



Teachings for Our Time

Melchizedek Priesthood and Relief Society lessons on fourth Sundays will be devoted to Teachings for Our Time. Each lesson can be prepared from one or more talks given in the most recent general conference. Stake and district presidents may choose which talks should be used, or they may assign this responsibility to bishops and branch presidents. Leaders should stress the value of Melchizedek Priesthood brethren and Relief Society sisters studying the same talks on the same Sundays.

Those attending fourth-Sunday lessons are encouraged to study and bring to class the latest general conference issue of the magazine.

Suggestions for Preparing a Lesson from Talks

Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with you as you study and teach the talk(s). You may be tempted to prepare the lesson using other materials, but the conference talks are the approved curriculum. Your assignment is to help others learn and live the gospel as taught in the most recent general conference of the Church.

Review the talk(s), looking for principles and doctrines that meet the needs of class members. Also look for stories, scripture references, and statements from the talk(s) that will help you teach these truths.

Make an outline of how to teach the principles and doctrines. Your outline should include questions that help class members:

- Look for principles and doctrines in the talk(s).
- Think about their meaning.
- Share understanding, ideas, experiences, and testimonies.
- Apply these principles and doctrines in their lives. ■

Months

Fourth-Sunday Lesson Materials

November 2007–
April 2008

Talks published in the November 2007 *Liabona* and *Ensign**

May 2008–
October 2008

Talks published in the May 2008 *Liabona* and *Ensign**

* These talks are available online (in many languages) at www.lds.org.

Aaronic Priesthood and Young Women Resource Guides

The following resources may be used to supplement, but not replace, lessons in *Aaronic Priesthood Manual 3* and *Young Women Manual 3*. Some *Duty to God* and *Personal Progress* activities listed in the guides may be worked on during lesson time, or you may encourage quorum or class members to complete them at home.

Please teach the lessons in the order they are printed. The manual

does not include a specific Easter lesson. If you want to teach a special Easter lesson, consider using scriptures, conference addresses, Church magazine articles, pictures, and hymns that focus on the Savior.

Aaronic Priesthood Manual 3

Lesson 1: The Godhead

Gordon B. Hinckley, “In These



Three I Believe,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, July 2006, 2. You may want to use this article to enhance the discussion of the composition of the Godhead.

Duty to God (Deacon), “Spiritual Development,” no. 3; *(Teacher)*, “Spiritual Development,” no. 4; *(Priest)*, “Spiritual Development,” no. 10.

Lesson 2: The Plan of Salvation

L. Tom Perry, “The Plan of Salvation,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2006, 69. Consider using this article to expand the discussion of the section “The Plan of Salvation Is for Our Glory and Exaltation.”

Duty to God (Deacon), “Quorum Activities,” no. 6.

Lesson 3: Sons of the Living God

Jeffrey R. Holland, “The Grandeur of God,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2003, 70. This article could be used to enhance the discussion of the section “Heavenly Father’s Character and Attributes.”

Duty to God (Deacon), “Spiritual Development,” no. 10.

Lesson 4: I Have the Ability and Freedom to Choose

Robert D. Hales, “To Act for Ourselves: The Gift and Blessings of Agency,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2006, 4. You may use this article to support the discussion of the section “We Are Responsible for the Consequences of Our Acts.”

Lesson 5: “How Art Thou Fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer!”

Dallin H. Oaks, “Be Not Deceived,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2004, 43. Consider using this article to enhance the discussion of the section “Satan’s Methods.”

Lesson 6: The Fall of Adam

Dieter F. Uchtdorf, “Point of Safe Return,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2007, 99. You may supplement the section on repentance with this talk.

Lesson 7: The Atonement Brings Victory over Death and Hell

Boyd K. Packer, “I Will Remember Your Sins No More,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2006, 25. You could conclude the lesson with the concluding paragraph of President Packer’s talk.

Lesson 8: The Resurrection and Judgment

Thomas S. Monson, “I Know That My Redeemer Lives!” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2007, 22. Consider beginning the lesson with President Monson’s story about the family.

Duty to God (Deacon), “Quorum Activities,” no. 6.

Lesson 9: Justice and Mercy

Richard G. Scott, “The Atonement Can Secure Your Peace and Happiness,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2006, 40. Consider using Elder Scott’s discussion of justice and mercy to help conclude the lesson.

Duty to God (Deacon), “Spiritual Development,” no. 1.

Lesson 10: A Mighty Change

David A. Bednar, “Ye Must Be Born Again,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2007, 19. Consider using the section “A Mighty Change of Heart” to expand on Joseph Smith’s quote at the beginning of the lesson.

Duty to God (Priest), “Family Activities,” no. 2.

Lesson 11: Faith Sufficient to Obtain Eternal Life

Henry B. Eyring, “As a Child,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2006, 14. During the section “True Faith

Requires Trust and Confidence,” you could share Elder Eyring’s account of praying through the night.

Duty to God (Deacon), “Spiritual Development,” no. 3; *(Priest)*, “Spiritual Development,” nos. 1 and 10.

Lesson 12: Repentance

Richard G. Scott, “The Atonement Can Secure Your Peace and Happiness,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2006, 40. You may wish to share Elder Scott’s rock-climbing analogy after discussing Isaiah 1:18.

Duty to God (Teacher), “Family Activities,” no. 3; *(Priest)*, “Family Activities,” no. 5.

Lesson 13: Receiving Forgiveness as We Forgive

James E. Faust, “The Healing Power of Forgiveness,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2007, 67. After sharing Elder Hanks’s quote, you may wish to read President Faust’s account of the tragedy among the Amish people.

Duty to God (Teacher), “Family Activities,” no. 3.

Lesson 14: The Sacrament

Thomas S. Monson, “Our Sacred Priesthood Trust,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2006, 54. Consider using President Monson’s two stories at the end of the article as part of the section “The Priests Act in Behalf of the Congregation.”

Duty to God (Deacon), “Quorum Activities,” no. 7; *(Priest)*, Quorum Activities, no. 1.

Lesson 15: Enduring to the End

Henry B. Eyring, “In the Strength of the Lord,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2004, 16. Consider adding the four simple things Elder Eyring suggests after President Benson’s talk.

Lesson 16: Jesus Christ, the Life and Light of the World

Joseph B. Wirthlin, “The Unspeakable Gift,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2003, 26. Consider using Elder Wirthlin’s explanation of the Light of Christ in the first discussion section of the lesson.

Duty to God (Deacon), “Spiritual Development,” no. 1.

Lesson 17: The Holy Ghost

Henry B. Eyring, “As a Child,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2006, 14. Consider using Elder Eyring’s description and examples of the Holy Ghost to supplement the lesson.

Glenn L. Pace, “Do You Know?” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2007, 78. You may want to use Elder Pace’s experiences in the section “The Effect of the Holy Ghost upon Mortal Men.”

Duty to God (Priest), “Spiritual Development,” no. 6.

Lesson 18: Prayer

Richard G. Scott, “Using the Supernal Gift of Prayer,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2007, 8. Consider using portions of the article to supplement the lesson where needed.

Duty to God (Teacher), “Family Activities,” no. 3.

Lesson 19: Fasting

Thomas S. Monson, “Do Your Duty—That Is Best,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2005, 56. To conclude this lesson you may want to share the story of the bishop who took the deacon to Welfare Square.

Duty to God (Deacon), “Quorum Activities,” no. 2.

Lesson 20: Tithing—a Spiritual Test

Daniel L. Johnson, “The Law of Tithing,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2006, 35. Consider replacing the quiz in the lesson with Elder Johnson’s three questions about tithing.

Lesson 21: The Role of the Quorum

L. Tom Perry, “What Is a Quorum?” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2004, 23. Consider using Elder Perry’s list and examples to help answer the question “What benefits are derived from membership in a priesthood quorum?”

Henry B. Eyring, “A Priesthood Quorum,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2006, 43. Examples from Elder Eyring’s talk could be used to help explain the importance of the quorum.

Lesson 22: Duties of Priests

James E. Faust, “The Key of the Knowledge of God,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2004, 52. When discussing what it means to have power in administering outward ordinances, consider using President Faust’s statement about how young men of the Aaronic Priesthood have been given authority and responsibilities.

Lesson 23: Preparing for the Melchizedek Priesthood

Thomas S. Monson, “Our Sacred Priesthood Trust,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2006, 54. You may want to tell of President Monson’s experience of receiving the Melchizedek Priesthood and the story about the oath and covenant of the priesthood to replace the story in the beginning of the lesson.

Lesson 24: Follow the Prophet

Jeffrey R. Holland, “Prophets in the Land Again,” *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2006, 104. Consider beginning the lesson with the first point in Elder Holland’s list of things general conference declares to the world.

Lesson 25: Every Young Man Should Serve a Mission

M. Russell Ballard, “One More,”

Liabona and *Ensign*, May 2005, 69. You may want to review the list of what missionaries wished they had done to prepare to supplement the section "We Must Prepare for Missionary Service."

Young Women Manual 3

Lesson 1: God the Father

Gordon B. Hinckley, "In These Three I Believe," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, July 2006, 2. Consider using the section "In His Image" to support the lesson's section "We Are Children and Heirs of Our Heavenly Father."

Personal Progress, "Choice and Accountability Value Experiences," no. 1.

Lesson 2: Coming to Know the Savior

David A. Bednar, "Ye Must Be Born Again," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2007, 19. Consider using the section "A Mighty Change" to replace the introduction.

Robert D. Hales, "Finding Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2004, 70. Consider replacing the chalkboard illustration with the pattern Elder Hales suggests. You could invite a few young women to share the results of following this pattern.

Personal Progress, "Faith Value Experiences," no. 5.

Lesson 3: Living the Gospel Daily

Dieter F. Uchtdorf, "Christlike Attributes—the Wind beneath Our Wings," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2005, 100. Consider replacing the wordstrip section of the lesson with Elder Uchtdorf's correlation between flying aircraft and living the principles of the gospel.

Personal Progress, "Choice and Accountability Value Experiences," nos. 1 and 2.

Lesson 4: Preparing to Become an Eternal Companion

James E. Faust, "Enriching Your Marriage," *Liabona*, Apr. 2007, 2; *Ensign*, Apr. 2007, 4. After reading the story of Brad and Kathy, you may want to discuss how their experience could have been different if they had used President Faust's six questions.

Personal Progress, "Divine Nature Value Experiences," no. 2.

Lesson 5: Creating a Spiritual Environment in the Home

M. Russell Ballard, "Creating a Gospel-Sharing Home," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2006, 84. Consider supplementing the section "Creating a

Spiritual Home Environment Requires Preparation and Work" with Elder Ballard's talk.

Personal Progress, "Good Works Value Experiences," no. 4.

Lesson 6: A Woman's Responsibility to Teach

M. Russell Ballard, "The Sacred Responsibilities of Parenthood," *Liabona*, Mar. 2006, 10; *Ensign*, Mar. 2006, 26. Consider replacing the story of Elder Croft with the section "Ensuring Happy and Secure Families."

Personal Progress, "Faith Value Experiences," no. 2.

Lesson 7: Our Purpose in Life

L. Tom Perry, "The Plan of Salvation," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2006, 69. Consider introducing the lesson with the story Elder Perry shares at the beginning of his talk.

Personal Progress, "Divine Nature Value Experiences," no. 1.

Lesson 8: Eternal Families

Russell M. Nelson, "Nurturing Marriage," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2006, 36. You may want to share Elder Nelson's three suggestions on how to strengthen marriages to supplement the section "We Must Prepare for Eternal Family Life Now."

Personal Progress, "Divine Nature Value Experiences," no. 3.

Lesson 9: Encouraging Family Unity

W. Douglas Shumway, "Marriage and Family: Our Sacred Responsibility," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2004, 94.

Consider replacing the story of Anne with Elder Shumway's family home evening story.

Personal Progress, "Divine Nature Value Experiences," no. 3.

Lesson 10: Encouraging Enjoyable Family Activities

L. Tom Perry, "The Importance of the Family," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2003, 40. Consider replacing the family fun sack activity with the young women's suggestions for family activities based on Elder Perry's guidelines.

Personal Progress, "Divine Nature Value Experiences," no. 3.

Lesson 11: Extended Family Relationships

James E. Faust, "The Phenomenon That Is You," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2003, 53. Consider replacing Elder Featherstone's story with the opening story from President Faust's talk.

Personal Progress, "Individual Worth Value Experiences," no. 5.

Lesson 12: The Blessings of the Priesthood

Dallin H. Oaks, "Priesthood Authority in the Family and the

Church," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2005, 24. You may want to use Elder Oaks's talk to update quotes and stories in this lesson.

Lesson 13: The Priesthood Can Bless Families

James E. Faust, "The Key of the Knowledge of God," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2004, 52. Consider sharing President Faust's eight promises as you discuss how priesthood holders should lead their families.

Lesson 14: We Have a Wonderful Legacy

L. Tom Perry, "The Message of the Restoration," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2007, 85. Consider replacing the third section of the lesson with excerpts from Elder Perry's talk that explain the Restoration of the gospel.

Personal Progress, "Faith Value Project," bullet 3.

Lesson 15: Blessings of the House of Israel

Richard G. Hinckley, "Repentance, a Blessing of Membership," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2006, 48. To introduce the lesson, you may want to encourage the young women to follow Elder Hinckley's example by writing about "What my membership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints means to me."

Lesson 16: Temple Endowment

Henry B. Eyring, "Hearts Bound Together," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2005, 77. Consider replacing the discussion and quotation under the section "Temples Have Sacred Purposes" with Elder Eyring's experience with his grandfather.

Personal Progress, "Integrity Value Experiences," no. 1.

Lesson 17: Preparing to Attend the Temple

Joseph B. Wirthlin, "Life's Lessons Learned," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2007, 45. You may want to conclude the lesson by telling the story of the rival football game as an analogy of staying focused on the goal of attending the temple.

Personal Progress, "Integrity Value Project," bullet 4.

Lesson 18: Temple Marriage

Russell M. Nelson, "Nurturing Marriage," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2006, 36. You may want to include Elder Nelson's suggestions on strengthening marriage as part of the object lesson.

Personal Progress, "Choice and Accountability Value Experiences," no. 3.

Lesson 19: Heritage

Jeffrey R. Holland, "To Young Women," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2005, 28. Consider replacing the first quotation with the fourth paragraph of Elder Holland's talk and discussing its implications.

Personal Progress, "Individual Worth Value Experiences," no. 5.

Lesson 20: Understanding a Missionary's Responsibilities

David A. Bednar, "Becoming a Missionary," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2005, 44. Consider replacing the introduction with Elder Bednar's counsel in the section "A Frequently Asked Question."

Lesson 21: Learning to Share the Gospel

James E. Faust, "Your Light—a Standard to All Nations," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2006, 111. Consider replacing the story of the Protestant minister with the story of Vicki.

Personal Progress, "Good Works Value Experiences," no. 7.

Lesson 22: Eternal Perspective

Dieter F. Uchtdorf, "See the End from the Beginning," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2006, 42. As an introduction to the lesson, consider sharing Elder Uchtdorf's experience in joining the air force.

Personal Progress, "Faith Value Experiences," nos. 5 and 6.

Lesson 23: Overcoming Opposition

Richard G. Scott, "How to Live Well amid Increasing Evil," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2004, 100. Consider replacing sections of the lesson with stories and advice from Elder Scott.

Personal Progress, "Choice and Accountability Value Experiences," no. 2.

Lesson 24: Agency

Robert D. Hales, "To Act for Ourselves: The Gift and Blessings of Agency," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, May 2006, 4. Consider replacing the story at the end of the lesson with Elder Hales's suggestions on how to reclaim your agency.

Personal Progress, "Choice and Accountability Value Experiences," no. 3.

Lesson 25: Obedience

Henry B. Eyring, "Spiritual Preparedness: Start Early and Be Steady," *Liabona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2005, 37. After the Heber J. Grant quote, you may want to discuss Elder Eyring's "four settings in which to practice quick and steady obedience."

Personal Progress, "Faith Value Experiences," no. 7. ■



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