



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



PRIESTHOOD POWER

(Ages ~8 and older)

PURPOSE

To help family members understand that priesthood power comes through personal righteousness.

MATERIALS

- A flashlight or any object that needs batteries (remove the batteries)
- Batteries

SONG SUGGESTION

- [“A Young Man Prepared”](#) page 166 in *Children’s Songbook*

LESSON IDEAS

1. Give the flashlight to a family member and ask him/her to turn it on.
 - a. Ask, “Why isn’t it working?” (no batteries)
 - b. Give the family member the batteries and ask them to insert the batteries and try again.
2. Explain that when Heavenly gives His sons the priesthood He gives them special power and authority. But if they are not righteous, the power does not work.
 - a. Read the quote below by President Boyd K. Packer. Ask your family to listen for those things that a priesthood hold must do to receive power in his priesthood.
 - b. Invite your family to read Doctrine and Covenants 121:34-37. Ask them to watch for things that cause priesthood holders to lose their priesthood authority.
3. Explain that one of the most damaging influences to the power of the priesthood is impure thoughts.
 - a. Show video [“Sanctify Yourselves”](#) (or share the story [found here](#)).
 - b. Ask, “Do you think Bryce Reynold’s blessing would have had any power if he had been looking at pornography or had unclean thoughts?”
4. Read Doctrine and Covenants 121:45-46.
 - a. Testify that power comes to priesthood holders who are clean and righteous.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Your family may enjoy playing [Drone After Dark](#) on the Disney website.
 1. Avoid the objects that cause your drone to lose power!
 2. Tip: Click on screen when it goes black.

Excerpt from “The Unseen Power”

By President Boyd K. Packer

Although you cannot see the power of the priesthood, you can feel it, and you can see the results of it. The priesthood can be a guiding and protecting power in your life.

The priesthood is very, very precious to the Lord. He is very careful about how it is conferred and by whom. It is never done in secret.

I have told you how the authority is given to you. The power you receive will depend on what you do with this sacred, unseen gift.

Your authority comes through your ordination; your power comes through obedience and worthiness.

Power in the priesthood comes from doing your duty in ordinary things: attending meetings, accepting assignments, reading the scriptures, keeping the Word of Wisdom.

President Woodruff said: “I traveled thousands of miles and preached the Gospel as a Priest, and, as I have said to congregations before, the Lord sustained me and made manifest His power in the defense of my life as much while I held that office as He has done while I have held the office of an Apostle. The Lord sustains any man that holds a portion of the Priesthood, whether he is a Priest, an Elder, a Seventy, or an Apostle, if he magnifies his calling and does his duty” (*Millennial Star*, Sept. 28, 1905, 610).

John the Baptist restored the Aaronic Priesthood with these words:

“Upon you my fellow servants, in the name of Messiah I confer the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the ministering of angels” ([D&C 13](#)).

You—our deacons, teachers, and priests—have been given sacred authority. May the angels minister unto you. May the power of the priesthood be upon you, our beloved young brethren, and upon your sons throughout the generations ahead. I bear witness that the gospel is true, that the priesthood holds great power, a guiding, protecting power for those who hold the Aaronic Priesthood (*New Era*, May 2007).