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# “My Law to Govern My Church”

1. Scripture Hop – Follow instructions on page 3 below for a scripture hop for D&C 42:2. Talk about what it means to obey, and how we’re blessed when we’re obedient.
2. I Can Obey God’s Laws – From the manual: “As the Church grew and members gathered in Kirtland, Ohio, the Lord revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith what He called His ‘law’ and commanded the Saints to ‘hearken and hear and obey’ it. Give the children a few simple scenarios in which a child chooses to obey or disobey a law or rule. Ask the children to listen carefully and smile if the person in the story obeys and frown if the person disobeys. Share blessings you have received when you have obeyed God’s laws.”
  - [This activity page](#) from the manual could also be super fun to do with this.
  - Friend Story: Read “[Obedience Helps Us Be Happy](#)” from *The Friend* magazine.
3. Obedience Game: Follow directions found at [this website](#) to play an obedience game. Basically, you ask the kids to do simple things, see how quickly they can obey, and give them a sticker each time they obey quickly. Page 4 below has letters that could be given to them each time they obey. When finished, the letters will spell “OBEDIENCE.” Remind them that obedience helps us be happy.
4. Singing Time – Mom/Dad share examples of how obeying God’s laws has brought us happiness. Use [this singing time video](#) to learn “I Want to Live the Gospel.”
5. I Am Serving Jesus Christ When I Serve Others – One of the most important things that we need to obey is the commandment to love and serve others. Mom/Dad share specific examples of when we’ve seen each kid loving and helping others.
  - Scripture: D&C 42:38 says, “For inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these, ye do it unto me.” Explain that when they’re helping others, they’re actually helping Jesus.
  - Video: Watch the 2-minute “[Pass It On](#)” video from the church. Brainstorm specific things we might do to serve Jesus by serving others.
  - “[The Old Shoemaker](#)” video is another great one you could watch to go along with this.
6. Serving People and God Activity – What are some ways we can show our love for Jesus? If Jesus was here right now, what would you do to show Him that you love Him? Follow instructions on pages 5-6 below.
7. Treat – Remind them that when we love and serve others, it not only helps them, but we feel good about it as well, and it helps us be happier. Eat [smile fruit snacks](#) (from Walmart)
  - I really want to help our family get more in the habit of looking for small ways to help others each day, so we’re going to also do the chart on page 7 below. Each time they serve someone, they can color in a smile on their chart. If they have 7 smiles colored in by the end of the day, they can get a pack of fruit snacks. At the end of each day, talk about how they felt as they loved and helped others.

## *Additional Ideas:*

Helping Others Chutes and Ladders Game

The Coat: A Story of Charity Video

"We'll Help You!" Friend story about serving others

"A Helper Like You" from The Friend

Obeyball Game and Scorecard to use throughout the week

More Great Free Ideas at [www.theredcrystal.org](http://www.theredcrystal.org)

# SCRIPTURE Hop

(D&C 42:2)

Cut apart the following strips and spread them out far enough in a room so that the kids will need to hop from one strip to another. Make sure to keep them in the correct order. Have them stand by the first one and help them say the top line out loud. Explain what it means. Then have them jump to the next one and do the same thing until they've jumped on each of them, said them out loud, and discussed them one at a time. Then have them start back at the beginning and practice saying the phrases from this verse in order while hopping from strip to strip again. Try going a little faster each time. Repeat as many times as wanted/needed. These can also be used as flash cards, taped onto the wall to practice throughout the week, etc.



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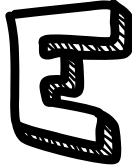







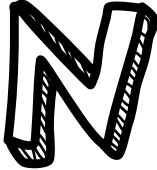



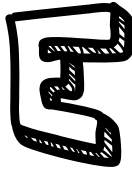

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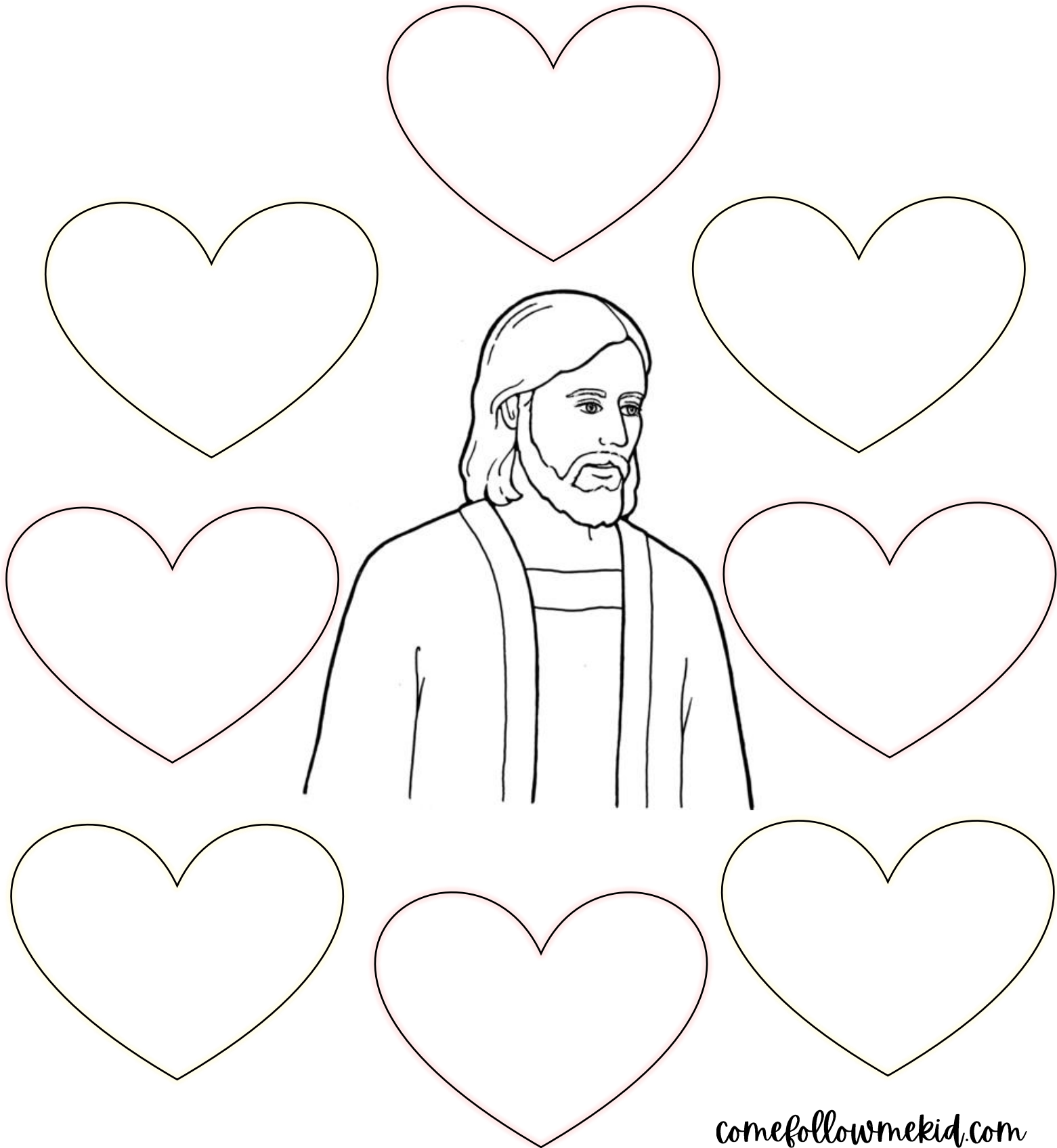
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# Obey Game

Give children simple tasks to do (jump up and down 5 times, sit on a chair, twirl in a circle, give someone a high-five, etc.). If they obey quickly, they earn a letter. Continue until they have all of the letters to spell "OBEDIENCE." Remind them that obedience to righteous principles helps us be happy.

When Ye Are in the Service of Your Fellow Beings  
Ye Are in the Service of Your God



# Serving People and God Activity

## Instructions:

- Show picture of Jesus with hearts around Him. Explain that we're going to find ways to show our love for Jesus by finding ways to love and serve others.
- Cut apart the pictures with scenarios on this page. Hide them around the room.
- Take turns finding pictures of people/animals that we can show love to.
- As each is found, the person who found it will role-play how they would respond to that situation.
- Place the animal/person picture in one of the hearts around Christ.
- Remember that when we love and serve others, we are loving and serving Heavenly Father and Jesus. See how many people you can find to love and serve around you in the future!

Someone at the store can't afford to pay for their food.



A new student at school has no friends to play with at recess.



A puppy is out in the cold with no food.



Your neighbor friend doesn't have a coat to wear in the cold.



You see a news story about people suffering where there was an earthquake.



Your sister broke her favorite doll in the sandbox.



A lady in the ward who lives alone is sad on Christmas.



A gentleman spilled his trash on the street and is having a hard time getting it back in the can.



NAME:



# Tours:

Some missionaries at the Mormon Battalion Site are offering free virtual tours and are wanting to get the word out about them. We did it, and even our young kids loved it! If you'd like to sign up, here is the link: <https://calendly.com/mormonbattalionhs>



After we did this tour, we received an email with links to many other virtual tours that seem like they would be great! Here are those additional links for anyone else who might be interested:

- Live virtual tours of New York and Pennsylvania church history sites (Sacred Grove, Priesthood Restoration site, Peter Whitmer farm, Book of Mormon publication site, etc.) [Schedule Appointment with New York & Pennsylvania Historic Sites \(as.me\)](https://www.as.me/schedule-appointment-with-new-york-pennsylvania-historic-sites)
- Historic Nauvoo Virtual Tours: <https://www.nauvoohistoricsites.org/live/>
- Joseph Smith Birthplace Virtual Tour: <https://calendly.com/josephsmithbirthplace>
- Kirtland Area Historic Sites: <https://go.oncehub.com/historickirtlandtours>
- Independence Virtual Tour  
<https://calendly.com/missouriareahistoricsites/independence?month=2021-03>
- Liberty Jail Virtual Tour (should open in April):  
<https://calendly.com/missouri/libertyjail?month=2021-03>
- Mormon Trail Center at Winter Quarters: <https://calendly.com/trailcenterschedule>
- St. George Area Historic Sites: <https://calendly.com/sghstabernacle/virtual-tour?month=2021-03>
- Mormon Battalion Site: <https://calendly.com/mormonbattalionhs>