

5-Minute Micro-tasks on a Smartphone

Small, meaningful FamilySearch tasks for brief moments in your day

Family history does not always need a long research session. Open your phone, choose one small task, and help preserve a memory, improve the tree, or prepare a family name for temple work.

A simple rhythm

- 1 Open FamilySearch, Memories, or Get Involved.
- 2 Choose one task from this guide.
- 3 Stop after five minutes, even if you are not finished.

Best first task

If you are helping a child or youth save an ancestor story, start with the Memories app demo. It shows the easiest path for saving a photo, written story, or audio memory.

[Watch Demo](#)

Choose One Quick Task

Read one ancestor story

2-5 min

Open FamilySearch Memories and read one story or view one photo. Share one sentence about what you noticed.

Save one photo

5 min

Add one ancestor photo from your phone. Include a short title so it is easier to find later.

Record one short memory

5 min

Ask a parent, grandparent, or relative one question and record their answer in the Memories app.

Review one record

3-5 min

Use Get Involved to review names or details from historical records so they can become searchable.

Fix one tree detail

5 min

Check a hint, attach a source, add a missing date, or clean up one small family-tree item.

Find one temple opportunity

Next step

When you have more than five minutes, use Ordinances Ready to look for a family name.

Memories You Can Save

Why this matters

A photo, story, or short audio recording can help children and youth feel that their ancestors are real people, not only names on a chart.

Photo plus one sentence

Choose a photo and add a short memory: who is pictured, where it happened, or why the photo matters.

One-question interview

Ask: What is one thing you remember about your parents or grandparents? Record or write the answer.

Child ancestor story

If a child shares an ancestor story in Primary or at home, save the written story or a photo connected to it.

Helpful links

FamilySearch Memories

[Open Memories](#)

Gallery and add or view memories.

Mobile demo

[Watch Demo](#)

to see how to use the Memories app.

Get Involved Tasks

When you only have a few minutes

Get Involved tasks help make historical records easier for others to search. These are especially good for youth or adults who enjoy quick phone-based service.

Review a name

Check whether a computer-read name looks correct. If it does, confirm it. If it does not, correct it.

Review a place or date

Look at one field from a historical record and compare it with the image.

Try an indexing session later

If a five-minute task feels good, set aside a longer window for indexing or reviewing records.

Open Get Involved

FamilySearch offers many volunteer tasks through Get Involved.

[Open FamilySearch](#)

Small Family Tree Tune-ups

Keep it simple

Do not try to solve the whole tree from your phone. Choose one person, one hint, or one missing detail, then stop.

Attach one source

If FamilySearch suggests a record that clearly belongs to your ancestor, attach it and add a short reason statement.

Add one missing detail

A birth place, death date, spouse, or parent can make the next search easier.

Clean up one duplicate

If you are confident two profiles are the same person, review the duplicate suggestion carefully before merging.

Leave a note for later

If the task is too big for five minutes, add a note or bookmark the person so you can return later.

Family and Youth Challenge

At a reunion, visit, or quiet Sunday afternoon

Invite a youth or child to capture one real story from a living relative. The goal is connection first, polish second.

Easy interview questions

- What is a story about your parents or grandparents that you hope we remember?
- What was your home like when you were young?
- What is one lesson you learned from a hard experience?
- What family tradition do you hope continues?

After the conversation

Save the story as a FamilySearch Memory. Add the person it is about, a short title, and one or two sentences of context. Then share it with your family.

Remember

A five-minute task is still a real contribution. Small moments, repeated over time, can turn into a family record that lasts.