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Newsletter



Lesson 16

The Saints Gather to Kirtland, Ohio

Goal: I will have a desire to increase and strengthen my feelings of unity and love within my family and my Primary class..

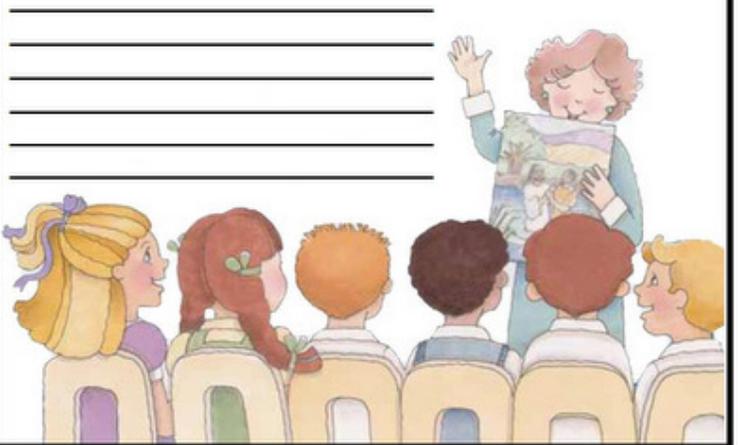
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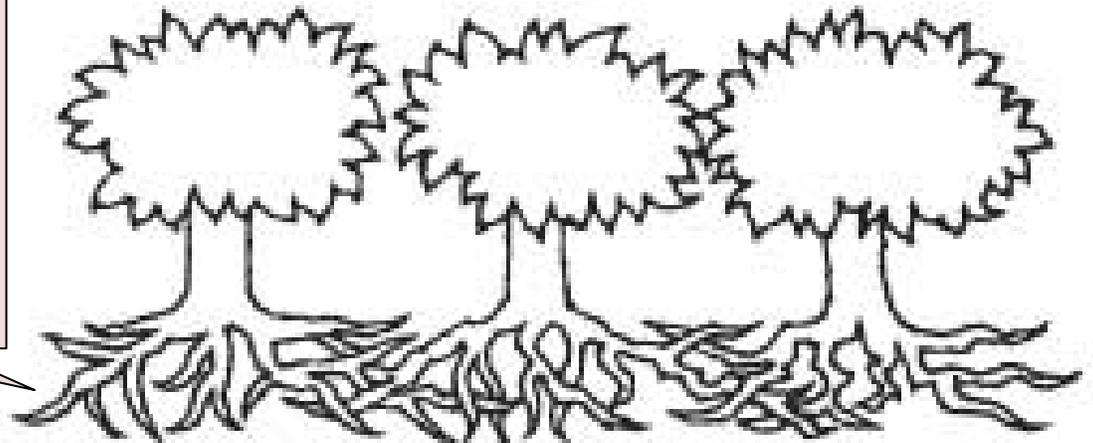
Reading Assignment - D & C 38:24, 31-32

What can I do to unify my Primary so that everyone feels welcome?



“The giant redwood trees that grow in northern California [USA] ... have a very shallow root system. But when they are surrounded by other redwood trees, the strongest, fiercest wind cannot blow them over. The roots of the giant redwood trees intertwine and strengthen each other. When a storm comes, they actually hold each other up” (Sister Patricia P. Pinegar, ninth general president of the Primary, Conference, Oct. 1994).

Church members need and help each other. Label the roots with the strengths and qualities you see in others or yourself that can help strength the whole group.
Example: Kindness



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Fill in the Blanks

Gathering to Zion

In the early days of the restored _____, members were asked to _____ to a central place in the United States. First it was Ohio, then Missouri, then Illinois. After the Latter-day Saints were driven from Nauvoo, Illinois, they began a great _____ trek to the valley of the Great Salt Lake. For years afterward members from all over the world gathered there. Many crossed the _____ in sailing ships. Then they traveled to Winter Quarters (now in Nebraska) by whatever means they could, including _____ or railroad trains. On the final trek across the Great Plains and the Rocky Mountains, the Saints came by wagon, _____, horseback, and on foot. After their arrival thousands were sent to settle in other areas of the western United States. We are no longer asked to cross oceans or continents to gather in one place. All around the world gospel pioneers gather in their branches, _____, stakes, and holy temples. You are one such pioneer. Yours is a spiritual _____ just as challenging as the _____ trek west.

Voyage of the Brooklyn

In 1846 (the year before the pioneers arrived in the Salt Lake Valley) some 220 Latter-day Saints _____ to California around the southern tip of South America on the *Brooklyn*. On the five-month, 17,000-mile (27,000-km) voyage they were hit by _____, and 12 died. After their arrival in Yerba Buena (now San Francisco), some stayed in _____ and others traveled to Utah.

The Mormon Battalion

In 1846 the United States _____ asked a group of Latter-day Saint _____ to fight in the Mexican War. They _____ from Council Bluffs, Iowa, almost 2,000 miles (3,200 km) to California, earning much-needed _____ to help the Saints. They never had to _____ a battle but completed one of the longest infantry marches in history.

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