

**[Discovering the Knowledgebase](#)**: Never Underestimate This Feature for [The Family History Guide](#): reads better at <http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/The%20Family%20History%20Guide2.pdf>

One of the most useful features of The Family History Guide is their [Knowledgebase](#) at <https://www.thefhguide.com/research.html> for United States and general research. You can find it in the Learning Path menus (**FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage and Findmypast**), under Project 4. There is an alphabetical list of topic links at the top of the page, ranging from basic research to breaking through brick walls, and just about everything in between. Each topic opens up to individual nuggets of information to help you learn more about the area you are researching. ([See all tips](#) at <https://www.thefhguide.com/tip-of-the-day.html>).

## About The Family History Guide



The Family History Guide is a free website that represents a best-in-class learning environment for family history. Its scope is broad, but its focus is narrow enough to help you achieve your goals, step by step. Whether you're brand new to family history or a seasoned researcher—or somewhere in between—The Family History Guide can be your difference maker.

**Mission Statement:** “Their mission is to greatly increase the number of people actively involved in family history worldwide, and to make everyone’s family history journey *easier*, more *efficient*, and more *enjoyable*.”

Here are some of the unique features you’ll find on their site:

- Goals for learning, supported by flexible Choices
- Step-by-step instructions to make learning easier
- Links to videos and articles from FamilySearch, Ancestry, and more
- QUIKLinks that take you to record searches from multiple sources, with a single click
- Project Tracker sheets and training materials for self-study or group instruction
- Activities for families, individuals, youth, and kids
- Family history resources for faiths, including members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Catholics, Protestants, and those of Jewish heritage

**FamilySearch Approval:** The FamilySearch article [“How do I get help using FamilySearch.org?”](#) points to The Family History Guide as a trusted learning resource.

**Overview:** For an overview article about The Family History Guide, [click here](#).

## Frequently Asked Questions

For a list of questions and answers about The Family History Guide, see the [FAQ page](#).

## About the Projects



The Projects in The Family History Guide are listed in the top menu (or side menu, if you are using a tablet or phone). There are separate Projects for **FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage, and Findmypast**.

## Goals, Choices, Instructions, Resources

To help you with learning and doing your family history, each Project has Goals, Choices, Instructions, and Resources. Projects are found in the top menu, such FamilySearch, Project 1: Family Tree.

- *Goals* are activities you can work on, often for an extended period of time or for many ancestors. Think of these as learning objectives, rather than quotas. (Example ... “Goal 1: Navigate Family Tree.”)
- *Choices* are different aspects of a Goal that you can try. These are often shown in a suggested sequence, but you can determine the order. (Example ... “Choice A: Sign in to FamilySearch and move around the Family Tree screen.”)
- *Instructions* are the steps you follow to complete a Choice. (Example ... “1. Go to [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) and near the upper-right corner of the window, click Sign In.”)
- *Resources* are links to helpful articles and videos you can use to teach yourself important family history concepts and skills. (Learn more in [Project Resources](#) below.)

## 15 Minutes a Day, with The Family History Guide

You can make meaningful and enjoyable progress learning about family history in as little as **15 minutes a day**.

### *15-Minute Magic*

On a busy schedule? Here are some tips for getting the most out of your family history experience in a limited amount of time



1. Decide on which day(s) of the week you'd like to spend learning and working on family history.
2. Choose a target time of day that works best for you, when you have a short amount of uninterrupted time available.
3. For the first few sessions, choose an amount of time per session that works for you. This could be 10 minutes, 15, 20, etc. You can spend more time on a particular session if you like, but try to meet your minimum if at all possible.
4. Select a topic from the [Get Started page](#) for your session. You can make the selection at the beginning of each session, or you can plan out a series of session topics. If you plan ahead, you may want to browse the list of topics to see which ones appeal to you the most.
5. When you click the link and begin your session in The Family History Guide, follow the steps carefully and then read the articles or watch the videos that are linked on the page. In Project Choices, you can also find Exercises to do.
6. Take notes in the [Online Tracker](#) for the topic you are working with. Remember that it's more important to learn and experience a few meaningful things, rather than cover as much ground as possible.
7. Between your sessions, reflect occasionally on what you have learned and done in the last session, and how you feel about your relationship to your ancestors.

### **Fitting Family History into Your Life**



1. [Click here](#) for a handy schedule to help you fit family history activities into your life.
2. Check out [this webinar](#) showing Thomas MacEntee's 15-minute approach.
3. For more ideas, watch this [2022 RootsTech video](#) or this [2019 RootsTech video](#).
4. Divide and conquer with these 20 suggestions from Deborah Gamble's video [Family History in 5 Minutes a Day](#).

## Quick Family History Activities

1. In the Activities section of The Family History Guide, you can find a wealth of fun and easy activities to get you and your family or friends involved in family history. Activities marked with an asterisk (\*) require little or no preparation to do.
2. To see a list of all the available activities, check out the [Activities Index](#).
3. There are also quick family history activities designed for Latter-day Saints. See [this link](#) to get started.

## Research

1. Learn how to make regular progress in your family history research, 30 minutes at a time, courtesy of Family Locket: [Tips for Researching in Small Increments of Time](#)
2. Use these helpful time management tips in your research, from Ancestral Findings: [5 Genealogy Research Time-Management Tips](#)

## Closing Comments

Below is a "how to guide" for introducing newly baptized members in my congregation: children from 8 years of age to youth and adults alike. This handy card stock handout literally sells itself to all genealogists from entry level to intermediate and advanced features. And it folds in-half to conveniently go into your wallet.

This Facebook Group has numerous other postings related to The Family History Guide as listed below.

- **The Latest News from The Family History Guide** from Bob Taylor at: <http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/The%20Latest%20News%20from%20The%20Family%20History%20Guide.pdf>. Click on each image for clarity of content: or see March 9, 2021 posting
- **Brand-New Look for The Family History Guide Home Page** at <http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/New%20Look%20for%20FH%20Guide.pdf>: or see April 5, 2021 posting
- **The Latest News from The Family History Guide** from Bob Taylor at: <http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/The%20Latest%20News%20from%20The%20Family%20History%20Guide.pdf>. Click on each image for clarity of content: or see March 2021
- [Important Updates from The Family History Guide Blog](#): or see May 19, 2020 posting
- [Updates from The Family History Guide Blog](#): or see April 27, 2020 posting
- [New Posts from The Family History Guide Blog for 04/06/2020](#): or see April 7, 2020 posting
- [Stay UP-TO-DATE with The Family History Guide!](#) or see March 30, 2020 posting
- [The Family History Companion Guide](#): or see March 5, 2020 posting
- [The Family History Guide's Come, Follow Me Companion Lessons](#): Week 47: December 2 - December 8 or see November 24 posting
- [The Family History Guide Tutorials](#) or see July 12 and May 29 posting
- [The Family History Guide](#): The most extensive series of Tutorials for learning FamilySearch, Ancestry, My Heritage and Find My Past with Original research with over 150+ countries: visit May 29 posting

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- Get Started page
- 15-minute Activity links
- Complete Learning Projects for FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage, & Findmypast
- Over 200 Activities: families, individuals, youth, and kids
- Research pages for 60+ countries, states, provinces
- Online Tracker: monitor your learning progress
- Trainer/consultant pages
- YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest
- Approved by FamilySearch as a training resource
- Users in over 150 countries

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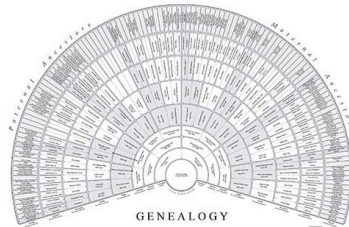
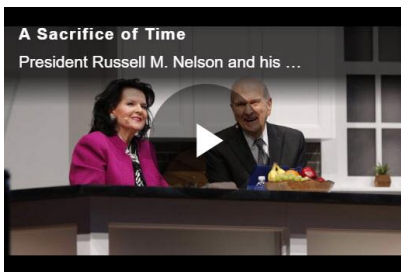
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### "Five-Minute" Temple and Family History Activity Ideas

1. **PRAY** for personal revelation to help gather Israel on both sides of the veil. Make plans as families and individuals.
2. Open [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) and **CREATE YOUR OWN ACCOUNT** if you haven't. Fill out everything you can to complete four generations! Call relatives for info. And ask the ward TFH leader and consultants to be of help.
3. As a family, play **20 Questions**: "I am thinking of an ancestor who..." (answer yes/no questions). You could also put a note on family member's backs with the name of an ancestor to guess or places they lived, etc.
4. Learn about the [FamilySearch tree](#) features such as record hints, ID numbers, and person pages.
5. Explore the new features of the FamilySearch **FAN CHART** (click "tree" on your account): birth countries, research help, photos, family lines, needed ordinances, sources, and stories.
6. Find all the stories on your FamilySearch tree on the site [All The Stories](#). This is a searchable list! One idea is to read these aloud and record them using the [Memories App Audio Feature](#).
7. Find family names to take the Temple!! Check out ["Ordinances Ready."](#) Read how to [Verify names and relationships](#). So many of our youth have accepted the [Temple Challenge](#) given by Elder Cook!
8. Watch Elder Bednar's talk [The Hearts of The Children Shall Turn](#). What are the promises? What will you do?
9. Play "The Human Knot" (watch this [video](#) and [this one](#) - The Family History Guide YouTube Channel).
10. **Interview and record a family or ward Member** using the [Memories App Audio Feature](#). Save the stories to FamilySearch. Check out interview question ideas from the [52 Stories Project](#).
11. Go to **The Family History Guide** [www.thefhguide.com](http://www.thefhguide.com) and explore the hundreds of **ACTIVITIES** "families, individuals, youth and kids corner." Check out the "no prep" activities marked with an asterisk. Here are a few of the 200+ ideas. See the index of activities [here](#).

- [\\*Charades](#)
- [Make Your Family Crest](#)
- [Make a Podcast about Your Family](#)
- [\\*Practice Your Storytelling Skills](#)
- [\\*Fun with Family History Words](#)

- [Create Your Own Quiz](#)
- [\\*Recreate an Ancestor Photo](#)
- [\\*The Family History Guide Tracker](#)
- [Help Plan a Family Reunion](#)
- [\\*Print a Chart of Your Family Tree](#)
- [Play Games Your Ancestors Did](#)



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