

Temple facts

- The reconstruction of the 1840s original is on the same site on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. The highest point is 162 feet, 5 inches above the ground.
- The temple is 54,000 square feet, including five levels and a basement. It took five years to build the original; the new temple was constructed in two.
- Anyone wishing to tour the reconstructed Nauvoo Temple while it is open to the public must have a ticket. Tickets are free and may be ordered at (800) 537-8097.
- The temple will be open to the public from May 6 to June 22.

Children must be taught religion

FROM THE PULPIT

before the church, who are to lay their hands upon them in the name of Jesus Christ, and bless them in his name." (Doctrine and Covenants 17:19) Peter Judd, in his book "The Sacraments," writes: "The customary procedure is for two elders to officiate. One elder usually holds the child in his arms and the other offers a prayer of blessing with hands laid on the child," while the parents stand nearby. Occasionally, a blessing will be performed with the child being held by a parent, or with the child sitting on a chair, or on the lap of a parent.

Blessing is NOT baptism - baptism is for the forgiveness of sin - and little children are without sin, having been deemed from the foundation of the world, through mine Only Begotten; wherefore they cannot sin, for power is not given unto Satan to tempt little children, until they begin to become accountable before me." (Doctrine and Covenants 28:18a) Little children are "whole" in the eyes of God, incapable of sin, without need for repentance, and are saved without baptism.

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Wife doesn't recognize emotional abuse

Dear Abby: Two different professional counselors have told me my husband is emotionally abusive. I just don't see it. In 25 years of marriage



Abby, please warn your readers that after they have written their two-part check, to remove the top one from the checkbook before adding their driver's license and Social Security num-

Horoscope

have to accept conditions that are not to your advantage. If you set your mind to doing so, you have the wherewithal to make things happen for you.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Partner-ship arrangements could prove exceptionally lucky for you. Your counterpart might turn out to be more effective than you realized and make a major contribution.

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Christ, invite you to present your children for a blessing, helping them to grow up with the blessings and partnership of Jesus Christ.

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married, we had a situation in which her father would be present at our wedding, but we didn't want him to give her away. Understanding that together we were stepping into our new