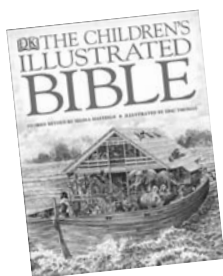


# Ordinary Time, Proper 11



The Children's Illustrated Bible

## Houses for You and God

Make copies of the scriptures printed here for each kid. Have kids form pairs and number within their pairs from one to two. Have all the ones read the promises in II Samuel and the twos read the promise from Psalm.

The ark of the covenant traveled around with the Israelites in a tent. Once they were established in Jerusalem, God wanted a home, a temple, to be built. But God also promised a “home” that would stand forever for David, by promising that David’s family would be rulers forever. This was a new meaning of “household.”

In current times, we are also counseled to build a house for the Lord (see Doctrine and Covenants 157:8). This is to be a house of peace. The Community of Christ built a temple that is a house of peace. But the true house of peace is to have Jesus in our hearts. We are to have Jesus in our hearts. We are to have Jesus live in us as a house, a dwelling place, as Paul wrote to the Ephesians.

## Our House of Peace

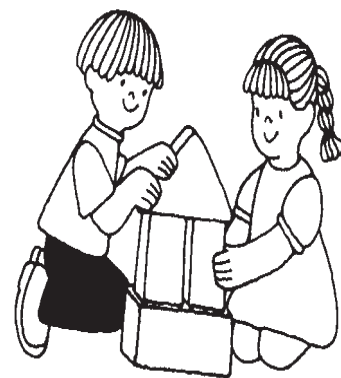
Glue a large copy of a picture of the Independence Temple to the middle of a large poster board. Underneath the picture, glue a copy of the scripture from Doctrine and Covenants 156:5a, 6. *The temple shall be dedicated to the pursuit of peace...devotion of the Saints.* Have the kids locate this scripture in the Doctrine and Covenants. Discuss: Does the Temple represent a “house of peace”? In what ways? Write these ways on the poster board around the picture and display it in the classroom.

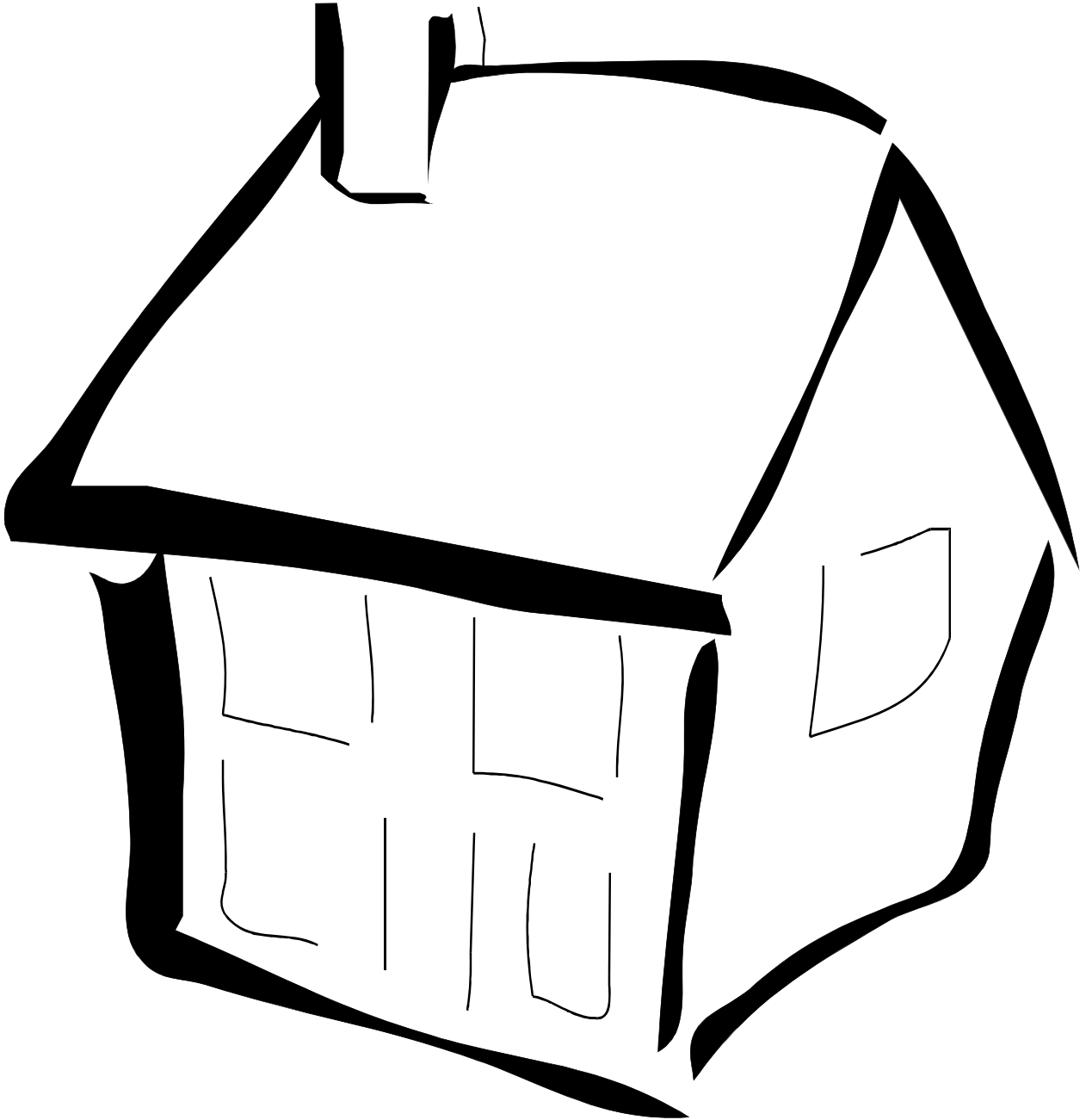
I the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, and I will establish David’s kingdom. David shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.  
—II Samuel 7:12–14 adapted

God said, “I have found my servant David; and my covenant with him will stand firm. I will establish his line and his throne forever, as long as the heavens endure. I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness. His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.”  
—Psalm 89:20–36 adapted

## A Crackin’ Good Temple

Have kids each make a “temple” out of graham cracker squares. Connect the joints with icing along the edges. Construct their temples on pieces of cardboard or poster board covered with foil. If they pattern their temple after the Community of Christ Temple in Independence, Missouri, have them use a piece of taffy ribbon to make the spiral. Let the icing dry before taking them home. Explain that just as they are looking forward to completing their temple (in order to eat it later), members of the church and community looked forward to the completion of the actual temple. Read the Doctrine and Covenants scriptures about the Temple. Ask if kids have ever been to the Temple, what they did there, and their impressions.





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**Write words on the house to describe your dream house.**