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April 26-May 2

# "The Promises... Shall Be Fulfilled"

1. Scripture Hop – For this week's lesson, we're going to talk about the Savior's Second Coming. Review what we know about this. Follow instructions on page 3 below for a scripture hop for D&C 45:32. Explain that standing in holy places and not being moved means we choose the right at all times, no matter what is happening. Doing this will help us prepare for the Lord's coming.
2. I Wonder When He Comes Again Song/Drawing – What do you think it will be like when Jesus comes again? Watch this [Singing Time Part 1](#) (less than 4 minutes) for the song "When He Comes Again." Color the "I Wonder When He Comes Again" sheet (on page 4 below) with pictures of what you think the earth will look like/what you'll be doing/how you'll feel when Christ comes again.
  - Listen to "[When He Comes Again](#)" song while coloring.
  - If time/interest, you can also show [Singing Time Part 2](#).
  - Show picture of the Savior's Second Coming (on page 5 below), and talk about how we feel when we look at it. Testify that Jesus Christ is real and that He will come again.
3. Oil Lamp – Show picture of the ten virgins on page 6 below and quickly review/summarize the story of the 10 virgins (Matthew 25:1-13). I actually think that it's really important for young kids to hear parables and stories. They will most likely not catch on to all of the deeper meanings of them (even as an adult I find that I'm still discovering new layers to parables), but children learn well from stories and visuals. Giving them a quick introduction to these stories while they're young helps give them a starting point that can turn into deeper learning as they grow older.
  - A super simple explanation of the ten virgin parable could be something like this: There were ten people who wanted to go to a marriage celebration. 5 of them were wise and put enough oil in their lamps so they could go to the party. 5 of them were foolish and didn't do what they needed to do to prepare for this party, so they didn't get to go to it (the door was shut on them).
  - Who was happier in this story? The people who were prepared or the people who weren't prepared?
  - When the Savior comes again, we want to make sure that WE are prepared to be with Him. He has some really cool blessings that He wants to give us! What are some things we can do to prepare?
  - Give each kid an oil lamp from page 7 below. Explain that we're going to do some activities to try to earn "oil" in our lamps while talking about ways we can prepare for the Savior's Second Coming.
4. Joyfully Preparing – The manual says, "*When the Saints in Kirtland, Ohio, heard the revelation found in Doctrine and Covenants 45, which speaks of the last days and the Savior's Second Coming, they received it with joy. Consider how you will help the children prepare joyfully for the Second Coming.*"
  - To help make the Second Coming feel more like a joyful thing than a scary thing, we're going to play some fun games. You will need balloons, markers, small treats, and a blindfold for these. 😊
  - Print up pages 8-11 below. Tape each sheet onto a wall in the room. Choose one activity to start with. Follow the directions for that one and then move on to the next. After kids have completed each, they

can color in one part of the oil in their lamp. If you don't want to print anything up, you can just read the directions out loud for these.

5. Celebration – After the lamps have been filled, have some kind of celebration, however simple or big you want it to be (punch, treats, milk and cookies, family game/movie with popcorn, pinata if you want to go all out 😊, etc.). Set a picture of Jesus out and remind them that when He comes again, it will be a happy time for us if we're prepared. Remind them that Jesus Christ is our advocate (our friend). He loves us and wants us to be blessed in our lives now as well as when He comes again. D&C 45:3-5 says that Christ is the one who wants us to "come unto [Him] and have everlasting life." He tells Heavenly Father that He wants us to be there with Him. Testify of the importance of preparing for Jesus to come again and remind them of how much He loves us all.

## *Additional Ideas:*

"The Mediator" 10-minute video

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

# SCRIPTURE Hop

(D&C 45:32)

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.



BUT MY DISCIPLES

(People who follow Christ)



SHALL STAND



IN HOLY PLACES,



AND SHALL NOT



BE MOVED.

Note: The whole verse says, "But my disciples shall stand in holy places, and shall not be moved; but among the wicked, men shall lift up their voices and curse God and die."

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I Wonder When He Comes Again...

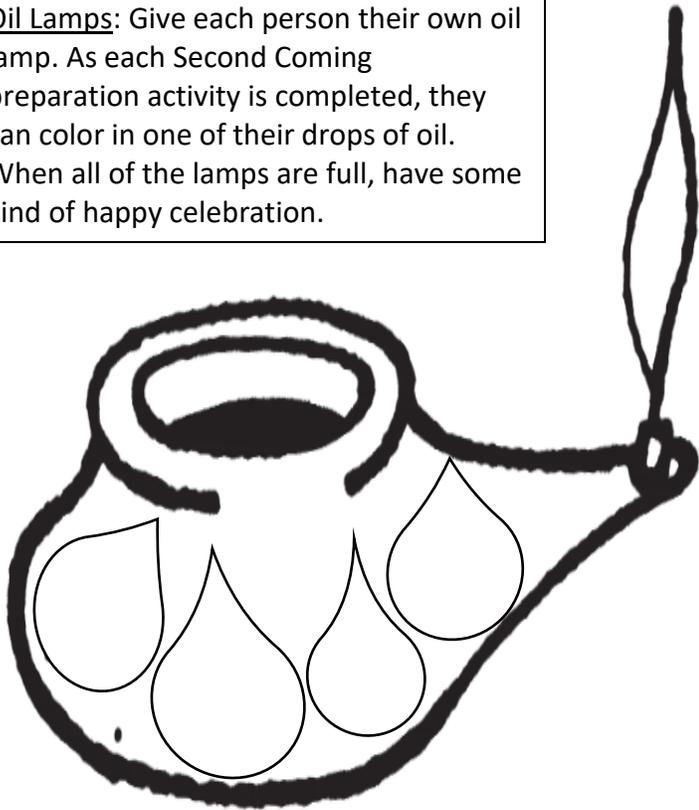


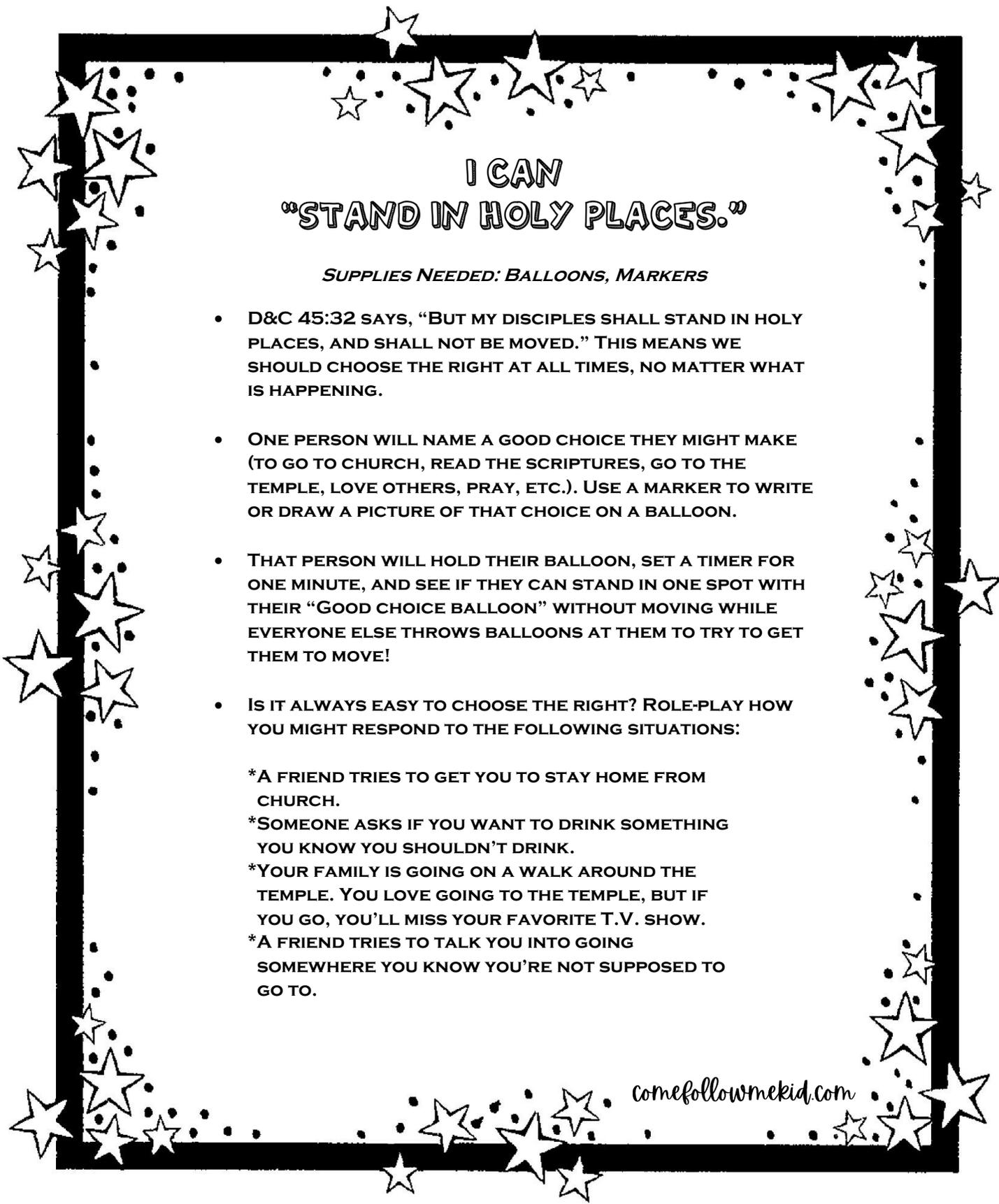
*The Coming of Christ*, by Jubal Aviles Saenz



*Parable of the Ten Virgins, by Dan Burr*

Oil Lamps: Give each person their own oil lamp. As each Second Coming preparation activity is completed, they can color in one of their drops of oil. When all of the lamps are full, have some kind of happy celebration.



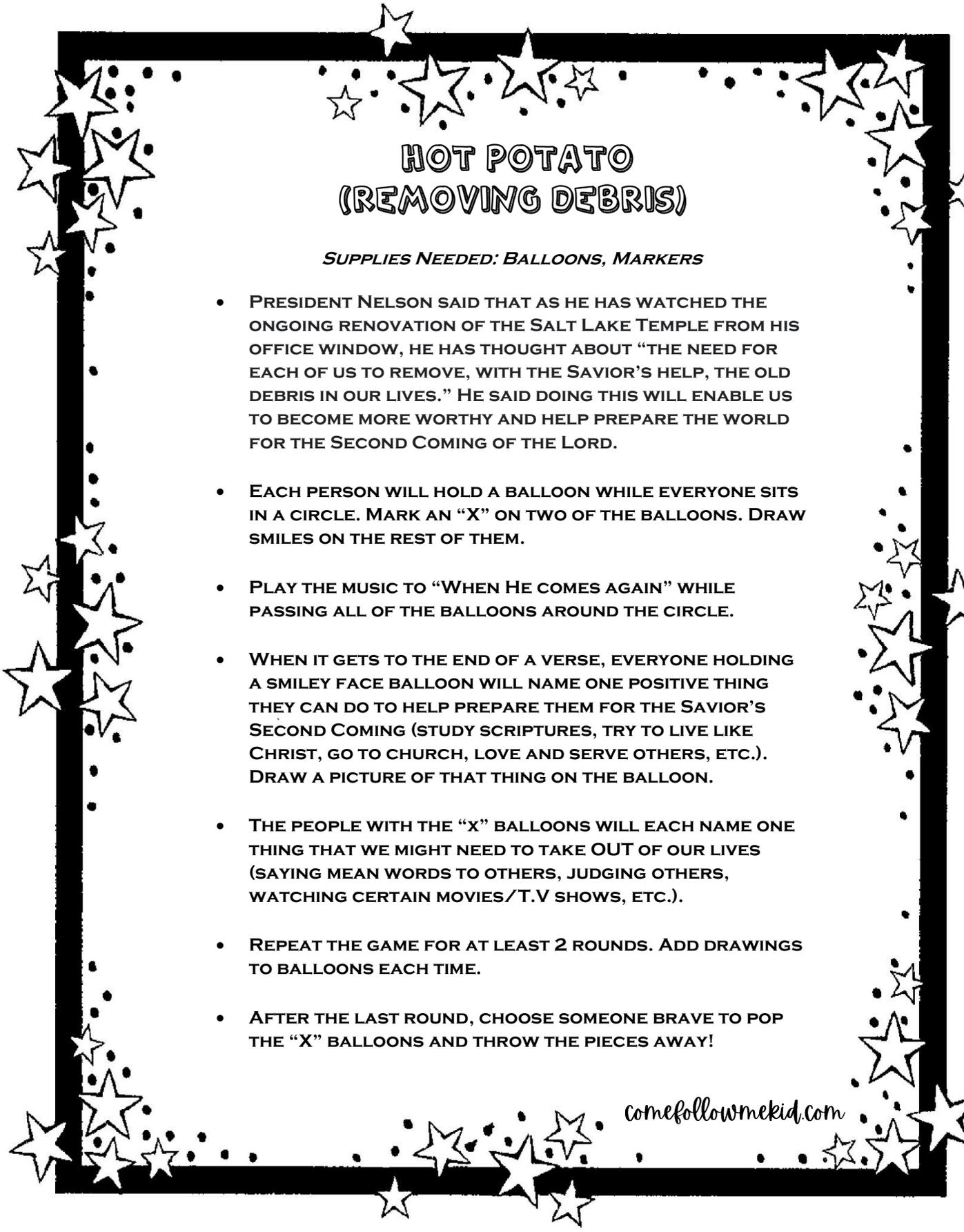


## I CAN "STAND IN HOLY PLACES."

*SUPPLIES NEEDED: BALLOONS, MARKERS*

- D&C 45:32 SAYS, "BUT MY DISCIPLES SHALL STAND IN HOLY PLACES, AND SHALL NOT BE MOVED." THIS MEANS WE SHOULD CHOOSE THE RIGHT AT ALL TIMES, NO MATTER WHAT IS HAPPENING.
- ONE PERSON WILL NAME A GOOD CHOICE THEY MIGHT MAKE (TO GO TO CHURCH, READ THE SCRIPTURES, GO TO THE TEMPLE, LOVE OTHERS, PRAY, ETC.). USE A MARKER TO WRITE OR DRAW A PICTURE OF THAT CHOICE ON A BALLOON.
- THAT PERSON WILL HOLD THEIR BALLOON, SET A TIMER FOR ONE MINUTE, AND SEE IF THEY CAN STAND IN ONE SPOT WITH THEIR "GOOD CHOICE BALLOON" WITHOUT MOVING WHILE EVERYONE ELSE THROWS BALLOONS AT THEM TO TRY TO GET THEM TO MOVE!
- IS IT ALWAYS EASY TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT? ROLE-PLAY HOW YOU MIGHT RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:
  - \*A FRIEND TRIES TO GET YOU TO STAY HOME FROM CHURCH.
  - \*SOMEONE ASKS IF YOU WANT TO DRINK SOMETHING YOU KNOW YOU SHOULDN'T DRINK.
  - \*YOUR FAMILY IS GOING ON A WALK AROUND THE TEMPLE. YOU LOVE GOING TO THE TEMPLE, BUT IF YOU GO, YOU'LL MISS YOUR FAVORITE T.V. SHOW.
  - \*A FRIEND TRIES TO TALK YOU INTO GOING SOMEWHERE YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO GO TO.

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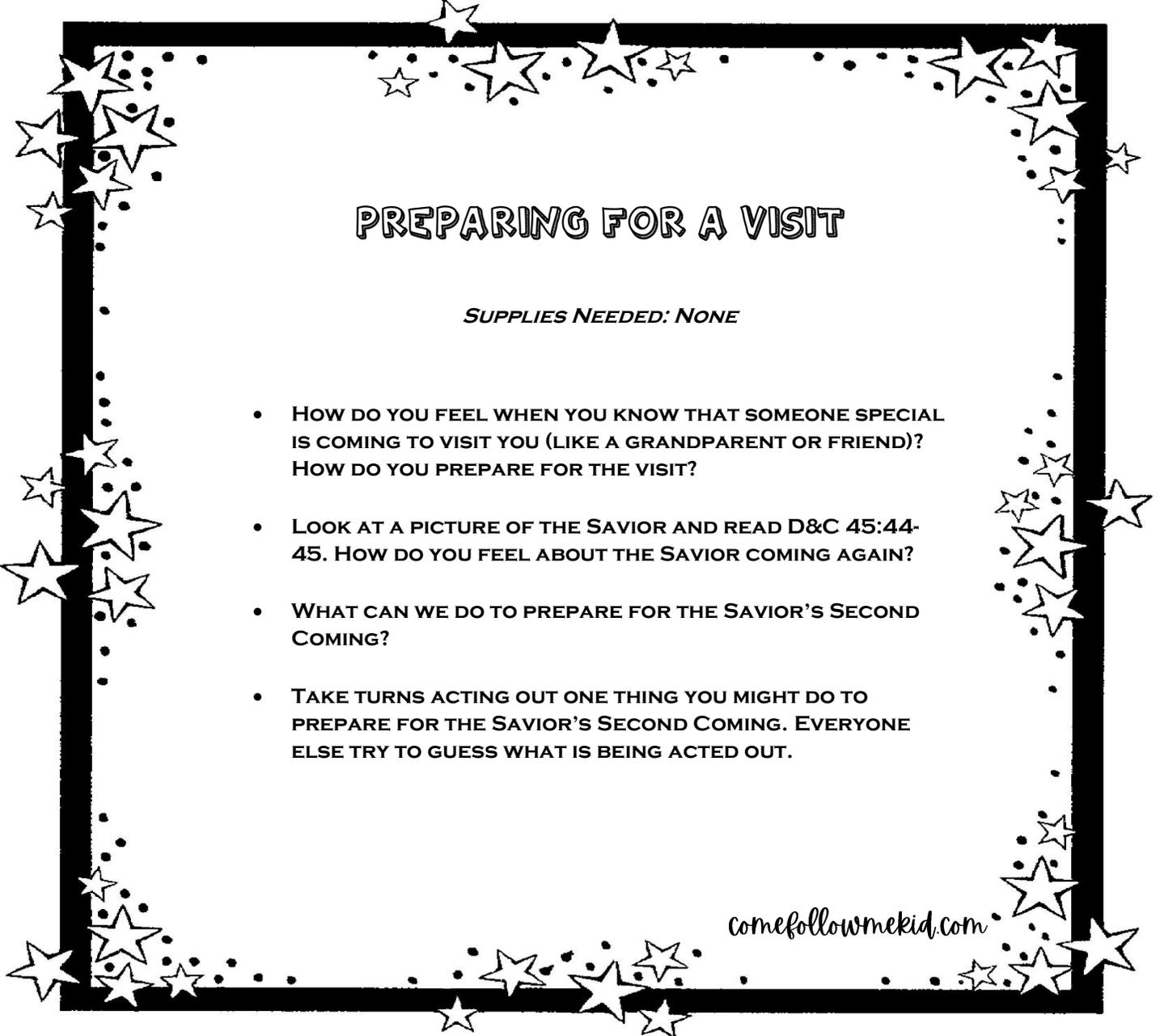


## HOT POTATO (REMOVING DEBRIS)

*SUPPLIES NEEDED: BALLOONS, MARKERS*

- PRESIDENT NELSON SAID THAT AS HE HAS WATCHED THE ONGOING RENOVATION OF THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE FROM HIS OFFICE WINDOW, HE HAS THOUGHT ABOUT “THE NEED FOR EACH OF US TO REMOVE, WITH THE SAVIOR’S HELP, THE OLD DEBRIS IN OUR LIVES.” HE SAID DOING THIS WILL ENABLE US TO BECOME MORE WORTHY AND HELP PREPARE THE WORLD FOR THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD.
- EACH PERSON WILL HOLD A BALLOON WHILE EVERYONE SITS IN A CIRCLE. MARK AN “X” ON TWO OF THE BALLOONS. DRAW SMILES ON THE REST OF THEM.
- PLAY THE MUSIC TO “WHEN HE COMES AGAIN” WHILE PASSING ALL OF THE BALLOONS AROUND THE CIRCLE.
- WHEN IT GETS TO THE END OF A VERSE, EVERYONE HOLDING A SMILEY FACE BALLOON WILL NAME ONE POSITIVE THING THEY CAN DO TO HELP PREPARE THEM FOR THE SAVIOR’S SECOND COMING (STUDY SCRIPTURES, TRY TO LIVE LIKE CHRIST, GO TO CHURCH, LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS, ETC.). DRAW A PICTURE OF THAT THING ON THE BALLOON.
- THE PEOPLE WITH THE “X” BALLOONS WILL EACH NAME ONE THING THAT WE MIGHT NEED TO TAKE OUT OF OUR LIVES (SAYING MEAN WORDS TO OTHERS, JUDGING OTHERS, WATCHING CERTAIN MOVIES/T.V SHOWS, ETC.).
- REPEAT THE GAME FOR AT LEAST 2 ROUNDS. ADD DRAWINGS TO BALLOONS EACH TIME.
- AFTER THE LAST ROUND, CHOOSE SOMEONE BRAVE TO POP THE “X” BALLOONS AND THROW THE PIECES AWAY!

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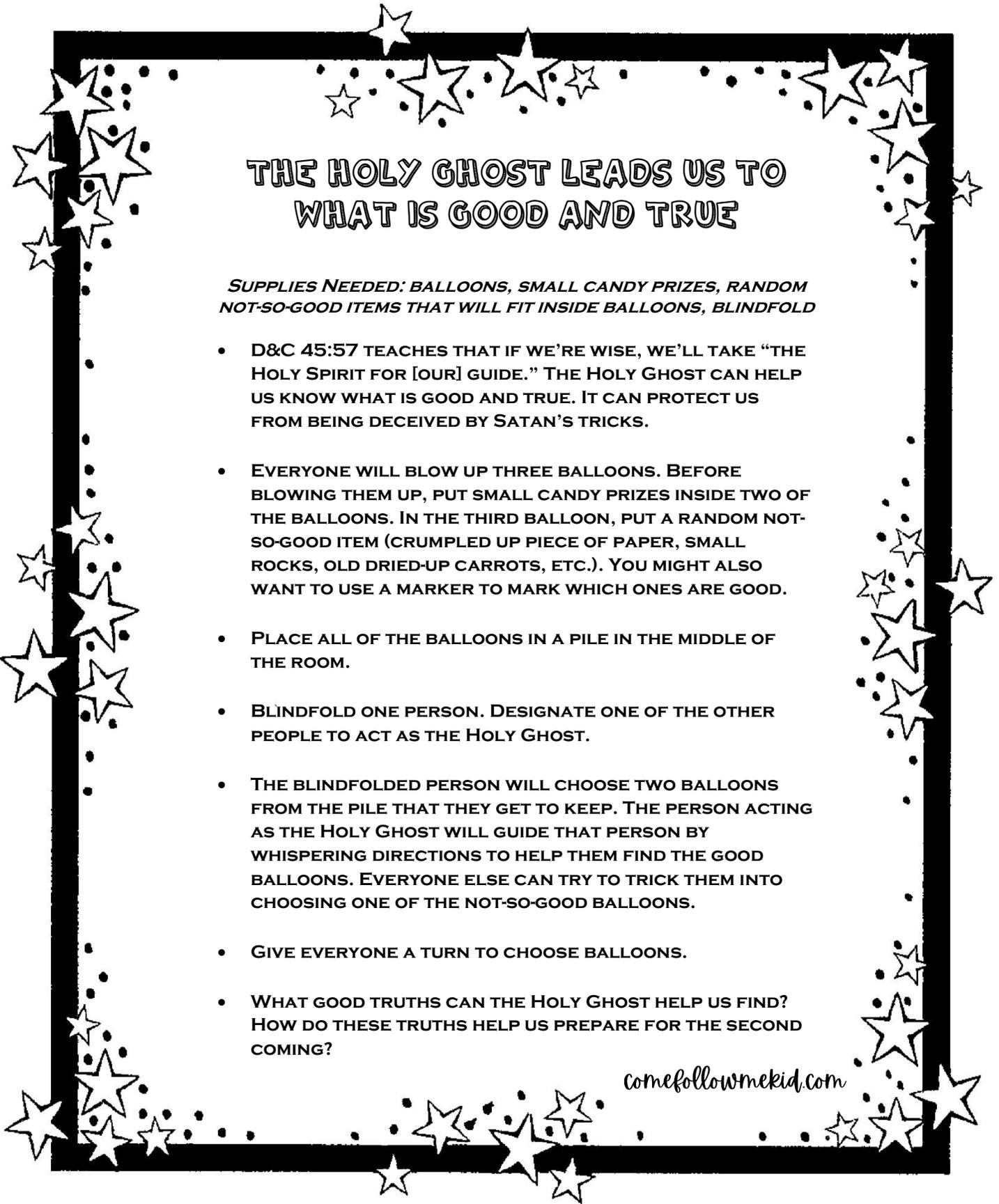


## PREPARING FOR A VISIT

*SUPPLIES NEEDED: NONE*

- HOW DO YOU FEEL WHEN YOU KNOW THAT SOMEONE SPECIAL IS COMING TO VISIT YOU (LIKE A GRANDPARENT OR FRIEND)? HOW DO YOU PREPARE FOR THE VISIT?
- LOOK AT A PICTURE OF THE SAVIOR AND READ D&C 45:44-45. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE SAVIOR COMING AGAIN?
- WHAT CAN WE DO TO PREPARE FOR THE SAVIOR'S SECOND COMING?
- TAKE TURNS ACTING OUT ONE THING YOU MIGHT DO TO PREPARE FOR THE SAVIOR'S SECOND COMING. EVERYONE ELSE TRY TO GUESS WHAT IS BEING ACTED OUT.

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## THE HOLY GHOST LEADS US TO WHAT IS GOOD AND TRUE

*SUPPLIES NEEDED: BALLOONS, SMALL CANDY PRIZES, RANDOM NOT-SO-GOOD ITEMS THAT WILL FIT INSIDE BALLOONS, BLINDFOLD*

- D&C 45:57 TEACHES THAT IF WE'RE WISE, WE'LL TAKE "THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR [OUR] GUIDE." THE HOLY GHOST CAN HELP US KNOW WHAT IS GOOD AND TRUE. IT CAN PROTECT US FROM BEING DECEIVED BY SATAN'S TRICKS.
- EVERYONE WILL BLOW UP THREE BALLOONS. BEFORE BLOWING THEM UP, PUT SMALL CANDY PRIZES INSIDE TWO OF THE BALLOONS. IN THE THIRD BALLOON, PUT A RANDOM NOT-SO-GOOD ITEM (CRUMPLED UP PIECE OF PAPER, SMALL ROCKS, OLD DRIED-UP CARROTS, ETC.). YOU MIGHT ALSO WANT TO USE A MARKER TO MARK WHICH ONES ARE GOOD.
- PLACE ALL OF THE BALLOONS IN A PILE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM.
- BLINDFOLD ONE PERSON. DESIGNATE ONE OF THE OTHER PEOPLE TO ACT AS THE HOLY GHOST.
- THE BLINDFOLDED PERSON WILL CHOOSE TWO BALLOONS FROM THE PILE THAT THEY GET TO KEEP. THE PERSON ACTING AS THE HOLY GHOST WILL GUIDE THAT PERSON BY WHISPERING DIRECTIONS TO HELP THEM FIND THE GOOD BALLOONS. EVERYONE ELSE CAN TRY TO TRICK THEM INTO CHOOSING ONE OF THE NOT-SO-GOOD BALLOONS.
- GIVE EVERYONE A TURN TO CHOOSE BALLOONS.
- WHAT GOOD TRUTHS CAN THE HOLY GHOST HELP US FIND? HOW DO THESE TRUTHS HELP US PREPARE FOR THE SECOND COMING?

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# 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://calendly.com/mormonbattalionhs)
- 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>