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# Following the Pioneers



Once I walked along several trails where the early Church pioneers walked on their way to the Salt Lake Valley. I felt very humble to walk where the pioneers walked. But it's not as important to walk where they walked as it is to live like they lived.

The pioneers stepped forward with faith into a new religion, a new land, and a new way of doing things. They trusted God. We need **faith** too.

They followed what their leaders asked them to do. We need to be **obedient** too.

They used their talents and worked together to build Zion. We need to be **unified** too.

They didn't leave anyone behind. They made sure to include those who were having trouble on the trail. We need to be **inclusive** too.

We can honor the pioneers by following their examples. ●

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