

# Priesthood Ordinances and Temple Work Bless My Family

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Karl ran down the boat dock, excited to see his dad. Karl's father was a fisherman, and Karl often ran out to the boat to meet him at the end of the day.

"Hurry, Papa!" Karl called. "I want to show you a picture I drew for you today!"

"Great!" Papa said. "But I need to tie up the boat first."

Karl watched Papa carefully tie the boat to the dock with a thick rope. "Why do you have to tie it so tight?" Karl asked as Papa pulled on a large knot.

Papa pointed to a boat on the shore that had a large hole in the bottom. "That boat wasn't tied up well. In the

last storm, it got loose and crashed onto some rocks."

Karl's eyes widened.

"Can you think of how Heavenly Father helps us stay tied to Him so we can be safe?" Papa asked.

"The scriptures?" Karl guessed.

"That's right," Papa said. "He also gives us priesthood ordinances like baptism and the sacrament. Mama and I got married in the temple so our family could be tied together forever."

Karl grabbed the rope and helped Papa give it a final tug. "We make the tightest knot of all!" ♦

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## SCRIPTURE AND SONG

- Matthew 18:18
- "I Love to See the Temple"  
(*Children's Songbook*, 95)

## IDEAS FOR FAMILY TALK

Your family could read **Matthew 18:18** and talk about what it means to have something "bound in heaven." Using a long piece of string, you could take turns tying a knot in the string and telling how priesthood ordinances have blessed your life.





*Baby blessing*



*Baby blessing*



*Temple marriage*



*Baptism by immersion*



*Baptism by immersion*



*Temple marriage*



*Blessing of the sick*



*Sacrament*



*Confirmation*



*Blessing of the sick*



*Sacrament*



*Confirmation*

### STAYING CONNECTED WITH HEAVENLY FATHER

Remove this page and glue it to a piece of colored paper. Cut out the cards and place them face down on the table or floor. Take turns turning over two cards to find matches. When someone finds a match, have him or her tell how the ordinance shown on the cards helps us stay close to Heavenly Father. Print more copies at [friend.lds.org](http://friend.lds.org).