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## FAMILYSEARCH.ORG SCAVENGER HUNT— GET TO KNOW FAMILYSEARCH

The purpose of this activity is to become familiar with FamilySearch through a scavenger hunt. This activity will help people learn more about and use key parts of FamilySearch.org.

Help participants feel the Spirit during this activity by allowing them to make connections between the tools available on FamilySearch.org and how these tools can help them grow closer to their family and find ancestors' names to take to the temple.

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### TIME:

40 minutes

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### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Smartphones, tablets, or computers for class members to use (please see the *Technical Guidelines* for family discovery day organizers for tips on improving the Internet connectivity)
- “Scavenger Hunt Instructions” handout (at the end of this document)

#### *Optional Materials:*

- People who can roam the room and help class members

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### PREPARE

- 1. Review the activity instructions below.
- 2. Gather all materials needed for the class.
- 3. Become familiar with FamilySearch and some of its key functions, including:
  - Temple options
  - Landscape view
  - Memories tab
  - Adding photos
  - Adding stories
  - Green temple icon
  - Help resources (help panels)
  - Learning resources (Tips icon)
- 4. Print copies of the “Scavenger Hunt Instructions” to provide to the class.

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## CONDUCT THE ACTIVITY

We encourage you to modify this activity as needed and to use your own ideas and creativity as you accommodate to the needs and the interests of the people in your area.

### Step 1: Introduce the Activity

Tell the class the scavenger hunt will help them become more familiar with FamilySearch.org.

### Step 2: Start the Scavenger Hunt

Divide the class into two or more teams, or have families participate as teams. Each team should have access to FamilySearch using a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Give them the scavenger hunt handout, and invite them to complete the activities on the handout.

**Low Bandwidth Options.** For areas where Internet

connections are slow, you might want to use only one computer, tablet, or phone for each team.

### Step 3: Discuss

Have class members come back together to discuss what they found during their scavenger hunt and the tools they found to help them learn more about their family members and taking names to the temple.

### Step 4: Invite

Invite class members to go home and become more familiar with FamilySearch.org and to begin searching for their own ancestors.

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## ADDITIONAL IDEAS FOR CONDUCTING THE ACTIVITY

Below are some additional ideas for this activity. You do not have to use these additional ideas.

**Idea 1:** Become more familiar with FamilySearch.org, and think of more scavenger hunt ideas that could be added to the list.

**Idea 2:** Invite participants to perform extra activities associated with each item they have to find. For example, once they find the oldest ancestor on FamilySearch, you could ask children to draw a picture of this ancestor.

**Idea 3:** You might display a board or create a chart at the front of the room where answers could be written to share with the class.

**Idea 4:** Invite families to commit to use FamilySearch in one of the following ways that works best for them:

- Add simple stories to FamilySearch.org
- Upload one memory a month to FamilySearch.org
- Take photos of their family members and add them to their family tree
- Add one story about each of their grandfathers and grandmothers
- Index a batch of names each month

Ask them to write one of these ideas or other ideas of how they will use FamilySearch.org down on paper and to follow through on their commitment.

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## SCAVENGER HUNT INSTRUCTIONS

Using FamilySearch.org, see if can you find or do the following:

1. Find the most interesting name of an ancestor on your tree.
2. Find how many generations back the longest branch of your family tree goes.
3. What is the name of your oldest ancestor?
4. Find how many generations back the shortest branch of your family tree goes.
5. Find how many of your ancestors have photos. How many are smiling?
6. Find a stylish moustache or beard on one of your ancestors. What is his name?
7. Find a story about one of your ancestors.
8. Upload a memory of one of your ancestors.
9. Find a green temple icon.
10. Reserve the ancestor's ordinances whose green temple icon you found (where possible).
11. Find a record hint.
12. Find a cousin of one of your ancestors. What are the names of your cousin's children?
13. Find out if any of your ancestors are listed in the collection of books.
14. Learn something about the country your ancestors are from using records available in FamilySearch.
15. Test-drive indexing.