

# Joseph Smith Timeline

1805

**December 23, 1805**

Joseph Smith Jr. is born to Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith in Sharon, Windsor County, Vermont.



1820

**Spring of 1820**

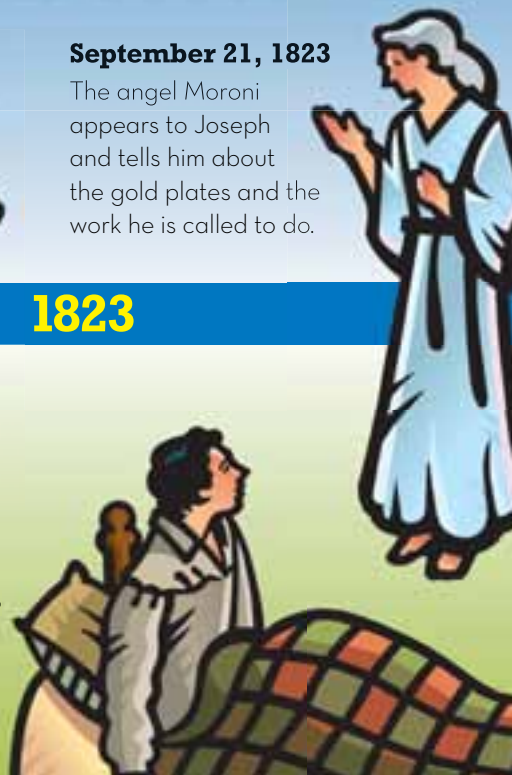
At age 14, Joseph becomes confused about which religion to join. He goes into the woods to pray and sees God the Father and Jesus Christ. They tell him that none of the churches are true.



1823

**September 21, 1823**

The angel Moroni appears to Joseph and tells him about the gold plates and the work he is called to do.



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**February 27, 1833**

The Word of Wisdom is revealed (see D&C 89).

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1836

1839



**1836**

The Kirtland Temple is completed. Jesus Christ appears to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery there.

**1839**

Under Joseph's direction, the Saints begin building Nauvoo.



**January 18, 1827**

Joseph marries Emma Hale. They were married 17 years and had 11 children. Some of their children were adopted, and six of their children died in infancy.



**May 15, 1829**

The priesthood is restored. John the Baptist confers the Aaronic Priesthood on Joseph Smith and



**March 26, 1830**

The Book of Mormon is printed and made available to the public.



**1827**

**1829**

**1830**

**September 22, 1827**

Joseph receives the gold plates from Moroni and begins translating them.



Oliver Cowdery, and they baptize each other. A short time later, Peter, James, and John confer the Melchizedek Priesthood upon them.

**April 6, 1830**

Jesus Christ's Church is organized again upon the earth. Joseph Smith is sustained as prophet, seer, revelator, translator, and Apostle of Jesus Christ.



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*Information from Joseph Smith—History, Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith, [JosephSmith.net](http://JosephSmith.net), and History of the Church.*

**1840**

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Missionaries sent by Joseph Smith arrive in Great Britain. More than 6,000 people join the Church.



**1842**

**March 1, 1842**

Joseph publishes the Articles of Faith and the book of Abraham in the *Times and Seasons* newspaper.



**1844**

**June 27, 1844**

Joseph and Hyrum Smith are martyred in Carthage Jail, which seals the testimony of the Prophet. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints continues to grow to fill the whole earth.

