

# f Family Study fun

Consider these activities during family scripture study or home evening.



## Ancestor Academy

**November 25–December 1 (1 Peter 3:18–20; 4:6)**

Peter taught that those who did not hear the gospel in this life will have it preached to them in the next (see 1 Peter 3:18–20; 4:6).

- 1 Log in to [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) (or create a new account).
- 2 Identify one or more deceased ancestors who did not have the opportunity of accepting the gospel in this life. Or, find an old-timey photograph of people online.
- 3 Talk about which principles of the gospel might be most appealing to them (temples? eternal families? prayer?). Consider their time period and life circumstances.

**Discussion:** How is this principle—that deceased ancestors can hear the gospel—evidence of Heavenly Father’s mercy? What more can we do as a family to prepare names for temple ordinances?



## Pass-Along Love Cards

**December 2–8 (1 John 4:7)**

The Apostle John says, “Let us love one another: for love is of God” (1 John 4:7).

- 1 Have the family sit in a circle.
- 2 Give everyone an index card with their name at the top.
- 3 Have everyone pass their card to the left. Instruct family members to silently read the name and write on the card how that person shows love in the family.
- 4 Keep passing the cards to the left until everyone has written on each card.
- 5 Read the cards aloud.

**Discussion:** How do you feel inside when you show love to others? How do acts of love strengthen our family?



## Symbol Sketch-and-Guess

**December 9–15 (Revelation 1–22)**

To better understand the book of Revelation, we must first understand the symbols.

- 1 Write one word per slip of paper: *Lamb, candlestick, stars, dragon, bride, sword.*
- 2 Pass out the papers and take turns drawing the object while the family guesses what it is.
- 3 When the family guesses correctly, read aloud the scriptures to learn the symbol's meaning.
  - Lamb = Christ (Revelation 5:6; 7:13–14)
  - Candlestick = branch of Christ's Church (Revelation 1:12, 20)
  - Stars = Christ's servants or leaders (Revelation 1:16, 20 [footnote b])
  - Dragon = Satan (Revelation 12:3, 9)
  - Bride = Church of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7–8)
  - Two-edged sword = word of God (Revelation 19:21; Hebrews 4:12)

**Discussion:** Why is a lamb a frequent symbol of Christ? Why are symbols sometimes used in scripture?



## Christmas Sing-Along

**December 16–22 (Christmas)**

Open the Sacred Music app and sing the following hymns joyfully after reading each scripture.

- Luke 2:4 (“O Little Town of Bethlehem,” no. 208)
- Luke 2:7 (“Away in a Manger,” no. 206)
- Luke 2:8 (“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks,” no. 211)
- Luke 2:9–10 (“Joy to the World,” no. 201)
- Luke 2:13–14 (“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,” no. 209; or “Angels We Have Heard on High,” no. 203)
- Luke 2:16 (“Silent Night,” no. 204)
- Luke 2:17 (“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful,” no. 202)
- Luke 2:20 (“Far, Far Away on Judea’s Plains,” no. 212)
- Matthew 2:1–11 (“With Wondering Awe,” no. 210)

**Discussion:** How can we praise God and Jesus Christ each day without actually singing?



## Life-Changer Film Festival

**December 23–29 (Revelation 14:6)**

The Book of Mormon is the means by which the angel (Moroni), as prophesied in Revelation 14:6, will preach “the everlasting gospel . . . to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.”

- 1 Go to [ChurchofJesusChrist.org/go/change1219](https://www.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/go/change1219) (or scan the QR code below).
- 2 Watch any of the short films featuring people whose lives have been forever changed by the Book of Mormon.

**Discussion:** How has your own life been blessed and changed by studying the Book of Mormon? What goals can we set as a family regarding studying the Book of Mormon in 2020?



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