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Temple and Family History Initiative

These Ideas are just that, ideas. You can do all of them, several of them, or you can think up your own ideas and projects. Don't get stuck doing just one thing, over and over each day. Be brave, branch out, try new things that you haven't done before. Remember, the goal is to be involved in Temple/FH work each day, to learn and grow and to share with others your experiences. Be positive and seek spiritual guidance in your journey. We encourage you to fast and pray for help and direction. Have fun and let the Spirit guide you in this adventure, but also remember to keep sacred things sacred.

Create your user account at www.FamilySearch.org using your login information from LDS.org (if you do not have an lds.org account, your ward or branch clerk, or a local temple and family history consultant can help you get one)

Ideas to get you started and keep you going:

- Sign up to be an indexer at familysearch.org
- Hold a FHE lesson where you share stories of ancestors
- Add a photograph to an ancestor's page on FamilySearch.org
- Tell a family member a story about an ancestor
- Start a journal, and write in it each day
- Add a photograph to your page on FamilySearch.org
- Add an audio file to your page on FamilySearch.org
- Show someone how to upload a memory on FamilySearch.org
- Take someone, that doesn't live with you, to the Temple
- Contact a relative for family history information or stories
- Learn about a place where your ancestors lived and write about it in your journal
- Record stories from a parent, grandparent, or other relatives
- Complete your four-generation chart
- Print a fan chart, frame it and hang it in your home
- Add a story to an ancestor's page on FamilySearch.org
- Learn all you can about a name you are taking to the Temple
- Find a talk or article on Temple and Family History work. Read it and post favorite quotes from it on social media and around your home
- Find an ancestor who needs temple work
- Start a journal, and write in it each day
- Take a name to the temple for ordinance work
- Do family baptisms at the temple
- Index one batch of records at familysearch.org

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- Use a family recipe for a meal and tell your family something about the person whose recipe it is.
- Find and study a census record which contains an ancestor
- Add an ancestor to your pedigree chart
- Label some of your family pictures
- Show someone how to find a gravestone (findagrave.com or BillionGraves.com)
- Add a gravestone picture to an ancestor's page on FamilySearch.org.
- Start a family album or scrapbook
- Order a DNA test
- Make a video or audio recording of a member of your family
- Help someone else get started on familysearch.org
- Read the talk from the April 2005 general conference by Henry B. Eyring called “Hearts Bound Together”
- Make a family history bingo game for your family to play (search “family history bingo” on Pinterest)
- Visit the grave of an ancestor with your family and share stories about that person.
- Hand-write a letter to a family member
- read the following scriptures on temple work (Malachi 4:6, Matthew 16:19, John 5:25, 1 Corinthians 15:29, Hebrews 11:40, D&C 132:46, D&C 138:48)
- Begin, or update your personal history on familysearch.org/myfamily

Additional ideas and larger projects:

Plan or attend a family reunion.

Start a Family website.

Scan old photographs or slides.

Digitize old audio files.

Digitize (scan) old journals and letters.

Upload your family history onto a third-party program such as Ancestor.com

Have old movies and videos digitized.

Write your life story.