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To the Quorum Adviser: Organizing Lessons from General Conference Addresses

OBJECTIVE

The words of living prophets are excellent resources for additional lessons. When you need additional lessons, select current conference addresses printed in the *Ensign* and international magazines. Preparing and presenting these lessons will give you opportunities to be directed by the Spirit in addressing specific needs of young men. Tell the young men in advance which addresses will be taught so they will be prepared for discussion. In developing these lessons, rely on the teachings of General Authorities, conference addresses, and the scriptures.

PREPARATION

Follow the same procedures for preparing and presenting these lessons that you follow for the lessons in the manual. In addition, the following steps of preparation will be helpful:

1. Prayerfully decide what gospel principle or main idea is taught in the selected address. Outline two or three supporting ideas that contribute to the main idea.
2. Decide what you want to accomplish as a result of the lesson. For example, do you want to help the young men understand a principle, increase in faith, develop an attitude, or be motivated to change their behavior?
3. Organize the lesson materials. Locate additional scriptures using the Topical Guide or the index to the triple combination. Ask the meetinghouse librarian for appropriate visuals.
4. Prepare questions about selected quotations and scriptures in the address. What do the quotations and scriptures mean? Liken them to the young men (see 1 Nephi 19:23).
5. Select teaching methods that involve class members, and assign class members to participate. Refer to *Teaching—No Greater Call* (33043) for explanations of teaching methods.

The information on the following page may be useful when preparing a lesson from an address.

LESSON OUTLINE

The following chart may be useful when preparing a lesson from an address.

Title of address: _____

Gospel principle or main idea: _____

Supporting ideas: _____

1. Introduce the gospel principle and supporting ideas.

2. Present the body of the lesson.

- Discuss what the Lord and his prophets have said about the gospel principle.

- Discuss how living this principle can increase our faith and help us make righteous decisions and solve our problems.

3. Conclude by summarizing what has been taught.

- Write the gospel principle and supporting ideas on the chalkboard. Use an object lesson, story, picture, or thought-provoking question to introduce the lesson.

- Locate and discuss scriptures within the talk and any additional scriptures to clarify the gospel principle.

- Ask questions about quotations from the talk. Relate stories and examples from the talk to illustrate the gospel principle.

- Ask questions and direct discussions that will help the young men apply the gospel principle to their lives.

- Invite class members to share experiences, feelings, and testimonies about the topic you are discussing. Add your own feelings.

- Testify of the truthfulness of the gospel principle you have taught and of its value in your life.

