



Funtastic Family Home Evenings
Easy to Prepare! Fun to Share!

JOSEPH IN THE SACRED GROVE

(Ages ~7 and older)

PURPOSE

- To help family members better understand Joseph Smith's First Vision and what we can learn from it

MATERIALS

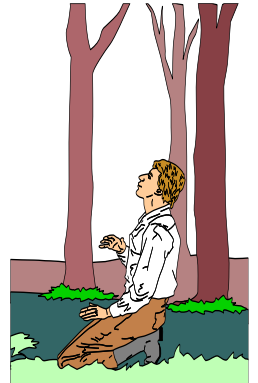
- Scriptures for family members

SUGGESTED SONG

- "[Joseph Smith's First Prayer](#)" #26 in *Hymns*

LESSON IDEAS

1. It might be helpful for younger children to start the lesson by watching a short video giving some of the background of Joseph Smith: [Joseph Smith and His Family](#) (2 minutes)
2. Show video: [Joseph Smith: Prophet of the Restoration Pt. 1](#) (14 minutes)
 - a. A portion of this video shows the operation Joseph had on his leg as a young boy. You may want to discuss that with your family also.
3. Read or explain in your own words Joseph Smith History 1:3-20. Depending on the age of your children, discuss some of the things Joseph learned from the First Vision:
 - a. Jesus and Heavenly Father are real
 - b. Jesus and Heavenly Father are two separate people
 - c. Heavenly Father knows us by name
 - d. Heavenly Father answers sincere prayer
 - e. The true church was not then on the earth
4. Testify of the truthfulness of Joseph Smith's First Vision.



ACTIVITY

- Younger children may enjoy putting this puzzle together: [Joseph Seeks Wisdom in the Bible](#)
- The Bible was a big influence in Joseph's life. His family often read in it as a family. Families with older children may enjoy taking [this quiz](#) to see how much they know about the Bible.