

START HERE • 5–15 MINUTES

Family History *made simple*

Eight free, easy ways to begin. Point your phone's camera at a QR code, pick one, and try it this week—alone or with your family.



1

Free FamilySearch Account

Easy

5 min

One free sign-in opens almost every tool in this guide.

Needs: Email or phone; ages 13+ (8–12 with a parent)

familysearch.org › Help › Create a free account



2

FamilySearch Activities (Discovery)

Easy

5–15 min

A menu of quick, game-like family history experiences.

Needs: Free account for most

familysearch.org/en/discovery



3

All About Me

Easy

5 min

Fun facts about your name and the year you were born.

Needs: Free account

familysearch.org/discovery/about



4

Compare-a-Face

Easy

5–10 min

See which ancestor you most resemble.

Needs: Free account

familysearch.org/discovery/compare



5

Surname Origins

Easy

5 min

Learn what a last name means and where it is most common.

Needs: Nothing special

familysearch.org/en/surname



6

One In-Home Activity

Easy

20–45 min

Simple FamilySearch activities for kids, youth, and families—many need no computer.

Needs: No login (About Me, My Family)

familysearch.org/en/discovery/activities



7

FamilySearch Family Tree App

Easy

10–20 min

Your family tree, Ordinances Ready, activities, and Memories on your phone.

Needs: App download + free account

familysearch.org/en/mobile-apps



8

Ordinances Ready

Medium

10 min + visit

FamilySearch finds family names ready for temple ordinances—no searching required.

Needs: Free account; recommend to attend

familysearch.org/en/temple/ordinances-ready

Have more time? There's more to explore.

Ask for our full Family History Tools guide—Memories, Record My Story, Family Name Assist, Get Involved, and more, easiest to deepest.

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