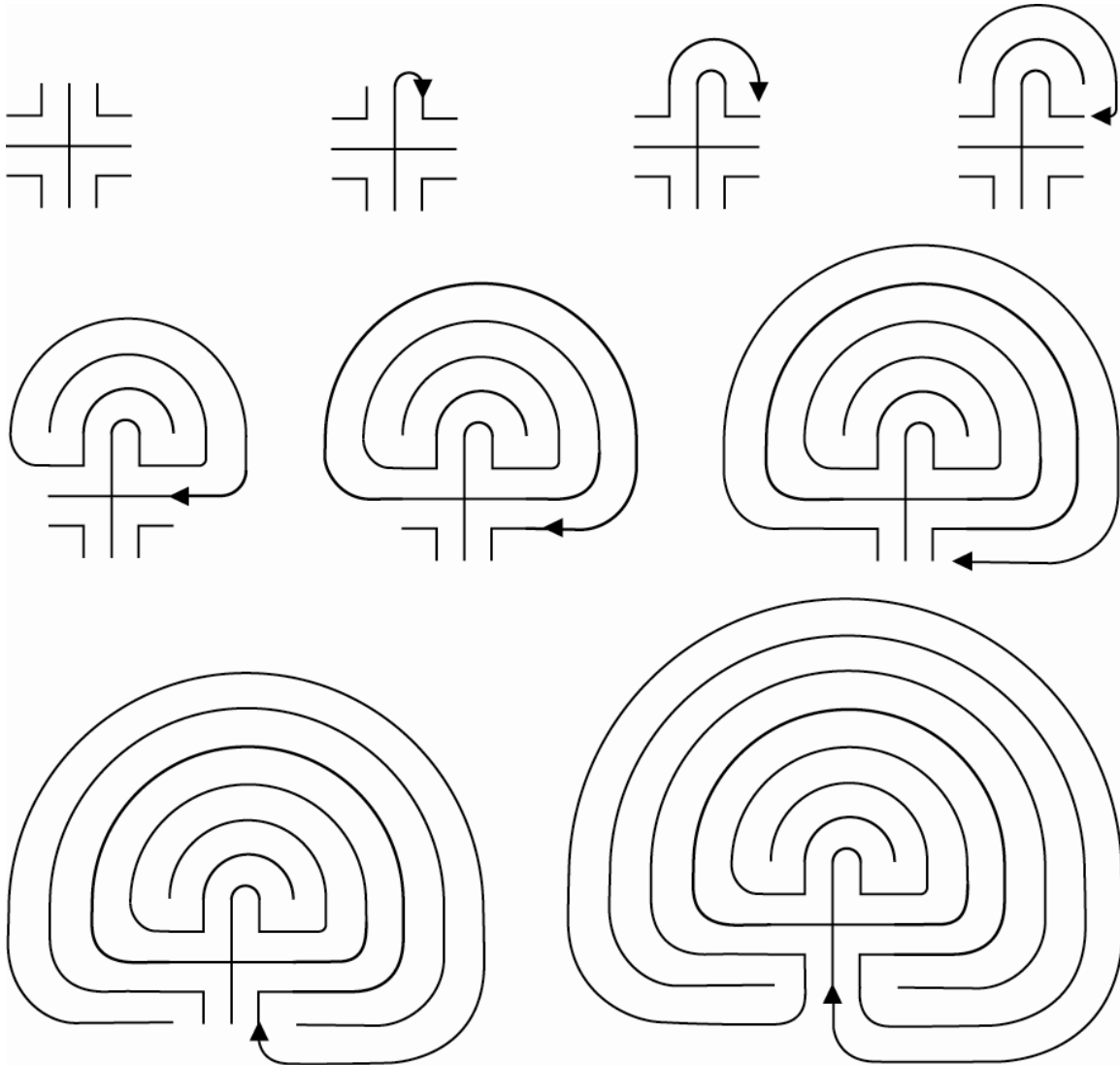


Directions for Making a Labyrinth



Stops on the Labyrinth: Searching for the Peace of Christ

Complete the stops on the path in the order given.

1. Knowing the Peace of Christ

Scripture readings:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

—John 14:27 NRSV

Become a people of the Temple—those who see violence but proclaim peace, who feel conflict yet extend the hand of reconciliation, who encounter broken spirits and find pathways for healing. Fulfill the purposes of the Temple by making its ministries manifest in your hearts. It was built from your sacrifices and searching over many generations. Let it stand as a towering symbol of a people who know injustice and strife on the frontier and who now seek the peace of Jesus Christ throughout the world

—Doctrine and Covenants 161:2a–b

Music suggestions:

“Never Alone” by Barlowgirl, *WOW Hits 2005 CD*

“Right Here” by Jeremy Camp, *WOW Hits 2005 CD*

“Presence (My Heart’s Desire)” by Newsboys, *WOW Hits 2006 CD*

2. Seek the Kingdom: God’s Community

Scripture reading:

Open your hearts and feel the yearnings of your brothers and sisters who are lonely, despised, fearful, neglected, unloved. Reach out in understanding, clasp their hands, and invite all to share in the blessings of community created in the name of the One who suffered on behalf of all. Do not be fearful of one another. Respect each life journey, even in its brokenness and uncertainty, for each person has walked alone at times. Be ready to listen and slow to criticize, lest judgments be unrighteous and unredemptive. Be patient with one another, for creating sacred community is arduous and even painful. But it is to loving community such as this that each is called. Be courageous and visionary, believing in the power of just a few vibrant witnesses to transform the world. Be assured that love will overcome the voices of fear, division, and deceit.

Stand firm in the name of the One you proclaim and create diverse communities of disciples and seekers, rejoicing in the continuing fulfillment of the call to this people to prophetically witness in the name of Jesus Christ. Heed the urgent call to become a global family united in the name of the Christ, committed in love to one another, seeking the kingdom for which you yearn and to which you have always been summoned. That kingdom shall be a peaceable one and it shall be known as Zion.

—Doctrine and Covenants 161:3a–c; 6a–b

Do not be defined by the things that separate you but by the things that unite you in Jesus Christ.

—Doctrine and Covenants 162:5a

Music suggestions:

“All about Love” by Steven Curtis Chapman, *WOW Hits 2004* CD

“All My People” by LiL Irocc Williams, *WOW Hits 2004* CD

“You Have the Power to Share the Light (A Reader’s Theater),”

You Have the Power to Share the Light CD, Herald House

“Community of Christ” by Ken Medema with Grant McMurray,

You Have the Power to Share the Light CD, Herald House

3. Break Down Walls: Building Bridges

Scripture readings:

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.—Ephesians 2:14 NRSV

The One who created all humankind grieves at the shameful divisions within the human family. A prophetic people must work tirelessly to tear down walls of separation and to build bridges of understanding.

—Doctrine and Covenants 162:6b

Music suggestions:

“Show You Love” by Jars of Clay, *WOW Hits 2005* CD

“Brave” by Nichole Nordeman, *WOW Hits 2006* CD

4. A Willing Yes: Be a Giver

Scripture readings:

Do not neglect the smallest among you, for even the least of these are treasures in God’s sight. Receive the giftedness and energy of children and youth, listening to understand their questions and their wisdom. Respond to their need to be loved and nurtured as they grow.

—Doctrine and Covenants 161:4a

You have been given the principles of generosity, rightly interpreted for a new time. These principles call every disciple to tithe faithfully in accordance with means and capacity. Those values, deeply rooted in the Restoration faith, affirm that stewardship and discipleship cannot be divided and are dependent upon each other.

—Doctrine and Covenants 162:7c

Music suggestions:

“Beautiful Name” by Zoegirl, *WOW Hits 2005* CD

“When You Give” by Mark Schultz, *Mark Schultz* CD

5. Be Peace: Live Peace

Scripture readings:

The Spirit of the One you follow is the spirit of love and peace. That Spirit seeks to abide in the hearts of those who would embrace its call and live its message. The path will not always be easy, the choices will not always be clear, but the cause is sure and the Spirit will bear witness to the truth, and those who live the truth will know the hope and the joy of discipleship in the community of Christ. Amen.

—Doctrine and Covenants 161:7

Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!”

—Luke 10:5 NRSV

Do not be discouraged. You have not been promised an easy path, but you have been assured that the Spirit that calls you will also accompany you.

Continue your journey, O people of the Restoration. You have been blessed thus far but there is so much yet to see, so much yet to do. Go forth with confidence and live prophetically as a people who have been loved, and who now courageously choose to love others in the name of the One you serve. Amen.

—Doctrine and Covenants 162:3a, 8c

Music suggestions:

“Whatever It Takes” by Nate Sallie, *WOW Hits 2005* CD

“We Have the Power to Share the Light” by Kevin Hendrickson,

You Have the Power to Share the Light CD, Herald House