

Pioneer Day Stations for Primary Quarterly Activity

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Location: Church Gym

SCHEDULE	
Time	Activity
9:00 a.m.	Check-in & Gathering Activity
9:05 - 9:10 a.m.	Welcome, Opening Song, Opening Prayer
9:10 - 9:15 a.m.	Activity Instructions
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	First Rotation
9:30 - 9:35 a.m.	First Transition Time
9:35 - 9:50 a.m.	Second Rotation
9:50 - 9:55 a.m.	Second Transition Time
9:55 - 10:10 a.m.	Third Rotation
10:10 - 10:15 a.m.	Third Transition Time
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Fourth Rotation
10:30 a.m.	Closing Prayer, Picnic around the Campfire, & Wait for Parents to Arrive

ROTATIONS		
Activity	Color	Location
Check-in	Red	Group 1: Primary Room Group 2: Relief Society Room Group 3: YW Room Group 4: Large Classroom
Gathering Activity	Blue	
Welcome	Green	
Opening Song	Yellow	
Opening Prayer		
Activity Instructions		
1: Do the Chores	Red	North Side of the Cultural Hall/Stage
2: Fight the Crickets	Blue	South Side of the Cultural Hall
3: Milk the Cow & Make Butter	Green	East Side of the Cultural Hall
4: Play Pioneer Games	Yellow	West Side of the Cultural Hall
Closing Prayer Campfire Picnic Wait for Parents to Arrive	Orange	Center of Cultural Hall

Check-In Procedures

- 1) Greet each child.
- 2) Ask the child's name.
- 3) Check the child off the master list.
- 4) Give the child a nametag.
- 5) Place a sticker on the child's name tag (to determine their group).
- 6) Send the child to their group's room.

Pioneer Day Stations

<p>Opening <i>Opening Station (In individual groups)</i></p>	<p>PERSON IN CHARGE:</p>	<p><u>SUPPLIES NEEDED:</u></p> <p>Need 4 of each (one per group)</p>
	<p>DISPLAY IDEAS:</p> <p>Pioneer pictures from Gospel Art Kit on door</p> <p>Pioneer artifacts arranged on a table at the front of the room: Books, buckets, clothing, kerosene lamps, irons, photos, pots, quilts, tools, etc. (Examples: Pioneer Puzzlers, Jul. 2016 <i>Friend</i>)</p> <p>Pioneer scenes painted on sheets (like murals)</p>	<p>Station Sign (with Group Sticker)</p> <p>Station Décor</p> <p>Copy of opening song</p> <p>Flipchart or poster with images of words of opening song</p> <p>Activity instruction sheet</p>
	<p>MUSIC: To Be a Pioneer, <i>Children's Songbook</i>, p. 218 Follow the Prophet (Alternate Pioneer Verses) (B&W, PDF)</p>	<p>Tables with chairs around them (so children can color) OR blankets for children to sit on</p>
	<p>STORY (5 MINUTES): What's a Pioneer? Jun. 2008 <i>Friend</i> [Paragraphs 1-4 or 5, then ask children about pioneers in their families]</p>	
	<p>ACTIVITY (10 MINUTES):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Welcome children 2) Distribute activity pages to complete while waiting for everyone to arrive: Pioneers Then, Pioneers Now, Jul. 2016 <i>Friend</i> [See second page] 3) Opening song: To Be a Pioneer 4) Opening prayer by: TBA 5) Story: What's a Pioneer? [Paragraphs 1-4] 6) Activity Instructions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) You're going to go on a trip today just like the pioneers! b) You will stop at different "campsites" along your way. When you get to each campsite, sit on the colored square. c) You'll get to try different pioneer activities. d) Pioneers traveled together to stay safe from wild animals and people who wanted to hurt them. You need to stay with your wagon train (i.e., group). e) As you travel, sing: Pioneer Children Sang as They Walked, <i>Children's Songbook</i>, p. 214 and think about what it was like to be a pioneer. At the end, we will have a campfire picnic! 	<p>Crayons</p> <p>Copies of gathering activity pages for each child</p> <p>Rope for children to hold as they go from station to station</p>

<h1>Do the Chores</h1> <p>Station 1 Red</p>	PERSON IN CHARGE:	SUPPLIES NEEDED:
	DISPLAY IDEAS: Ficus trees and potted plants to simulate a forest Circular woodchips (from Hobby Lobby) and red pom poms sprinkled throughout the forest or dangling from the trees for children to find Washboard, metal bucket, clothesline with typical items of pioneer clothing hanging from it (e.g., dresses, bloomers, sunbonnets, overalls, handkerchiefs, aprons, socks), laundry baskets filled with children’s clothing (ideally, pioneer-type clothes)	Station Sign Station Décor Red plastic tablecloths for children to sit on Plastic berries (or red pom poms to represent them)
	MUSIC: Little Pioneer Children , <i>Children’s Songbook</i> , p. 216 [Verses 1 & 2]	Slices of wood, wooden sticks, or popsicle sticks (for children to gather)
	STORY (5 MINUTES): Handcart Girl by Susan Arrington Madsen, Oct. 1997 <i>Friend</i> [Paragraphs 4-5] The Ducks’ New Clothes by Leonore F. Frodsham, Jul. 2016 <i>Friend</i> Alternate stories: Horseradish Heroes by Jacque Summers, Nov. 2011 <i>Friend</i> Heroes in the Snow: The Martin Handcart Company by Britney Schetselaar, Nov. 2006 <i>Friend</i> [Paragraphs 1-3]	Aprons, kerchiefs, or buckets for children to put the berries and wood in Clothesline Clothespins
	ACTIVITY (10 MINUTES): 1) Share the story: Handcart Girl [Paragraphs 4-5] or The Ducks’ New Clothes 2) The pioneers couldn’t just go to the grocery store or stop for fast food when they got hungry. They didn’t have washing machines or dryers, so they washed their clothes in buckets or streams. They scrubbed them on washboards and then hung them on clotheslines so the sun and wind could dry them. 3) Children had to find food, wood, and help with other chores. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Line up in two teams. The first person on each team has 30 seconds to hang up an item of clothing, then find a berry and a wood chip and put them in your team’s pile. Go to the back of the line. The next person in line takes a turn. The first team to fill their buckets before time runs out wins. 	Two volleyball poles or chairs between which to string the clothesline Children’s clothing Two wicker baskets (for holding clothes) Crayons Copies of hidden picture worksheet for each child Ficus trees and potted plants (to simulate a forest)
	ACTIVITY FOR FAST FINISHERS: Find It! Hidden Picture , Jul. 2018 <i>Friend</i> Pioneer Children by Arie Van De Graaff, Jul. 2012 <i>Friend</i> [Pioneer Children Sang As They Walked Clues]	

Fight the Crickets <i>Station 2</i> <i>Blue</i>	PERSON IN CHARGE:	<u>SUPPLIES NEEDED:</u>
	DISPLAY IDEAS: Cutouts of seagulls all over the wall Houseplants with plastic crickets on them (to simulate crops). Plastic crickets all over the ground. Brooms (that the pioneers used to try to squish or sweep the crickets away).	Station Sign Station Décor Large seagull puppet or picture Dowel rod or string with a magnet attached to the bottom (to put in the seagull's mouth for him to catch the crickets)
	MUSIC: A Song of Thanks , <i>Children's Songbook</i> , p. 20a In the Leafy Treetops , <i>Children's Songbook</i> , p. 240	Paper or plastic crickets with paper clips attached to them (for the seagull to catch)
	STORY (5 MINUTES): The Seagulls by Beverly Cochrane, Jul. 2011 <i>Friend</i> [Poem] Saving the Wheat by Marianne Dahl Johnson, Jul. 2012 <i>Friend</i>	Blue plastic tablecloths for children to sit on Crayons Copies of fast finisher activity for children
	ACTIVITY (10 MINUTES): 1) Share the poem or the story about the seagulls. 2) Today, you are going to catch the crickets! 3) Give activity instructions: a) Put the seagull puppet on your hand. b) Put the string in the seagull's mouth. c) Use the magnet on the screen to "catch" a cricket. d) Put the crickets you eat into the bucket. e) Try to eat as many crickets as you can in 30 seconds!	
ACTIVITY FOR FAST FINISHERS: I Can Draw Pioneer Pictures by Pat Kelsey Graham, Jun. 2006 <i>Friend</i>		

Milk the Cow & Make Butter <i>Station 3 Green</i>	PERSON IN CHARGE:	<u>SUPPLIES NEEDED:</u>
	DISPLAY IDEAS: Set up an old-fashioned butter churn. Create a fake cow by setting up a broomstick between two sawhorses, putting a fake cow head and body on it made from posterboard, and attaching a plastic glove filled with milk to it for the udder. Add straw on the floor or hay bales for décor.	Station Sign Station Décor Two green plastic tablecloths (for children to sit on) Two sawhorses or chairs (to hold up the broomstick)
	MUSIC: The Oxcart , <i>Children's Songbook</i> , p. 219	Broomstick (for the cow's body)
	STORY (5 MINUTES): Margaret McNeil's Great Escape by Britney Rule, Aug. 2007 <i>Friend</i> [Paragraphs 1, 3, 4-8]	Cardboard cow White rubber gloves Gallons of milk Large bucket or pail Small wooden stool (for cow milker to sit on)
	ACTIVITY (10 MINUTES): 1) Seat children on the "grass" (represented by the green plastic tablecloths from Dollar Tree) 2) Share the story: Margaret McNeil's Great Escape 3) Children were often responsible for milking the family cow and making the butter. 4) You're going to get to do both today! a) Line up. b) When it is your turn, sit on the stool. c) Put your hand around one of the cow's udders like this. d) Carefully squeeze the udder until the milk comes out. e) Make sure the milk goes into the pail! 5) After the cow was milked, the pioneers took the cream off the top and turned it into butter by shaking it and adding a little salt. While you are waiting, take a turn shaking the butter. We will eat it when we get to our Campfire Picnic!	Two more green plastic tablecloths (to put under the pail to catch spills) Paper towels (to clean up messes) Baby food jars (for making butter) Heavy cream (for butter) Salt (for butter)
FAST FINISHERS: Pioneer Message by Chad E. Phares, Jul. 2011 <i>Friend</i> [Crossword-like puzzle]	Crayons Copies of the Pioneer Message activity for fast finishers	

<h1>Play Pioneer Games</h1> <p>Station 4 Yellow</p>	PERSON IN CHARGE:	<u>SUPPLIES NEEDED:</u>
	DISPLAY:	Station Décor
	MUSIC: The Handcart Song , <i>Children's Songbook</i> , p. 220	Orange plastic tablecloths for children to sit on
	STORY (5 MINUTES): For reference only, don't share: Pioneer Games by Susan Davis, Jun. 1990 <i>Liahona</i> [Paragraphs 2 & 3]	Two sturdy broomsticks (for the stick pull game)
	ACTIVITY (10 MINUTES): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Pioneer children had to do a lot of work, but they also played fun games. 2) Today we are going to play some of them. 3) Stick Pull: (The onlookers can sing The Handcart Song) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sit facing your partner. b) Put your feet on your partner's feet. c) Hold onto the stick. d) When I say go, pull. e) Try to pull your partner over. 4) Chain Tag <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Choose two people to be "it." b) The two people who are "it" link arms. c) The two people run around together trying to tag others. d) If you are tagged, you must join the chain. e) The goal is to be the last person who is not part of the chain. 5) Shadow Tag (must be played outside in the sun) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Decide who is "it." b) The person who is "it" chases everyone else. c) The person who is "it" must step on the shadow of another person to tag them. d) If you are tagged, you become "it" as well. e) The goal is to be the last person who has not been tagged. 6) Play with the toys: Button spinners and/or pioneer dolls 	Hula hoop and a dowel rod (for the stick races) Buttons and cotton string (for making button spinners) Rags and batting (for making dolls) Crayons Copies of the fast finisher worksheets for each child
ACTIVITY FOR FAST FINISHERS: <p>A Walk Around Nauvoo, Jun. 2011 <i>Friend</i> [Blow cotton ball around Nauvoo game board with a straw]</p> <p>Pioneer Puzzle Game, Jul. 2004 <i>Friend</i></p>		

<h1>Campfire & Picnic</h1> <p><i>Closing Station Orange</i></p>	PERSON IN CHARGE:	<u>UPPLIES NEEDED:</u>
	DISPLAY: Create a fake campfire with logs, tissue paper, and Christmas tree lights or electric candles hidden under the tissue paper. [Note: The lights get hot if they are too covered, so monitor carefully.] Put blankets around the campfire for children to sit on You could also have covered wagons made of poster board on the walls or even a real ones if you have access to such things. Alternatively, you could set up simple tents for children to sit in (although you'd want to let them know that most pioneers didn't have tents) Pictures of Nauvoo and Kirtland and their temples	Station Décor Purple plastic tablecloths or just lots of blankets for children to sit on Several pieces of firewood Red, orange, and yellow tissue paper (for making a fake fire)
	POSSIBLE MUSIC: Whenever I Think About Pioneers , <i>Children's Songbook</i> , p. 222 I Love to See the Temple , <i>Children's Songbook</i> , p. 95 Come, Come Ye Saints , <i>Hymns</i> , p. 30	Christmas tree lights or electric candles (to make the fire look lit)
	POSSIBLE STORY (5 MINUTES): Ben's Gift by Howard R. Driggs, Jul. 2003 <i>Friend</i> Shining Walls by Jessica Larsen, May 2013 <i>Friend</i> Pioneer Parasols by Marli Walker, Jul. 2010 <i>Friend</i> This Is the Place , Jul. 2006 <i>Friend</i> [Cartoon-like story]	Sack lunches (or beef jerky, crackers or cornbread and butter, and strawberries for children to taste)
	ACTIVITY (10 MINUTES): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Get children seated. 2) Congratulate them on making it to Salt Lake City! 3) Share one of the stories of pioneer children's sacrifices. 4) Share your testimony of sacrifice or of the power the children have to be modern-day pioneers 5) Distribute lunches/snacks and Family Home Evening Packets (so children can teach their families about pioneers) 6) Remind children to stay seated until their parents arrive (NO running around the gym!) Let them build temples from blocks. 	Copies of FHE packets for each child to take home and share with their families or a friend/neighbor Crayons Copies of fast finisher activities for children to do while waiting for their parents
Possible Treats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beef jerky • Gluten-free crackers or cornbread served with the butter children made (be cautious of dairy and gluten allergies) • Marshmallow Covered Wagons (see also this picture) • Strawberries • Sack lunches • Pioneer Recipes, Jul. 1975 <i>Friend</i> (buttermilk doughnuts, apple candy, bread and milk, old-fashioned muffins, horseshoe cookies, johnnycake, washboard cookies, toasted spice cake, pioneer hardtack) • Pioneer Pudding by Heather Brinkerhoff, Jul. 2011 <i>Friend</i> • Kitchen Krafts by Hilary M. Hendricks, Jul. 2007 <i>Friend</i> [Ship's biscuits, lime water, shipshape sandwiches] 		

Family Home Evening Packet Resources:

[Pioneer Night](#) by Nettie Hunsaker Francis, Jul. 2017 *Friend*

[A Different Kind of Pioneer](#) by Daniella Subieta, Jul. 2018 *Friend*

[Heading West](#), Jun. 2007 *Friend* [Board game]

[Grandma's Trunk](#), May 2006 *Friend*

[Family History Mystery](#), Jun. 2015 *Friend*

[Family History & Pioneers Sharing Time](#) (docx)

Other Fast Finisher Activities:

Crack the Code:

[The Saints Gather In Nauvoo](#), Aug. 2013 *Friend* [Code]

[Waiting at Martin's Cove](#), Nov. 2013 *Friend* [Code]

Hidden Pictures:

[Log Cabin Hidden Picture](#), Nov. 2016 *Friend*

[This Is the Right Place](#) by Arie Van De Graaff, Feb. 2014 *Friend* [Hidden Pictures]

Mazes:

[Pioneer Maze](#) by Arie Van De Graaff, May 2011 *Friend*

[Pioneer Trek](#) by Arie Van De Graaff, *Friend* [Maze]

Story Cut-outs:

[Traveling West](#), Nov. 2017 *Friend* [Church history figures]

[Joseph & the Saints Build Nauvoo](#) [Activity cut-outs]

[Create Your Own Handcart](#), Jul. 2008 *Liahona*

Wordsearches:

[Mormon Pioneers](#) by D. Jefflyn Priest, Jul. 1985 *Friend* [Wordsearch]

Additional Resources: [I can act in faith like the pioneers Singing Time Lesson Plan \(PDF\)](#)
[Pioneer Activity Cards \(Color, PDF\)](#)