



Family Home Evening Lesson "The First Vision"



Purpose: *To learn that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ appeared unto Joseph Smith in the Sacred Grove.*

Opening Song: _____ Opening Prayer: _____

Read the following scriptures: Joseph Smith - History 1:15-20

Lesson and Discussion:

"The biblical exhortation in James, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5), prompted Joseph to go into the Sacred Grove as part of his personal quest for salvation and understanding" (James E. Faust, "Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon," Liahona, Feb. 1996, 3).

"On a beautiful day in spring 1820, God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ appeared in person to the young Joseph Smith in a woodland on his family's farm in rural western New York. This event inaugurated the restoration of the gospel—lost from the earth for centuries—and ushered in the dispensation of the fulness of times" (Donald L. Enders, "The Sacred Grove," Ensign, Apr. 1990, 15).

What prompted Joseph Smith to go into the Sacred Grove?

Who appeared unto Joseph Smith while he was in the Sacred Grove? (Satan, Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost)

How do we know they appeared unto him?

What did Joseph Smith learn in the Sacred Grove?

How has Joseph Smith's experience in the Sacred Grove impacted the world?

What blessings have come into your life from the first vision?

Bear testimony of the reality of the first vision. Testify that Joseph Smith was indeed a prophet and that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ appeared unto him. Share experiences in which Heavenly Father has answered your prayers.

Closing Song: _____ Closing Prayer: _____

Challenge Game!

While playing the Doctrine and Covenants edition of the HearSay! Game, identify verses that contain new revelations given as a result of the First Vision.

Delightful Dessert!

Original Rice Crispy Treats

3 Tbsp. Margarine or Butter

1-10 oz Package of Regular Marshmallows

6 Cups of Rice Crispy Cereal

Prepare a 13 x 9 cake pan by coating with cooking spray. Melt butter in a pan over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until melted. Remove from heat. Stir in rice crispy cereal until well coated. Press mixture into the cake pan. Allow mixture to cool before cutting squares.

Serve and Enjoy.