

SOME



ACTIVITY

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FIND NAMES USING RECORD HINTS

The purpose of this activity is to use the records published on FamilySearch.org to find ancestors missing from your family tree. This activity will help class members learn to use the Record Hints and Research Suggestions features to add more family members to their family tree.

Help members feel the Spirit as they learn how to find family names using Record Hints and help them have a desire to use Record Hints to find names.

TIME:

40 minutes

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Smartphones, tablets, or computers for each class member
- A *Strengthening Eternal Family Bonds through Temple Service: Discover Relatives on a Full Tree* resource card for each class member

Optional Materials:

- A computer and screen for demonstration, if the bandwidth in your building permits (please see the *Technical Guidelines* for family discovery day organizers for tips on improving the Internet connectivity).
- Family history consultants who are available in the room to assist.

PREPARE

- 1. Review the activity instructions below.
- 2. Gather all materials needed for the class.
- 3. Review the *Strengthening Eternal Family Bonds through Temple Service: Discover Relatives on a Full Tree* resource card.
- 4. Follow the process for those who have “some” of their family members complete in the family tree. Look for record hints and research suggestions so you will be familiar with the process and can help class members as needed.
- 5. Set up several computers for class members to use to try to find family names while they are in your class.

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: Hand Out Materials

If class members have not already received one, provide each person with the *Strengthening Eternal Family Bonds through Temple Service: Discover Relatives on a Full Tree* resource card.

Step 2: Introduce the Activity

Explain that for this activity, class members will be following the strategy for those who have “some” of their family in the family tree, as outlined on the resource card.

Step 3: Follow the Resource Card Steps

Ensure that all class members have a computer, smartphone, or laptop that they can use. Ask them to begin by following the instructions on the card, and provide them with a time limit. If they have questions, they can ask the person next to them or a family history consultant (if there are some available in the room) to assist.

You might ask that each time someone finds a record or a research suggestion, that the person stand up or note it on a board so you can keep track of how many records and research suggestions were found during the activity session. Ask class members who have had success to assist class members who are struggling to find a family name to add to their family tree.

Low Bandwidth Options. For areas where Internet connections are slow you might consider having one computer with a helper where families can rotate through during the activity.

Step 4: Invite

Invite class members to continue searching for records when they return home and to teach other family members how to do the same.

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: Try to find a name by following the steps in the *Strengthening Eternal Family Bonds through Temple Service: Discover Relatives on a Full Tree* resource card prior to your presentation. If you are able to find a name, show the class how you used the card to find the name, and tell about your experience.

Idea 2: Incorporate a short lesson on indexing and how having indexed records helps in searching for the records of ancestors in order to find new ancestors missing from the tree.

Idea 3: Encourage the youth to share the images and information learned about their ancestors on social media and use the hashtag [#FamilyDiscoveryDay](#) (or another related hashtag). Encourage them to tag friends and family who might find this information interesting or who would benefit from participating in family history.