

Sharing Time May 2013

Week 1 & 2 "The Living prophet leads the church under the direction of Jesus Christ"

**Identify the Doctrine:**

Ask who has played "Follow the leader?" Explain how important it is to watch and listen to the person you are trying to follow. Call on one child to come to the front of the room. Have them draw a clapping card. Hold it for them as they clap the pattern. Ask if anyone listening can copy the pattern they clapped. Call on a child to come up and try. The first child might need to repeat the pattern. Let a few children try while you emphasize how closely you must pay attention to be able to follow.

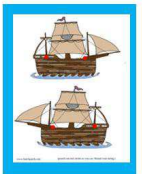


Ask: "Who does our prophet follow?" Show a picture of President Monson. Teach the children a few things about President Monson. We have a wonderful picture in our "President Monson" packet, as well as a lesson. You can use one of your own, or one from the gospel art picture kit. Ask who President Monson follows.

Activity: Explain how sailors used to depend on stars for navigation. They had to find their course by following stars. The following activity will focus on the lessons learned from this last conference. You can try to fit this all in week 1 or split it between weeks 1 and 2. In this activity, the children will be racing boats along their team's string to try to be the first team whose boat reaches the stars.



- Cut out the attached Stars and cards.
- Place the stars on the board. Each star has a quote by President Monson given at this last conference. Place the cards in a pile to be used during the activity.
- Take a long string or piece of yarn, etc. Tape the middle of the string to the board under the stars. Attach the two ends of the string to the opposite walls.
- Cut out the two boats and thread the string through the holes on the boat (so they will slide up and down their side of the string).



**Activity:** Call on one child at a time to read one of the quotes on the stars. Have the teams take turns. One child will come up and give an example of how they will follow the prophet's counsel given at conference. After they share their idea they get to draw a card. The card will instruct them on how far to move their boat. I have attached a ruler to use during this part of the activity. Continue to play until one team reaches the stars.

**Encourage Application:** I have attached a coloring page to help follow the outline. On one side is a picture of President Monson that they can color. Have them draw or write on the blank side how they follow the prophet. Continue following the outline.

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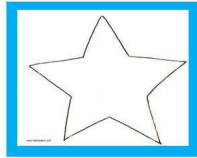
"President Monson" \$2.50

Outline page 1 of 2

May Week 2:

**Additional Ideas:**

- Star Matching game: Take the blank star that I have enclosed. You will be making a memory game with it. On one star write your favorite quote from conference. On a second star write the name of the person who said it. Place all the stars on the board and play memory. Take time to talk about each quotation. I have enclosed a few of my favorite quotes from conference or you can use your own.
- For Junior primary, write all the names on the front of the stars. Write their quotes on the back.



- Continue into week 2 focusing on President Monson's latest conference talk entitled "Obedience Brings Blessings." There is a great Sharing Time idea found at lds.org under the title "Sharing Time: Obedience Brings Blessings by Diane Nichols."

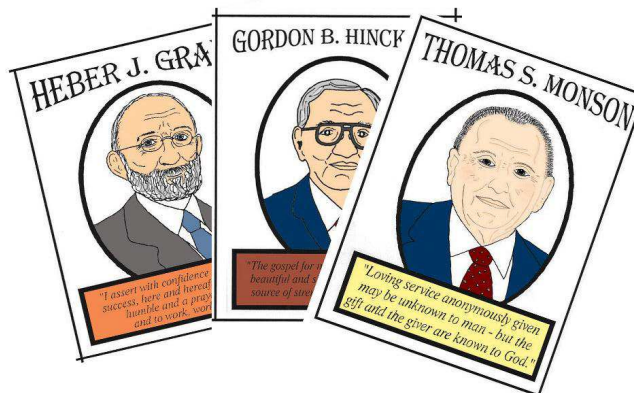
Since there are so many different directions you can take week two, I didn't really want to make 30 different themes. (I know, shocker 😊) Here are a few helps from Hatch Patch you might be able to use. They will all be on sale during the month of May.

"President Monson" \$2.50

"Learning Obedience through Chores" \$2.00

























"Minding Mom and Dad" \$1.50 (This only covers minding your parents, but it might be nice to reiterate at home)

"Fishers of Men: Go Fish" \$2.50 Each card has a picture of a prophet as well as a principle they taught. Take the modern day prophet cards and copy enough so each class has a mini deck. Have them play until time runs out. Make sure they discuss each teaching.





## Junior Primary Clap Cards

<p>Clap </p> <p>Stomp </p> <p>Clap </p> <p>Clap </p>	<p>Clap </p> <p>Stomp </p> <p>Stomp </p> <p>Clap </p>	<p>Stomp </p> <p>Clap </p> <p>Stomp </p> <p>Clap </p>
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## Senior Primary Clap Cards

<p>Clap</p> <p>Stomp</p> <p>Snap</p> <p>Clap</p> <p>Clap</p>	<p>Clap &amp; Stomp</p> <p>Clap</p> <p>Snap</p> <p>Snap</p> <p>Stomp</p>	<p>Snap</p> <p>Snap</p> <p>Stomp</p> <p>Clap</p> <p>Stomp</p>
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You listened to all of conference.

Move your boat 5 inches

You took notes during conference.

Move your boat 10 inches

You listened to all the talks. (Not just Pres. Uchtdorf's )

Move your boat 10 inches

You try to follow the prophet.

Move ahead 5 inches

During President Eyring's talk, you only thought about lunch.

Move back 5 inches

You pulled your sisters hair during the choir number.

Move back 3 inches

You played a game on an ipod during conference.

Go back 10 inches

You fell asleep and missed all of conference.

Go Back 5 inches

You Follow the prophet by being obedient.

Go ahead 10 inches

You helped your sister be reverent during conference.

Go ahead 5 inches

You follow the prophet by being a good example.

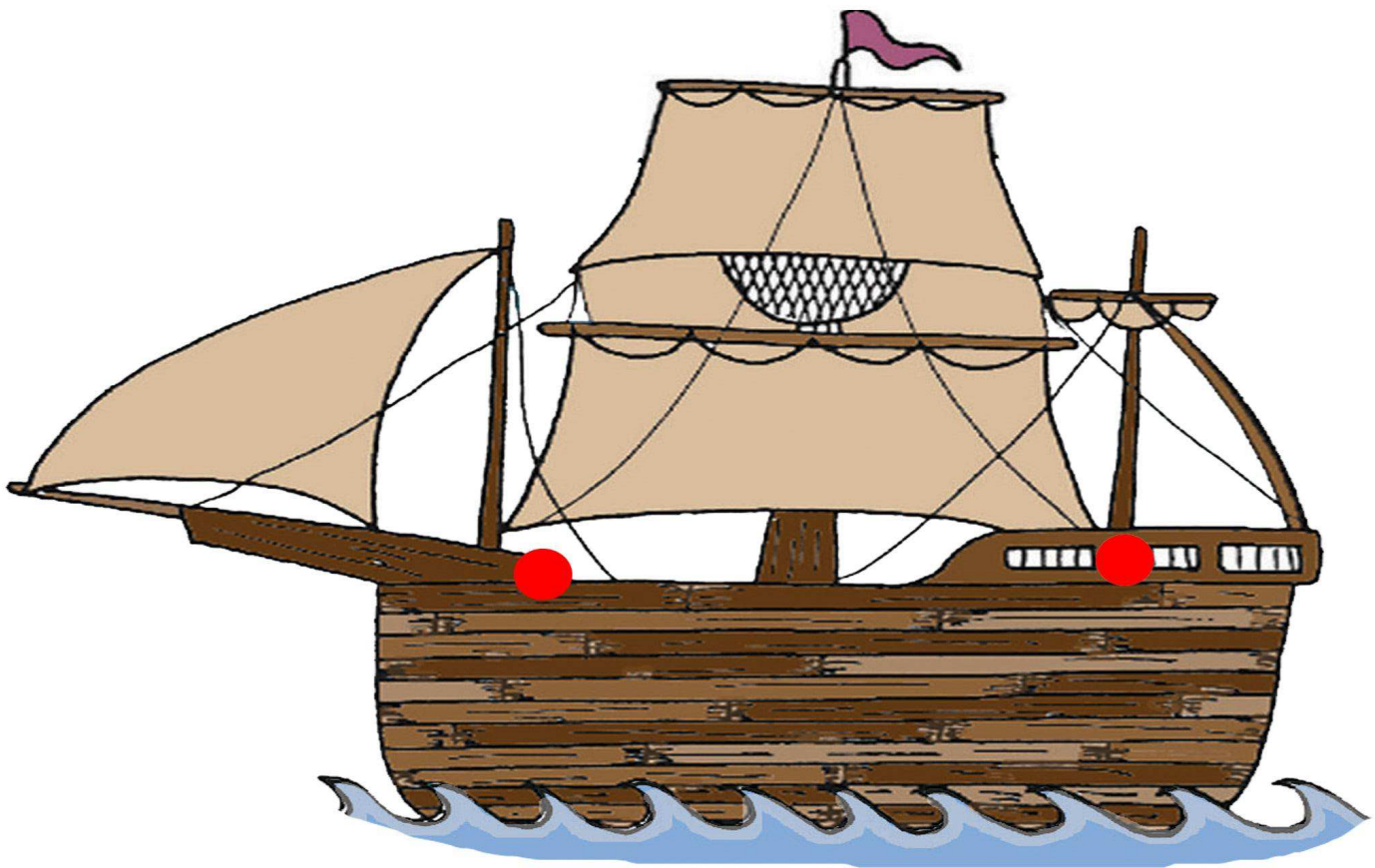
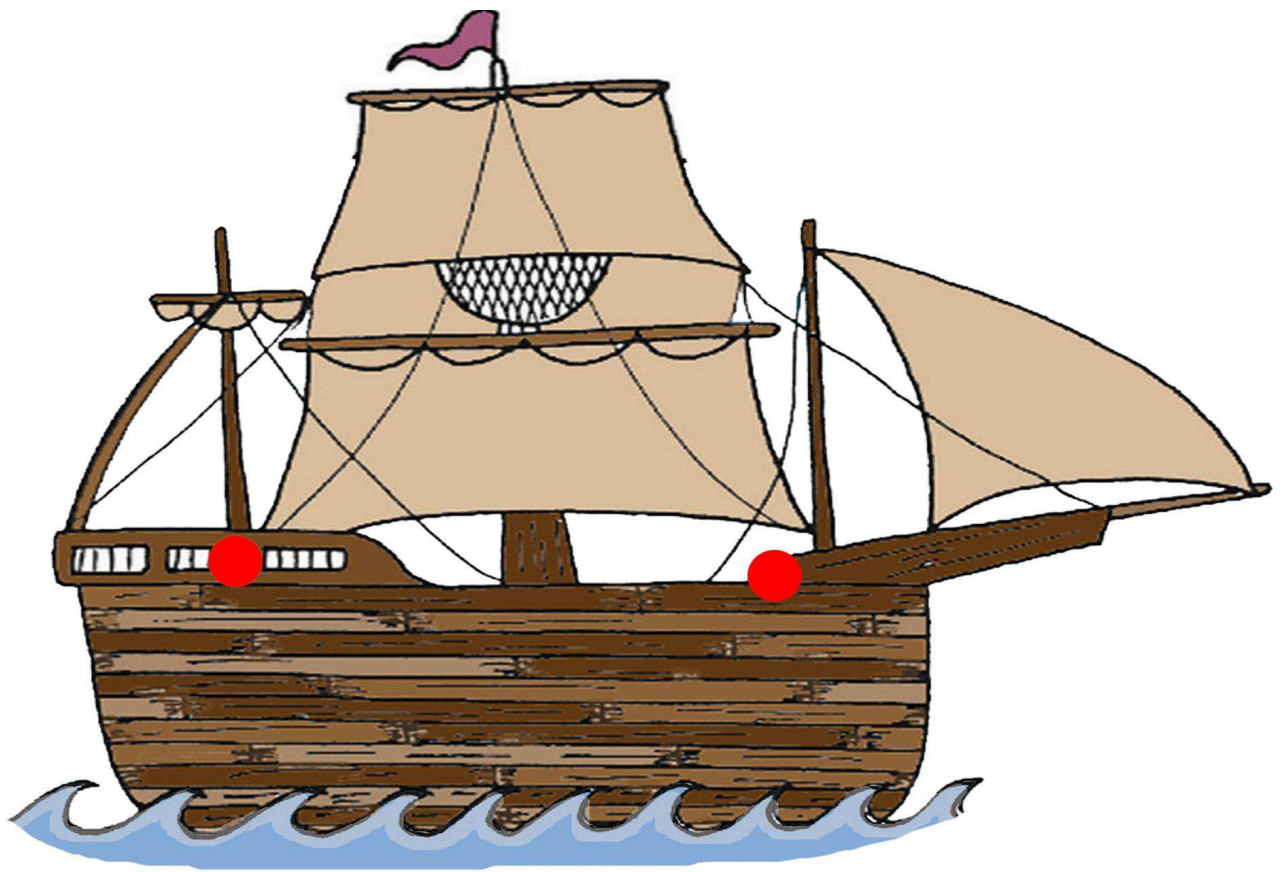
Go Ahead 5 inches

You follow the prophet by listening to your parents.

Go ahead 5 inches



One ruler for each team





## CONFERENCE QUOTES APRIL 2013

Elder Jeffrey R. Holland: “All things are possible for those who believe, no matter how small that belief may be.”

Elder Dallin H. Oaks: “Jesus taught that those who love Him will keep His commandments.”

Elder D. Todd Christofferson: “ Because of our humanitarian efforts.....this past year, 890,000 people in 36 countries have clean water, 70,000 people in 57 countries have wheelchairs, 75,000 people in 25 countries have improved vision, and people in 52 countries received aid following natural disasters.”

Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf: “Darkness will not gain victory over the light of Christ.”

Elder Neil L. Andersen: “ Six months ago as President Monson announced the age change for young men and young women desiring to serve missions, there was an undeniable spiritual outpouring. Faith overcame doubt and young men and women moved forward.”

Sister Rosemary M. Wixom: “One of the greatest influences a person can have in this world is to influence a child.”

Elder L. Tom Perry: “Today, the world is again at war. This time it is not with armaments. It is with thought, words and deeds. It is a war with sin.”

Elder Robert D. Hales: “When we obey the Word of Wisdom, our agency is protected from addictions like alcohol, drugs and tobacco.”


Elder Richard D. Scott: “...Deep inside each of us is a need to have a place of refuge where peace and serenity prevail....The ideal place for that peace is within the walls of our own homes.”

Elder Quentin L. Cook: “Repentance and righteous living allows for peace of conscience.”

Elder Russell M. Nelson: “More of you young men and women will catch this wave as you strive to be worthy of mission calls. You see this as a wave of truth and righteousness. You see your opportunity to be on the crest of that wave.”

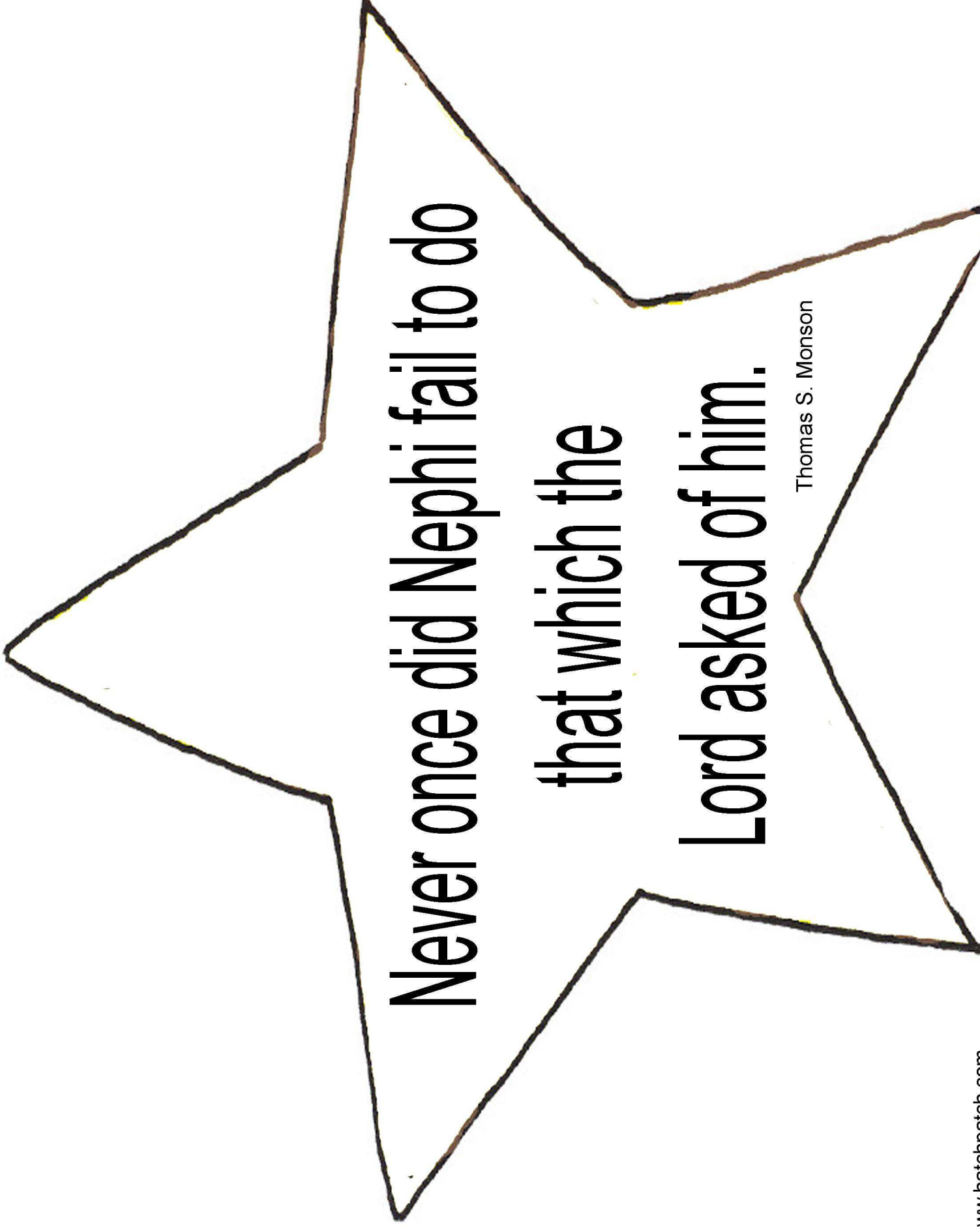
Elder Boyd K. Packer: “The family, the fundamental organization in time and eternity, is under attack from forces seen and unseen.”

Elder M. Russell Ballard: “The power of the priesthood is a sacred and essential gift of God. It is different from priesthood authority, which is the authorization to act in God’s name.”



I pray that  
we may be aware of the  
needs of those  
around us.

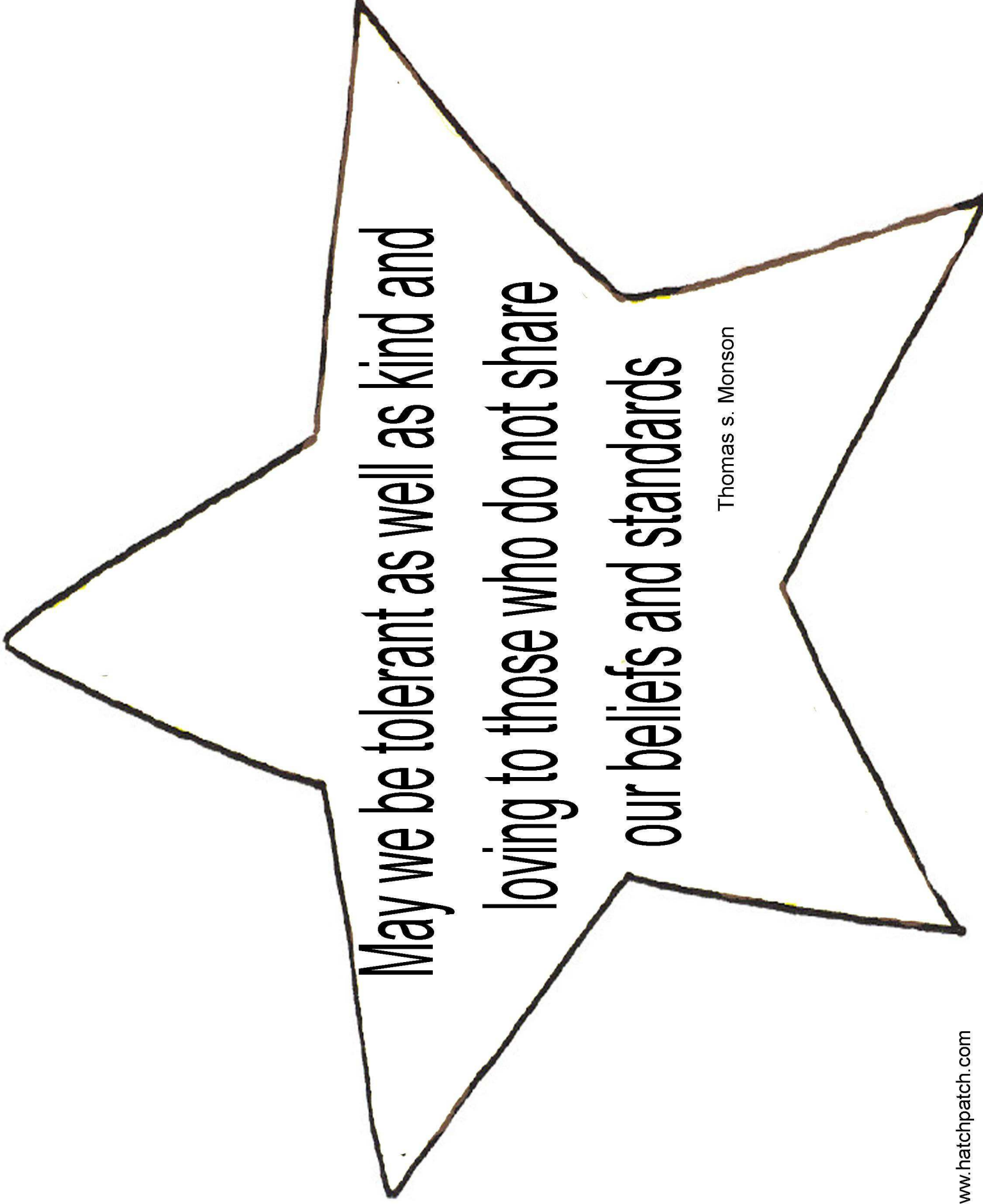
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Never once did Nephi fail to do  
that which the  
Lord asked of him.


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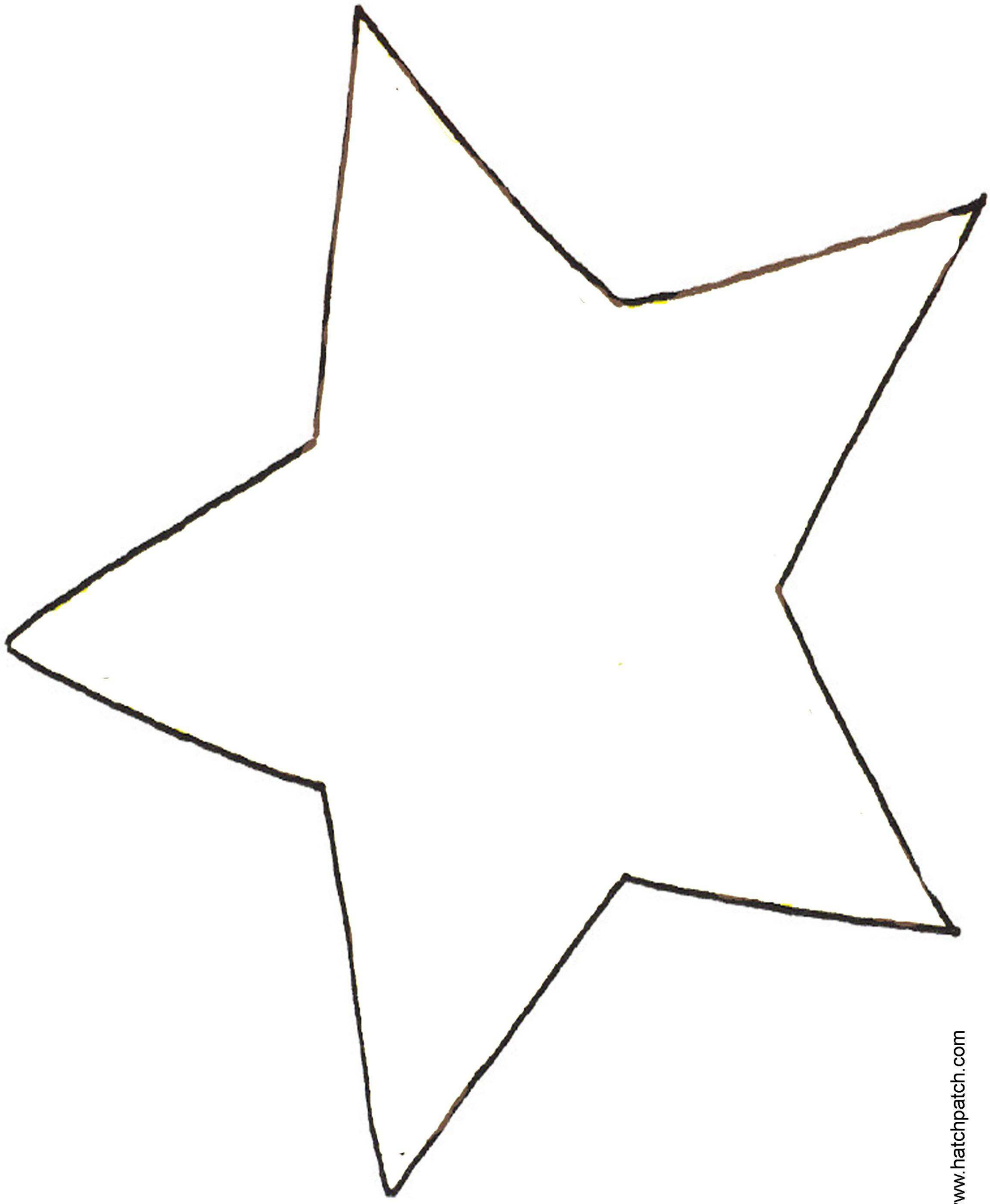
May we be tolerant as well as kind and  
loving to those who do not share  
our beliefs and standards

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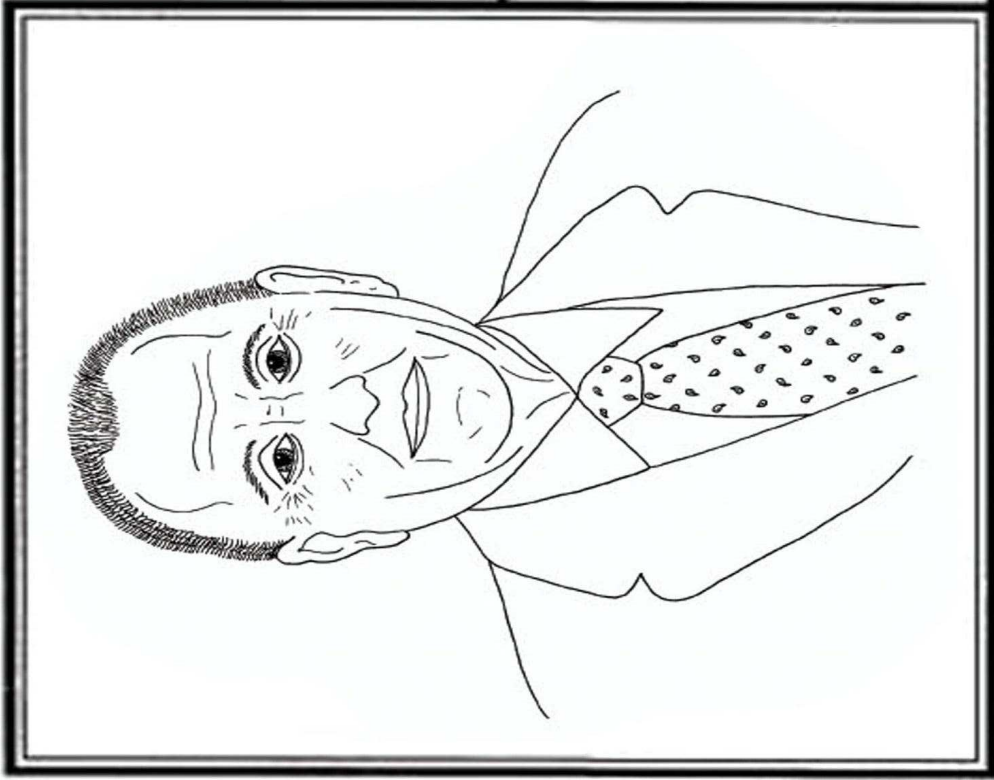
..I admonish you to be good citizens of the  
nations in which you live and good  
neighbors in your  
communities...

Thomas S. Monson





“I will follow the  
Prophet by...”



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