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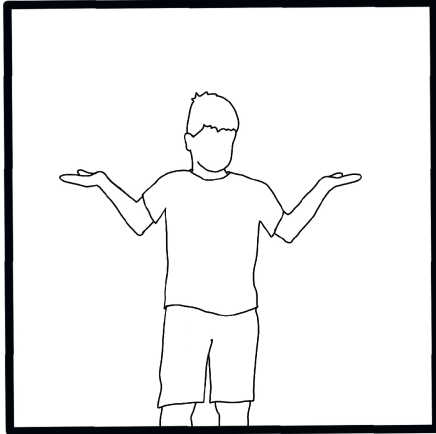
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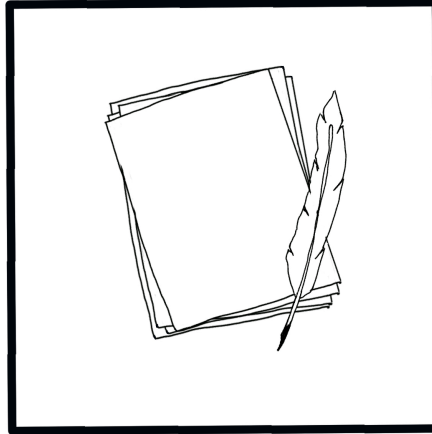
CHURCH HISTORY READ ALONG 1

D&C 1, Saints 1:140-143

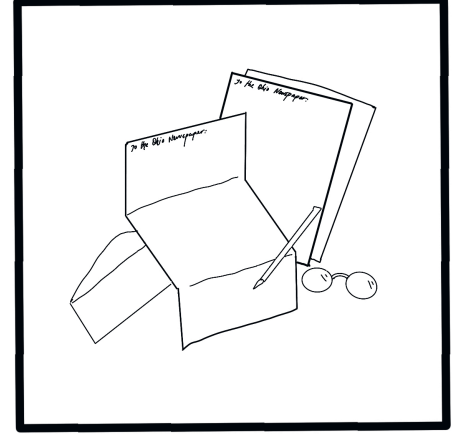
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How did we get the Doctrine & Covenants?



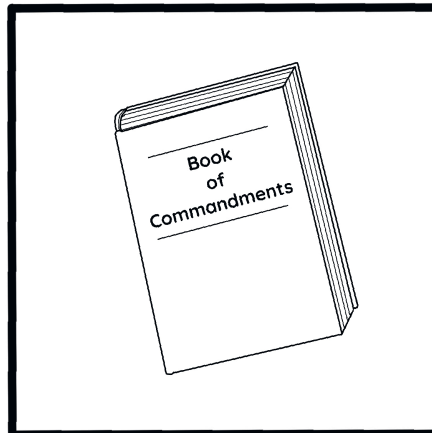
At first, all revelations were hand written or just shared verbally.



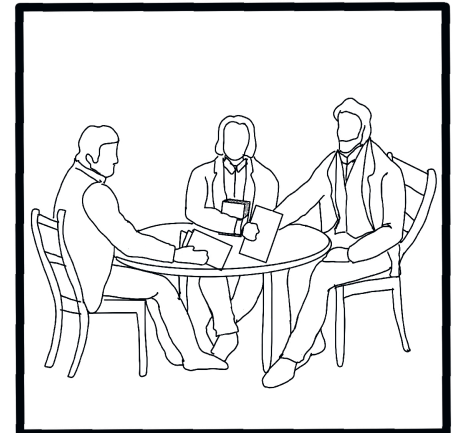
Ezra Booth wrote a series of letters trying to discredit the church.



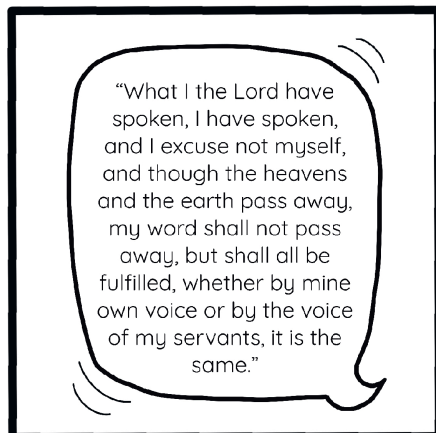
Joseph called together a council and wanted to put the revelations in a book.



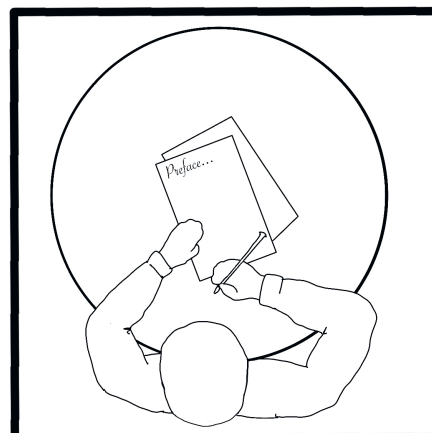
The council decided to publish 10,000 copies and call it "The Book of Commandments."



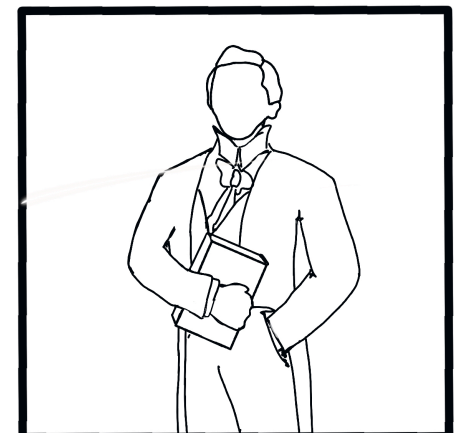
Three men wrote a preface, but the rest of the council didn't like it.



So they asked the Lord about it. Joseph received a new revelation.



Sidney Rigdon wrote down the revelation. No one could say it better than the Lord through Joseph.

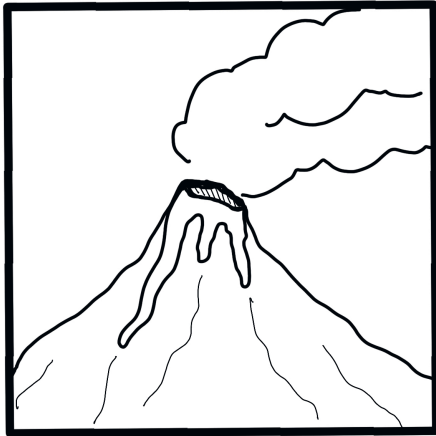


This new revelation became section 1 of the Doctrine & Covenants.

CHURCH HISTORY READ ALONG 2

Saints 1:3-19 Joseph Smith History 1:1-26

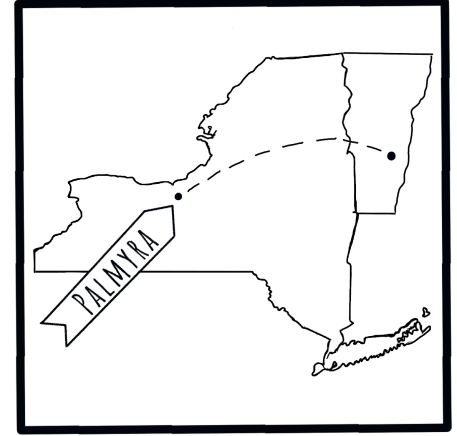
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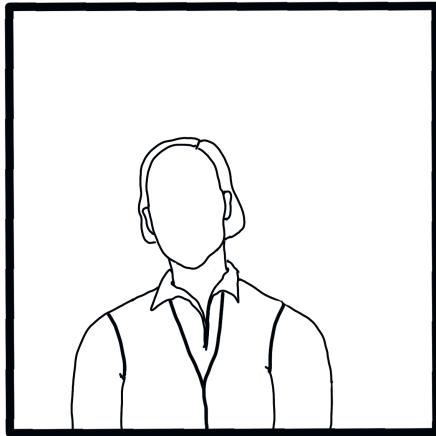
In April 1815, a volcano exploded on an Indonesian island affecting weather around the world.



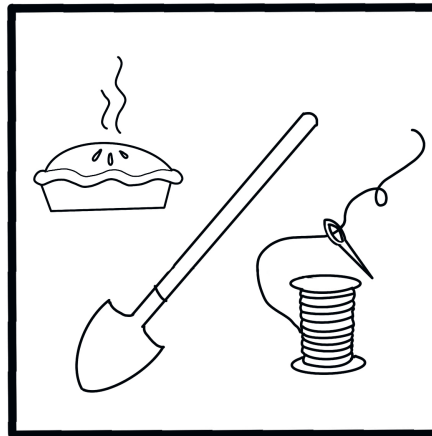
No summer and many frosts ruined the Smith family farm in Vermont.



They had to sell their farm and start over in Palmyra, New York.



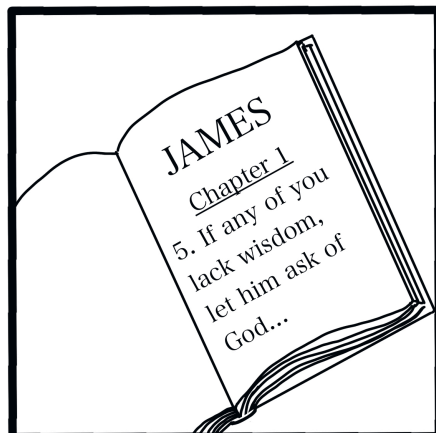
Joseph Smith Sr. went first, the rest of the family joined him later.



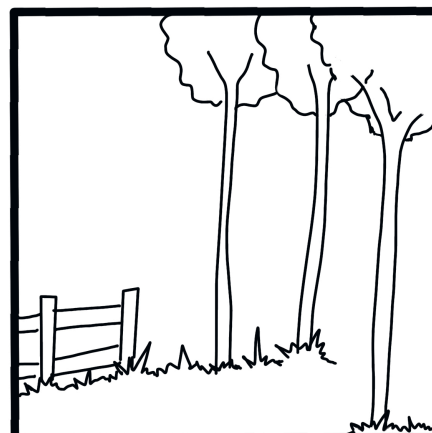
The Smith family found many ways to earn money to save for a new farm.



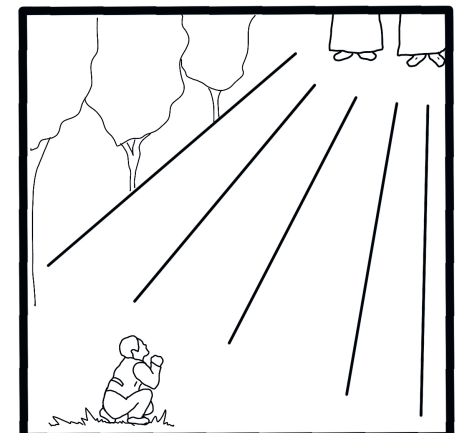
There were many churches in Palmyra. Joseph Smith didn't know which church to go to.



Joseph turned to his scriptures, and learned he could ask God.



Joseph decided to pray. He went to a grove by their new home.

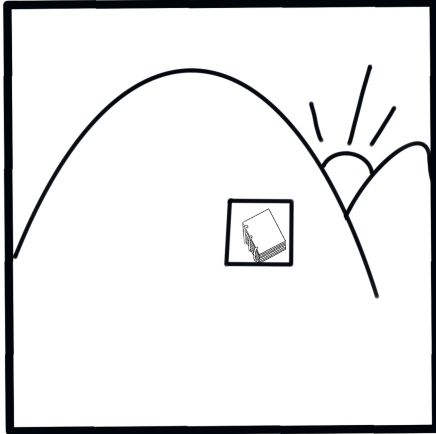


He saw Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. They told Joseph he would help restore Christ's church on earth again.

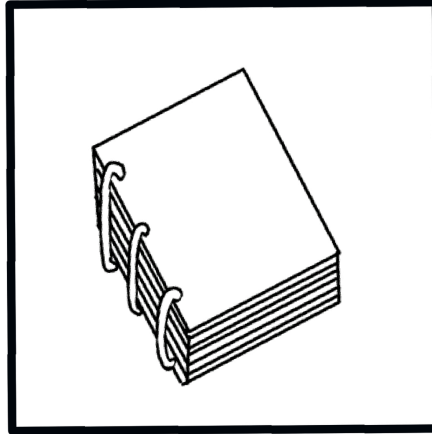
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Saints 1: 20-48

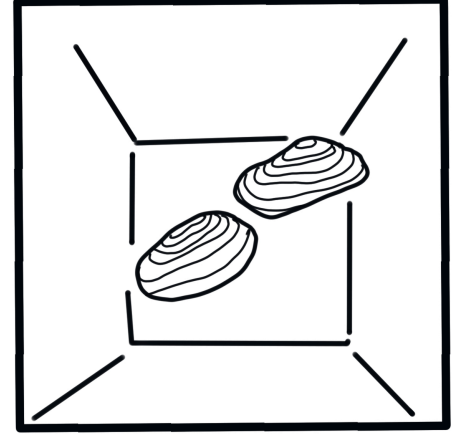
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An angel, Moroni, appeared to Joseph and told him about golden plates buried near by.



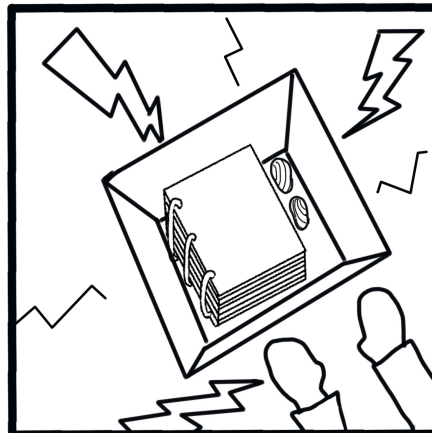
The Gold Plates were a record of an ancient people who once lived in the Americas.



Buried with the plates were two seer stones that would help Joseph translate the plates.



The Angel Moroni warned Joseph not to think dark thoughts and asked him to protect the plates.



Joseph went to the hill to try and take the plates, but was shocked when he tried.



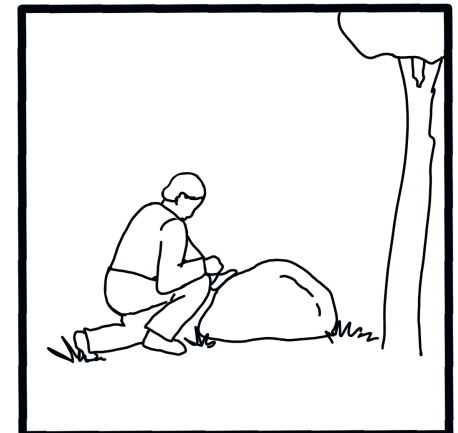
The Angel Moroni said he couldn't have them yet, but to come back in one year.



Joseph confided in his brother Alvin, but Alvin got sick and died. He told Joseph to be faithful so he could get the plates.



Joseph went back to the hill a year later to get the plates- but didn't follow Moroni's instructions.

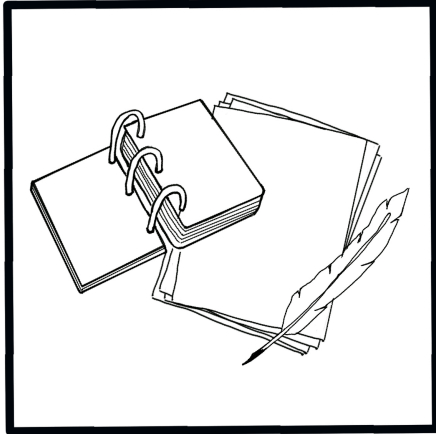


He put the plates on the ground before locking them up. He was told he could not take the plates for another year.

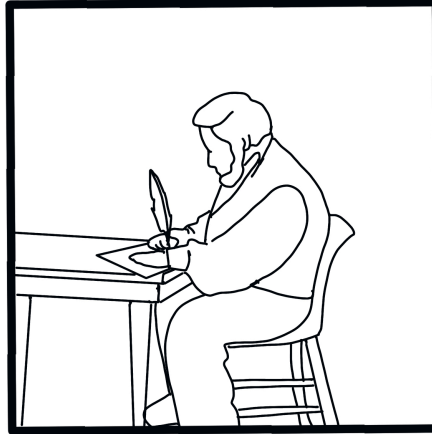
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Saints 1: 56-58, D&C 3-5

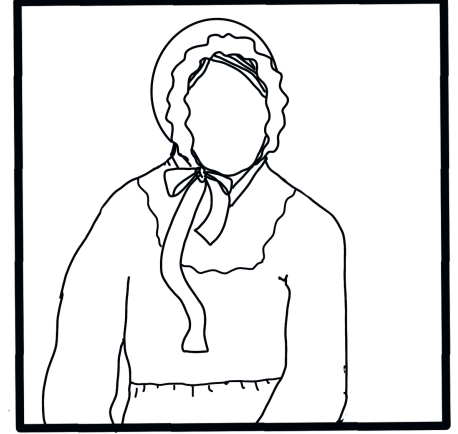
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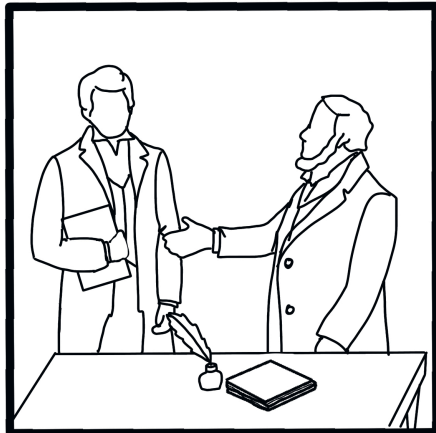
Joseph finally got the the plates and started translating them into English.



Martin Harris was a new friend who wrote down what Joseph translated.



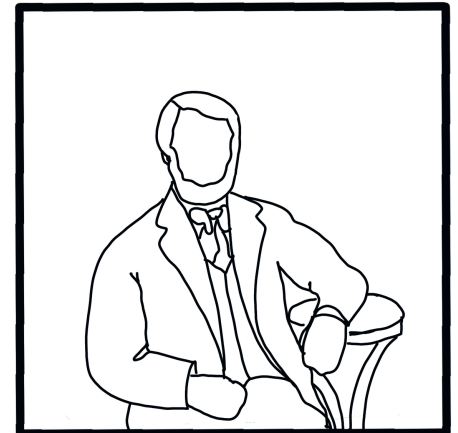
Martin's wife Lucy didn't believe Joseph was translating golden plates and wanted to take him to court.



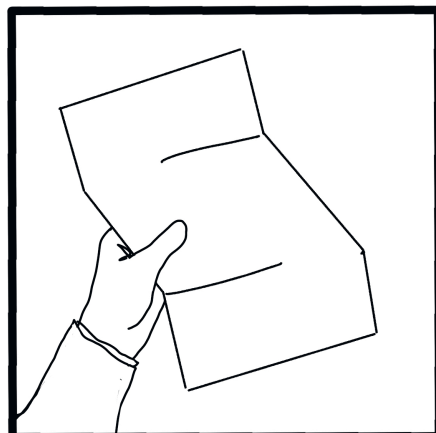
Martin asked Joseph to take the first 116 translated pages to show his wife Lucy.



Joseph inquired of the Lord. The Lord said no, and Martin needed to exercise faith.



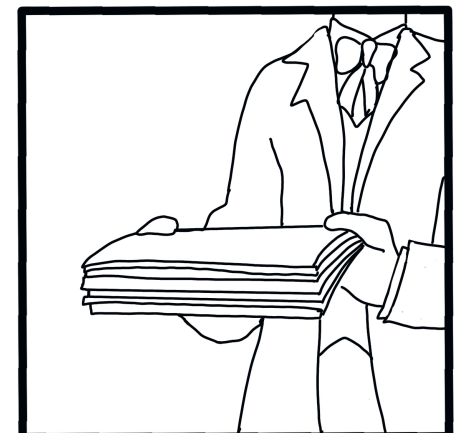
The Lord promised if Martin was faithful and obedient, he would one day see the plates.



Martin told Lucy about the revelation but she still wanted evidence.



Martin kept asking Joseph to borrow the manuscript.



Even though the Lord had said no, Joseph let Martin take the 116 pages.

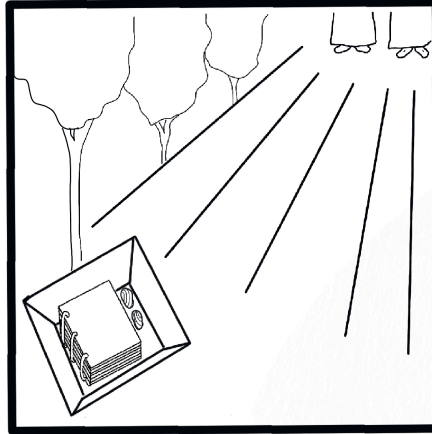
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Saints 1: 58-64

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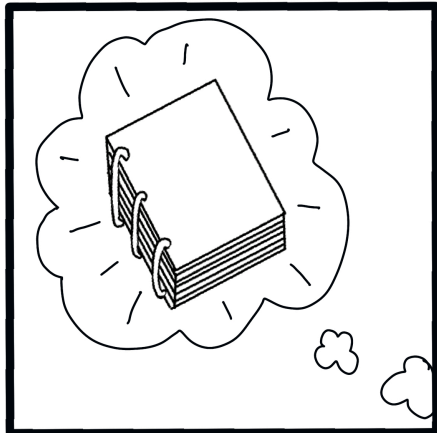
A young teacher named Oliver Cowdery was staying with Joseph's parents.



Oliver learned about Joseph's divine mission to carry out this marvelous work.



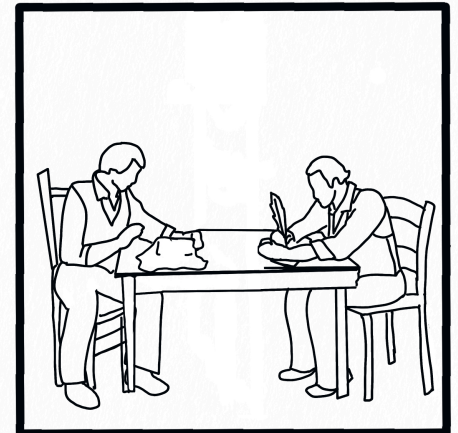
Oliver wanted to join Joseph in Harmony to help him translate the golden plates.



Oliver prayed about what he learned and was shown the gold plates in a vision and knew it was true.



Oliver walked to Harmony and made it to Joseph and his wife Emma's home.



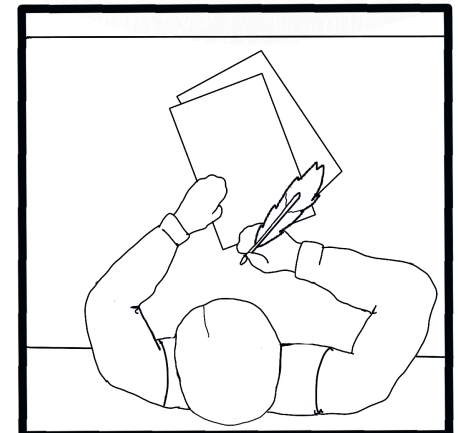
Joseph and Oliver began to translate the plates. Oliver loved the work he was doing.



As they continued, Oliver had many questions and wanted to be a seer and translate like Joseph.



Joseph encouraged him to ask God. Oliver asked and tried to translate, but it didn't come easy.



The Lord instructed Oliver that his work was to write for Joseph, and not to translate at that time.

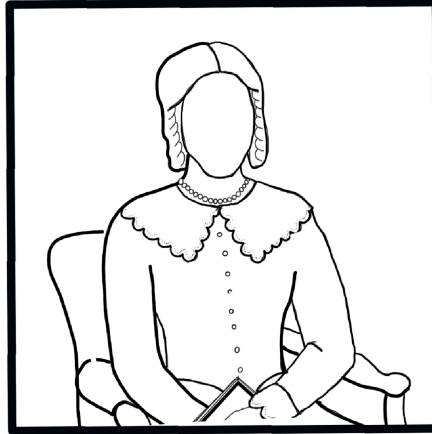
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Saints 1:51-61

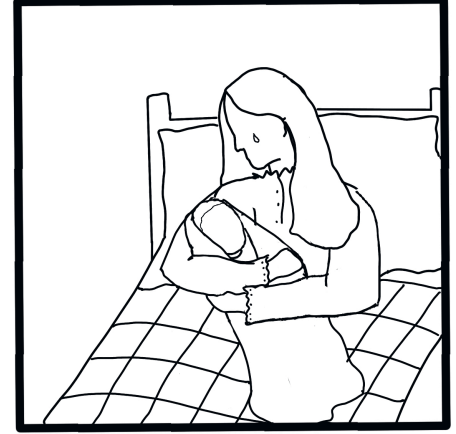
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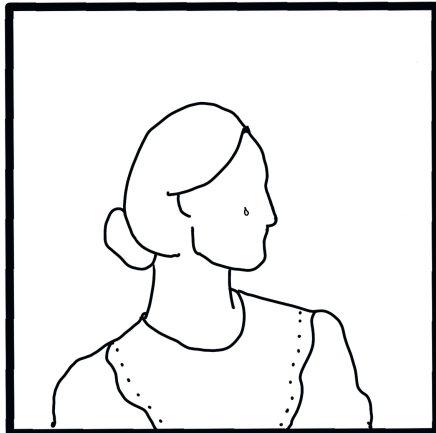
In early 1827, Joseph married Emma Hale who he met while working.



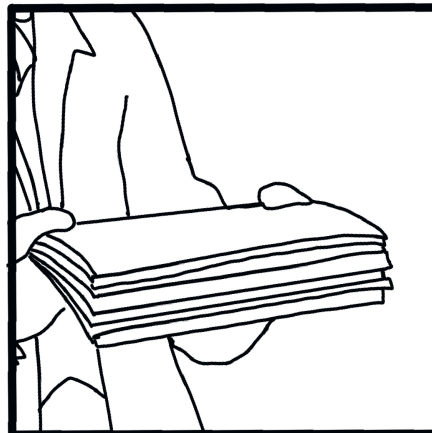
Emma was with Joseph when he got the plates from the hill Cumorah and was his first scribe.



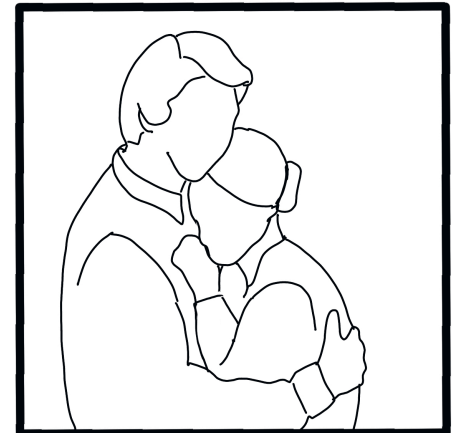
In 1828, Joseph and Emma had a baby boy, but he only lived a few hours.



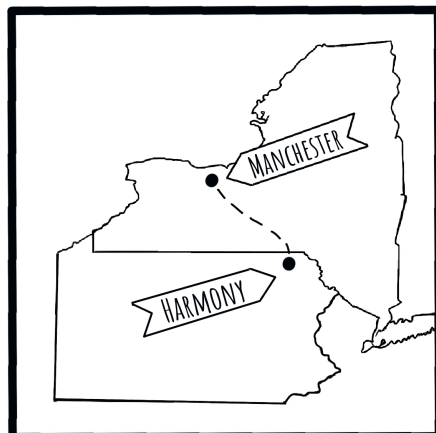
Even though Emma was sad and sick, she was worried about Joseph and the manuscript.



Joseph had given Martin Harris the translated manuscript of the Book of Mormon though the Lord told him not to.



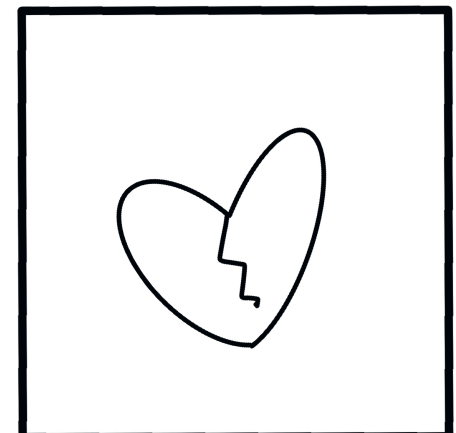
Emma told Joseph to go find Martin.



Joseph went to his parent's house in Manchester and invited Martin over for dinner.



Martin came to dinner and told Joseph that he had lost the manuscript.

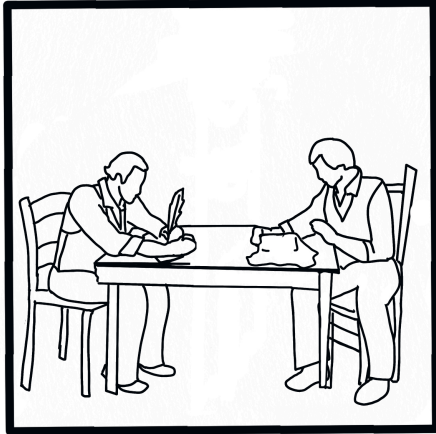


Joseph was heartbroken and mad at himself for not obeying the Lord.

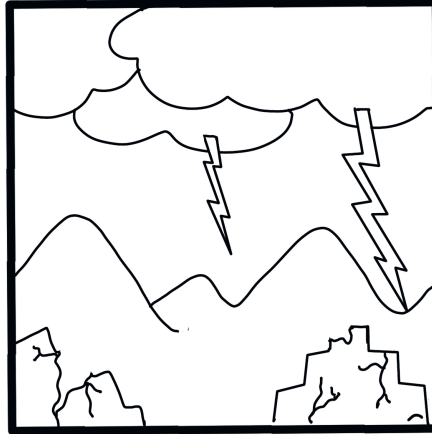
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Saints 1: 65-68

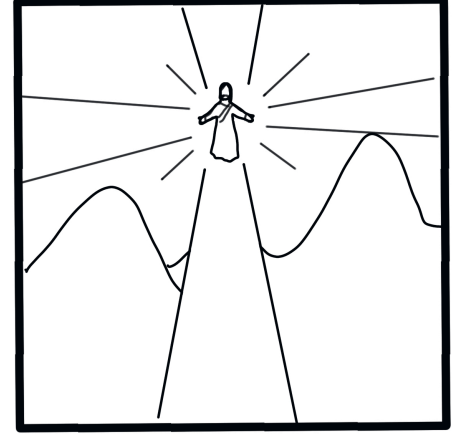
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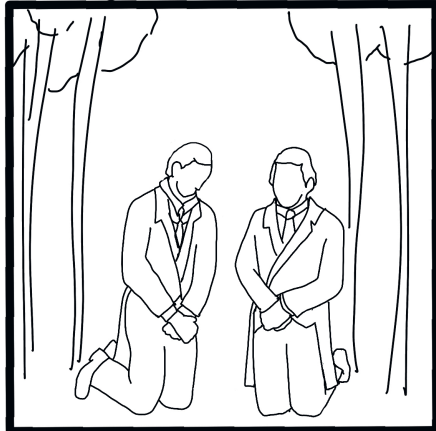
Joseph and Oliver started translating the plates again. They came across some insightful teachings.



They learned that when Jesus died, there were earthquakes and storms. Many people died and for 3 days people mourned.



Then Jesus appeared to the Nephites and declared "all who come unto Christ, and believe in Him and is baptized, shall be saved"



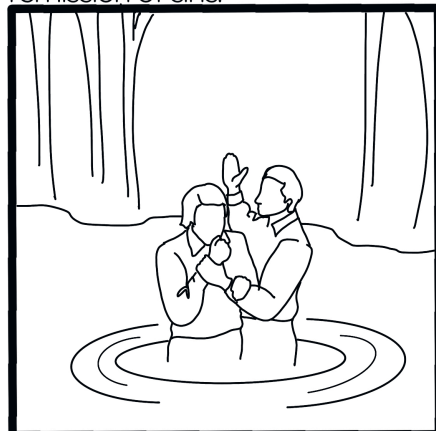
Intrigued by this, Joseph and Oliver went into the woods and asked God about baptism and the remission of sins.



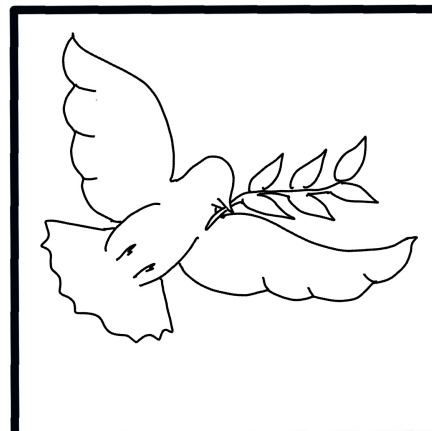
John the Baptist appeared. He placed his hands on their heads and conferred upon them the Aaronic Priesthood.



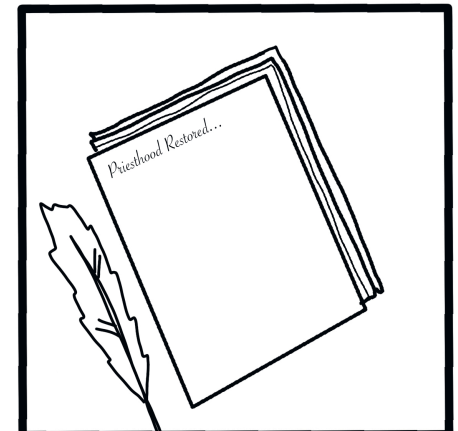
He then explained that the Aaronic priesthood authorized them to perform baptisms.



Joseph and Oliver went into the river and baptized each other.



After their baptisms, the Holy Ghost descended upon them and they each prophecied.



Joseph and Oliver were enlightened with these truths, and loved the work of translation even more.

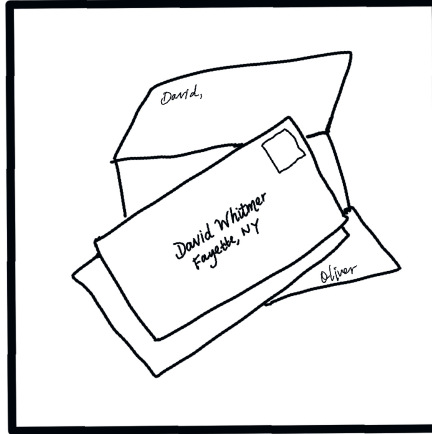
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Saints 1:68-71

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Oliver had a friend named David Whitmer who lived in New York.



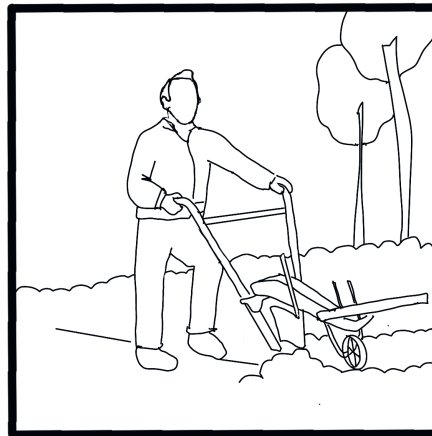
Oliver sent letters to David, telling him about his experiences in translating the plates.



David was fascinated by Joseph's work. He told his family, and wanted to go to Harmony to meet Joseph.



His father agreed, but told him he needed to plow the fields first, which would take a few days.



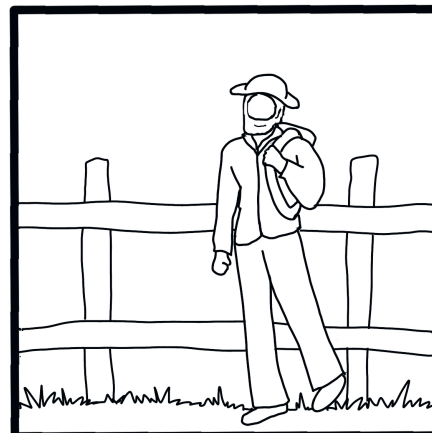
When David went out to plow, he saw that 6 acres had miraculously been plowed overnight, and now he had less work to do.



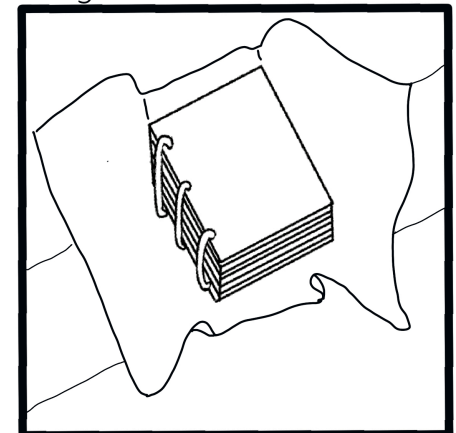
David finished his work and headed to Harmony to get Joseph, Emma, and Oliver and bring them back to his home.



While Joseph, Oliver, and David worked on translating the plates; Mary, David's mom, worked hard to tend to all the chores.



Working so hard made Mary tired, but she didn't complain. One day while working she saw an old man with a knapsack, his name was Moroni.

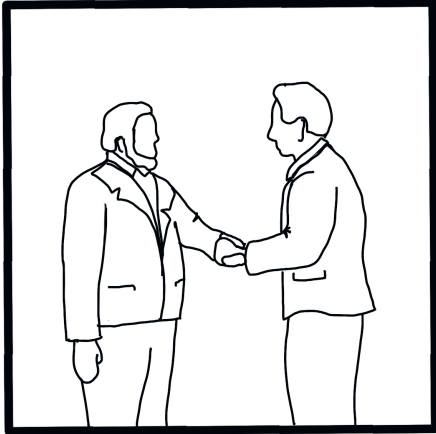


Moroni showed Mary the gold plates to help strengthen her faith, and then he quickly disappeared.

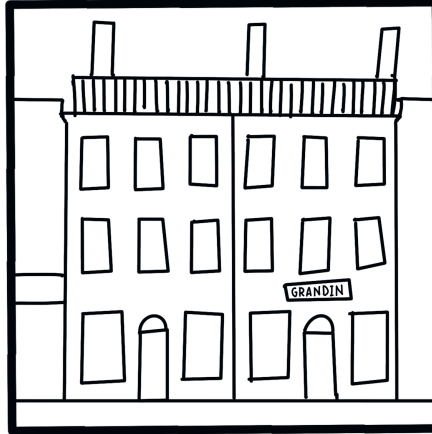
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Saints 1: 76-84

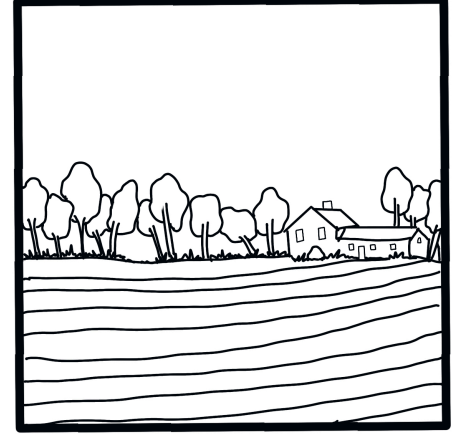
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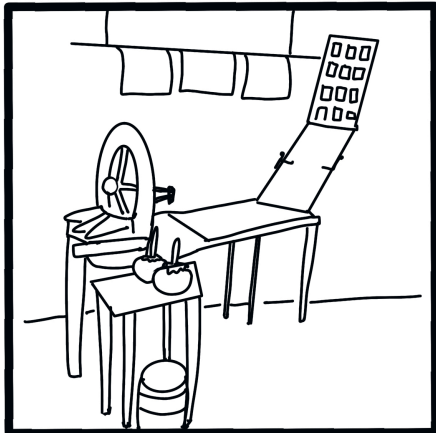
Joseph was ready to publish the Book of Mormon and asked his friend Martin Harris to help him.



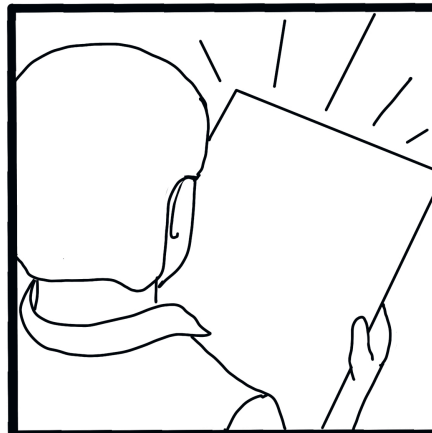
They found a printing company that was willing to publish it, but wanted \$3,000 to do it.



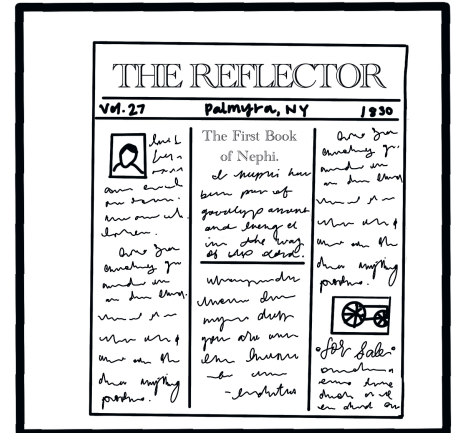
Neither Joseph or Martin had that kind of money, so Martin decided to sell part of his farm.



Grandin's Press, the publisher, accepted and took on the project to print the Book of Mormon.



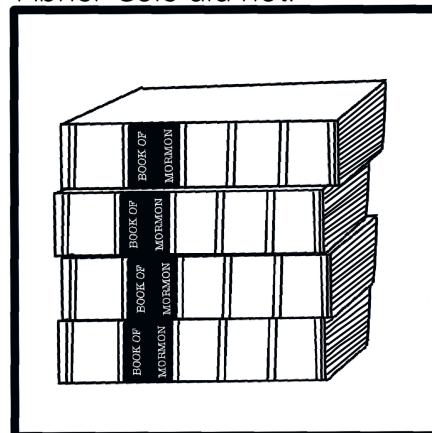
Many people felt inspired when reading some of the printed pages. One man, Abner Cole did not.



He printed parts of the Book of Mormon with sarcastic rude comments in his own newspaper that he printed at Grandin's press.



Joseph convinced Abner to stop printing any more excerpts from the Book of Mormon in the newspaper.



By March 26, 1830, the first copies of the Book of Mormon were bound and available for sale.

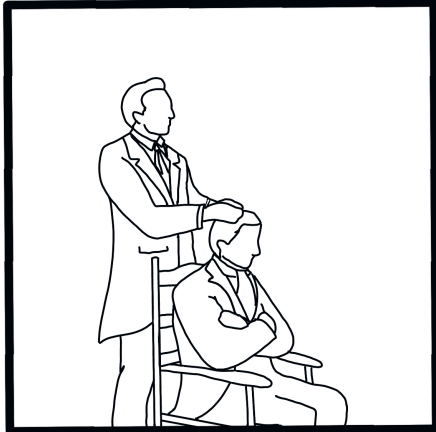


Joseph and Oliver, now having both the Aaronic and Melchizedek priesthood, started to organize the church of Jesus Christ.

CHURCH HISTORY READ ALONG 10

Saints 1:84-86

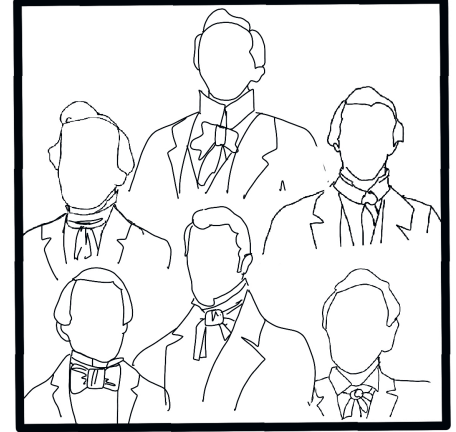
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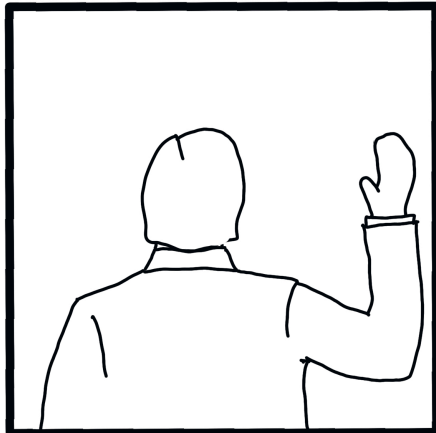
The Lord directed Joseph and Oliver to ordain each other as elders of the church.



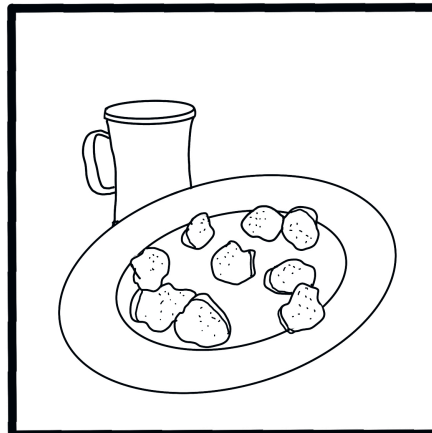
They ordained other church officers and conferred the gift of the Holy Ghost on all who had been baptized.



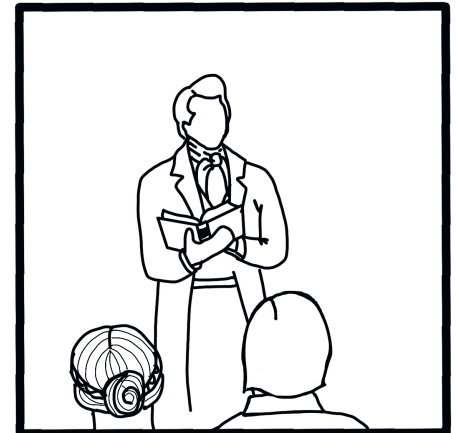
To follow the law, 6 people became the first members of the church. Many others were at the founding meeting.



Joseph and Oliver asked the new members if they sustained them as leaders, and they did.



They passed the sacrament and confirmed those who had been baptized and gave them the gift of the Holy Ghost.



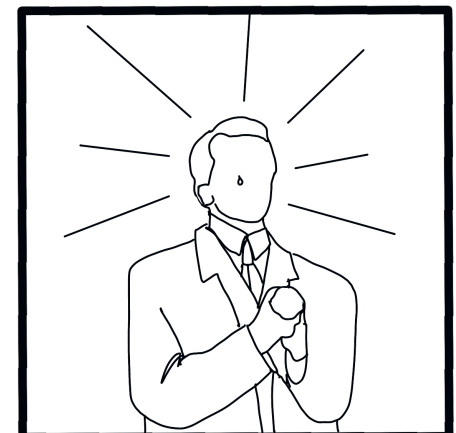
Joseph shared the revelation he received from the Lord to the congregation.



Joseph witnessed the baptism of his mother and father.



Joseph went into the woods to give his gratitude to the Lord.

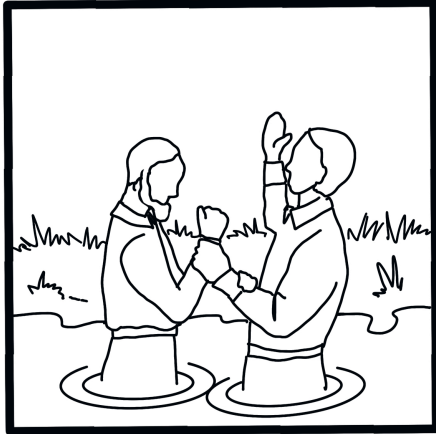


His joy was full, and the work he had been called to do had begun.

CHURCH HISTORY READ ALONG 11

Saints 1: 89-90, 94-97

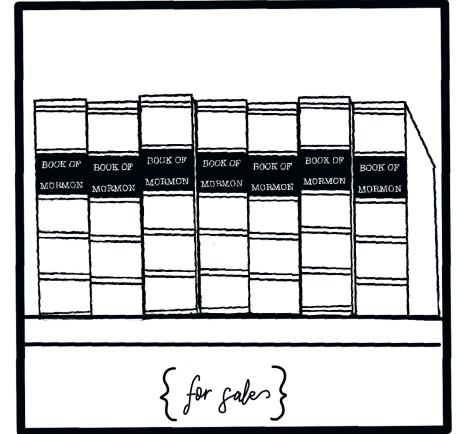
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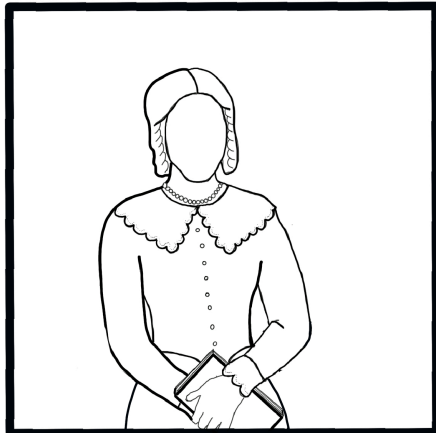
After the church was organized, Oliver baptized several friends and family.



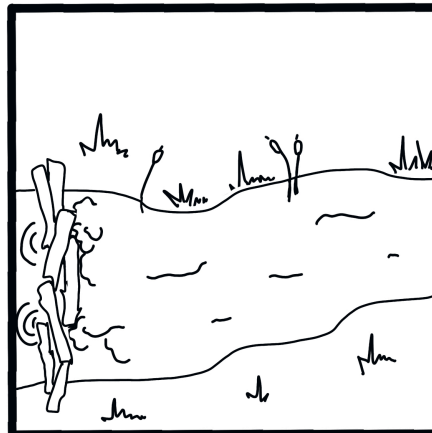
Joseph knew he and Oliver needed to preach repentance to all.



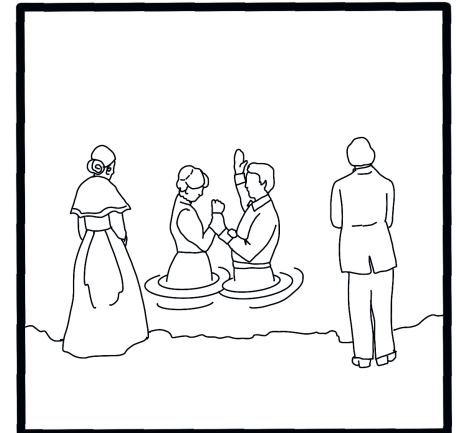
The Book of Mormon was selling poorly, so Joseph wasn't sure how to move the work forward.



Emma, Joseph's wife, had not been baptized yet. She was ready to be baptized with friends in Colesville.



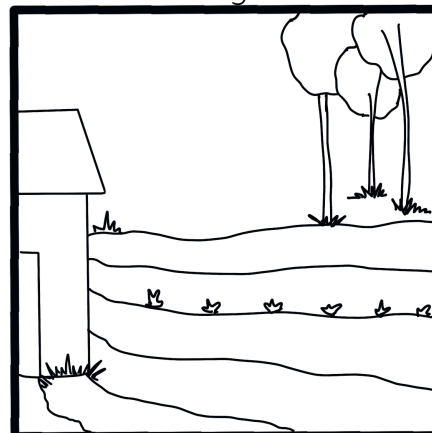
They dammed a river so they could do the baptisms the next day, but someone destroyed the dam overnight.



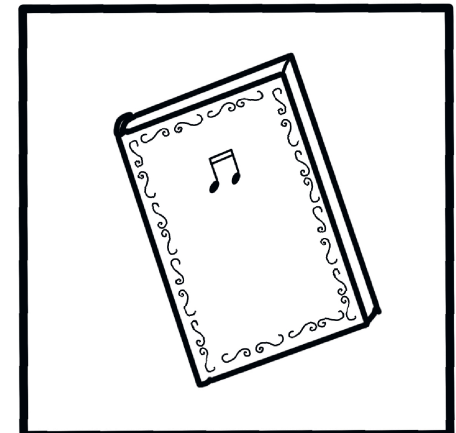
Despite the opposition, several, including Emma, were baptized the next day.



Mobs came to the baptism and arrested Joseph. He was put in jail for spreading his message.



Released from jail Joseph went back to work his farm, but the Lord told him to focus on building Zion.

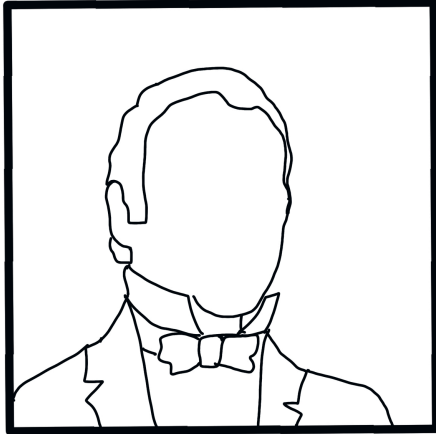


The Lord instructed Emma to go with Joseph and make a selection of sacred hymns for the church.

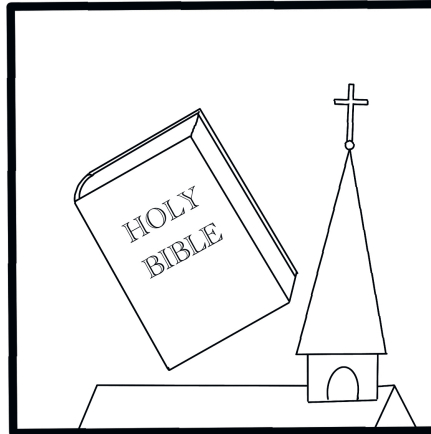
CHURCH HISTORY READ ALONG 12

Saints 1: 79-80, 119-120

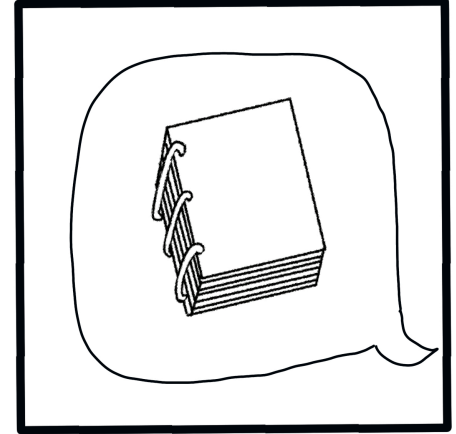
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Thomas B. Marsh lived in Boston but was led by the spirit to travel to western New York.



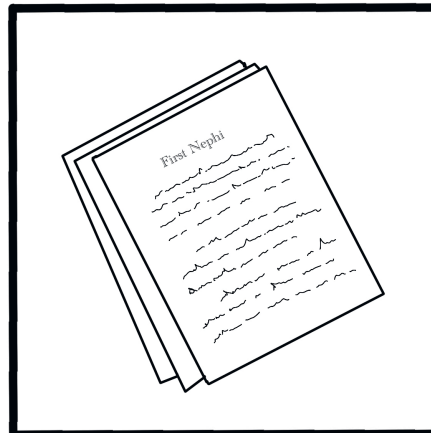
He was in search of a church that taught the gospel found in the Bible.



After 3 months of nothing he headed home. On his way, he heard of Joseph Smith's "golden book".



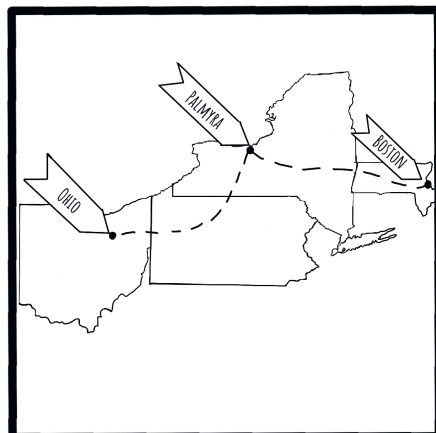
He was led to Martin Harris in Palmyra. He met him at Grandin's printshop.



The printer gave Thomas 16 pages of The Book of Mormon.



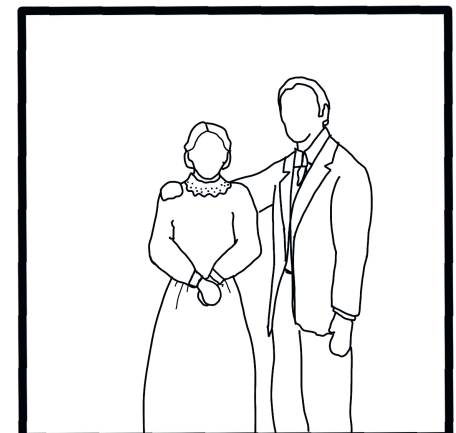
He went home to Boston excited to share his new faith with his wife Elizabeth.



They moved to New York to be close to the church, then followed the Saints to Ohio.



Thomas and Elizabeth both prayed and gained testimonies of the work.

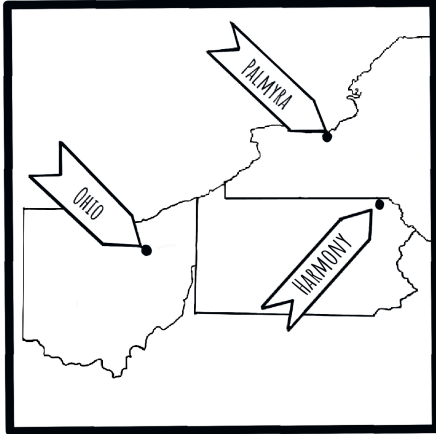


They were ready to work and go wherever the Lord revealed.

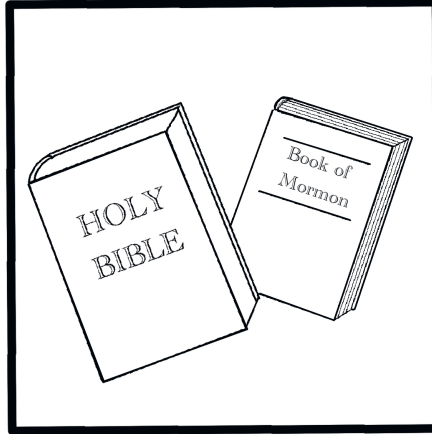
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Saints 1: 109-111

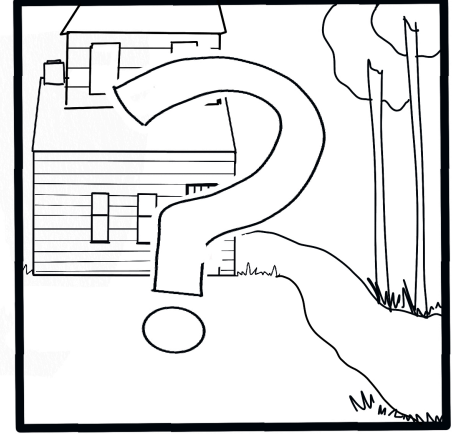
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As the church grew the Lord instructed the Saints to gather in Ohio.



This move seemed to fulfill prophecies in the Bible and the Book of Mormon about gathering the Saints.



Ohio was hundreds of miles away and the Saints didn't know much about it.



Many worried about leaving their farms and that moving quickly would make them lose money.



Joseph received revelation that by gathering together they would receive greater riches, and a land of promise.



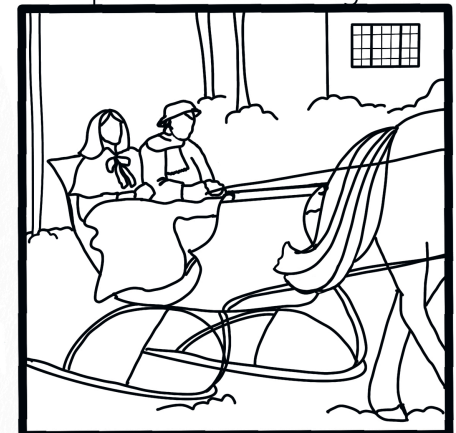
They were also promised protection, receiving more of God's law, and being "endowed with power from on high."



Newel Knight was leader of the Colesville Saints. He lead them to follow the example of Enoch and his people.



The Colesville branch worked together to make sure all members, including the poor, could move before spring.

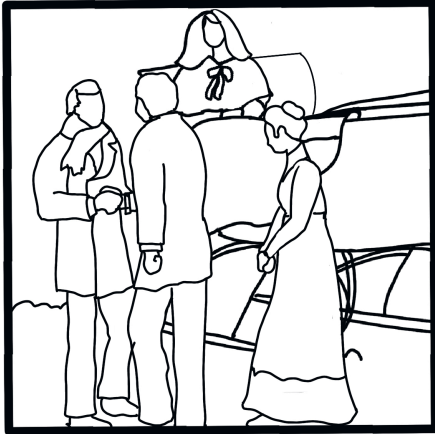


Joseph wanted to hurry to Ohio, so he and Emma left quickly. Emma was pregnant with twins.

CHURCH HISTORY READ ALONG 14

Saints 1: 114-119

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Joseph and Emma were welcomed in Ohio by Newel & Ann Whitney, and lived with them until they found their own home.



Kirtland, Ohio was a small town but the members there had doubled the size of the church.



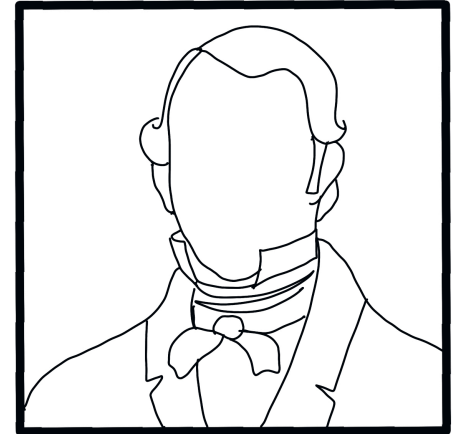
Joseph went out visiting the Saints. They wanted to live like the Saints in the New Testament, and were excited.



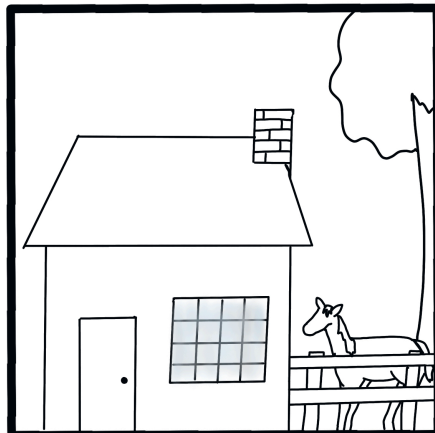
In Kirtland, Joseph received new revelations giving more of God's law.



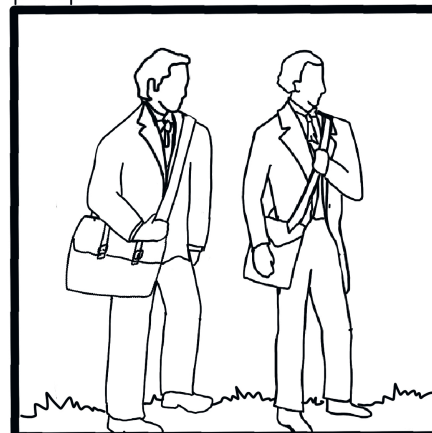
The Lord gave His law, or commandments, to help the Saints become like Enoch's people.



The first bishop, Edward Partridge, was called. Saints were to share all their land and property.



They were given what they needed, and anything not used would be given back to the church to build up Zion.



At the same time Oliver Cowdery and other missionaries arrived in Missouri to teach the Delaware Indians.

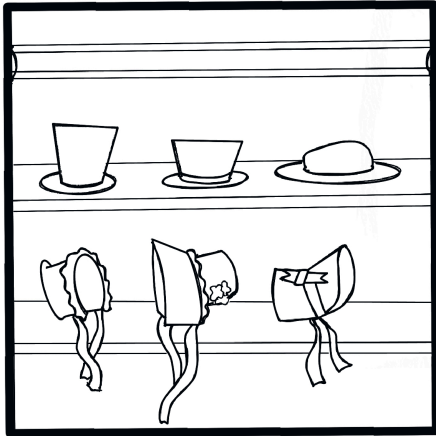


They met with the chief, Kikthawenund, and told him about the Book of Mormon.

CHURCH HISTORY READ ALONG 15

Saints 1: 125-128

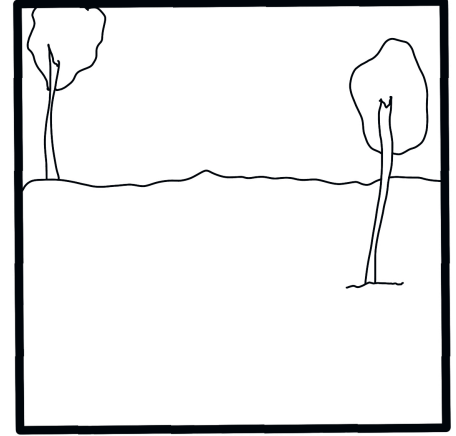
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Edward Partridge lived just north of Kirtland and was a hat maker by trade.



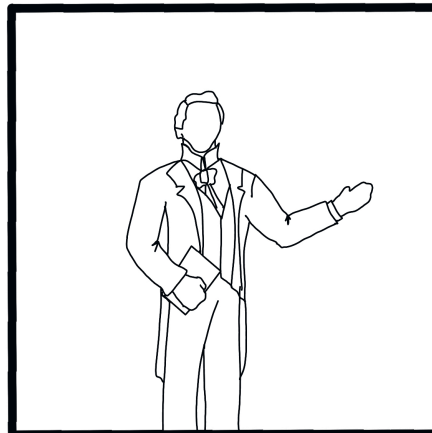
Now that he was the bishop, he spent most of his time helping the Saints coming to Ohio find homes and work.



One group of Saints came from Colesville and were given some consecrated land to settle on.



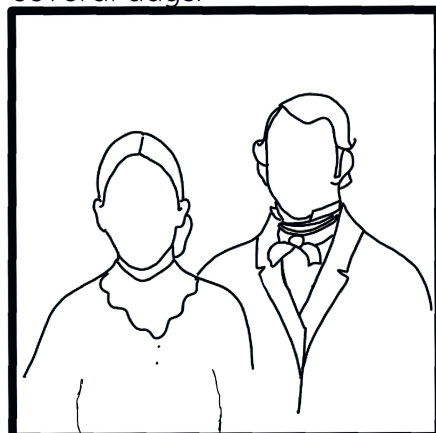
In 1831, there was an important church conference where the leaders met for several days.



Joseph received revelation that the next conference would be in Missouri.



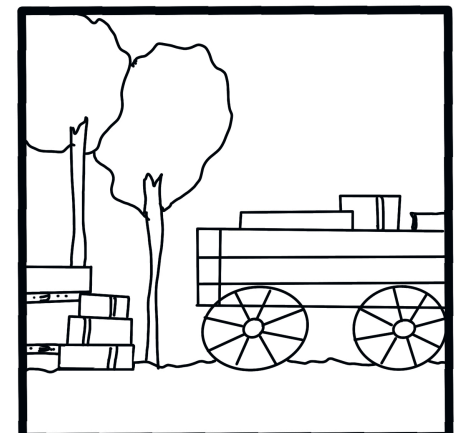
Missouri would be the where the Saints would build the city of Zion.



Many leaders were headed to Missouri. Bishop Partridge was hesitant to leave his family.



The Colesville saints had settled in, but their land owner left the church and kicked them off his land.

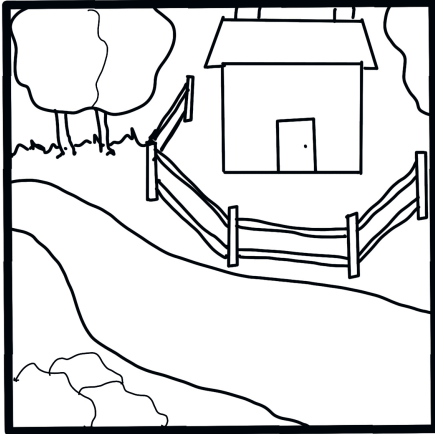


Having to leave their homes anyway, they headed to Missouri to build Zion.

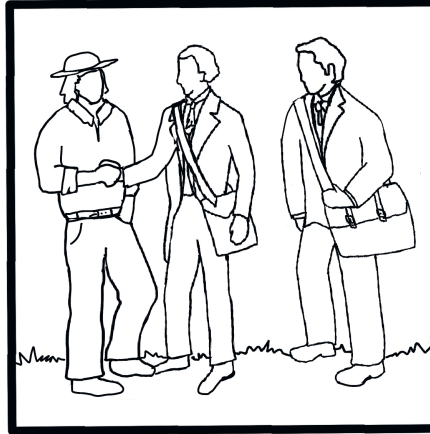
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Saints 1: 127-133

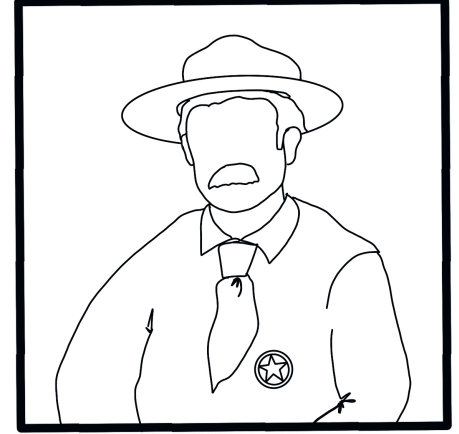
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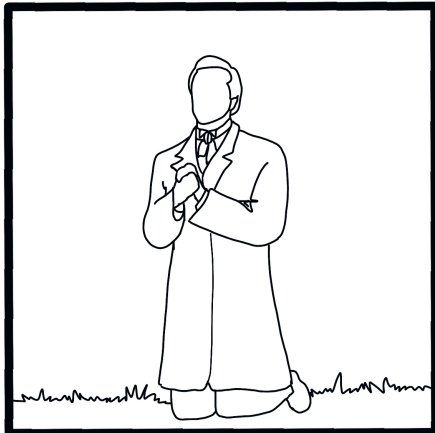
When the leaders of the church got to Independence, Missouri they were surprised at how small it was.



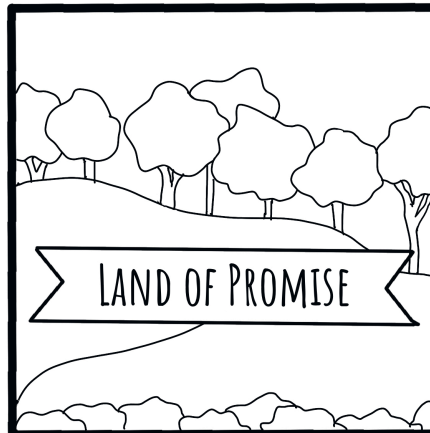
Oliver Cowdery and other missionaries had some success in teaching, but the branch was small.



Independence was full of rough people and the government agents made preaching to the Indians hard.



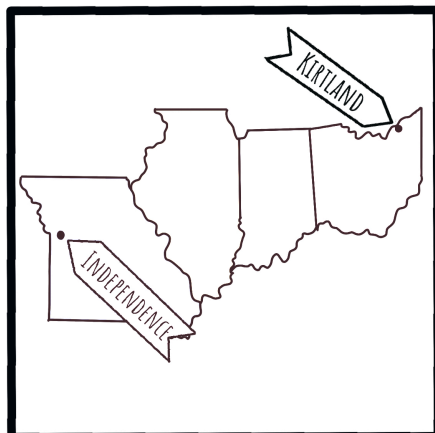
A little discouraged, Joseph asked the Lord, "When will Zion be built up?"



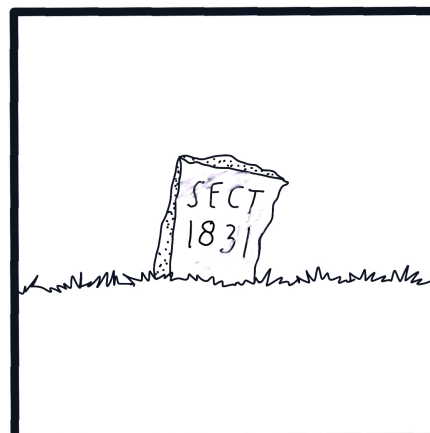
The Lord declared, "This is the land of promise, and the place for the city of Zion."



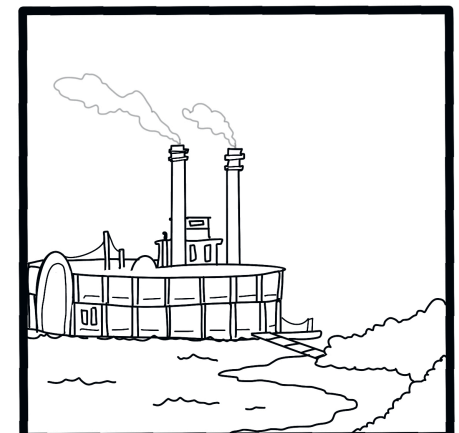
Bishop Partridge was stressed about his part in the big task of building Zion.



After a revelation from the Lord, he repented and prepared to move to Missouri and help the Saints.



On a plot west of the courthouse, Joseph laid a single cornerstone for a future temple.



Soon after, the Saints started coming by Riverboat. Excited to live in Zion.

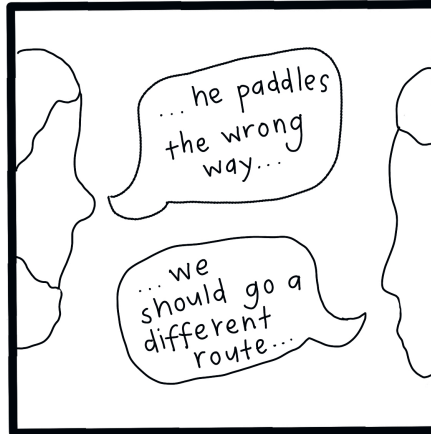
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Saints 1: 133-134, 136-137

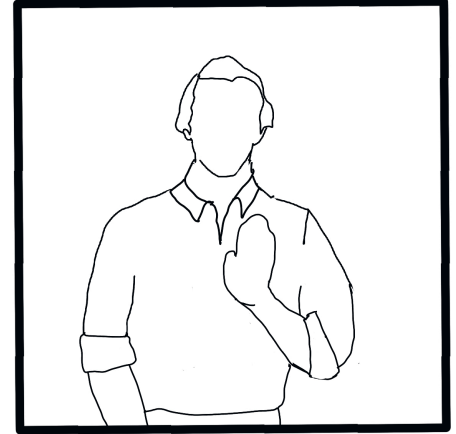
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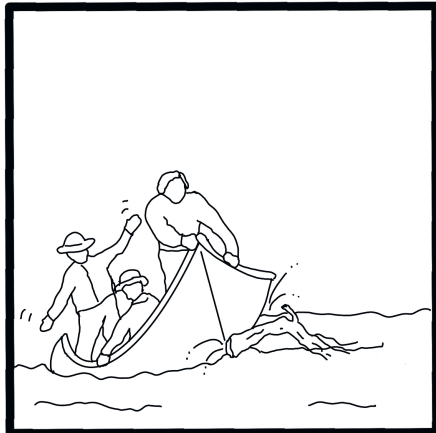
Joseph and many church elders left Independence to go back to Ohio. They used canoes to travel up the Missouri River.



A few days into their journey the men started criticizing each other.



Oliver warned if they didn't treat each other better some accident would befall them.



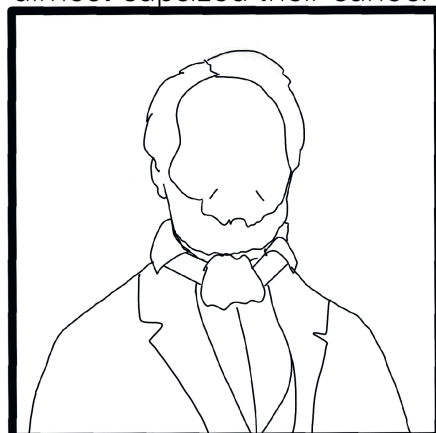
Some of the men were upset and refused to paddle. They hit an underwater tree and almost capsized their canoe!



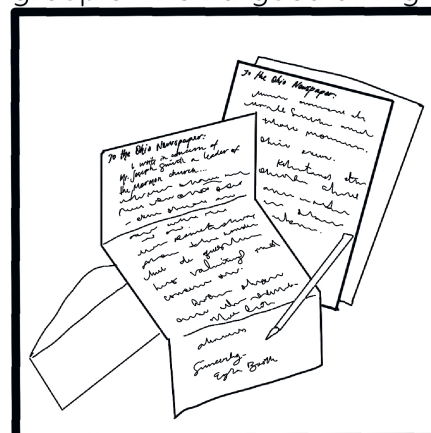
Joseph ordered the men off the river. Sidney Rigdon tried to ease tensions, but the group of men argued all night.



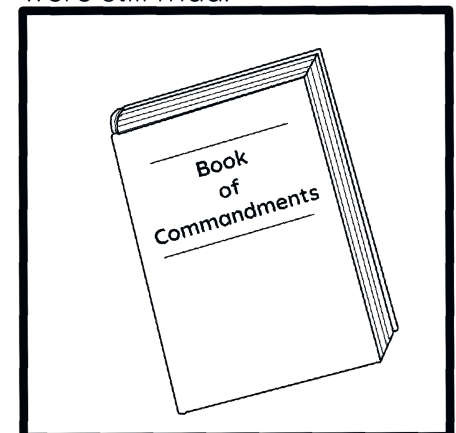
Most of the men humbled themselves and asked for forgiveness. However a few were still mad.



Ezra Booth was one who didn't get over his anger and started to criticize Joseph and his actions in Missouri.



He wrote letters attacking Joseph's character, and accusing him of hiding revelations.

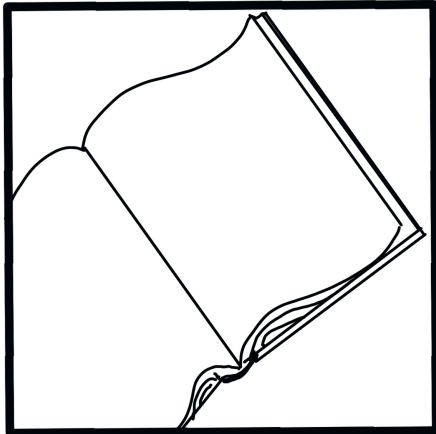


These letters worried many and inspired the creation of the Book of Commandments.

CHURCH HISTORY READ ALONG 18

Saints 1: 147-150

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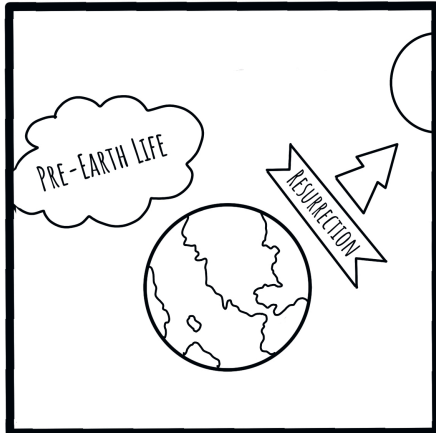
As Joseph was translating the Bible he was reading in John about resurrection and wondered if there was more to know about heaven.



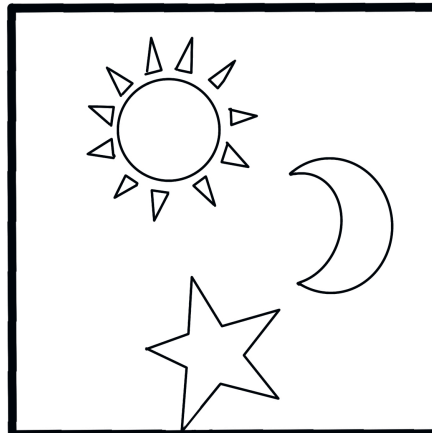
Later, Joseph, Sidney, and about 12 others were in the upstairs room at the Johnson home.



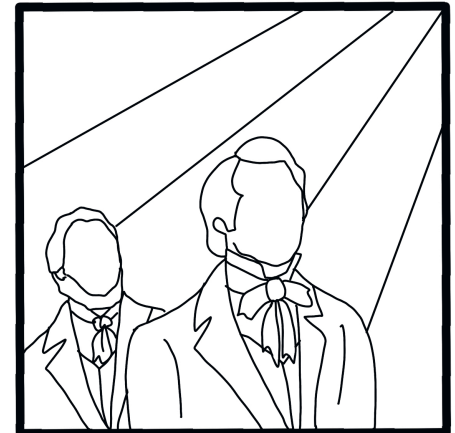
The spirit rested upon Joseph and Sidney, they saw a vision! They saw Jesus Christ on the right hand of God.



The vision revealed the Plan of Salvation. Life started before earth life and all would be resurrected after death.



They saw that heaven wasn't just a single kingdom, but 3! Teletial, Terrettrial, and Celestial.



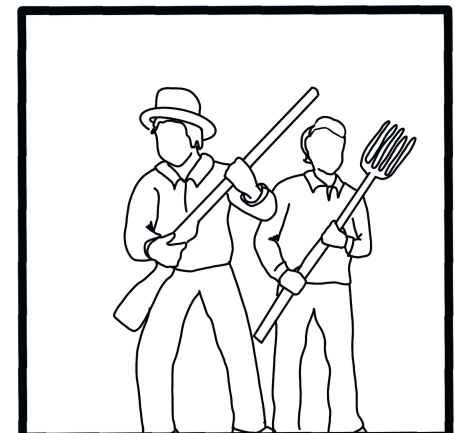
Joseph and Sidney went back and forth describing what they were seeing.



The vision ended and Sidney was pale and tired in his chair. Joseph said "Sidney is not used to it as I am."



Many Saints embraced the new view of heaven. Others had a hard time - did this save too many souls?

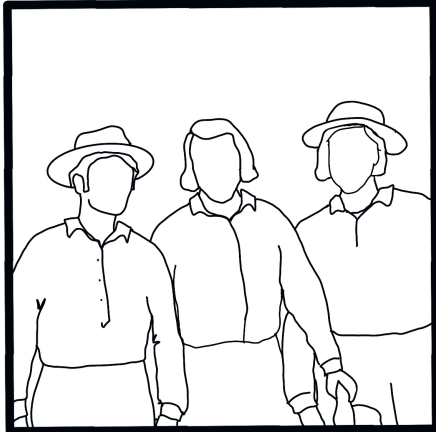


With this, and the critical letter Ezra Booth published, tensions began to rise with neighbors not in the church.

CHURCH HISTORY READ ALONG 19

Saints 1: 163-164

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Brigham, his brother Joseph Young, and Heber Kimball were recent converts from New York who came to visit Kirtland.



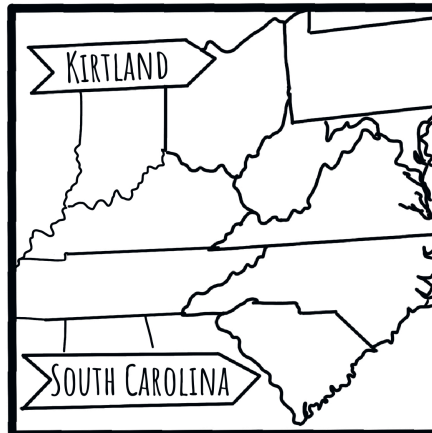
They wanted to meet Joseph Smith. They found him in the forest chopping fire wood.



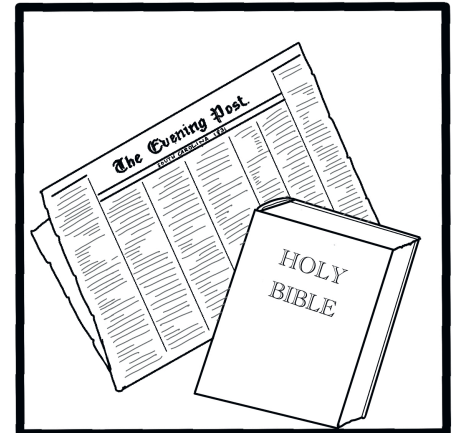
The men joined Joseph in his task while they talked. They described Joseph as cheerful, hardworking, and friendly.



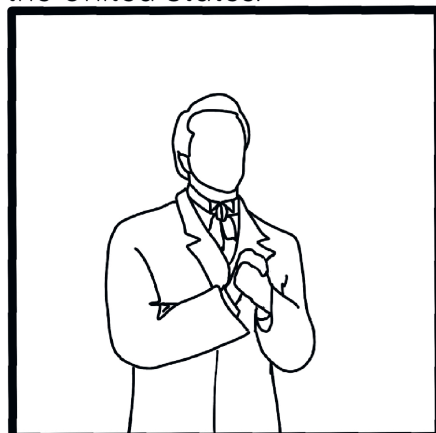
There was peace in the church for a time, but newspaper reports showed signs of war in the United States.



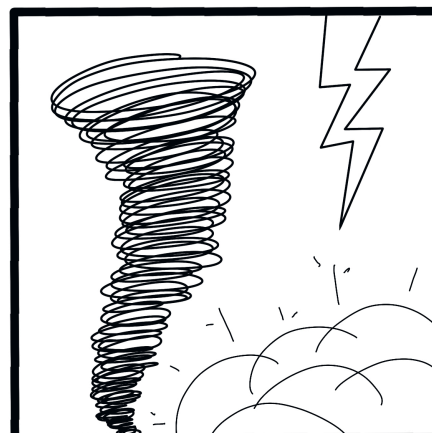
South Carolina threatened to leave the United States over taxes, causing crisis.



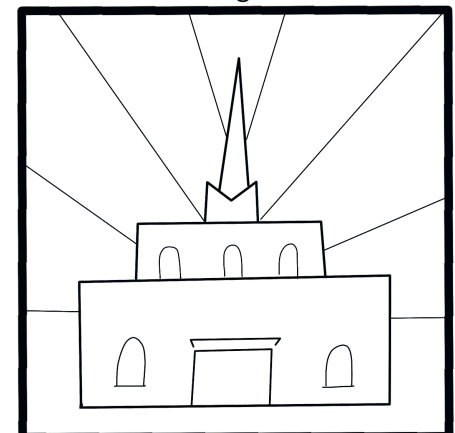
As Joseph read about this he reflected on what the Bible said would come before the Second Coming of the Lord.



He prayed to know more and received a revelation. Soon the southern states would rebel against the rest of the United States.



War and natural disaster would bring misery. Joseph knew the Saints needed to prepare now and build up Zion.



"Stand ye in holy places, and be not moved, until the day of the Lord come." D&C 87:8

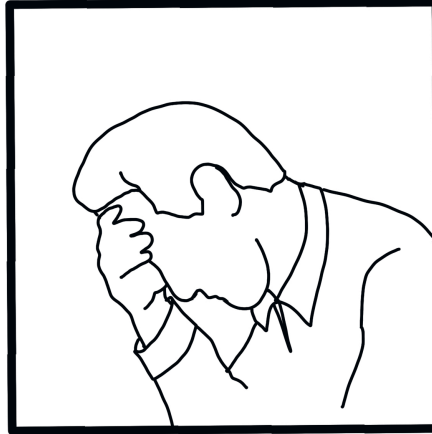
CHURCH HISTORY READ ALONG 20

Saints 1: 164-166

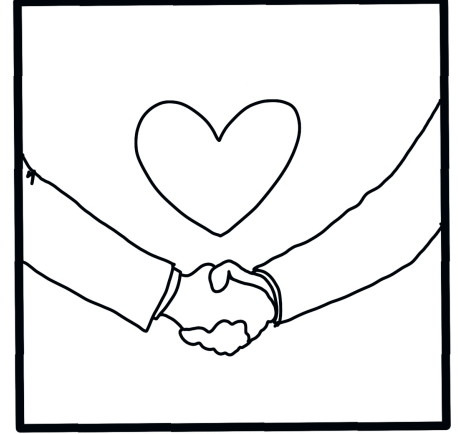
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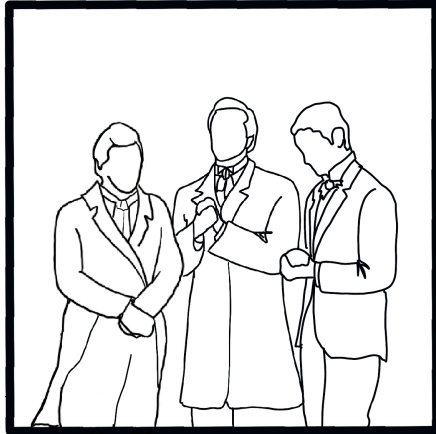
A few days after receiving the revelation about war, the church leaders met in the Newel Whitney Store.



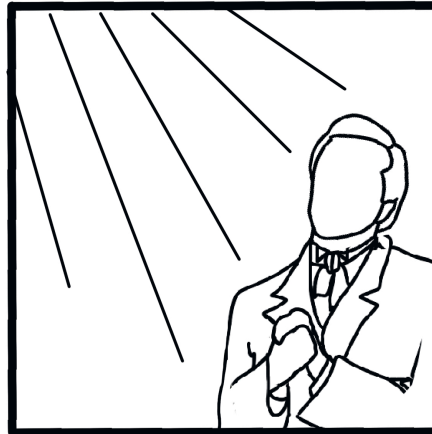
Joseph was worried that the Saints were getting critical of the leaders, especially the Saints in Missouri.



He worried that if they couldn't get harmony back in the church, they wouldn't be able to build the temple.



After the meeting started Joseph asked the men to pray to know God's will for Zion.



As they prayed Joseph received a revelation.



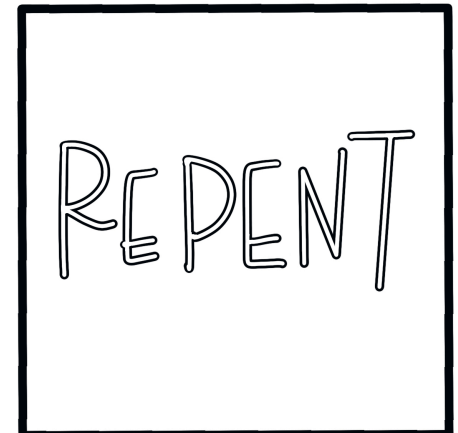
The Lord directed them to build a temple in Kirtland. They were surprised.



They were also told to start a school in Kirtland. It was called the School of the Prophets.



Joseph sent this revelation to William Phelps in Missouri and said it was the Lord's message of peace.

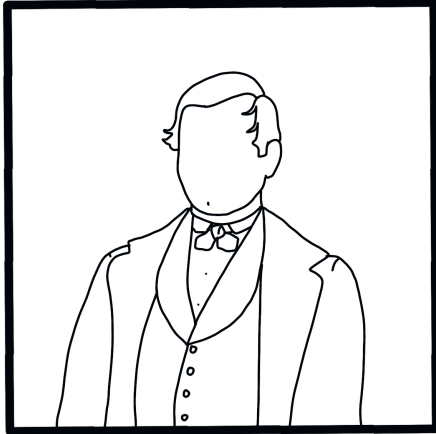


The Saints in Zion would need to repent and hear the warnings of the Lord.

CHURCH HISTORY READ ALONG 21

Saints 1: 166-168

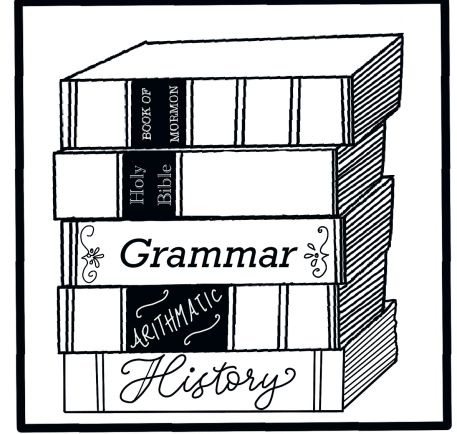
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In January 1833, the School of the Prophets started in the Whitney store. Orson Hyde was the teacher.



Not many of the students went to a formal school as kids because they needed to work.



Orson taught them reading, math, and history, as well as spiritual lessons.



Emma watched the men come to the school. Many dressed in their Sunday best.



During the lessons the men smoked pipes and chewed tobacco which left the room very dirty.



Emma, and some ladies hired to help, couldn't get the mess totally clean. She complained to Joseph.



Because of this, Joseph asked the Lord what to do. He received the Word of Wisdom as his answer.



Saints should stay away from alcohol, tobacco, and hot drinks. They should focus on a healthy diet.

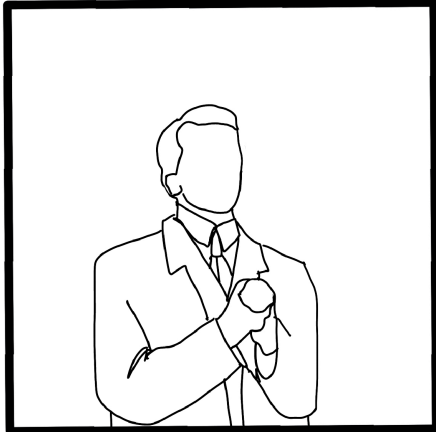


The Lord promised blessings of health and strength to those who followed this council.

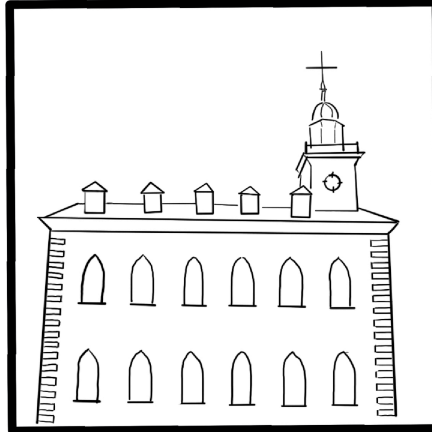
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Saints 1: 169-170

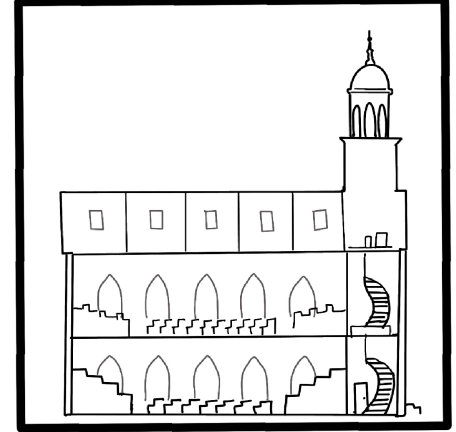
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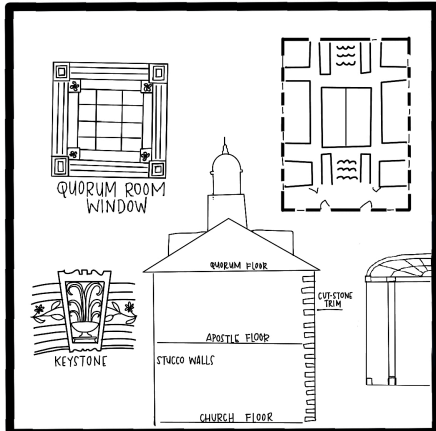
Excited to build Zion, Joseph prayed with Sidney Rigdon and Frederick Williams to learn how to build a temple.



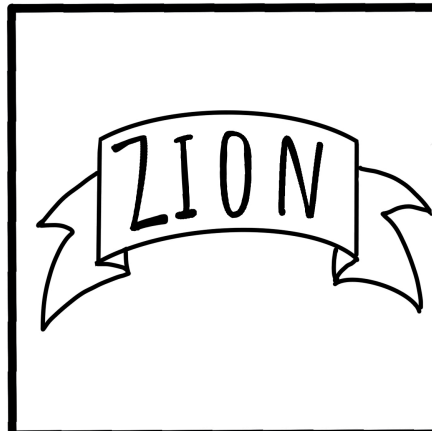
They saw a detailed vision of the outside of the temple. It would look like a large church.



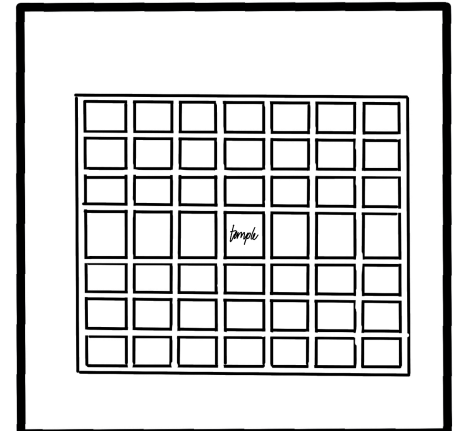
Then they saw the inside. It would have two big rooms for the Saints to meet together and learn.



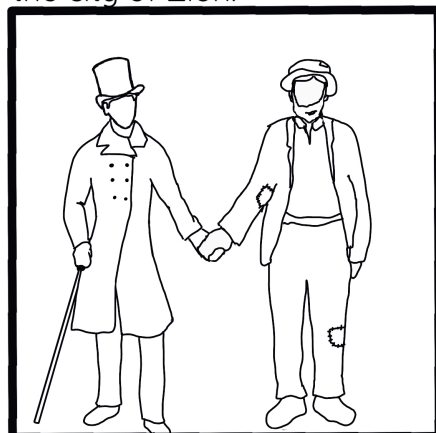
After the vision ended they drew up temple plans. Then they also drew up a plan for the city of Zion.



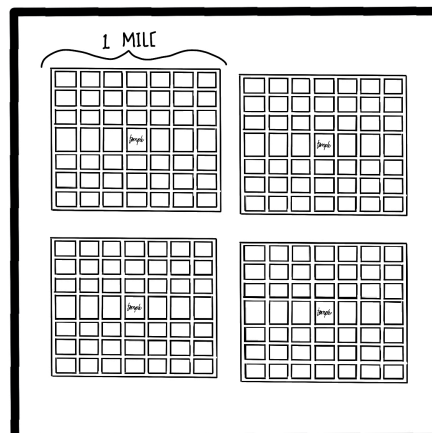
The plan for the city would help the growing settlement in Missouri.



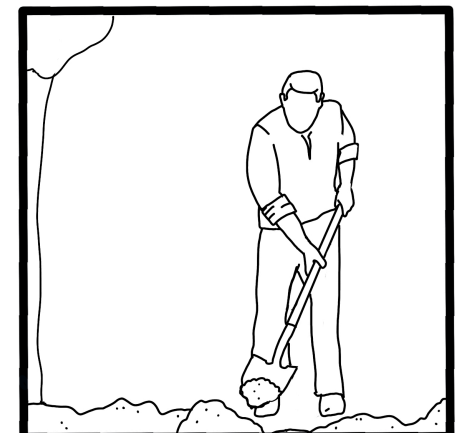
The city would be laid out in straight streets and half acre lots with the temple in the center.



Rich and poor would have the same opportunity to live and work in Zion.



The city would be one mile square. When this plan was full, they could duplicate it again and again to fill the world.

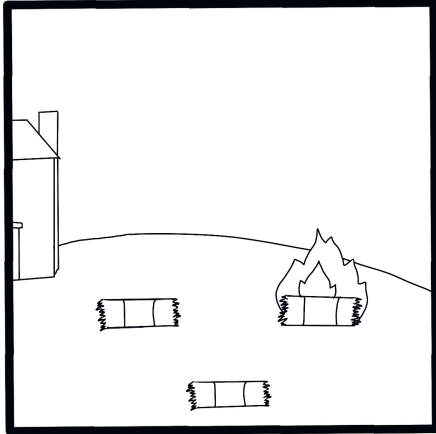


They sent the detailed plans to the saints in Missouri and began to build the temple in Kirtland.

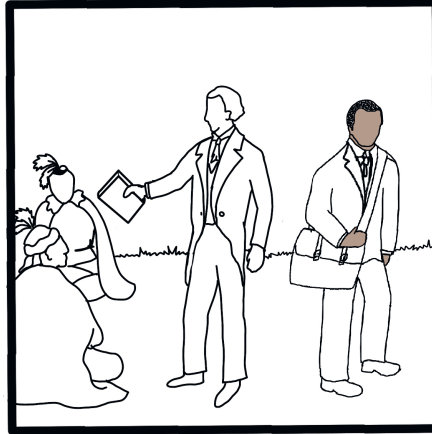
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Saints 1: 171-193 - Part 1

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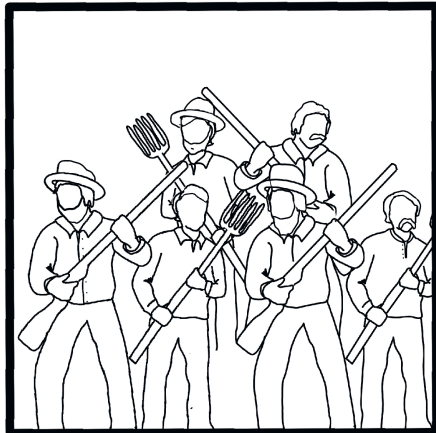
Mobs in Missouri started vandalizing the Saint's property hoping to scare them away.



They didn't like that the Saints preached to the Indians and opposed slavery.



Things got worse when an article by William Phelps in the local newspaper was misunderstood.



The people in Missouri came together in a mob to drive the Saints out by any means necessary.



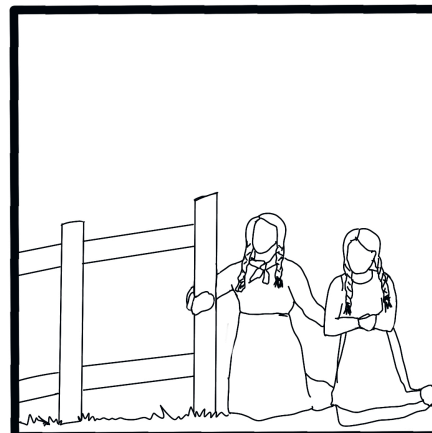
The Saints tried to negotiate with the mob, but they would not listen and started the "work of destruction".



The printing press and Phelps home were attacked. The family was shoved outside.



The mob tossed the printing press out the window and scattered pages of the Book of Commandments.



Mary Elizabeth and Caroline Rollins were watching and wanted to save the pages of revelations.



They were scared but determined. They grabbed what they could and ran into the cornfield.

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Saints 1: 171-193 - Part 2

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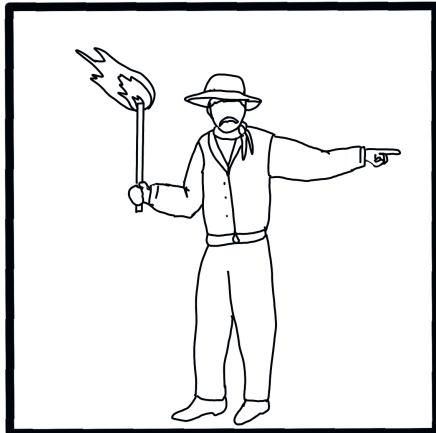
Two men chased them, but they were able to hide in the corn. The pages were safe, for now.



Next the mob went to the Partridge home and grabbed Edward and took him away.



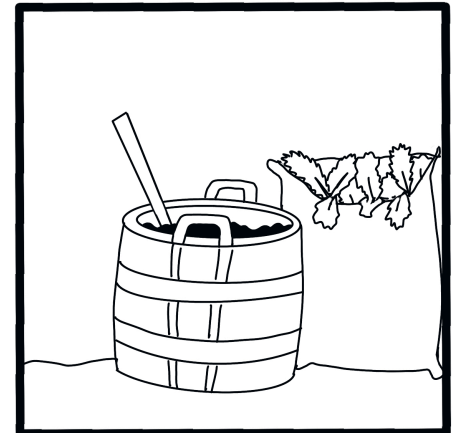
Edward was taken to the town square with Charles Allen, another saint.



The mob leader told them to leave the county or face the consequences.



Edward said, "If I must suffer for my religion, it is no more than others have done before me."



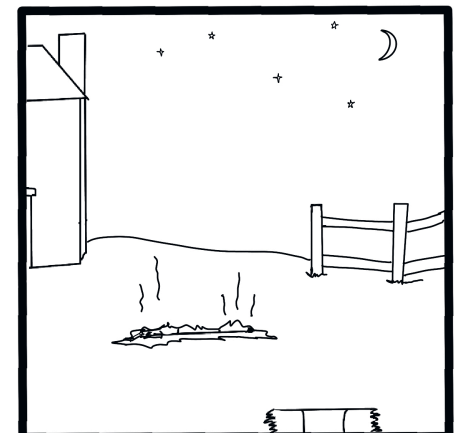
Edward and Charles were pushed to the ground and covered with hot tar and feathers.



A convert woman started gathering more of the pages to the Book of Commandments from the street.



A member of the mob told her this was just the beginning of their sufferings.

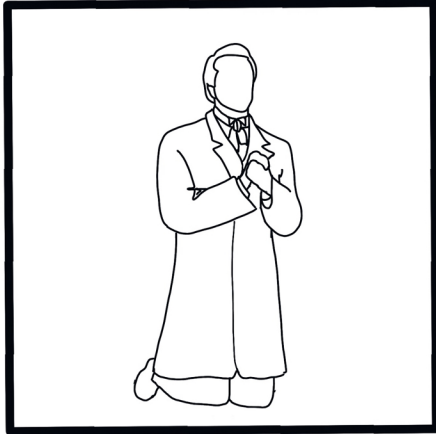


As the night came, the Saints were unsure of the future of Zion.

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Saints 1: 194-206

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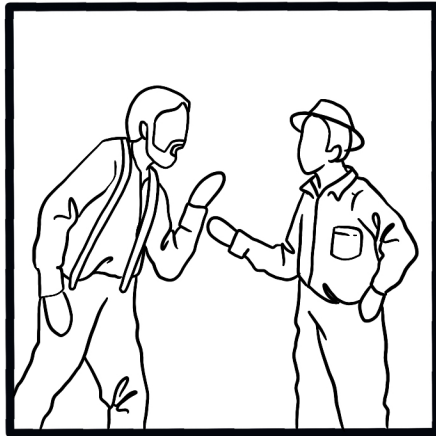
As news of the saints in Missouri came to Kirtland, Joseph was sad and prayed to know what to do.



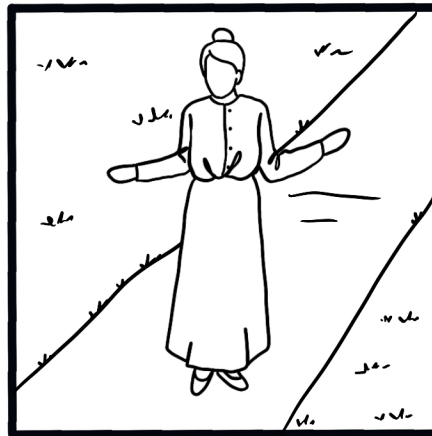
Months later he decided to go to Missouri and gathered a group of saints to go and help redeem Zion.



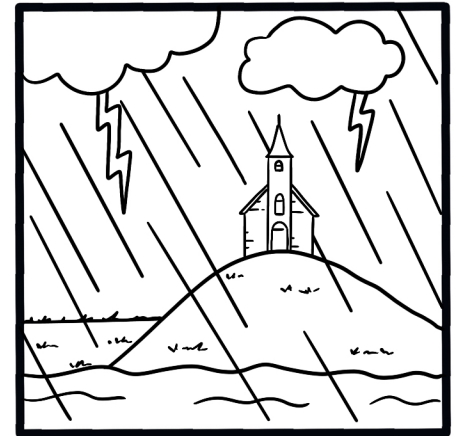
They were ready to fight if needed but they wanted to use legal means to get the lands back.



The journey was long and hard. They tried to stay happy but were worried and started arguing.



As they got to Missouri their challenges kept coming. A woman on the road warned them of danger ahead.



A large enemy mob was coming to attack. That night a huge storm came causing floods, and protecting the Camp of Israel.



Joseph spoke to officials in Missouri. The saints wanted to live in peace and have equal rights, but the officials said to stay out or a bloody battle would happen.



Joseph received a revelation that Zion was not ready to be redeemed. They needed to finish the temple, and receive an endowment.



The camp broke up, some stayed in Missouri and some went back to finish the temple. They all learned a lot from the journey.

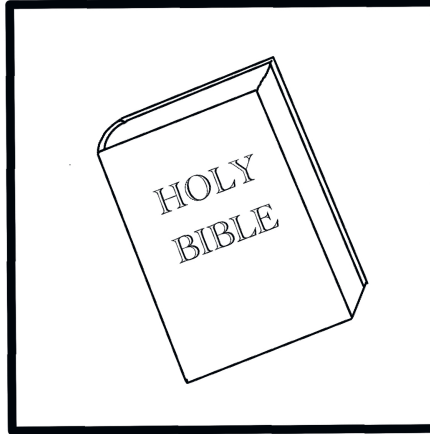
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Saints 1:232-241 - Part 1

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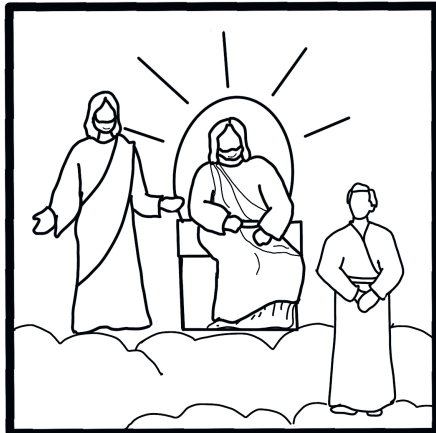
In 1836 the Kirtland temple was finished, standing as a beautiful building for all to see.



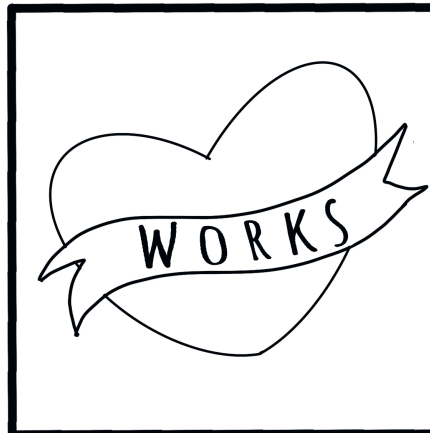
To prepare for the dedication the church leaders read in the Bible about the endowment.



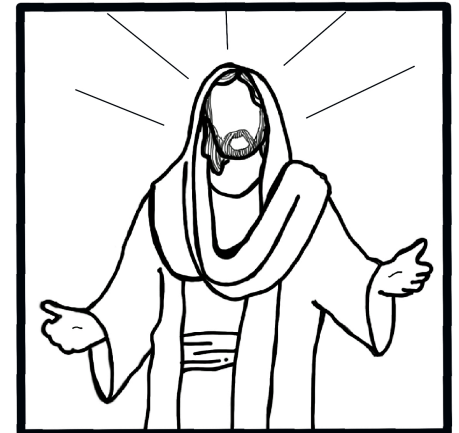
They met in the print shop near the temple and blessed each other to prepare.



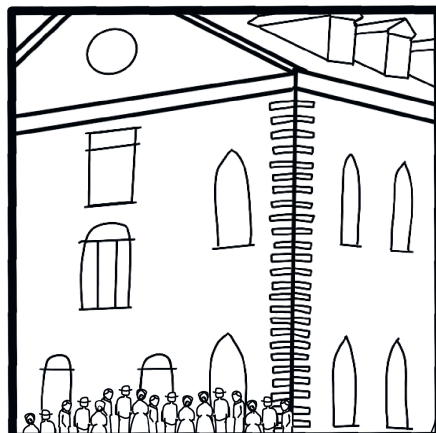
The spirit was strong and Joseph saw a vision with Heavenly Father and Jesus on their thrones, and saw his brother Alvin there.



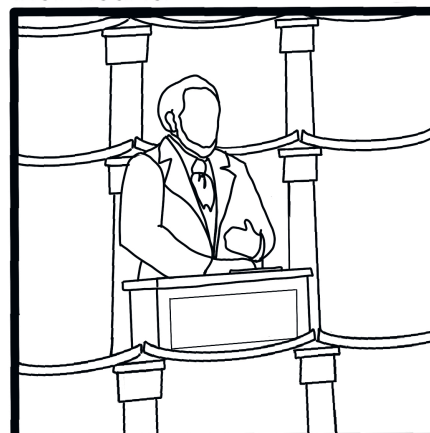
Alvin died before he was baptized, but Joseph learned that all would have the chance to be judged by their works and their hearts.



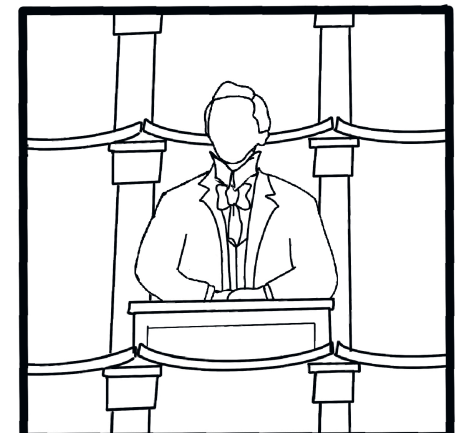
Many had visions, saw angels, and even saw the face of Christ!



On the day of the dedication, every seat was full and they had to set up an extra meeting in the print shop.



Sidney Rigdon spoke first and his sermon lasted 2 hours.



Joseph read the dedicatory prayer that he and the first presidency had prepared earlier.

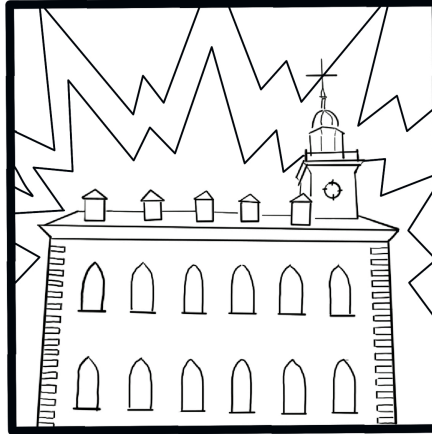
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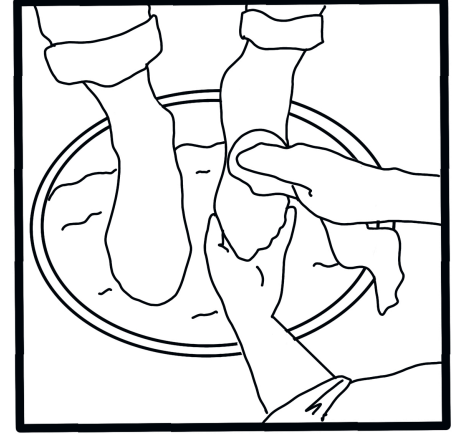
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After the prayer they sang a new hymn, "The Spirit of God" written by William Phelps.



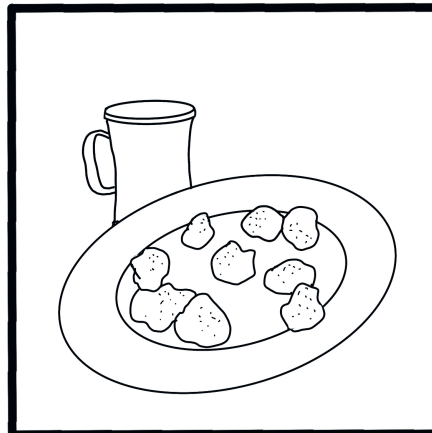
The Spirit of the Lord filled Kirtland.



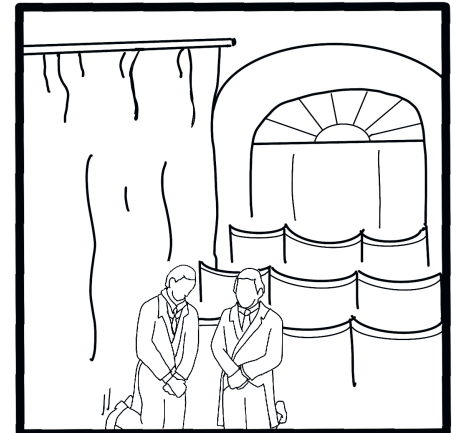
Joseph washed the feet of 300 leaders preparing them for the endowment.



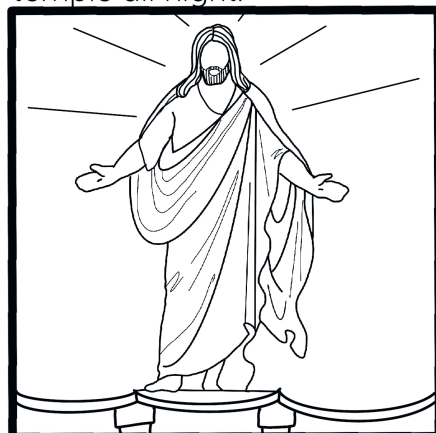
The leaders were called to go forth and build up the kingdom! They were at the temple all night.



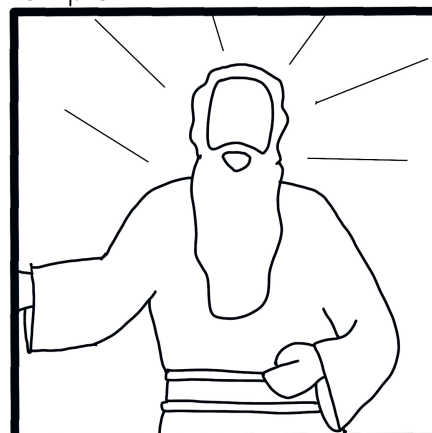
Easter Sunday Joseph and Oliver gave the sacrament to a thousand Saints at the temple.



Afterwards they lowered the canvas curtains around the pulpits to have some quiet time to pray.



Jesus Christ appeared. The pulpit was shining like gold.



Next Moses appeared and gave them the keys of the gathering of Israel.



Elias came, and then Elijah; fulfilling prophecy that the hearts of the children will turn to their fathers.

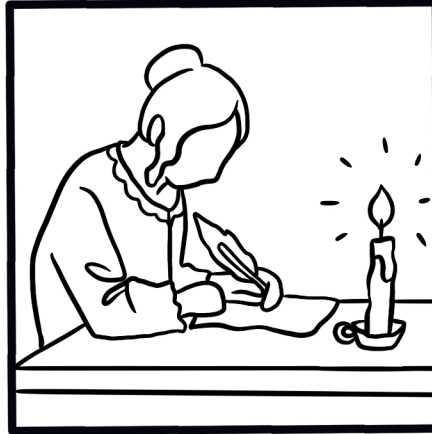
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Saints 1: 296-299

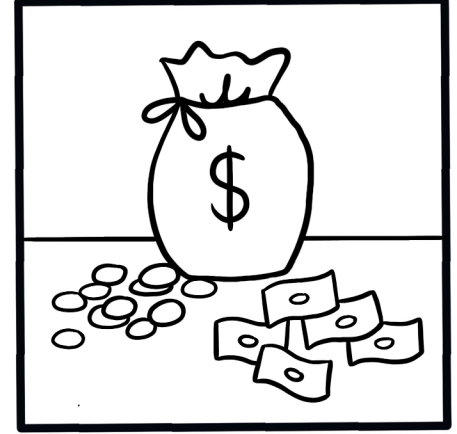
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Now not only strangers, but men who had been strong in the faith were questioning the First Presidency.



Heber Kimball and Orson Hyde were on missions in England. Their wives wrote them about the dissenters.



The dissenters were dear friends and family. They said Joseph had mismanaged the Kirtland Safety Society.



These men were excommunicated from the church and they took over the temple for their own meetings.



Mob violence was threatened on all those who stayed loyal to Joseph.



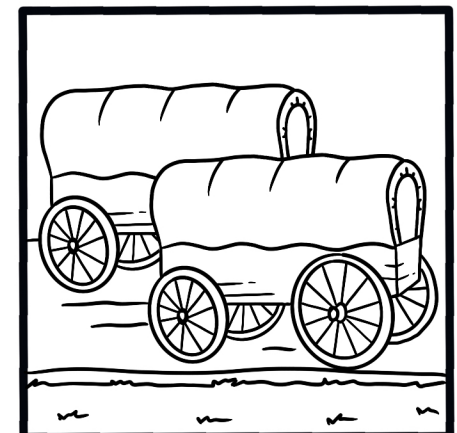
Sister Kimball and Sister Hyde knew they might have to flee and move without the help of their husbands.



Soon there was a warrant out for Joseph's arrest. The Lord told the First Presidency and their families to move to Far West.



They made plans and as soon as night came, Joseph and Sidney Rigdon left on horseback.

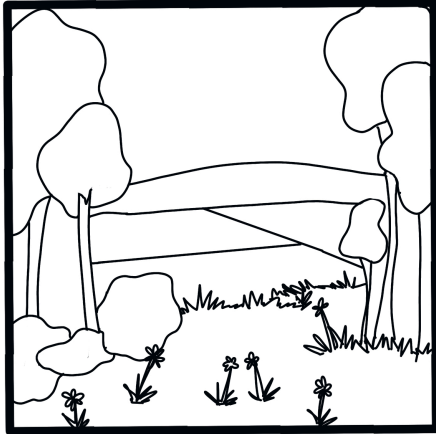


Their families followed the next day in wagons. They didn't know if they would see Kirtland again.

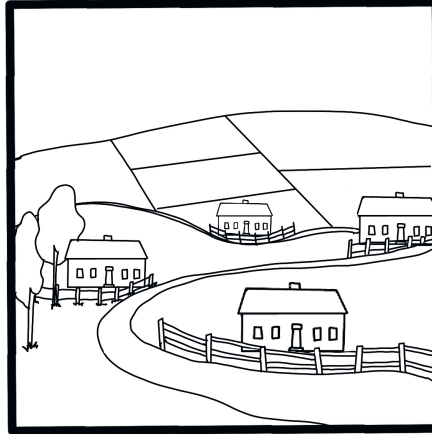
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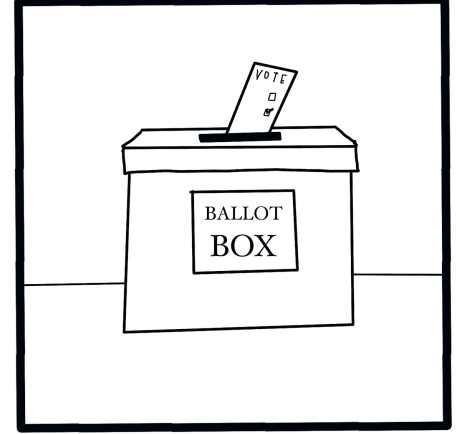
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Saints started settling at Adam-ondi-Ahmen. It grew fast and a new stake was created with 200 new homes built.



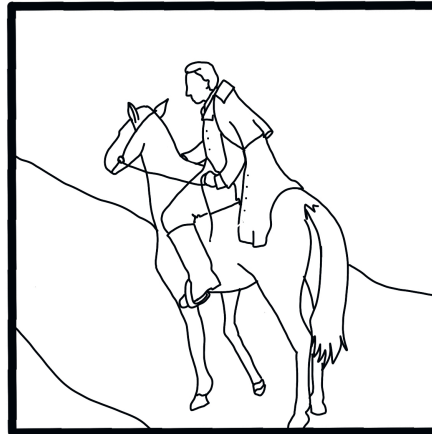
The large settlement was exciting for the Saints, but other locals were worried about the Saints effecting the vote.



The time to vote came and many men went into town to vote. Tensions were very high and a fight broke out.



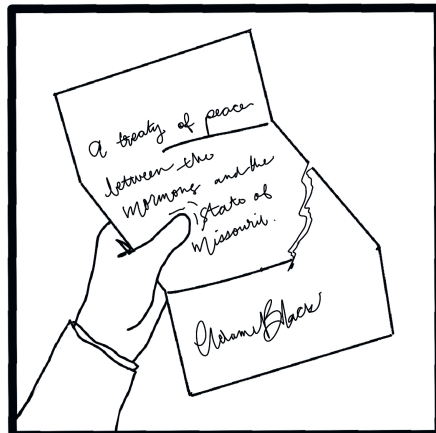
Many were hurt, but no one was killed in the big fight, but rumors started to rise, blaming the Saints.



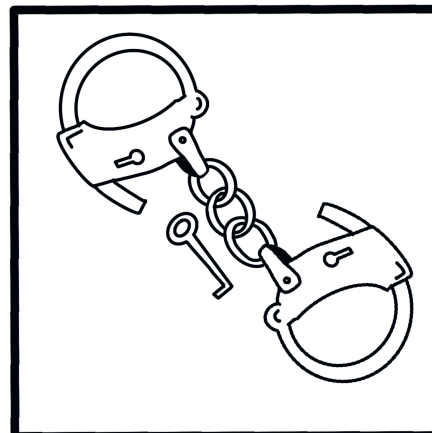
Joseph headed over to the town to try to calm the tensions and help the Saints.



He led a group of Saints to the home of the Justice of the Peace, Adam Black, to negotiate.



There was temporary peace, but soon Mr. Black wanted to arrest Joseph for surrounding him during the negotiations.



Lies and betrayals led to Joseph's arrest and imprisonment in Liberty jail. Other church leaders were arrested too.

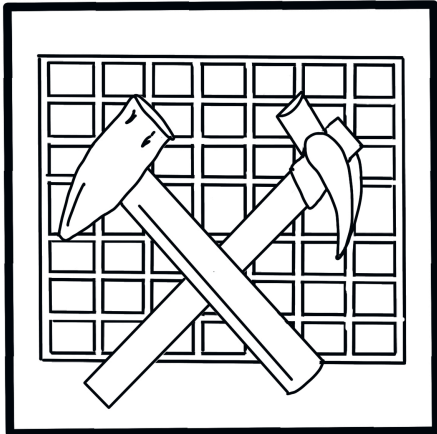


They would spend the next 5 months in that jail enduring many hardships but also receiving revelations.

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Saints 1: 399-427

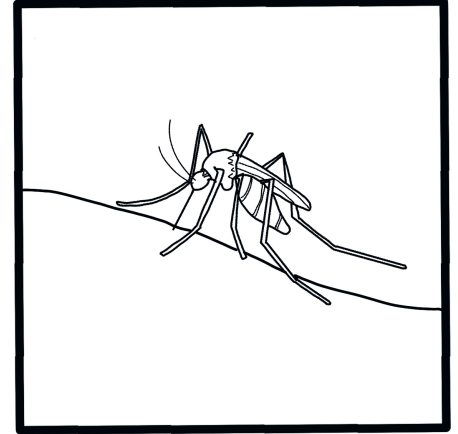
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After being kicked out of so many cities, the Saints were worried to gather together. But the Lord said to “build up a city.”



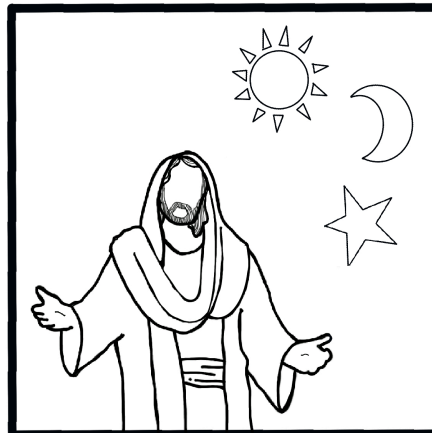
They gathered in Commerce, Illinois. It was swampy and many mosquitos gathered there too.



Because of the mosquitos, many got sick with Malaria as they camped along the river.



Joseph was released from prison and joined the Saints. He went around healing the sick.



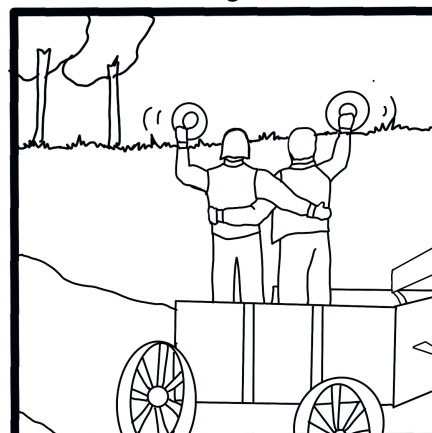
Times were hard but the Saints found comfort in the Plan of Salvation. Many were healed, but Malaria stayed around.



Missionaries were being called to spread the gospel, and many left even though they were still sick.



Brigham Young and Heber Kimball were very sick as they were leaving, but wanted to leave a message of hope.



They stood in the wagon, supporting each other and yelled- **“Hurrah, Hurrah for Israel!”**

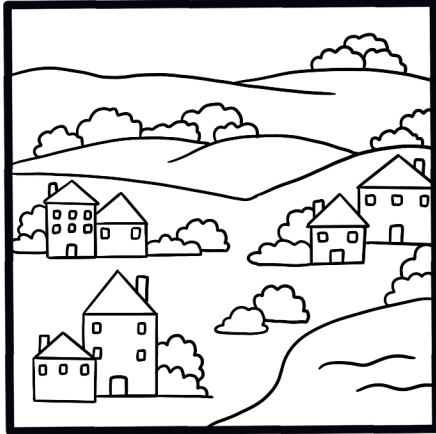


After so many trials the Saints felt hope and trusted in the plan of God.

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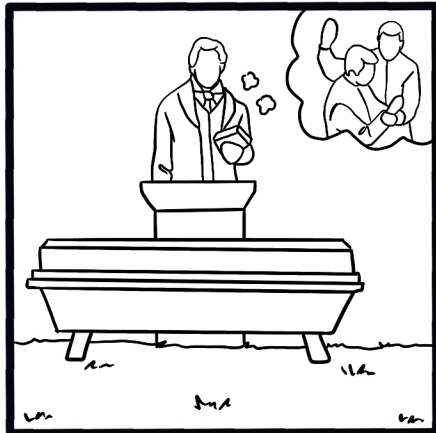
In 1840 the new city of Nauvoo was growing and starting to live up to its name of “the city beautiful.”



After his time in Liberty Jail, Joseph felt he needed to give more spiritual guidance to the Saints.



He relied on the Bishops to handle the city planning and temporal affairs.



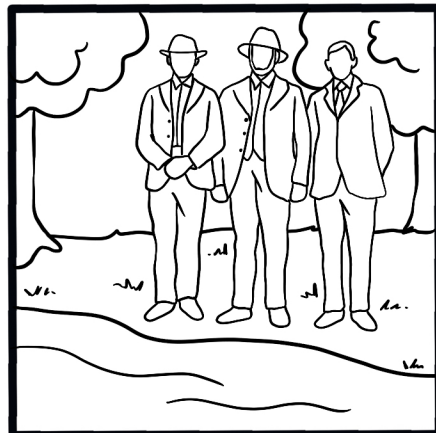
Saints were still dying from Malaria. At one funeral Joseph felt it was time to share more about baptisms for the dead.



He read from the Bible and explained that the Plan of Salvation would save **all** who obeyed God's law.



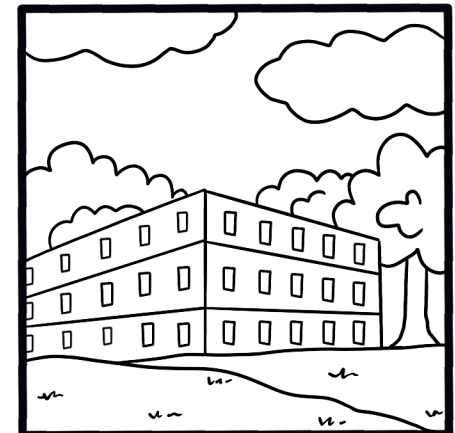
In the fall of 1840, Joseph continued to teach about baptisms for the dead. The Saints were excited.



Elders were waiting at the river to baptize the Saints for their family members who had passed away.



New revelation said to build up a temple in Nauvoo. Baptisms for the dead would happen inside as well as other ordinances.

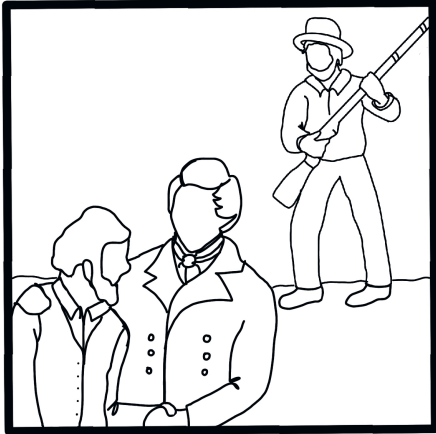


They were also instructed to build more stakes and a hotel called the Nauvoo House.

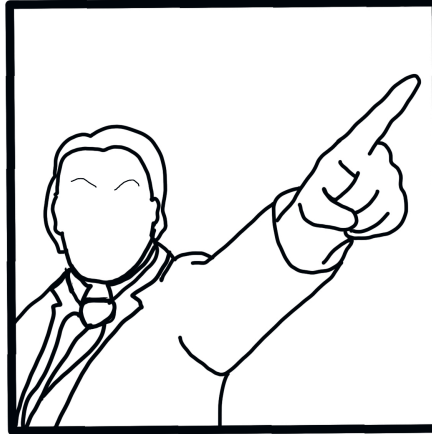
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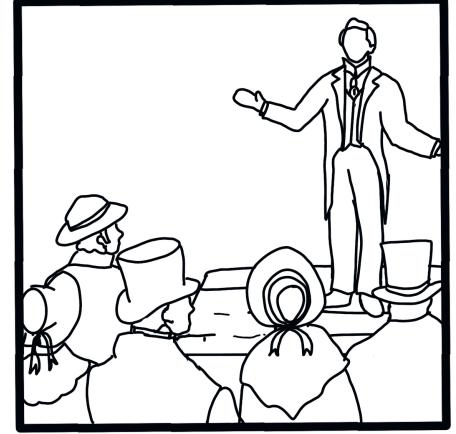
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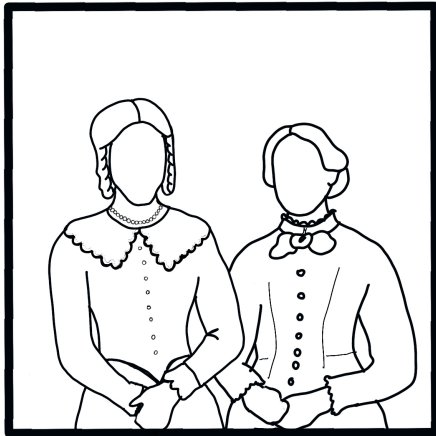
In 1844, the church was growing and so were threats and tensions against Joseph.



Men who were leaders left the church and claimed that Joseph was a false prophet. They tried to convince others to leave too.



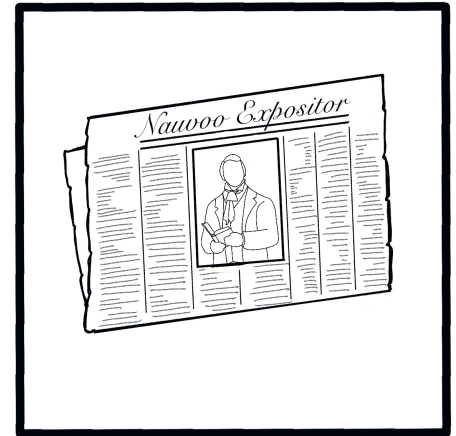
Joseph kept preaching and teaching the Saints more about who God really was and how to become like Him.



The Womens Relief Society was formed and they helped and served those in need like immigrants and widows.



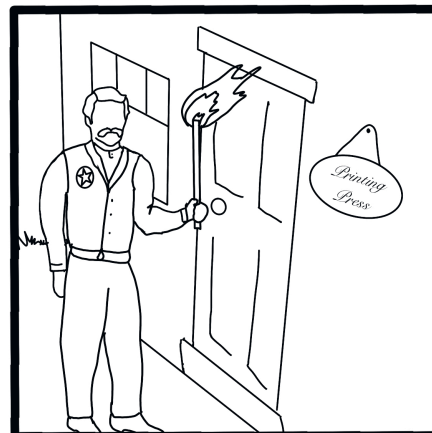
Even with their service and love, enemies still hated the church. They spread lies and rumors about the Saints.



In the "Nauvoo Expositor" newspaper, Joseph was accused of many lies which lead to legal charges against him.



The Nauvoo city council met and decided the newspaper was a nuisance and needed to be stopped.



They sent the marshal to destroy the printing press. They thought it was the right thing to do, but had no idea the consequences.

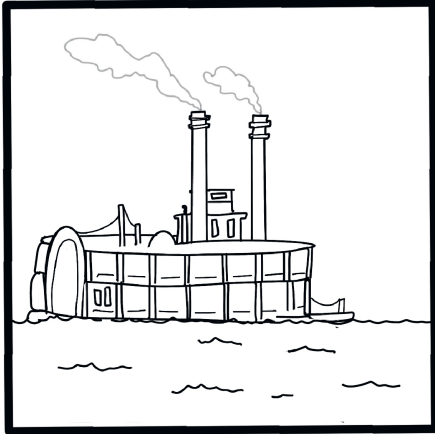


In the middle of so much hate, miracles were still happening among the Saints. Large and small.

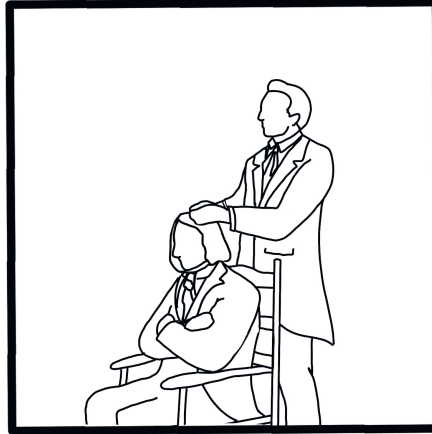
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Many of the apostles were out on missions and headed back to Nauvoo to guide the Saints.



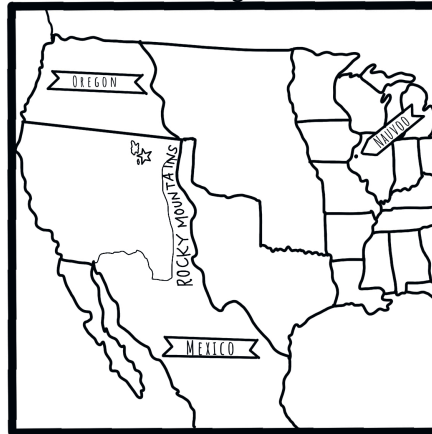
Months earlier Joseph had given all the keys of the priesthood to The Twelve, so the church had what it needed to carry on.



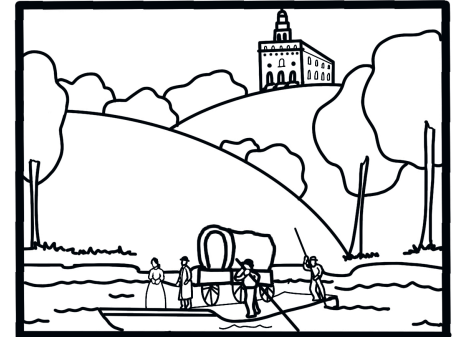
They worked to finish the temple, and do as many ordinances as possible.



Persecutions continued and the Saints were told to leave Nauvoo. Brigham Young would be the one to lead the Saints west.



Disappointed in the government, the church leaders wanted to leave the country to find freedom.



In February 1846 the first Saints left Nauvoo and headed west as mobs were closing in. They knew God would lead them, and they found comfort in the words of Joseph.



“The Standard of Truth has been erected. No unhallowed hand can stop the work from progressing; persecutions may rage, mobs may combine, armies may assemble, calumny may defame, but the truth of God will go forth boldly, nobly, and independent till it has penetrated every continent, visited every clime, swept every country, and sounded in every ear, till the purposes of God shall be accomplished and the Great Jehovah shall say the work is done.” -Joseph Smith, Jr.