



FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

The Blessings of OBEYING

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There is no need for you or for me to sail **uncharted** seas or to travel unmarked roads in search of truth. A loving Heavenly Father has provided an unfailing guide—even *obedience*.

We learn obedience throughout our lives. Beginning when we are very young, those responsible for our care give us guidelines and rules to ensure our safety.

No greater example of obedience exists than that of our Savior. He was always obedient.

When faced with the agony of Gethsemane, He

said, “Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done” (Luke 22:42).

As the Savior instructed His early Apostles, so He instructs you and me, “Follow thou me” (John 21:22). Are we willing to obey?

The knowledge which we seek, the answers for which we yearn, and the strength which we desire today to meet our challenges can be ours when we willingly obey the Lord’s commandments. ♦

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Pioneer
Children
Obeyed



THINK ABOUT IT

Why was it so important for pioneer children to be obedient? How did it help them stay safe? How did it help them know what to do?

What commandments has Heavenly Father given you to obey? How do they help you stay safe? How do they help you know what to do?

What difference does it make if we obey willingly or unwillingly?



What chores are these pioneer children helping with? How many chores can you find? How many children?

PIONEER PUZZLES

Fill in the missing words in the poem from the word list: campfire, cheerful, food, heaven, helping, obey, pioneers, pray, quick, wagons, walking, water.

Pioneer children were _____ to _____,
Walking along by the _____ all day,
Then in the firelight, kneeling to _____,
Little pioneer children.

Carrying _____ and gathering wood,
Building a _____ and cooking the _____,
Learning and _____ the best that they could,
Little pioneer children.

Children today can be _____ too,
Willing and _____ in all that we do,
_____ our pathway with _____ in view,
Little pioneer children.
(*Children's Songbook*, 215)

Now find the same words in the word search!

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