

Fun Temple and Family History Activities for Families, Ward Organizations and Special Needs Groups

Primary Children:

1. **Ancestor Coloring Book:** Create a simple coloring book with pictures of ancestors and their stories. Primary children can color the pictures and learn about their family history.
 - Duration: 30-60 minutes
 - Location: Home activity
 - Reference: FamilySearch Kids Activities
2. **Family History Scavenger Hunt:** Develop a scavenger hunt where children search for clues related to their ancestors. Clues can include photos, names, or dates found on family tree documents.
 - Duration: 1-2 hours
 - Location: Home activity
 - Reference: FamilySearch Scavenger Hunt Ideas
3. **Ancestor Puppet Show:** Have children create puppets of their ancestors and put on a puppet show acting out family stories or events.
 - Duration: 1-2 hours
 - Location: Home activity
 - Reference: Family History Puppet Show
4. **Family Tree Craft:** Provide materials for children to create a family tree craft, including photos or drawings of ancestors.
 - Duration: 1-2 hours
 - Location: Home activity
 - Reference: Family Tree Craft Ideas
5. **Storytime with Ancestors:** Have children listen to stories about their ancestors and then draw pictures or write short stories based on what they learned.
 - Duration: 30-60 minutes
 - Location: Home activity
 - Reference: FamilySearch Storytime

Young Men and Young Women:

1. **Youth Temple Trip:** Organize a temple trip where youth can perform ordinances for their ancestors. This can be followed by a group discussion about the importance of temple work.
 - Duration: Half-day
 - Location: Temple visit
 - Reference: Church leaders' talks on temple work
2. **Youth Family History Camp:** Plan a weekend camp focused on family history research and temple work. Activities can include workshops, games, and temple visits.
 - Duration: Weekend
 - Location: Campsite or retreat center

	Reference: Family History Camp Ideas
3.	Youth Indexing Night: Host a group indexing event where youth can help digitize historical records. Provide training and snacks to make it engaging.
	- Duration: 2-3 hours - Location: Church or home - Reference: FamilySearch Indexing
4.	Youth Ancestor Photo Challenge: Challenge youth to find and bring photos of their ancestors to a group activity. Display the photos and share stories about each ancestor.
	- Duration: 1-2 hours - Location: Church or home - Reference: Family History Photo Challenge
5.	Youth Genealogy Game Night: Organize a game night with genealogy-themed games like "Guess the Ancestor" or "Family History Trivia."
	- Duration: 1-2 hours - Location: Church or home - Reference: Family History Games

Relief Society Members:

1.	Relief Society Family History Retreat: Plan a retreat focused on family history research, temple work, and spiritual renewal. Invite guest speakers and provide workshops and resources.
	- Duration: Weekend - Location: Retreat center or Church facility - Reference: Family History Retreat Ideas
2.	Relief Society Family History Book Club: Start a book club where members read and discuss books related to family history, genealogy, or inspiring ancestor stories.
	- Duration: Monthly meetings - Location: Church or home - Reference: Family History Book Club Ideas
3.	Relief Society Indexing Challenge: Organize a friendly indexing competition among Relief Society sisters to see who can index the most records within a set timeframe.
	- Duration: 1 month - Location: Church or home - Reference: FamilySearch Indexing Challenge
4.	Relief Society Ancestor Story Swap: Host a gathering where members share stories about their ancestors. Encourage personal experiences and connections to strengthen testimonies.
	- Duration: 1-2 hours - Location: Church or home - Reference: Family History Story Swap
5.	Relief Society Temple Day: Coordinate a day for Relief Society sisters to attend the temple together and perform ordinances for their ancestors. Provide time for reflection and testimony sharing afterward.
	- Duration: Half-day - Location: Temple visit

- Reference: Church leaders' talks on temple work

Young Single Adults (YSA):

1. **YSA Family History Conference:** Host a conference specifically tailored to YSA members, featuring workshops, guest speakers, and interactive activities related to family history and temple work.
 - Duration: Full-day event
 - Location: Church or conference center
 - Reference: YSA Family History Conference Guide
2. **YSA Ancestor Discovery Trip:** Plan a group outing to a local historical site or cemetery where YSA members can learn about local history and possibly discover ancestors' graves.
 - Duration: Half-day
 - Location: Local historical site or cemetery
 - Reference: Local historical society or genealogical society
3. **YSA Virtual Genealogy Night:** Host a virtual genealogy night where YSA members can connect online, share research tips, and collaborate on family history projects.
 - Duration: 1-2 hours
 - Location: Virtual meeting platform
 - Reference: FamilySearch Community Groups
4. **YSA Family History Retreat:** Organize a weekend retreat focused on family history research, temple attendance, and fellowship. Include workshops, discussions, and recreational activities.
 - Duration: Weekend
 - Location: Retreat center or Church facility
 - Reference: YSA Family History Retreat Guide
5. **YSA Temple Night:** Schedule

Elders Quorum:

1. **Elders Quorum Family History Challenge:** Organize a friendly competition within the Elders Quorum to see who can find and document the most ancestors within a set timeframe. Provide prizes for participation and progress.
 - Duration: 1 month
 - Location: Church or home
 - Reference: Church leaders' talks on family history
2. **Elders Quorum Temple Night:** Coordinate a temple trip specifically for members of the Elders Quorum to perform ordinances for their ancestors. Encourage bonding and fellowship before and after temple service.
 - Duration: Evening
 - Location: Temple visit
 - Reference: Church leaders' talks on temple work
3. **Elders Quorum Genealogy Workshop:** Host a genealogy workshop where members can receive personalized assistance with their family history research. Provide access to online resources and offer one-on-one guidance.

- Duration: 2-3 hours
 - Location: Church or home
 - Reference: FamilySearch Learning Center
4. **Elders Quorum Ancestor Discovery Hike:** Plan a group hike to a local historical site or cemetery where members can learn about local history and possibly find ancestors' graves. Foster camaraderie and shared experiences.
 - Duration: Half-day
 - Location: Local historical site or cemetery
 - Reference: Local historical society or genealogical society
 5. **Elders Quorum Family History Fireside:** Arrange a fireside event where members can hear inspiring stories of family history discoveries and share their own experiences. Invite guest speakers or use multimedia presentations.
 - Duration: 1-2 hours
 - Location: Church or home
 - Reference: Church leaders' talks on family history

Ward with Predominantly Military Members:

Ward Activities:

1. **Military Family History Night:** Host a family history night specifically geared towards military members, featuring stories of military ancestors and resources for researching military records.
 - Duration: 2-3 hours
 - Location: Church or home
 - Reference: [Fold3 Military Records](#)
2. **Military Family History Service Project:** Organize a service project where ward members research and document the military service of local veterans buried in a nearby cemetery. Clean and decorate graves as needed.
 - Duration: Half-day
 - Location: Local cemetery
 - Reference: Local historical society or veterans' organizations

Temple Recommend Activities

Primary Children:

1. **Temple Recommend Coloring Pages:** Provide coloring pages depicting temple scenes, including recommend interviews, baptisms, and sealings. Use these pages to teach children about the temple recommend process.
 - Duration: 30-60 minutes
 - Location: Home or church

	Reference: LDS Coloring Pages
2.	Temple Ordinance Role-Play: Organize a simple role-play activity where children act out receiving a temple recommend, participating in baptisms for the dead, and being sealed as a family.
	- Duration: 1 hour - Location: Church or home - Reference: Church leaders' talks on temple ordinances
3.	Temple Recommend Craft: Create temple recommend cards using craft materials like paper, markers, and stickers. Discuss the importance of having a recommend and attending the temple.
	- Duration: 1-2 hours - Location: Home or church - Reference: Temple Recommend Craft Ideas
4.	Temple Bingo Game: Make a bingo game featuring symbols and aspects of temple worship, such as recommend interviews, baptismal fonts, and celestial rooms. Play as a family to reinforce temple concepts.
	- Duration: 1 hour - Location: Home - Reference: Temple Bingo Template
5.	Temple Excursion: Take a virtual tour of a temple or visit a nearby temple grounds. Explain the significance of the temple and answer any questions children may have.
	- Duration: 1-2 hours - Location: Virtual or local temple - Reference: Virtual Temple Tours

Young Men and Young Women:

1.	Temple Recommend Interviews Workshop: Arrange for youth to practice temple recommend interviews with leaders or experienced members. Provide guidance and feedback on responses.
	- Duration: 2 hours - Location: Church - Reference: Church leaders' talks on temple worthiness
2.	Temple Ordinance Simulation: Set up a mock baptistry and sealing room where youth can simulate performing baptisms and sealings. Emphasize reverence and respect for these sacred ordinances.
	- Duration: 2-3 hours - Location: Church or temple grounds - Reference: Church leaders' talks on temple ordinances
3.	Temple Recommend Scavenger Hunt: Organize a scavenger hunt with clues related to temple recommend questions and requirements. Include discussions about each question and its significance.
	- Duration: 1-2 hours - Location: Church or outdoor venue - Reference: Temple Recommend Questions

4. **Temple Ordinance Video Night:** Watch videos or documentaries about temple ordinances and temple service. Discuss the feelings and impressions youth have about temple worship.
 - Duration: 1-2 hours
 - Location: Church or home
 - Reference: LDS Temple Videos
5. **Temple Recommend Goal Setting:** Help youth set personal goals related to temple worthiness and attendance. Encourage regular temple trips and provide support to help them achieve their goals.
 - Duration: Ongoing
 - Location: Church or home
 - Reference: Church leaders' talks on temple goals and preparation

Relief Society Members:

1. **Temple Recommend Preparation Class:** Offer a class for Relief Society sisters on the importance of temple recommends, how to prepare for temple interviews, and understanding temple covenants.
 - Duration: 1-2 hours per session
 - Location: Church or home
 - Reference: Church leaders' talks on temple preparation
2. **Temple Ordinance Study Group:** Form a study group where sisters can learn about temple ordinances, symbolism, and the blessings associated with temple service through scriptures and talks.
 - Duration: Weekly or biweekly meetings
 - Location: Church or rotating homes
 - Reference: LDS Scriptures and talks on temple ordinances
3. **Temple Recommend Renewal Celebration:** Organize a celebration for sisters who have recently renewed or received temple recommends. Share testimonies and experiences related to temple attendance.
 - Duration: 1-2 hours
 - Location: Church or home
 - Reference: Church leaders' talks on temple blessings
4. **Temple Recommend Accountability Partners:** Pair sisters with temple recommend accountability partners to support each other in temple attendance and worthiness. Schedule regular check-ins and encourage accountability.
 - Duration: Ongoing
 - Location: Church or home
 - Reference: Personal mentorship and support
5. **Temple Service Project:** Plan a service project focused on supporting temple attendance and temple preparation within the Relief Society. This could include organizing transportation, childcare, or meal assistance for sisters attending the temple.
 - Duration: Varies
 - Location: Church or community
 - Reference: Relief Society service guidelines and needs assessment

Young Single Adults (YSA):

1. **Temple Recommend Workshop:** Host a workshop for YSA members to review temple recommend questions, discuss worthiness, and address common concerns about temple attendance.
 - Duration: 1-2 hours
 - Location: Church or home
 - Reference: Church leaders' talks on temple worthiness
2. **Temple Ordinance Retreat:** Plan a retreat focused on temple ordinances, including workshops, discussions, and temple attendance opportunities for YSA members.
 - Duration: Weekend
 - Location: Retreat center or temple grounds
 - Reference: Church leaders' talks on temple service
3. **Temple Recommend Accountability Group:** Form small groups of YSA members who commit to supporting each other in maintaining temple worthiness and attending the temple regularly.
 - Duration: Ongoing
 - Location: Church or rotating homes
 - Reference: Personal commitment and support
4. **Temple Ordinance Reflection Night:** Host a reflective evening where YSA members share experiences, feelings, and insights gained from recent temple attendance or ordinance participation.
 - Duration: 1-2 hours
 - Location: Church or home
 - Reference: Personal testimonies and spiritual experiences
5. **Temple Recommend Goal Setting Workshop:** Facilitate a goal-setting workshop where YSA members can set specific, measurable goals related to temple worthiness and attendance, with accountability partners for support.
 - Duration: 1-2 hours
 - Location: Church or home
 - Reference: Church leaders' talks on setting and achieving goals

Elders Quorum:

1. **Temple Recommend Interview Preparation Meeting:** Organize a meeting to discuss the temple recommend interview process, answer questions, and provide guidance