

Primary September 2005 Teaching Workshop References “Power in the Scriptures”

Objective: To help leaders teach the children to love and feel the power of the scriptures

“When individual members and families immerse themselves in the scriptures regularly and consistently, . . . testimonies will increase. Commitment will be strengthened. Families will be fortified. Personal revelation will flow” (Ezra Taft Benson, “The Power of the Word,” *Ensign*, May 1986, 81).

Testimonies will increase.

Nursery children can learn from the scriptures.

- President Thomas S. Monson quoting Dr. Glenn Doman, in Conference Report, May 2005, 19–20; or *Ensign*, May 2005, 19.
- Poem “When I Read the Scriptures,” *Friend*, August 2005, 7.
- Little Baby Moses finger play, *Primary 1* [1994], 3.
- *Moses in the Bulrushes*, Gospel Art Picture Kit, 106.

Help younger children love and identify with scripture heroes.

- “We’ll Bring the World His Truth,” *Children’s Songbook*, 172–73.
- “Book of Mormon Stories,” *Children’s Songbook*, 118–19.

Commitment will be strengthened.

Scriptures teach me to be committed.

- Scripture linking: 1 Nephi 3:7, 15; 4:1; 5:21.
- Pictures: Primary Picture Kit, 3-41, 3-42, 4-7, 4-8.
- “Nephi’s Courage,” *Children’s Songbook*, 120–21.

Scriptures teach me about priesthood power and duties.

- “There would be no light, no hope—only darkness” (Robert D. Hales, in Conference Report, Oct. 1995, 40; or *Ensign*, Nov. 1995, 32).
- “Restoration of the Priesthood,” *Moments from Church History*, Videocassette (53145)
- Scripture references: Joseph Smith—History 1:68–69; Topical Guide, “Priesthood,” 387.
- “When at play on the school grounds, and perhaps tempted to take unfair advantage in the game, when in the midst of a dispute with a playmate, I would remember, . . . ‘I am a deacon; and it is not right that a deacon should act in this way.’ On examination days, when it seemed easy for me to copy some other boy’s work . . . , I would say in my mind, ‘It would be more wicked for me to do that than it is for them, because I am a deacon’ ” (James E. Talmage, in *Doctrine and Covenants and Church History: Gospel Doctrine Teacher’s Manual* [2003], 43).

Scriptures help me choose the right and keep my covenants.

Scriptures help me understand and live “My Gospel Standards.”

- Sharing Time Planning Worksheet, 2006 *Outline for Sharing Time and the Children’s Sacrament Meeting Presentation*, 12.
- “My Gospel Standards,” *Faith in God* guidebook, back cover.

Faith in God activity day helps me apply the principles I learn in Primary.

- To memorize Matthew 25:40, write the first letter of each word of the scripture on a chart.
- Primary Teaching Workshop Worksheet.

Families will be fortified.

Children can bring Primary home by sharing what they have learned in a family home evening.

- “In family home evenings, [children] can share songs, scriptures, games, and principles they learn in Primary classes or activities. . . . When you help children gain a testimony

and live the gospel, they can influence their families for good” (*Teaching, No Greater Call* [1999], 109).

I apply the lessons of the scriptures as I live the gospel at home.

- *Book of Mormon Stories* CD-ROM, item number 50076, available at Church distribution centers.

Personal revelation will flow.

Doctrine and Covenants 11:21.

- First, we must seek to obtain the word.
- “You shall have my Spirit and my word” (D&C 11:21).
- “If the Lord Jesus were here, what He would say in this situation would be perfect. But He is not here. Instead, He has sent me to represent Him. . . . I should say what He wants said. The only way I can do this is to have Him tell me what to say. This revealed direction can come to me only by the power of His Spirit. Therefore I must be guided by the Spirit if I am to teach in my capacity as an agent of the Lord” (Bruce R. McConkie, in *Teaching, No Greater Call* [1999], 9).
- We may be blessed with “the power of God unto the convincing of men” (D&C 11:21).
- Sister Paula Thomas’s story, in “God Speaks to His Children through Personal Revelation,” *Ensign*, February 1999, 59.

“Those who read the Book of Mormon will be blessed with an added measure of the Spirit of the Lord, a greater resolve to obey His commandments, and a stronger testimony of the living reality of the Son of God” (First Presidency letter, July 25, 2005; see *Church News*, July 30, 2005, 7).

Primary Teaching Workshop Worksheet

Fill in the blanks in these Primary songs; then find a scripture reference that teaches this principle, and write it down.

1. “Follow the _____.”

Scripture Reference: _____

2. “I feel the _____ start to grow within my heart.”

Scripture Reference: _____

3. “A _____ that they’re true.”

Scripture Reference: _____

4. “I’ll _____ the _____ are true.”

Scripture Reference: _____