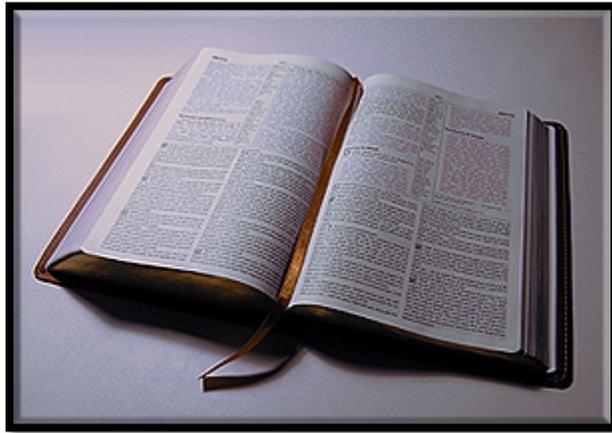


Obey by Studying the Scriptures



Pick and choose any of the following items for your Family Home Evening. Come back to this lesson each year and choose different items or reinforce the same ones.

How do you learn what the Lord would have you do? One way is to study His word contained in the scriptures.

Songs H = Hymns PS = Primary Songbook

1. [Scripture Songs](http://completeleefamily.com/ABC_List.html) (verses set to song for easy memorization)
http://completeleefamily.com/ABC_List.html
2. [As I Search the Holy Scriptures](#) (H # 277)
3. [The Iron Rod](#) (H #274)
4. [How Firm a Foundation](#) (H #85)
5. [A Young Man Prepared](#) (PS #166)
6. Any of the [Articles of Faith](#) songs (PS 122-132)
7. [Book of Mormon Stories](#) (PS #118)
8. [Search, Ponder & Pray](#) (PS # 109)
9. [Seek the Lord Early](#) (PS # 108)
10. [I Will Follow God's Plan](#) (PS # 164)
11. Any Bible song like [Noah and the Arky, Arky](#)
12. or [There Were Three Jolly Fisherman](#)
13. or [Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho](#) and the Walls Came
Tumbling Down (link =Mormon Tabernacle Choir version)

Scripture Quotes & Stories

1. [2 Nephi 4:15-16](#) My soul delighteth in the scriptures
2. [Mosiah 1:6-7](#) They are true and ye may profit from them
3. [*D&C 88:63](#) Seek diligently and ye shall find
4. [Isaiah 55:6](#) Seek Him while you can
5. [Psalms 63:1](#) My soul thirsteth for thee
6. [D & C 89:19](#) Find hidden treasures

Stories

1. Sometimes hidden treasures can be found when studying the scriptures. Here is a story about a boy who was lost in the Hidden Treasure Mine for several days. What hidden treasures happened through this experience? For the boy? For his family? For others?
<https://www.lds.org/ensign/1991/08/hidden-treasure-ten-year-old-josh-dennis-lost-in-mine?lang=eng>
2. Share any scripture story.

Games

3. Do a scripture chase with the scripture quotes from this lesson plan. See who can be first to find a particular scripture and then discuss it.
4. A variation on the above idea is to use teams for the chase.
5. **Play “Because I Asked You To.”** Here’s how to play. One person is “I” and stands on one side of the room. The rest of the people start on the other side of the room. Explain that the goal is for everyone to make it to the same side of the room as “I”.

The game begins with the eldest asking, “What would you have me do?” “I” then gives some direction, such as take two giant steps, do one frog jump, reach your arms way out in front of you and do three marches, tell a funny story and fall forward, or turn around and tickle your tummy while taking three steps backwards.

The person then asks “Why?” “I” then says, “Because I asked you to.”

If a person doesn’t desire to do as asked, they may stay where they are.

What can we learn from this game? Sometimes Heavenly Father asks us to do things that don’t seem to make sense, or that we don’t want to do. We should do them anyway if we have faith

in His plan for obedience. Obviously we get closer to our destination more quickly if we choose to follow the directions. Everyone doesn't have the same things asked of them. Everyone may not get there at the same time. The beauty of Heavenly Father's plan is that He knows the best course for each of us and his timing is best. Through prayerful scripture study, we can find God's best plan for our own individual life.

Outings

1. Have everyone grab their scriptures to take with them. Go somewhere in nature like a hill, in some trees, a field, nature preserve, etc. Give everyone a few minutes to find a scripture on faith in the Lord's plan. When everyone has gathered back together, give each person a few minutes to share what they found.
2. Go to the temple visitor's center and watch one of the movies they have based on the scriptures. (ie. Luke 2)

Object Lessons

1. Give each family member a sheet of paper. Ask them to draw a picture. Tell them you have hidden some clues around the room that explain what you would like them to draw. Don't explain more than that. Don't tell how many clues there are. Prior to the lesson, you can tell one person an extra clue (ie. Add a stick figure to your picture) Place the first clue in plain sight and the rest of the clues where they can be read without having to pick them up. This should make it so that everyone doesn't necessarily find all the clues. Here are the clues: (see end of document for large print clues you can print out.)
 - Make a house.
 - Put at least two windows.
 - Put a large tree beside it.
 - Draw a cloud in the sky.
 - Add a sunshine.
 - Place a chimney on the roof.

- Make a square (about 1X1 inches) to represent the garden.
- Put some flowers near the house.
- Draw an animal in the picture.
- Add two bushes.

Everyone should at least have a house on their paper. Those who sought more diligently should have added more details. Show how those who included the most clues have a picture closest to the one you had in mind for them to draw.

Point out how; just as Heavenly Father does in our lives; you left room to let your individuality shine through. It doesn't say a specific kind of animal. Yet it tells you more specifically what to do for the garden. Sometimes Heavenly Father wants us to do something in exactly a certain way. Other times he lets us use our own good sense. Heavenly Father has a wonderful plan in mind for each of us. Each person's plan is different. Sometimes we get our own personal revelation to help us with God's plan for our life just like the person with the extra clue got.

We will be able to gain more of our Heavenly Father's instructions by diligently searching our scriptures. This is because we can find answers in the scriptures. We are also able to be more in tune to the spirit by immersing ourselves in the scriptures, thereby allowing more chances for personal revelation.

Activities

1. Scripture treasure hunt. Hide clues along with scripture verses to study along the way before the lesson begins. Divide into two teams. After everyone has reached the destination, acknowledge family members for following the commandment the Lord gave to study the scriptures. Of course the true treasure is found in the Word of God along the journey, but now might also be a good time for refreshments!
2. Do some search-a-word puzzles together. Search-a-words are like the scriptures in that you are finding hidden things. Some words are easier to find than others. Some scriptures seem to leap right out at you. Also, you get personal satisfaction from finding when

you do search-a-word puzzles, just like you get personal fulfillment from the scriptures. Customize your own puzzles easily at <http://www.puzzlemaker.com/>

3. Here is a fun, ready-made scripture hunt you can do together. <https://www.lds.org/friend/2011/04/find-the-hidden-treasure?lang=eng>

Refreshment Ideas

1. Into whatever dessert you make, hide something in it. For instance, hide a surprise layer of fruit in each person's pre-dished ice cream, or hide small gummy bears in cake slices.
2. Have a treat that can easily be picked up and examined with your eyes closed. Give each person their treat and have each one individually describe what they are holding. Start with the youngest family member. Each consecutive person must add to the description, delving a little deeper into their minds to come up with words and phrases to describe the treat. In this manner we can show how it is possible to understand multiple things from a verse of scripture. Also, different people can get different things from the same scripture verse!

Discussion Questions

1. Why did Heavenly Father ask us to study the scriptures daily?
2. What are we missing out on if we don't study the scriptures daily?
3. Is it really that helpful? Can it hurt us if we don't?
4. What if we just don't have enough time? Or if it is too hard? Or we are too tired?
5. What have you noticed in your own life when you do?
6. When you don't?
7. How can we liken the scriptures unto ourselves?
8. Obviously we haven't "dwelt in a tent" (1 Nephi :), so what are we supposed to get out a scripture like that? Possibly that like Lehi we can be humble and uncomplaining? Maybe we have dwelt in a tent and experienced some of the challenges that come with that—what are those challenges?
9. Can we find more help for our own lives the more we study?
10. How can studying the scriptures now prepare us for things to come? For trials? For missions? For marriage? For a big final exam? In remembering our blessings?
11. Can anything good come from disobeying this commandment?

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