

<p>Naming and Blessing Children The ordinance of naming and blessing children requires authorization from the presiding authority. When blessing a baby, men who hold the Melchizedek Priesthood gather in a circle and hold the baby in their hands. When blessing an older child, brethren place their hands lightly on the child's head. The person who gives the blessing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addresses Heavenly Father. 2. States that the blessing is given by the authority of the Melchizedek Priesthood. 3. Gives the child a name. 4. Gives a priesthood blessing as the Spirit directs. 5. Closes in the name of Jesus Christ. 	
<p>Baptism Under the direction of the presiding authority, a worthy priest or man who holds the Melchizedek Priesthood may perform a baptism. To do so, he:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stands in the water with the person who will be baptized. 2. For convenience and safety, holds the person's right wrist with his left hand; the person being baptized holds the left wrist of the one performing the baptism with his or her left hand. 3. Raises his right arm to the square. 4. States the person's full name and says, "Having been commissioned of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen" (D&C 20:73). 5. Has the person hold his or her nose with the right hand for convenience; the one performing the baptism places his right hand high on the person's back and immerses the person completely, including the person's clothing. 6. Helps the person come up out of the water. 7. Two priests or men who hold the Melchizedek Priesthood witness each baptism to be sure it is performed properly. <p>The baptism must be repeated if the words are not spoken exactly as given in Doctrine and Covenants 20:73 or if part of the person's body or clothing was not immersed completely. The person being baptized and the person performing the ordinance are to wear white clothing that is not transparent when wet.</p>	
<p>Consecrating Oil One man (or more) who holds the Melchizedek Priesthood consecrates pure olive oil for its holy purpose of anointing the sick or afflicted. The one who consecrates the oil: Holds an open container of olive oil. Addresses our Heavenly Father. States that he is acting by the authority of the Melchizedek Priesthood. Consecrates the oil (not the container) and sets it apart for anointing the sick and afflicted. Closes in the name of Jesus Christ.</p>	
<p>Anointing with Oil One man who holds the Melchizedek Priesthood anoints the person who is sick. To do so, he:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Puts a drop of consecrated oil on the person's head. 2. Places his hands lightly on the person's head and calls the person by his or her full name. 3. States that he is anointing the person by the authority of the Melchizedek Priesthood. 4. States that he is anointing with oil that has been consecrated for anointing and blessing the sick and afflicted. 5. Closes in the name of Jesus Christ. 	
<p>Father's Blessings and Other Blessings of Comfort and Counsel Father's blessings and other priesthood blessings are given to provide direction and comfort as guided by the Spirit. A father who holds the Melchizedek Priesthood may give father's blessings to his children. Such blessings may be especially helpful when children go away from home, such as to attend school or go on missions, or when they begin employment, get married, enter military service, or face unusual personal challenges. These blessings can be a great strength to a family. A family may record a father's blessing for family records, but it is not preserved in Church records. Parents should encourage children to seek father's blessings in times of need. Worthy men who hold the Melchizedek Priesthood also may give blessings of comfort and counsel to their wives, extended family members, and others who request them. To give a father's blessing or other blessings of comfort and counsel, a man who holds the Melchizedek Priesthood, either alone or with one or more worthy men who hold the Melchizedek Priesthood, places his hands lightly on the head of the person receiving the blessing. No oil is necessary for such blessings. The one giving the blessing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Calls the person by his or her full name. 2. States that he is giving the blessing by the authority of the Melchizedek Priesthood. 3. Gives a blessing as the Spirit directs. 4. Closes in the name of Jesus Christ. 	