

The Eternal Family (Religion 200)

Student Readings

Note: You are not required to read any suggested materials that are not available in your language.

Lesson Title	Suggested Readings
1. Coming Forth of “The Family: A Proclamation to the World”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ephesians 4:11–14; Mosiah 8:15–17; Moses 6:26–39; 7:16–21. “The Family: A Proclamation to the World,” <i>Ensign</i> or <i>Liahona</i>, Nov. 2010, 129, lds.org/topics/family-proclamation. M. Russell Ballard, “What Matters Most Is What Lasts Longest,” <i>Ensign</i> or <i>Liahona</i>, Nov. 2005, 41–44.
2. Prophets and Apostles Solemnly Proclaim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezekiel 33:1–7; Amos 3:6–7; Doctrine and Covenants 1:4–5, 11, 14, 37–38; 90:1–5; 124:125–126. M. Russell Ballard, “Stay in the Boat and Hold On!” <i>Ensign</i> or <i>Liahona</i>, Nov. 2014, 89–92. Henry B. Eyring, “Finding Safety in Counsel,” <i>Ensign</i>, May 1997, 24–26. Carol F. McConkie, “Live according to the Words of the Prophets,” <i>Ensign</i> or <i>Liahona</i>, Nov. 2014, 77–79.
3. Our Divine Potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genesis 1:27; Isaiah 55:8–9; Acts 17:29; Romans 8:16–17; Hebrews 12:9; 1 John 3:1–2; 4:8–9; 1 Nephi 9:6; 2 Nephi 9:20; 3 Nephi 12:48; Moroni 8:18; Doctrine and Covenants 76:4; 88:41; 130:22. Dieter F. Uchtdorf, “Four Titles,” <i>Ensign</i> or <i>Liahona</i>, May 2013, 58–61. Gospel Topics, “Becoming Like God,” lds.org/topics.
4. The Family and the Great Plan of Happiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moses 1:27–39; 3:16–17; 5:6–12; 2 Nephi 2:19–25; 9:6–12; Doctrine and Covenants 49:15–17. M. Russell Ballard, “The Atonement and the Value of One Soul,” <i>Ensign</i> or <i>Liahona</i>, May 2004, 84–87. Julie B. Beck, “Teaching the Doctrine of the Family,” <i>Ensign</i>, Mar. 2011, 12–17.
5. The Conditions of Mortality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Nephi 2:27–29; Mosiah 3:19; 16:3–6; Moses 6:49, 53–55; Abraham 3:25. David A. Bednar, “The Atonement and the Journey of Mortality,” <i>Ensign</i>, Apr. 2012, 40–47.
6. The Family Is Central to Heavenly Father’s Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctrine and Covenants 93:39–50. Robert D. Hales, “The Eternal Family,” <i>Ensign</i>, Nov. 1996, 64–67. David A. Bednar, “More Diligent and Concerned at Home,” <i>Ensign</i> or <i>Liahona</i>, Nov. 2009, 17–20.
7. Marriage between a Man and a Woman Is Ordained of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mormon 9:9; Doctrine and Covenants 49:15–17; Moses 3:18–25; 5:1–16. Dallin H. Oaks, “No Other Gods,” <i>Ensign</i> or <i>Liahona</i>, Nov. 2013, 72–75. Sheri L. Dew, “It Is Not Good for Man or Woman to Be Alone,” <i>Ensign</i>, Nov. 2001, 12–14. “The Divine Institution of Marriage,” mormonnewsroom.org/article/the-divine-institution-of-marriage. Gospel Topics, “Same-Sex Marriage,” lds.org/topics.
8. Gender and Eternal Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew 7:12; John 8:1–11; 15:12; Doctrine and Covenants 76:24; Moses 2:27; and the second paragraph of “The Family: A Proclamation to the World,” <i>Ensign</i> or <i>Liahona</i>, Nov. 2010, 129. Jeffrey R. Holland, “Helping Those Who Struggle with Same-Gender Attraction,” <i>Ensign</i>, Oct. 2007, 42–45. Gospel Topics, “Same-Sex Attraction,” lds.org/topics.
9. The Divine Roles and Responsibilities of Men	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew 2:13–16; Ephesians 5:23, 25; 1 Timothy 5:8; Doctrine and Covenants 75:28; 83:2, 4; 121:36–46. D. Todd Christofferson, “Let Us Be Men,” <i>Ensign</i> or <i>Liahona</i>, Nov. 2006, 46–48. Linda K. Burton, “We’ll Ascend Together,” <i>Ensign</i> or <i>Liahona</i>, May 2015, 29–32. “The Sacred Callings of Fathers and Mothers,” chapter 15 in <i>Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Ezra Taft Benson</i> (2014), 191–96.
10. The Divine Roles and Responsibilities of Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14–15; Alma 56:47–48; 57:21; Doctrine and Covenants 25:1–3, 10, 13–16. “Understand the Divine Roles of Women,” <i>Ensign</i>, Feb. 2009, 67. “The Women of the Church,” chapter 20 in <i>Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Spencer W. Kimball</i> (2006), 214–25.
11. Preparing for Eternal Marriage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark 5:35–36; Doctrine and Covenants 6:22–23, 36; 8:2–3; 9:7–9; 11:12–14; 88:40. Dieter F. Uchtdorf, “The Reflection in the Water” (Church Educational System devotional, Nov. 1, 2009), lds.org/media-library. Jeffrey R. Holland, “Be Not Afraid, Only Believe” (evening with Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, Feb. 6, 2015), lds.org/broadcasts.
12. Temple Ordinances and Covenants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exodus 19:3–6; Doctrine and Covenants 84:19–21; 97:10–17; 109:12–26; 124:37–40, 55. Boyd K. Packer, “The Holy Temple,” <i>Ensign</i> or <i>Liahona</i>, Oct. 2010, 29–35.
13. Improving Temple Worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psalms 24:3–5; John 2:13–16; 3 Nephi 17:1–3; Doctrine and Covenants 109:8–22. Richard G. Scott, “Temple Worship: The Source of Strength and Power in Times of Need,” <i>Ensign</i> or <i>Liahona</i>, May 2009, 43–45. L. Lionel Kendrick, “Enhancing Our Temple Experience,” <i>Ensign</i>, May 2001, 78–79.

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14. Becoming Saviors on Mount Zion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obadiah 1:21; Malachi 4:5–6; Doctrine and Covenants 110:13–16; 128:18; 138:27–37, 58–59. • David A. Bednar, “The Hearts of the Children Shall Turn,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, Nov. 2011, 24–27. • Quentin L. Cook, “Roots and Branches,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, May 2014, 44–48.
15. Eternal Marriage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctrine and Covenants 131:1–4; 132:1–24. • Russell M. Nelson, “Celestial Marriage,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, Nov. 2008, 92–95.
16. The Sacred Powers of Procreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 2:21–24; Psalm 24:3–4; Matthew 5:8, 27–28; Romans 8:6; Jacob 2:28, 31–35; Alma 39:1–9; Doctrine and Covenants 42:22–24; 63:16; 121:45–46. • David A. Bednar, “We Believe in Being Chaste,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, May 2013, 41–44. • Linda S. Reeves, “Protection from Pornography—A Christ-Focused Home,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, May 2014, 15–17. • “Sexual Purity,” <i>For the Strength of Youth</i> (booklet, 2011), 35–37.
17. The Commandment to Multiply and Replenish the Earth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 1:27–28; 9:1; 35:11; Psalm 127:3; 1 Nephi 15:11; Doctrine and Covenants 29:6; 59:6; Moses 2:27–28. • Neil L. Andersen, “Children,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, Nov. 2011, 28–31. • Russell M. Nelson, “Abortion: An Assault on the Defenseless,” <i>Ensign</i>, Oct. 2008, 32–37.
18. Nurturing the Marriage Relationship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew 19:3–8; Ephesians 5:25, 28–31; Doctrine and Covenants 25:5, 13–15; 42:22; Abraham 5:15–18. • David A. Bednar, “Marriage Is Essential to His Eternal Plan,” <i>Ensign</i>, June 2006, 82–87. • L. Whitney Clayton, “Marriage: Watch and Learn,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, May 2013, 83–85.
19. Building Christ-Centered Lives and Homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John 15:1–5, 10–11; Helaman 5:12; 14:30–31; 3 Nephi 11:29–30; 12:22–24; Moroni 7:45, 48; Doctrine and Covenants 64:9–11; 88:119, 123–25. • Henry B. Eyring, “Our Perfect Example,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, Nov. 2009, 70–73. • Richard G. Scott, “For Peace at Home,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, May 2013, 29–31.
20. Safeguarding Faith and Testimony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 22:31–32; John 14:26–27; Ephesians 4:11–14; 1 Nephi 15:23–24; 2 Nephi 31:19–20; Alma 5:45–46; Helaman 3:28–30; 3 Nephi 18:32; Doctrine and Covenants 11:13–14; 21:4–6; 108:7–8. • Dieter F. Uchtdorf, “Come, Join with Us,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, Nov. 2013, 21–24. • Jeffrey R. Holland, “Lord, I Believe,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, May 2013, 93–95.
21. Rearing Children in Love and Righteousness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 15:11–20; Ephesians 6:4; 2 Timothy 3:15; 3 Nephi 18:21; Doctrine and Covenants 68:25–28; 93:36–40. • Richard G. Scott, “Make the Exercise of Faith Your First Priority,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, Nov. 2014, 92–95. • Jeffrey R. Holland, “A Prayer for the Children,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, May 2003, 85–87.
22. Creating a Successful Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deuteronomy 6:1–7; Joshua 24:15; Mosiah 4:14–15; Doctrine and Covenants 58:21; 98:4–6; 134:5–6; Articles of Faith 1:12. • Dallin H. Oaks, “Good, Better, Best,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, Nov. 2007, 104–8.
23. Providing for Temporal Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malachi 3:8–12; Matthew 6:19–21; Mark 6:1–3; Luke 2:51–52; 1 Timothy 6:7–10; 2 Nephi 9:51; Jacob 2:17–19; Doctrine and Covenants 56:17; 75:28; 104:13–18, 78. • Robert D. Hales, “Becoming Provident Providers Temporally and Spiritually,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, May 2009, 7–10. • Marvin J. Ashton, “One for the Money,” <i>Ensign</i>, Sept. 2007, 37–39.
24. Single Adult Church Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Corinthians 12:12–20, 25–27; Hebrews 11:1, 6, 8–13, 16. • Gordon B. Hinckley, “A Conversation with Single Adults,” <i>Ensign</i>, Mar. 1997, 58–63. • Spencer J. Condie, “Claim the Exceeding Great and Precious Promises,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, Nov. 2007, 16–18.
25. Exercising Faith in Difficult Family Circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proverbs 3:5–6; Matthew 11:28–30; 1 Nephi 16:34–39; 17:1–4; Mosiah 24:8–16; Doctrine and Covenants 121:7–8. • David A. Bednar, “The Atonement and the Journey of Mortality,” <i>Ensign</i>, Apr. 2012, 40–47. • “Strengthening the Family: Adapting to Circumstances,” <i>Ensign</i>, Dec. 2005, 34–35.
26. Accountable before God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew 18:1–6; Romans 13:12–14; 2 Corinthians 5:17–21; Mosiah 4:30; Alma 5:15–22; 12:14; Doctrine and Covenants 42:22–25; 93:39–44. • Jeffrey R. Holland, “The Tongue of Angels,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, May 2007, 16–18. • Richard G. Scott, “To Heal the Shattering Consequences of Abuse,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, May 2008, 40–43.
27. Prophetic Warnings Concerning the Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Timothy 3:1–7, 13; 1 Nephi 14:14–17; 22:16–17; Doctrine and Covenants 97:22–28. • Russell M. Nelson, “Faith and Families,” <i>Ensign</i>, Mar. 2007, 36–41. • Bonnie L. Oscarson, “Defenders of the Family Proclamation,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, May 2015, 14–17.
28. Promoting the Family as the Fundamental Unit of Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alma 43:9, 30, 45, 48; 46:11–16; 48:9–13. • Thomas S. Monson, “Be Strong and of a Good Courage,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, May 2014, 66–69. • Dallin H. Oaks, “Balancing Truth and Tolerance,” <i>Ensign</i>, Feb. 2013, 24–31. • L. Tom Perry, “Why Marriage and Family Matter—Everywhere in the World,” <i>Ensign or Liahona</i>, May 2015, 39–42.

