

# Purifying Water

## family lessons:

*Teaching Objective:* To help each family member know how to purify water.

### *Items Needed:*

- Water
- See Activity for different materials needed
- Fruit Drink Mix

### *Lesson Outline:*

- Discuss the reasons why we need water. Why is water so important?
- Ask why it is important to make sure that our drinking/cleaning water is always clean?
- Discuss ways that we can purify our water. Click [here](#) for great ideas on how to purify water.

### *Suggested Activity/Game:*

- After you have discussed the different ways to purify water, try it out! As a family, pick a method and do it.
- Analyze whether or not your family is prepared to be able to purify water. Discuss some of the things you may need in order to purify water.
- Talk about what you have learned & if you need to make changes in order to be prepared.

### *Recommended Treat:*

A great treat would be a nice glass of juice made from your clean water, and fruit mix drink that you have in your food storage!

## Optional Religious Application:

Opening Prayer:

Song: [All Things Bright and Beautiful](#) (231 in Children's Song Book) Discuss that water was created by the Lord.

Gospel Application:

- Heavenly Father created not only water, but he created us as well.
- We need to try our best to be pure just like we are making our water pure to drink.
- Heavenly Father has given us ways to become pure – discuss the Atonement, and how we can repent.
- Read [St. John 4:10-14](#). Discuss as a family how this relates to our lives. How can we always “drink” and never thirst in our own lives?

Story: [The Cleansing](#)

Closing Prayer:

## More Information

Additional Activities

- Try purifying water in various ways. Check out the [EPA](#) website below for ideas.
- Visit your local town hall. Ask for information on how your town purifies water.
- Find ways we can be more careful with our water consumption (turning off water when brushing your teeth or washing your face, shorter showers, water lawn at night, etc...) Discuss how your family can work together to reach those goals.

Resources:

- <http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw/faq/emerg.html>