May 16-22



"Beware Lest Thou forget the Lord"

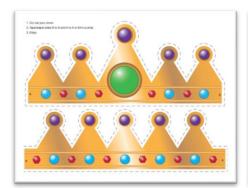
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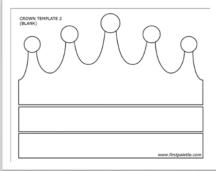
This lesson is based mostly off of this idea from the family CFM manual:

"Do something to help your family members feel special, such as preparing a favorite food. Then you could read <u>Deuteronomy 7:6–9</u> and discuss what you feel it means to be "a special people" (<u>verse 6</u>) to the Lord." We're planning on starting by talking about why each of the kids is special, and then switch into why our Heavenly Parents and Jesus are special to us.

You can make this as simple or as fancy as you want to. Our plan is to put a colored tablecloth on the table, set out some of those little doilies you can get from the Dollar Tree, and have some basic things our kids like on the table, like mini Hostess donuts and chocolate milk. We'll tell them we're having a "special" snack because they are "special" people!

1. <u>Picture Frames</u> – Have each kid draw a picture of themselves. Page 5 below has frames with a circle outline of a head that they can color on to look like themselves. On the outside of the frame, write some specific reasons why each person is special to us. Read and discuss <u>Deuteronomy 7:6–9</u> and remind them that they are each very important and special to Heavenly Father and Jesus! We are special just because we are His children. If you want, you could also let each kid make a crown to remind them that they are children of a Heavenly King. Click on pictures below for links to some free printable crowns.







- 2. Remembering the Lord/Getting Back Home Share or summarize Dieter F. Uchtdorf's true story about "Bobbie the Wonder Dog" as told in his talk "A Yearning for Home." Share some of the details from this talk about animals migrating long distances (some monarch butterflies migrate 3,000 miles, leatherback turtles travel from Indonesia to California, humpback whales swim from the North and South Poles to the equator and back, arctic terns travel 60,000 miles). We might not have to fly or swim thousands of miles, but what might our journey back to our Heavenly Parents look like? If wanted, these links could be used to tell the story of Bobbie the Dog:
 - <u>Bobbie the Wonder Dog book reading</u> (11 minutes long)
 - Bobbie the Wonder Dog 3-minute story told in a monotone voice

- 3. <u>Heavenly Parents Picture</u> Print up the picture frame on page 6 below. Read the quote and discuss. Let them draw/paint a picture to represent our Heavenly Parents and our heavenly home. What kinds of things might we need to do to return to Them? How do we feel about Them? How do They feel about us? Remind them that Jesus Christ has made it possible for us to return home with Them again.
 - Tape the picture up on the wall and tape each person's picture next to the Heavenly Parents picture.
 - Talk about reasons why They are special to us.
- 4. <u>Moses Review</u> Show picture of Moses on page 4 below. Review everything we've learned about Moses and the Israelites. After being in the wilderness for 40 years, they were now about to enter the promised land. Explain that just before his death (translation), Moses shared thoughts on some of the things that were most important to him. What kinds of things do you think he talked about? He shared ways we can enter into the promised land of eternal life. Share some of the things he said, such as:
 - "beware lest thou forget the Lord" (<u>Deuteronomy 6:12</u>).
 - We should love the Lord with all our heart (Deuteronomy 6:5)
 - Keep his words in your heart; we should study the scriptures because they are the word of God (Deuteronomy 6:6-9)
 - We should help the needy (Deuteronomy 15:1-15)
 - Covenants are important (Deuteronomy 29:12-13)
- 5. <u>Write on Crown</u> Decide specific ways we'll remember Lord as we travel on the path back to our Heavenly Parents. Write or draw things we'll do on our crowns (reading scriptures each day, praying, getting baptized, keeping our covenants, etc.).
- 6. <u>Video</u> Watch "<u>The Rock Collection</u>" from Latter Day Kids and then discuss why Heavenly Father and Jesus are important to us. How can we love Them with all of our heart, soul, and might?
- 7. <u>Song and Scripture Draw</u> Watch/listen to/sing "<u>O My Father</u>." Share testimonies of Jesus Christ and Heavenly Father and then do the scripture draw on page 3 below.

Additional Ideas.

More Great Free Ideas at www.theredcrystal.org
Old Testament Cartoon Videos from the Church Website
Migration: A Yearning for Home Video

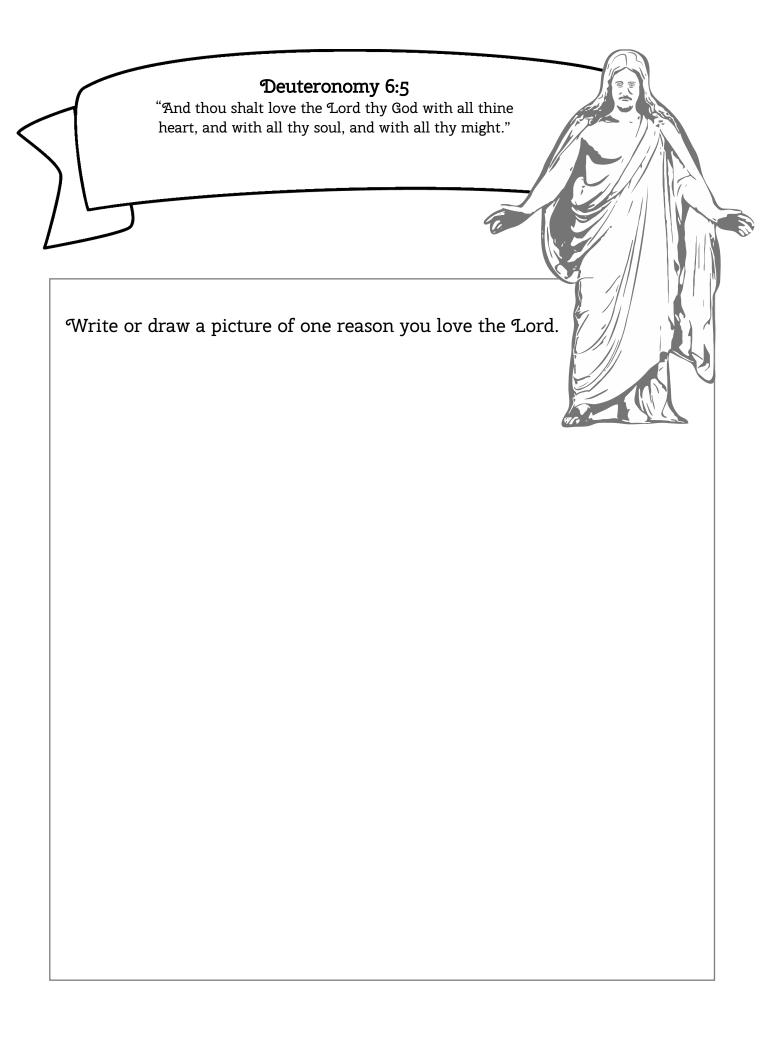




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