

NEW TESTAMENT 2019

KEYS OF THE KINGDOM GAME

Matthew 16:13-19; 17:1-9

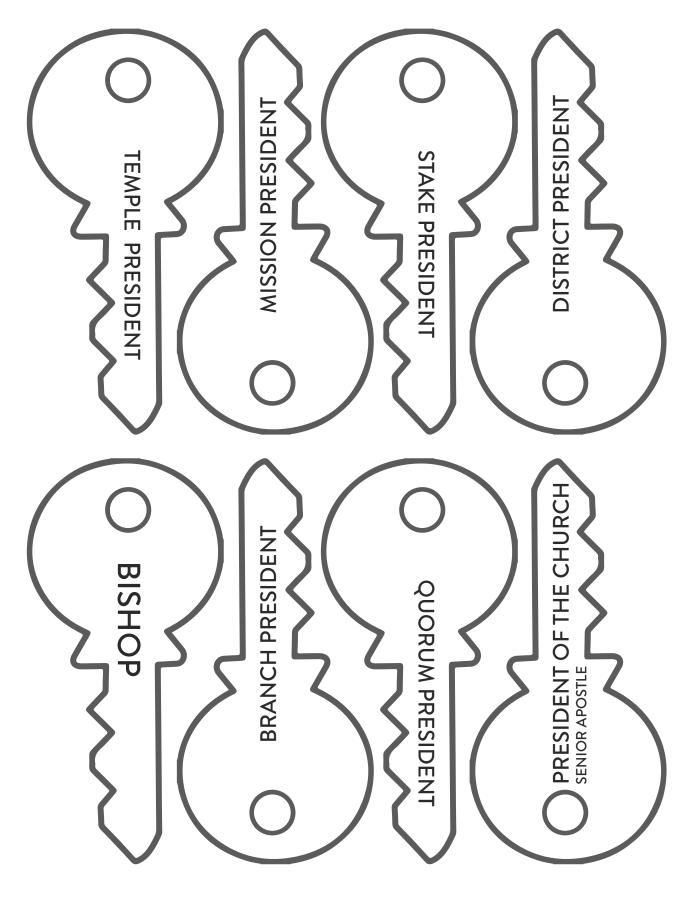
Preparation: Cut out the labeled keys on the following page. You may choose to have children color and cut out their own page of keys (see black and white page) or simply print off the pre-colored page.

Explain that the "keys of the kingdom of heaven" referred to in Matthew 16:19 are the priesthood keys. *Handbook 2:* Administering the Church explains: "Priesthood keys are the authority God has given to priesthood leaders to direct, control, and govern the use of His priesthood on earth. The exercise of priesthood authority is governed by those who hold its keys (see D&C 65:2; 81:2; 124:123). Those who hold priesthood keys have the right to preside over and direct the Church within a jurisdiction".

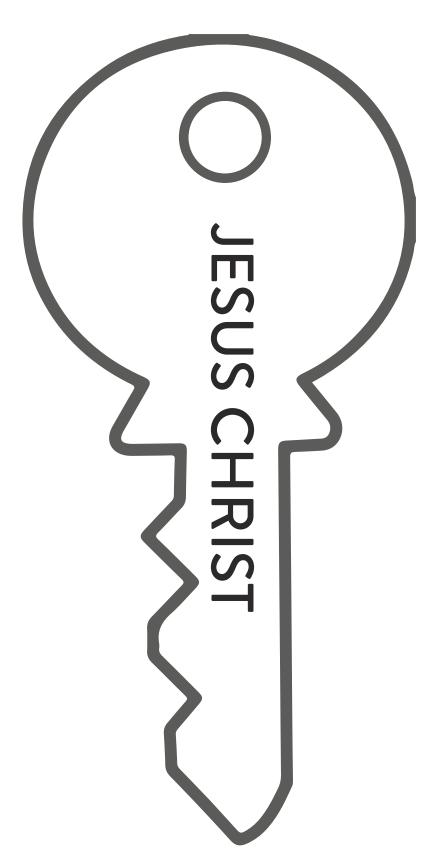
Read D&C 110:11-16 and explain that the keys of the priesthood were restored in our day. Refer to the key cutouts to explain some of the people who hold these keys.

Game: Have a one person leave the room. Hide one set of the paper keys throughout the room and then call the person back in. He or she must hunt for the keys. This game can be made easier for younger children by giving hints or stating "hot/cold" as they get nearer or farther away from a hidden key.

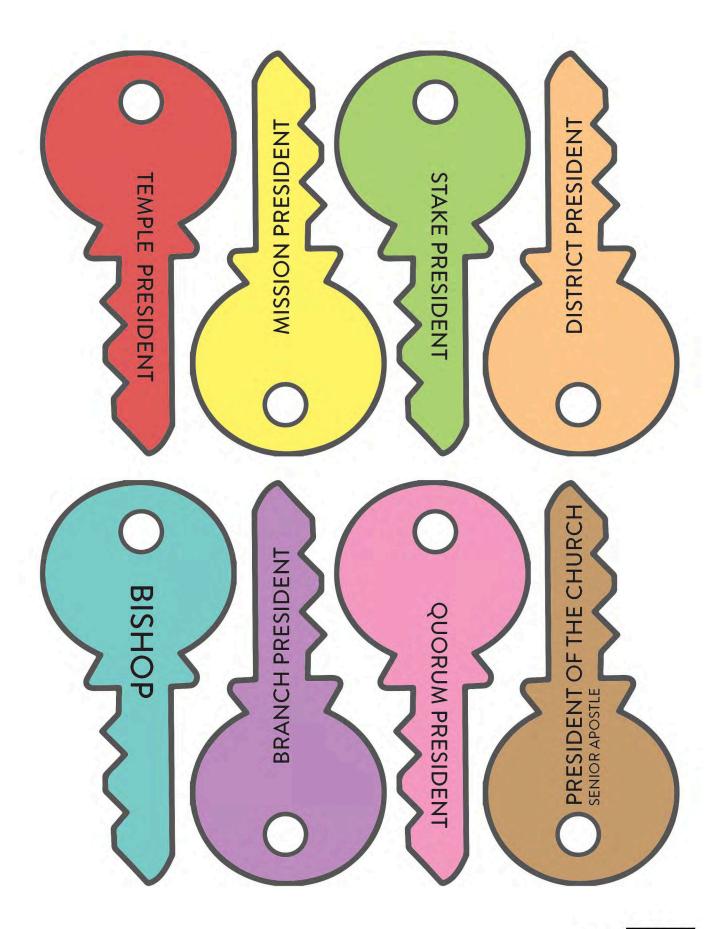




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