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JR: 2:15 - 2:25 - 2:45 - 3:05

SR: 3:10 - 3:20 - 3:40 - 4:00

Activate Prior Experience, Build Conceptual Knowledge, Connect it to Personal **Experience**

- Song: I Am a Child of God, p. 2 or My Heavenly Father Loves Me, p. 228
 - Who are the people you love?
 - How would you feel if you couldn't be with the people you loved any more?

Identify the Doctrine: Families Can Be Together Forever, p. 188

Jesus Christ Teaches About the Temple

Ziploc Bag Object Lesson from Sis. Stricklin (to teach what "sealing" means)

- WHAT is this? (a Ziploc bag)
- HOW does it work? You put food in it & press the edge of the bag to "seal" it shut.
- WHY do we put food in Ziploc bags? So it doesn't spill or spoil, to keep it safe, etc.
- WHAT would happen if you turned it upside down before you pressed it shut? All of the food would fall out.
- Heavenly Father doesn't want our families to fall apart or to spoil either. Does He put our families in Ziploc bags like this? (Show a Ziploc bag full of a Barbie family, a Fisher Price family, or pictures of a family). No! But He wants our families to stay together, especially when difficult events in the world try to shake them apart!

Encourage Understanding: I Love to See the Temple, p. 95

- What are these people doing? (GAK 609 or Primary Picture 5-57) Getting married in the temple
- Why are they getting married in the temple? So their family can last forever and live together—even after they die.
- Temple Rebus Story: Just Like Mommy OR Temple Story with Large Color Pictures & Hidden Picture: **Evelyn's Temple Testimony** Temple Story: Forever Brothers
- Heavenly Father gave us prophets and taught them how to build temples where boys and girls can be married. People who are married in the temple by someone with priesthood authority (or permission from Heavenly Father) become a family that can last forever if they keep learning about Heavenly Father and doing what He asks so the Holy Ghost can teach their families how to be safe, happy, and to last forever.

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Encourage Application: If the Savior Stood Beside Me (Music) or When I Am Baptized, p. 103, or Stand for the Right, p. 159, or The Lord Gave Me a Temple, (Verse 2), p. 153

Guest Panel on Temple Marriage: Invite the following people to be on a guest panel that will answer children's questions about temple marriage: a couple who was married in the temple, a couple who was sealed in the temple after they were married, a single brother or sister who has not yet been married in the temple but is working toward temple marriage, etc.

What questions do you have about getting married in the temple? (<u>Temple</u> <u>Questions & Answers</u>)

What do we have to do to be able to get married in the temple?

We can get ready to get married in the temple by getting baptized, listening to the Holy Ghost, and doing what is right. Those things help us be sure we stay spiritually clean.

Closure: "Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven" (Matt. 16:19).

- JR: <u>The Temple Grounds</u> (Poem Do actions with it)
- SR: Turn & Talk Blessings of the Temple

Testify: Tell the children what temple marriage means to you: The Lord has the same overarching plan for all of us (for us to be part of families that last forever), but His individual plans for each of our lives are different. If you do what Heavenly Father asks, you are guaranteed the blessings He has promised (like being able to get married in the temple), but Heavenly Father gets to decide when it is time for that to happen. He does what is best for you when it is best for you.

Closing Song: Love is Spoken Here (Verse 2), p. 190 with actions:

- Mine Hand on chest
- Home Make a peaked roof with tips of fingers touching each other
- Every Hold left arm straight up in the air
- Hour Move right arm in a circle while left arm stays straight in the air (like clock hands)
- Blessed Fold arms
- Strength Bend arms like lifting weights
- Priesthood Left hand on hip, then right hand on hip
- Power Bend arms like lifting weights (same as for "strength")

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Extension Activities:

Heavenly Father has made many other promises to His children when they spend time in the temple:

Doctrine & Covenants 132:19 – "19 And again, verily I say unto you, if a man <u>marry</u> a wife by my word, which is my law, and by the <u>bnew and everlasting covenant</u>, and it is <u>sealed</u> unto them by the Holy Spirit of <u>promise</u>, by him who is anointed, unto whom I have appointed this power and the <u>keys</u> of this priesthood; and it shall be said unto them—Ye shall come forth in the first resurrection; and if it be after the first resurrection, in the next resurrection; and shall inherit <u>thrones</u>, kingdoms, principalities, and powers, dominions, all heights and depths—then shall it be written in the Lamb's <u>Book of Life</u>, that he shall commit no <u>murder</u>whereby to shed innocent <u>blood</u>, and if ye abide in my covenant, and commit no murder whereby to shed innocent blood, it shall be done unto them in all things whatsoever my servant hath put upon them, in time, and through all eternity; and shall be of full force when they are out of the world; and they shall pass by the angels, and the gods, which are set there, to their <u>iexaltation</u> and glory in all things, as hath been sealed upon their heads, which glory shall be a fulness and a continuation of the <u>kseedsforever</u> and ever.

20 Then shall they be gods, because they have no end; therefore shall they be from <u>aeverlasting</u> to everlasting, because they continue; then shall they be above all, because all things are subject unto them. Then shall they be <u>bgods</u>, because they have <u>call power</u>, and the angels are subject unto them."

<u>Elder Renlund</u>: "As you accept President Nelson's invitation **[to sacrifice time to do more temple and family history work**¹⁷], you will discover, gather, and connect your family. Additionally, blessings will flow to you and your family like the river spoken of by Ezekiel. You will find healing for that which needs healing."

"Temple blessings can heal hearts and lives and families." Elder Renlund

<u>Elder Bednar</u>: "I promise you will be **protected against the intensifying influence of the adversary**. As you participate in and love this holy work, you will be safeguarded in your youth and throughout your lives."

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Possible links to follow-up activities to post on Ward Facebook page for FHE:

Stories:

JR: The Temple is His House

https://www.lds.org/friend/2007/03/for-little-friends/the-temple-is-his-house?lang=eng

SR: The Temple is a House of God

http://media.ldscdn.org/pdf/lds-magazines/liahona-july-2011/2011-07-25-the-temple-is-a-house-of-god-eng.pdf

Temple Blessings (Pres. Uchtdorf tells about being sealed to his family)

https://www.lds.org/bc/content/shared/content/english/pdf/magazines/friend/2011/05/FR_2011_05_03__09665_000_006.pdf

I'm Going There Someday (Story)

https://www.lds.org/bc/content/shared/content/images/magazines/friend/2015/07/july-2015-friend-magazine-mormon 1479606 prt.pdf

The Most Special Day (Boy's Account of Being Sealed to His Family)

http://media.ldscdn.org/pdf/lds-magazines/friend-july-2011/2011-07-08-the-most-special-day-eng.pdf

Preparing to Do Baptisms for the Dead

http://media.ldscdn.org/pdf/lds-magazines/liahona-september-2011/2011-09-24-preparing-to-do-baptisms-for-the-dead-eng.pdf

Games:

Preparing for the Temple Game

https://www.lds.org/bc/content/shared/content/images/gospel-

library/magazine/fr09aua12 sharing.jpa

Journey to the Temple

https://www.lds.org/friend/2005/09/journey-to-the-temple?lang=eng

Activities:

Temple Blessings Unite Families Coloring Page

https://www.lds.org/bc/content/shared/content/images/gospel-

library/magazine/fr09aug48 color.jpg

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Hope for My Family & Coloring Game

http://media.ldscdn.org/pdf/magazines/friend-june-2017/2017-06-05-hope-for-my-family-eng.pdf

Preparing for the Temple (Hidden Picture)

http://media.ldscdn.org/pdf/magazines/friend-august-2012/2012-08-21-preparing-for-the-temple-eng.pdf

A Holy Place (Salt Lake Temple Dot-to-Dot)

http://media.ldscdn.org/pdf/magazines/friend-july-2016/2016-07-10-funstuff-a-holy-place-eng.pdf