

LDS Family Fun



ActivityTime

What you need: A copy of the “The Prepared Mind” activity (artwork included with this lesson) and scissors. Optional: Print on or glue to cardstock.

Preparation

1. Print out artwork.
2. Cut along dotted lines.

Activity:

1. **Explain:** Louis Pasteur said, “Chance favors only the prepared mind.”
2. **Ask:** What is a prepared mind? (Discuss ideas.)
3. **Explain:** “As Latter-day Saints we believe in education, and we have a philosophy about how and why we should pursue it. Our religious faith teaches us that we should seek learning by the Spirit and that we have a stewardship to use our knowledge for the benefit of mankind.” Dallin H. Oaks, Ensign, Apr 2009
4. **Ask:** Do you think after preparing his mind that the “chance” or opportunity given to Louis Pasteur to benefit mankind was inspired by the Spirit? (Discuss thoughts.)
5. **Explain:** We might not all be great scientists like Louis Pasteur, but we all can prepare our minds to benefit mankind in some way, whether it’s in our chosen professions or our personal lives.

6. **Play:** “The Prepared Mind” game.
 - a. Go through the cards and discuss how “Prepared Minds” can help each “Person” benefit mankind and things that they might have done to prepare.
 - b. Place the six “Person” cards in three rows with space for “Prepared Minds” cards to go next to them.
 - c. Mix up “Prepared Minds” cards and place one next to each “Person” card that is not it’s match.
 - d. Take turns trading places with two “Prepared Mind” cards at a time until each “Person” card lines up with their “Prepared Mind” card.



7. **Quote:** “The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you.”
B. B. King

8. **Ask:** What have you learned from this activity that nobody can take away from you? (Discuss ideas.)

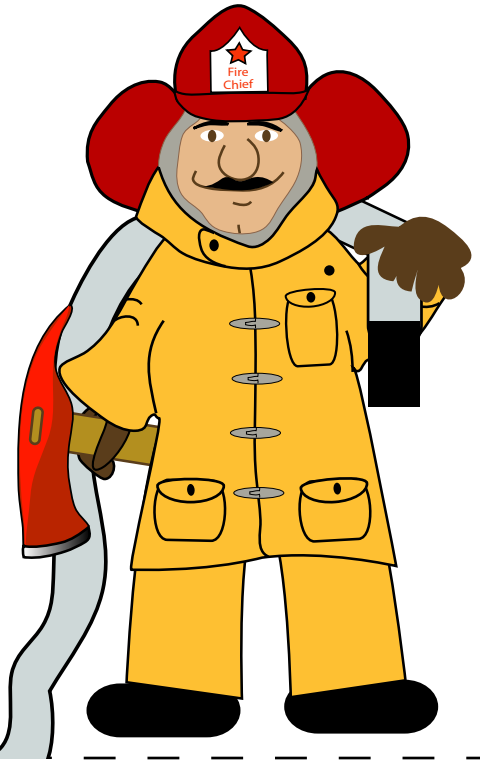
FARMER



DOCTOR



FIRE FIGHTER



I prepared my mind so that I can benefit mankind by growing and providing fruits and vegetables.



I prepared my mind so that I can benefit mankind by providing medical care for patients.



I prepared my mind so that I can benefit mankind by providing emergency assistance and putting out threatening fires.

HUSBAND/FATHER



SON



DAUGHTER



Pay Check



I prepared my mind so that I can benefit mankind by providing a loving, spiritual and safe home in order to give my children a good foundation to build their lives upon.



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I am preparing my mind so that I can benefit mankind by becoming a missionary, a productive member of society and a righteous husband and father.

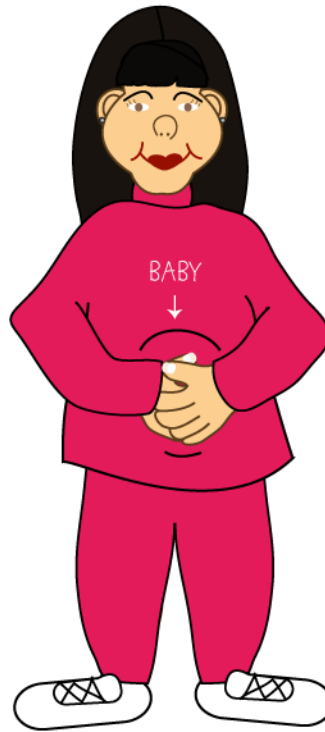


I am preparing my mind so that I can benefit mankind by becoming a productive member of society and a righteous wife/mother.

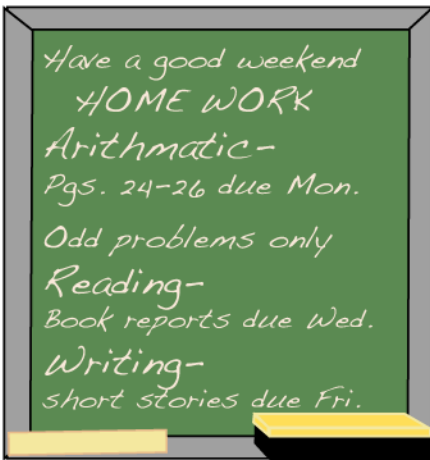
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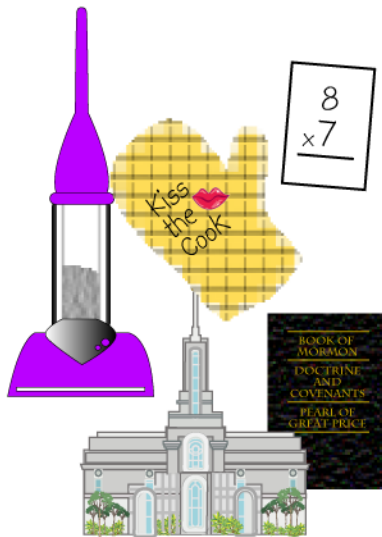
WIFE/MOTHER



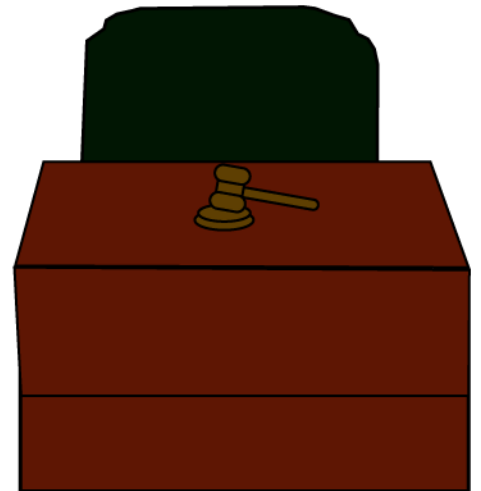
Judge



I prepared my mind so that I can benefit mankind by providing a good education for today's youth.



I prepared my mind so that I might benefit mankind by providing a loving, spiritual and nurturing home in order to give my children a good foundation to build their lives upon.



I prepared my mind so that I can benefit mankind by enforcing the law and providing justice.