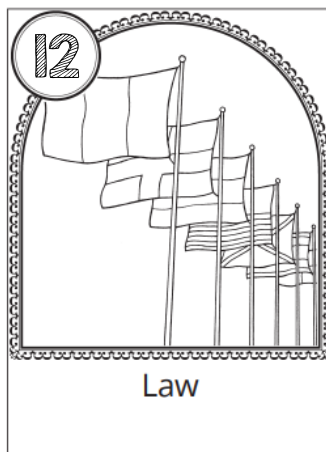
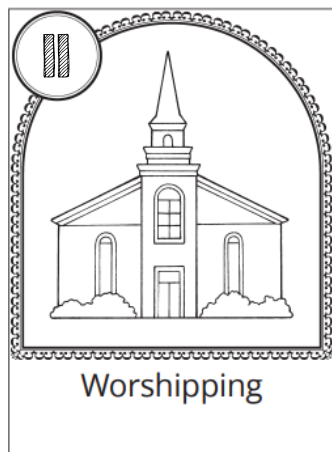
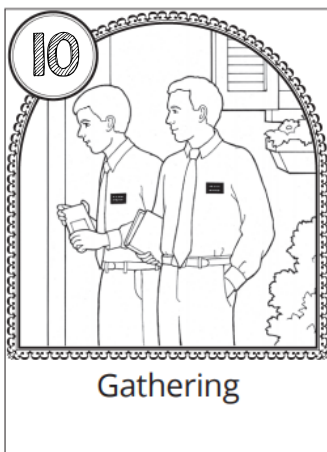
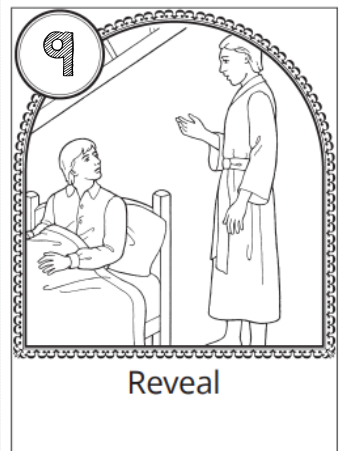
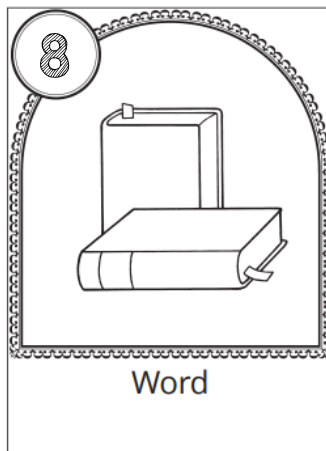
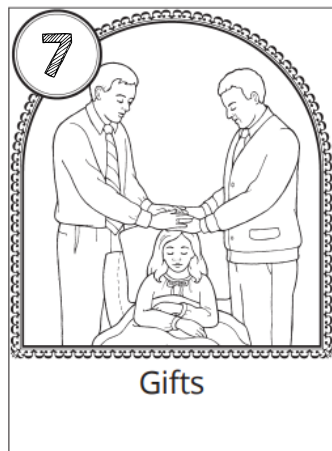
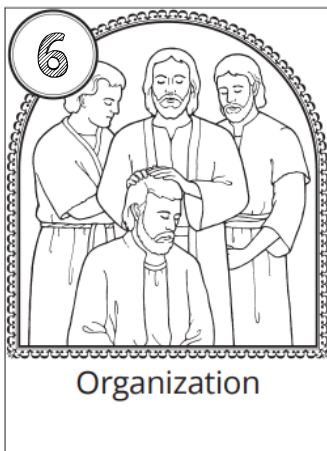
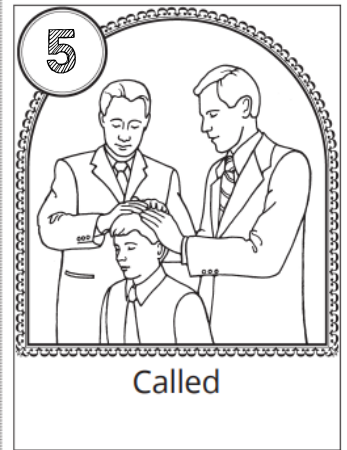
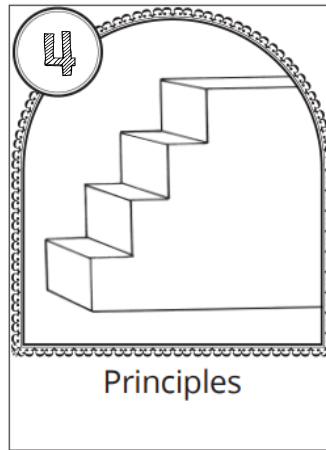
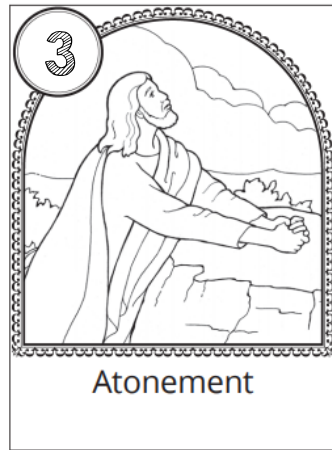
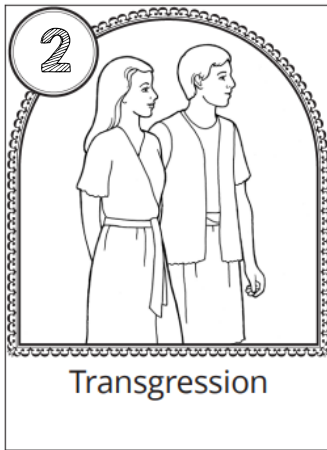
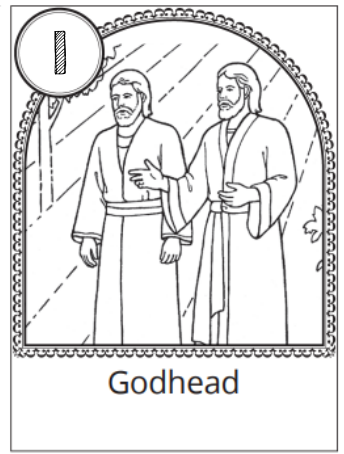
JESUS CHRIST,
















And in THE HOLY Ghost.

Articles of Faith Song and Picture Matching Game

- Cut apart the picture cards on this page. Place them upside-down in an area together.
- Cut apart the Articles of Faith song QR code cards. Place them upside-down in another area together.
- Take turns choosing one card from the picture cards and one card from the song QR code cards to try to find matching numbers.
- When someone finds matching numbers, they will listen to the song for that Article of Faith (an adult can scan the QR code to open the song with lyrics). In order to be able to keep their match, that person will need either listen for the word on the picture card in the song or explain why the thing that Article of Faith talks about is important to them.



Articles of Faith Song QR Code Cards













<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p> 
<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p> 
<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p> 	<p>11</p> 	<p>12</p> 
<p>13</p> 			



Articles of Faith Pass-off Chart



Listen to the songs for each Article of Faith to help you learn them. Once you've memorized an Article of Faith, write your name in that box.

1 	2 	3 	4 
5 	6 	7 	8 
9 	10 	11 	12 

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THE ARTICLES OF FAITH

OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

*W*E BELIEVE IN GOD, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

2 We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.

3 We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

4 We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

5 We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

6 We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, namely, apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, and so forth.

7 We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, and so forth.

8 We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

9 We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

10 We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion (the New Jerusalem) will be built upon the American continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.

11 We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.

12 We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honoring, and sustaining the law.

13 We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul—We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.

JOSEPH SMITH.
