What does a tent protect us from?

- harsh weather (rain, wind, burning sun, etc.)
- bugs and other crawling or slithering things
**To make tents:** Cut on the solid black lines and fold on the dotted lines. Slightly overlap tent bottoms A and B and tape together making a triangular tent.

"From the time of Joseph Smith's vision of the Father and the Son in 1820, the Prophet had a strong testimony of Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. Joseph was persecuted throughout his life because of the truths he revealed and taught. But he never denied his testimony and always taught what he knew to be the truth. In 1844 Joseph was killed in Carthage Jail. The men who shot Joseph hoped that killing him would put an end to the Church and Joseph's teachings. Instead it made Joseph's testimony even stronger for the members of the Church because he "sealed his mission and his works with his own blood".

**Brigham Young**, second President of the Church, was the pioneer leader who guided the Saints west to the Salt Lake Valley. He sent families to establish towns and colonies throughout the West. He taught the people to stand for truth and righteousness, to work hard, and to be educated.

This is tent bottom A

This is tent bottom B.  
Slightly overlap A and tape together.
John Taylor, third President of the Church, was with the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum when they were shot and killed at Carthage Jail. Though he was shot several times, he said, "I felt that the Lord had preserved me by a special act of mercy." He taught that God watches over all the nations of the earth and loves His children everywhere.

Wilford Woodruff, fourth President of the Church, quickly recognized the truth of the gospel and was baptized two days after hearing the message. He entered the Great Salt Lake Valley with Brigham Young on 24 July 1847. He taught the young people "to listen to the voice of God and obey it." He said to them, "Your eternal destiny for time and eternity, will in a great measure depend upon the foundation which you lay in the days of your youth."
Lorenzo Snow, fifth President of the Church, was instructed by the Lord Jesus Christ in the Salt Lake Temple following the death of President Woodruff. President Snow later told his granddaughter, "I want you to remember that this is the testimony of your grand-father, that he told you with his own lips that he actually saw the Savior, here in the Temple, and talked with Him face to face." President Snow taught the Saints to pay their tithing and that if they did, the Lord would bless them with all they needed.

Joseph F. Smith, sixth President of the Church, was five years old when his father, Hyrum Smith, was killed at Carthage Jail with the Prophet Joseph Smith. Joseph F. Smith was nine years old when he drove an ox team across the plains. As President of the Church, he encouraged families to hold "home evening" activities, promising that "great blessings will result. Love at home and obedience to parents will increase. Faith will be developed in the hearts of the youth of Israel, and they will gain power to combat the evil influence and temptations which beset them."
Heber J. Grant, seventh President of the Church, was an example of persistence and determination. He led the Church during the difficult time of World War I and through World War II and helped the Church become financially secure. He urged members to keep the Word of Wisdom, pay tithing, and be thrifty. He invited all people to come unto Christ and keep the commandments of God.

George Albert Smith was the eighth President of the Church. His father, grandfather, and great-grandfather also served as General Authorities. He enjoyed Scouting and camping. He developed a creed that was a guide for his life: "I would be a friend to the friendless. ... I would not be an enemy to any living soul."
David O. McKay, ninth President of the Church, encouraged missionary work when he said, "Every member a missionary." He also taught the importance of home and family by saying that having a righteous family is the best success we can have in this life.

Joseph Fielding Smith, 10th President of the Church, invited all to come unto Christ. He said: "There is no cure for the ills of the world except the gospel of Jesus Christ. ... The Lord loves you. He wants you to receive the full blessings of the gospel."
Harold B. Lee, 11th President of the Church, had a great love for the members of the Church. He told the Saints to hold family home evening, teach their children, and protect them from the temptations of our world.

Spencer W. Kimball, 12th President of the Church, told the members of the Church, "Lengthen your stride." His life was an example of good works and action. On his desk was a plaque with the motto "Do It." Under his direction, temples were built in many areas of the world.
Ezra Taft Benson, 13th President of the Church, encouraged every member to read the Book of Mormon. He testified that the Book of Mormon will help us come unto Christ. He said, "There is a power in the book which will begin to flow into your lives the moment you begin a serious study of the book. ... This is my prayer, that the Book of Mormon may become the keystone of our lives."

Howard W. Hunter, 14th President of the Church, encouraged each member to live worthy to receive the blessings of the temple. He told us to follow the example of Jesus Christ and to "treat each other with more kindness, more patience, more courtesy and forgiveness."
Gordon B. Hinckley, 15th President of the Church, had a great love and concern for all people. He traveled all over the world to meet with the Saints and to tell them that God "will shower down blessings upon those who walk in obedience to His commandments." President Hinckley dedicated more temples than any other General Authority.

Thomas S. Monson is our 16th President of the Church. He is our latter-day Prophet today.
Listen to what the prophets say and write down (on the tent) what they tell you to do. Think about how this will keep you safe.
The purpose of this Family Home Evening lesson is to prepare our families to hear the words of the living prophet(s).

Six months ago, Tristan shared a post, Preparing and Pitching our Tents for Conference. The imagery of actually pitching the tents as described in Mosiah 2:5-6 has really influenced my thoughts on Conference. Turning our tents toward the temple, and focusing on the words of the Prophets have been on my mind lately.

That tent imagery and analogy are the basis for this FHE activity.

**Recommended Music:**

- Latter-day Prophets
- Follow the Prophet
- We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet

**Discussion and Sharing Time:** Show an image of a tent (or have one set up). One is included in the visuals packet. Discuss the purpose of a tent. How does a tent help us? Tents provide shelter from the hot burning sun, they give protection from the wind and rain. They place a barrier between us and the creepy crawly things out in the world, that might harm us and cause great fear.

Likewise our prophets tell us what our Heavenly Father wants us to know, to keep not only our bodies safe, but our spirits as well. There is safety in following the Prophets. If we will obey their words we will find protection and shelter from the things that will harm our spirits. We will have a barrier between us and the deceptions of the world.
We are blessed to belong to THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, where we believe in and sustain a living prophet of God.

**Tent Activity:** For this activity, you will use the visuals which include 16 mini tents, one for each Latter-day Prophet. You will use the tents to guide you through this activity. If you have a temple picture or figurine you could arrange the tents around the temple.

So far we have had 16 Latter-day Prophets. Let’s see what each prophet has taught us to help keep us safe and on the path to return to our Heavenly Father. Read the summary* of each prophet on the side of his tent and discuss how following that counsel keeps us safe.

At this point in the activity, you could sing *Latter-day Prophets* to order your tents. Or if your children are a bit older, have them tell you the order without the song. You can use these later for practice ordering the Latter-day Prophets.

**Conclusion/Discussion:** Share with your family your testimony of our current prophet, Thomas S. Monson and explain that the Apostles are also ordained as prophets, seers and revelators. Stress the importance of General Conference and listening to the messages that will keep us safe.

There is a follow-up handout included in the visuals to record the teachings of the prophets as we are taught during this Conference. Have the handout ready to show your children. You could also use a piece of poster-board and fold it into a tent and have family members write the words of the prophets on it. This could be used to review the lessons taught during Conference at a future time.

Open and close with one of the songs listed above and a prayer. Celebrate your FHE time by having something yummy for refreshments. **Do you have a yummy refreshment idea to go along with this FHE? If so please leave it in the comments section below.**

*The summary for each prophet was taken from the text on the back side of their individual portraits found here. This Family Home Evening Lesson is part of FHE Friday @ Latter-day Homeschooling. This FHE lesson was created by Dana Cockrum. Feel free to use it for your family and share it with others who might enjoy it!