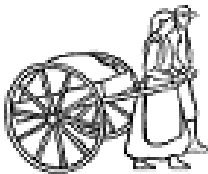
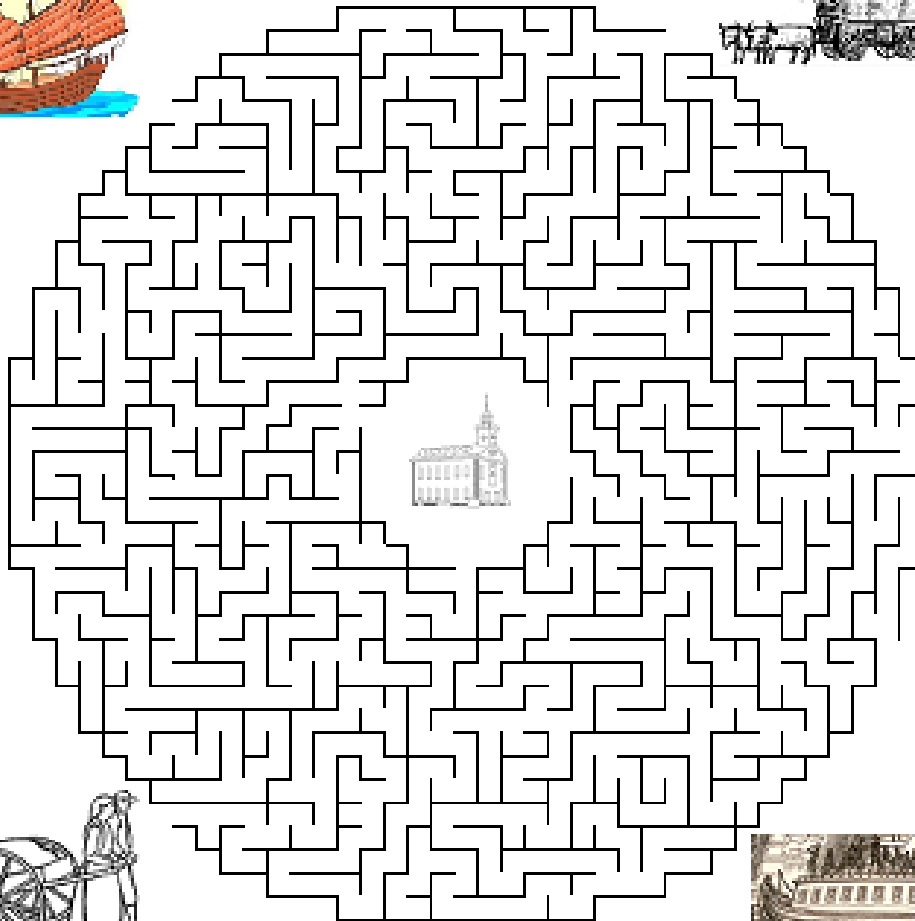


Journey to Kirtland, Ohio

As missionaries traveled to spread the news of the new church, many people they met were baptized and eagerly decided to join the Kirtland Saints. Travel in the 1830's was not easy. Many walked, traveled by wagons, and sailed by boat along Lake Erie to Fairport Harbor. Help these new converts find their way to Kirtland!



The Erie Canal: In the American folk song "The Erie Canal Song," we learn a lot about travel by canal, and a mule named Sal. Mules and horses were used to pull boats along the canal. Some of the early Saints traveled in packet boats by way of the Erie Canal, which opened in 1825, just six years before the Saints began to gather in Kirtland. Lucy Mack Smith, Joseph Smith's mother, led a group from New York to Ohio in 1831, traveling part of their journey on the Erie Canal.