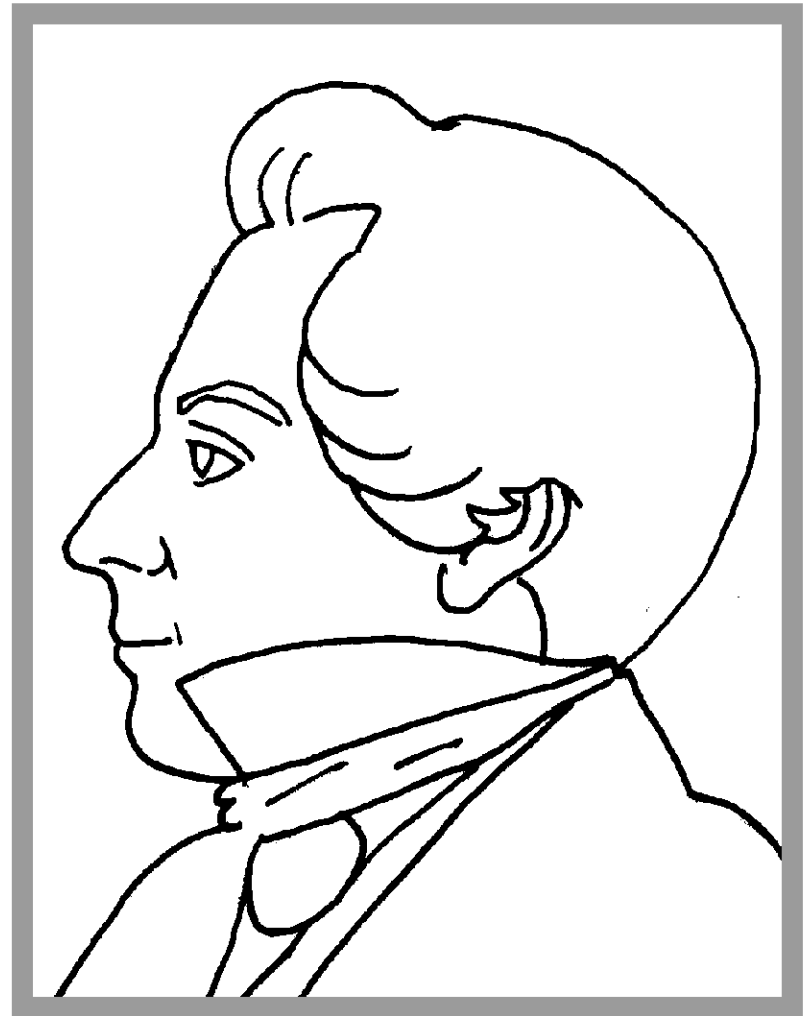




"Joseph Smith Receives the Gold Plates," Friend, Dec. 1998, 9
The Prophet Joseph Smith was born in December. The Lord restored His church through this mighty Latter-day prophet. In this picture for you to color, he is getting the gold plates, the translation of which became the Book of Mormon.



"But, to the surprise of its enemies, the Church did not die nor did the work of Joseph Smith cease with his mortal death. What has transpired in a century and a half bears eloquent testimony to the eternal nature of the work of this singularly remarkable man, Joseph Smith. The Church which he restored has had dramatic growth in many parts of the earth."
James E. Faust, "The Expanding Inheritance from Joseph Smith," Ensign, Nov. 1981, 75