

I'll Follow Him in Faith

September 2006 Primary Open House Workshop

Objective: Primary leaders can help children follow Jesus Christ by teaching them to apply gospel principles.

Presentation Outline

Pre-Opener Activity

Primary songs show what children can *do* to apply gospel principles.

Methods to teach songs:

- Two people lead—one in front with arms behind, one in back puts arms through to lead
- Fold out pictures (grow bigger and bigger as song is sung) depicting song's message
- Rotate umbrella with “doing” action words (**LIVE, KNOW, FOLLOW, LIVE**)
- Four pictures cut up vertically in three strips, mounted on four sides of each of three boxes

Resources

* Picture numbers correspond with lesson manual picture kits
GAK = Gospel Art Picture Kit

- “I Will Be Valiant,” *Children’s Songbook (CS)*, 162
- “Nephi’s Courage,” *CS*, 120–21, third verse:
 - *6-24 Moses with commandments on tablets
 - *3-28 Boy w/ baseball bat & broken window
 - *7-13 Boy praying in the woods
 - *4-18 Nephi subdues his rebellious brothers
 - *3-26 Girl paying tithing
 - *3-23 Girl studying scriptures
 - *3-60 Girl praying
- “I Want to Live the Gospel,” *CS*, 148
- “Seek the Lord Early,” *CS*, 108
 - GAK 240, *Jesus the Christ*
 - *3-23 Girl studying scriptures
 - *7-13 Boy praying
 - GAK 520, “Gordon B. Hinckley”
- “I’m Trying to Be like Jesus,” *CS*, 78–9

I. We can teach children to apply gospel principles found in:

A. Scriptures.

- Scripture account of Jesus calling Apostles
- “Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.”
- Quote from Elder David A. Bednar:
“As gospel instructors, you and I are not in the business of distributing fish; rather our work is to help individuals learn to “fish” and to become spiritually self-reliant. . . . Experience has enabled me to understand that an answer given by another person usually is not remembered for very long. But an answer we discover or obtain through the exercise of faith, typically, is retained for a lifetime. The most important learnings of life are caught—not taught.”

B. Primary music.

- Song presentation: wheel with action words (LEARN, SHARE, PRAY, SERVE). Children show actions from song
- Resources for teaching songs

- Luke 5:4–11; *2-24 Jesus calling Apostles
- James 1:22
- “Seek Learning by Faith,” CES address, Feb. 3, 2006 (see LDS.org > Gospel Library > Recent Addresses, under the heading Additional Addresses)
- “I’ll Follow Him in Faith,” *2007 Outline for Sharing Time and the Children’s Sacrament Meeting Presentation (OSTCSMP)*, 11
- LDS.org; *Friend*, Sharing Time page; *CS*, 300

C. Words of the prophets.

- Children can apply First Presidency message in *Friend*. Adapt for use in opening exercises, sharing time, activity days/Scouts.
- Sharing Time
Children can apply teachings of prophets from general conference
 1. Song played on kazoo
 2. Pres Hinckley’s story of Richard
 3. Scripture memorization activity
 4. Faith in God activity, p. 9

- “Come Listen to a Prophet’s Voice: Follow the Signs,” *Friend*, May 2006, 2–3
- 2007 OSTCSMP, April Weekly Gospel Principle #4, “My faith in Jesus Christ grows when I hear the apostles and prophets testify of Him.”
- 2007 OSTCSMP, September Weekly Gospel Principle #3, “I will serve others by treating them kindly . . .”
- “Kindness Begins with Me,” CS, 145
- “The Need for Greater Kindness,” *Ensign*, May 2006, 59–60
- Ephesians 4:32
- Handout

“I have chosen _____ as a quality I want to develop in myself. Also I need to discuss how showing respect and kindness strengthens me, my family, and others. When I do this, I can sign my *Faith in God* booklet on p. 9.

II. As children apply principles, blessings follow.

- A. Families are strengthened.
- B. Covenants are honored.
- C. Faith grows.
 - Savior set the example
 - Story of Primary children serving autistic boy (personal story; not available)

- Story of Clark family, whose Primary children encouraged them to be sealed in the temple (personal story; not available)
- *Faith in God* booklet; My Gospel Standards
- 3 Nephi 17:6–7
- “I’ll Walk with You,” CS, 140

CONCLUSION

- The Savior blesses children; angels minister to them; children are encircled by fire
- Quote from Elder M. Russell Ballard:
“Clearly, those of us who have been entrusted with precious children have been given a sacred, noble stewardship, for we are the ones God has appointed to encircle today’s children with love and the fire of faith and an understanding of who they are.”

- 3 Nephi 17:21, 23–24; 26:14, 16
- “Great Shall Be the Peace of Thy Children,” *Ensign*, Apr. 1994, 60
- *They Saw the Heavens Open*, painting by Walter Rane