

VALUE COLORED PROCLAMATION

A picture follows the instructions

Items needed:

1. An 8x10 or 11x14 "The Family. A Proclamation to the World" for each girl and leader
2. Colored pencils.

How to do it:

This is a very simple activity. Just highlight the following sentences with the corresponding value color.

Sentences to be highlighted and the color:

BLUE: second paragraph, first sentence, "All human being -- male and female -- are created in the image of God." In the margin beside this highlight, write, "We are Daughters of our Heavenly Father"

RED: third sentence, second paragraph, "Gender is an essential characteristic of individual premortal, mortal and eternal identity and purpose."

GREEN: third paragraph, part of first sentence, "knew and worshiped God as their Eternal Father and accepted His plan"

BLUE: part of the same sentence as green above, "divine destiny" and the beginning of the next sentence, "The divine plan of happiness"

BLACK UNDERLINE: third paragraph, third sentence, "Sacred ordinances and covenants available in holy temples" In the margin next to this write, "Receive the Ordinances of the Temple"

ORANGE: fourth paragraph, part of second sentence, "God's commandment for His children to multiply and replenish the earth"

BLUE: fifth paragraph, first sentence, "We declare the means by which mortal life is created to be divinely appointed."

YELLOW: sixth paragraph, first sentence, "Husband and wife have a solemn responsibility to love and care for each other and for their children."

YELLOW: sixth paragraph, part of third sentence, "duty to rear their children in love and righteousness, to provide for their physical and spiritual needs,"

RED: sixth paragraph, part of fourth sentence, "will be held accountable before God"

RED: seventh paragraph, part of third sentence, "Children are entitled to birth within the bonds of matrimony,"

PURPLE: seventh paragraph, part of third sentence, "with complete fidelity."

WHITE: seventh paragraph, part of fifth sentence, "faith, prayer,"

YELLOW: seventh paragraph, part of fifth sentence, "repentance, forgiveness, respect, love, compassion, work, and wholesome activities."

PURPLE: seventh paragraph, part of sixth sentence, "responsible to provide the necessities"

PURPLE: seventh paragraph, part of seventh sentence, "responsible for the nurture of their children."

YELLOW: seventh paragraph, part of eighth sentence, "to help one another as equal partners."

BLACK UNDERLINE: eighth paragraph, part of first sentence, "covenants of chastity," In the margin next to this, write, "Make and Keep Sacred Covenants"

ORANGE: eighth paragraph, part of first sentence, "will one day stand accountable before God."

You can also type this on your computer, and highlight the text or change the color of the text to correspond with the value colors, as stated above.

THE FAMILY A PROCLAMATION TO THE WORLD

The First Presidency and Council of the Twelve Apostles
of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

We, the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, solemnly proclaim that marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God and that the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children.

We are Daughters of our Heavenly Father

All human beings -- male and female -- are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and, as such, each has a divine nature and destiny. Gender is an essential characteristic of individual premortal, mortal, and eternal identity and purpose.

In the premortal realm, spirit sons and daughters knew and worshiped God as their Eternal Father and accepted His plan by which His children could obtain a physical body and gain earthly experience to progress toward perfection and ultimately realize his or her divine destiny as an heir of eternal life. The divine plan of happiness enables family relationships to be perpetuated beyond the grave. Sacred ordinances and covenants available in holy temples make possible for individuals to return to the presence of God and for families to be united eternally.

Receive the Ordinances of the Temple

The first commandment that God gave to Adam and Eve pertained to their potential for parenthood as husband and wife. We declare that God's commandment for His children to multiply and replenish the earth remains in force. We further declare that God has commanded that the sacred powers of procreation are to be employed only between man and woman, lawfully wedded as husband and wife.

We declare the means by which mortal life is created to be divinely appointed. We affirm the sanctity of life and of its importance in God's eternal plan.

Husband and wife have a solemn responsibility to love and care for each other and for their children. "Children are an heritage of the Lord" (Psalms 127:30).

Parents have a sacred duty to rear their children in love and righteousness, to provide for their physical and spiritual needs, to teach them to love and serve one another, to observe the commandments of God and to be law-abiding citizens wherever they live. Husbands and wives - mothers and fathers - will be held accountable before God for the discharge of these obligations.

The family is ordained of God. Marriage between man and woman is essential to His eternal plan. Children are entitled to birth within the bonds of matrimony, and to be reared by a father and mother who honor marital vows with complete fidelity. Happiness in family life is most likely to be achieved when founded upon the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Successful marriages and families are established and maintained on principles of faith, prayer, repentance, forgiveness, respect, love, compassion, work, and wholesome recreational activities. By divine design, fathers are to preside over their families in love and righteousness and are responsible to provide the necessities of life and protection for their families. Mothers are primarily responsible for the nurture of their children. In these sacred responsibilities, fathers and mothers are obligated to help one another as equal partners. Disability, death, or other circumstances may necessitate individual adaptation. Extended families should lend support when needed.

We warn that individuals who violate covenants of chastity, who abuse spouse or offspring, or who fail to fulfill family responsibilities will one day stand accountable before God. Further, we warn that the disintegration of the family will bring upon individuals, communities, and nations the calamities foretold by ancient and modern prophets.

We call upon responsible citizens and officers of government everywhere to promote those measures designed to maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society.

Make and Keep Sacred Covenants

This proclamation was read by President Gordon B. Hinckley as part of his message at the General Relief Society Meeting held September 23, 1995, in Salt Lake City, Utah

Highlighted to represent the seven Young Women Values