



FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

# Lessons from the Prophet Joseph

“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”  
(James 1:5).



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## Lesson 1: Pray

The young Joseph Smith showed us how to pray. He believed in the promise he read in the New Testament book of James (see James 1:5). He went to the grove with faith that his prayer would be answered. He wanted to know which church to join. He was **submissive** enough to be ready to do whatever he was told to do. So he prayed, as we must, already committed to obey.

## Lesson 2: Feast on the Scriptures

The Prophet Joseph taught us what it means to feast on the scriptures. He said that the Book of Mormon would get a man “nearer to God by abiding by its **precepts**, than by any other book” (see the introduction to the Book of Mormon).

## Lesson 3: Serve Others

Love others by serving others. That brings the Spirit. The Prophet Joseph taught that, and he lived it.

## Lesson 4: Build Faith

The Prophet Joseph Smith was an example and a teacher of **enduring** well in faith.

I thank and love him as the Lord’s prophet of the Restoration. He has helped me pray with the **intent** to obey. I am better able to feast in the word and the love of God. Because of him, I feel the Holy Ghost more often. And because of what I know of the Prophet Joseph and the scriptures which were revealed through him, I more often feel the love of God for His children and for me.

My prayer is that we will endure in faith in the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. This is His Church. Joseph was His prophet. I know this by the Spirit, which tells me that it is true. ♦

*Adapted from “An Enduring Testimony of the Mission of the Prophet Joseph,” Ensign, Nov. 2003, 89–92.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Joseph Smith had six brothers and three sisters.
- After a painful operation, he was in bed or on crutches from age 7 to age 10.
- As a child, he sold homemade goods from a cart on holidays.
- He enjoyed wrestling and playing catch.
- He was always kind to children.

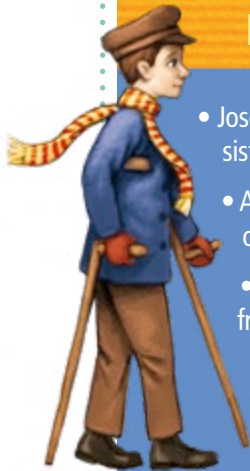
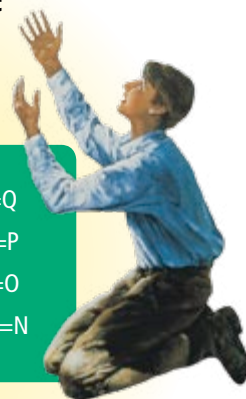


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## THE FIRST VISION

Use this code to learn what Heavenly Father told Joseph in the Sacred Grove. See answer on page 48.

A=Z	E=V	J=Q
B=Y	F=U	K=P
C=X	G=T	L=O
D=W	H=S	M=N
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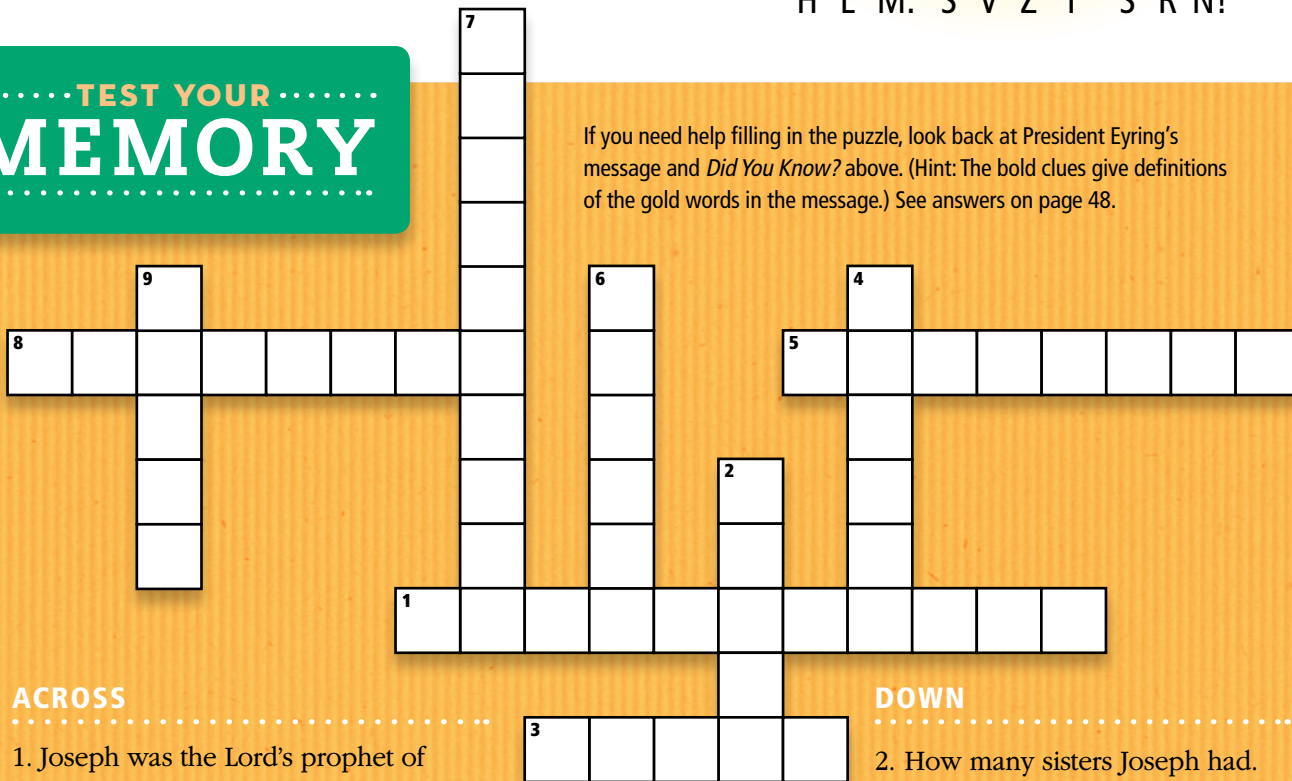


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H L M. S V Z I S R N!

## TEST YOUR MEMORY

If you need help filling in the puzzle, look back at President Eyring's message and *Did You Know?* above. (Hint: The bold clues give definitions of the gold words in the message.) See answers on page 48.



### ACROSS

1. Joseph was the Lord's prophet of the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Joseph decided to pray after reading a scripture in this New Testament book.
5. **Remaining true to the commandments of God**
8. **Principles that teach us how to act**

### DOWN

2. How many sisters Joseph had.
4. **Purpose**
6. Loving others brings the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. **Humble or obedient**
9. Joseph taught us to \_\_\_\_\_ on the scriptures.

