

### Wiggle Songs

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## Sharing Time – July 15

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

**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")

**Identify the Doctrine: The Priesthood Is Restored, p. 89**

**Puzzle (today's topic):** The p\_\_\_\_\_ can b\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_ my f\_\_\_\_\_.

- **WHAT is the "priesthood?"** (Heavenly Father's power)
  - **Matthew 28:18** – "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." (See also Doctrine & Covenants 50:27)
- **What did Jesus do with Heavenly Father's power?** [Helped others through miracles & service: blessed sacrament (GAK 225), calmed storms (GAK 214), healed (GAK 213), loved (GAK 216), paid for our sins (GAK 225), raised the dead (GAK 215), saved (GAK 243), served (GAK 226), set a good example (GAK 208), taught (GAK 212), visited (GAK 237), worked (GAK 206)]
- **HOW does the priesthood work?** (By revelation from the Holy Ghost - drops of inspiration, to a river, to a flood; requires ordination, authority, and purity)
  - **Ordination:** Doctrine & Covenants 20:60 – "Every elder, priest, teacher, or deacon is to be ordained according to the gifts and callings of God unto him; and he is to be ordained by the power of the Holy Ghost, which is in the one who ordains him." (See also Hebrews 5:4)
  - **Authority:** Doctrine & Covenants 84:21 – "And without the ordinances thereof, and the authority of the priesthood, the power of godliness is not manifest unto men in the flesh;"
    - **What is "priesthood authority?"** **The Fifth Article of Faith, p. 125** (Permission from Heavenly Father to use His power to help others) (GAK 211 – Jesus Ordaining Apostles)
  - **Purity:** Doctrine & Covenants 121:36 – "...That the rights of the priesthood are inseparably connected with the powers of heaven, and that the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled only (i.e., "except") upon the principles of righteousness. 37 That they may be conferred upon us, it is true; but when we undertake to cover our sins, or to gratify our pride, our vain ambition, or to exercise control or dominion or compulsion upon the souls of the children of men in any degree of unrighteousness, behold, the heavens withdraw themselves; the Spirit of the Lord is grieved; and when it is withdrawn, Amen to the priesthood or the authority of that man."

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### Encourage Understanding

**Memory Game: Look for 30 seconds, remove a pix, 3 clues to help others guess missing pix**

- **What are some things that priesthood holders do in the CHURCH?** [Help others under direction of Holy Ghost: Baptize (GAK 601 or Primary 1-11), bless babies (Primary 2-31), confirm (GAK 603), preach gospel (GAK 612), sacrament (GAK 603 or 604), ordain, lead the ward (Primary 6-11), etc.]
- **At HOME? Beanbag Game: Sing The Family is of God (Verse 2), when music stops, they name something mentioned in the song or find picture of what was just said** [Preside (GAK 6-16, Primary 1-53), provide (Primary 2-23 or 1-51), lead family prayer (Primary 4-50), love (Primary 7-5), teach (Primary 1-6), serve (GAK 615 or Primary 1-45), set a good example (Primary 2-49), give blessings of comfort/ Father's blessings (2-33), bless the sick (GAK 6-13 or Primary 1-40)]

### Encourage Application: WHY do we need the priesthood/how does it strengthen our families?

- **Healing:** Matthew 10:1 – “And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave unto them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.”
- **Miracles:** Acts 19:11 – “And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: 12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.”
- **Missionary Work:** D&C 42:11 – “Again I say unto you, that it shall not be given to any one to go forth to preach my gospel, or to build up my church, except he be ordained by someone who has authority, and it is known to the church that he has authority and has been regularly ordained by the heads of the church.” and also Doctrine & Covenants 90:11 – “For it shall come to pass in that day, that every man shall hear the fullness of the gospel in his own tongue, and in his own language, through those who are ordained unto this power, by the administration of the Comforter, shed forth upon them for the revelation of Jesus Christ.”
- **Power to Teach & Preach:** Alma 13:1 – “And again, my brethren, I would cite your minds forward to the time when the Lord God gave these commandments unto his children; and I would that ye should remember that the Lord God ordained priests, after his holy order, which was after the order of his Son, to teach these things unto the people.” and also Mosiah 13:6 – “And he [Moses] spoke with power and authority from god, and he continued his words, saying...” and 1 Corinthians 2:4 – “And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.”
- **Power & Protection:** Abraham 1:18 – “Behold, I will lead thee by my hand, and I will take thee, to put upon thee my name, even the Priesthood of thy father, and my power shall be over thee.” and 11 – “Therefore he was constrained to speak more unto them saying: Behold, my brethren, have ye not read that God gave power unto one an, even Moses, to smite upon the waters of the Red Sea, and they parted hither and thither, insomuch that the Israelites, who were our fathers, came through upon dry ground, and the waters closed upon the armies of the Egyptians and swallowed them up?”

### What if you don't have a priesthood holder living in your home?

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**Guest Speakers:** One adult and one child for Jr. and one for Sr.

**Testify:** We can strengthen priesthood holders by encouraging them to do what is right, to attend priesthood meeting, to read scriptures, to give us blessings, and to remain worthy.

**Closing Song:** *I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus, p. 78*