



SUNDAY SCHOOL

“The goal of gospel teaching is not to show how much the teacher knows, nor is it merely to increase knowledge about the Church. The specific goal of teaching in the Church is to help bring about worthwhile changes in the lives of the members. The aim is to inspire the individual to think about, feel about, and then do something about living gospel principles.” (President Thomas S. Monson, *Era*, 1970)

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Strengthen individuals’ and families’ faith in Jesus Christ through teaching, learning, and fellowshiping.
- Help Church members “teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom” (D&C 88:77) at Church and at home.
- Help bring worthwhile changes in the lives of the members.
- Improve gospel learning and teaching in the home and in the Church.
- Assist priesthood and auxiliary leaders as they orient, instruct, and support teachers in their organizations.
- Help teachers and parents focus on the elements of effective gospel instruction: (1) key doctrine, (2) invitation to action, and (3) promised blessings.

HOW DO I FULFILL MY RESPONSIBILITIES

PREPARE SPIRITUALLY

- Study the scriptures with learning and teaching in mind.
- Seek inspiration about how to help others learn principles of the gospel.
- Rejoice in the privilege of assisting others to learn and live the principles of the gospel.

PARTICIPATE IN COUNCILS

- Represent the Sunday School in the ward council.
- As a member of the ward council, participate in efforts to build faith and strengthen families and individuals in the ward. Suggest ways members can improve teaching at church and in their homes. Suggest ways Sunday School leaders and teachers can help with fellowshiping efforts.
- Under the direction of the bishop, conduct training in ward council meeting to help improve gospel learning and teaching in the ward.

MINISTER TO OTHERS

- Provide orientation for newly-called teachers.
- Provide ongoing support for teachers.
- Assist priesthood and auxiliary leaders in orienting and providing ongoing support for teachers.

- Help teachers minister to their students through fellowshiping in and out of class.

TEACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

- Help teachers understand that they are divinely commissioned to teach His gospel in the ways He and His servants have directed (see D&C 50:14-25).
- Encourage teachers to love those they teach, teach by the Spirit, teach the doctrine, and invite diligent learning.
- Strengthen individuals and families by encouraging them to study the scriptures, obey the commandments, receive the ordinances, and keep their covenants.
- Use the scriptures and the teachings of latter-day prophets as you provide ongoing support to your teachers.
- Encourage teachers to rely on the Holy Ghost.

ADMINISTER THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Oversee the Sunday School in your ward.
- Assist Sunday School teachers, by (1) orienting them soon after they receive their callings to serve in the Sunday School; (2) visiting them regularly to learn of their needs and to discuss needs of those they teach; and (3) arranging with them to visit their classes.
- Serve as a specialist in the ward’s effort to improve gospel learning and teaching.
- Oversee the ward’s meetinghouse library. Be familiar with policies and guidelines for the library.

WHAT MEETINGS DO I ATTEND

- Ward council meetings
- Stake leadership meetings
- Teaching improvement meetings under the direction of the bishop
- Other meetings under the direction of priesthood leaders

FOR WHAT MEETINGS AM I RESPONSIBLE

- Sunday School classes
- Sunday School presidency meetings
- Orientation and ongoing support of teachers