

I Belong to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Teach your child why our Church is different from others and why it is important in our lives!

Purpose

To help each child understand that he or she belongs to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

“Now we do not say they are wrong so much as we say they are incomplete. The fullness of the gospel has been restored. The power and authority to act for Him is present with us. The power and the authority of the priesthood rests upon this church.” ~ Boyd K Packer

Preparation

Pull up any links you might need for the lesson - look at the Family Night website for quick links

Mark Scriptures ~ Doctrine and Covenants 115:4

Find Pictures of ~ Jesus Christ Being Baptized

Prepare for the Activities you want to do.

Things you will need ~ anything else you might need for extra activities

Prepare Treat ~ Suggested Treat - Sharing Treat

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Opening Song ~ The Church of Jesus Christ (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 77)

Opening Prayer

Attention Activity ~ Sing Book of Mormon Stories. Tell your child that most people know members of the church as Mormons, but we are not the Mormon Church, we are The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Scripture ~ Doctrine and Covenants 115:4

Have the child repeat, word for word the scripture. Explain how Heavenly Father wanted His church to be called, "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Break apart the name of the church, first talk about how it is the church of Jesus Christ, and then talk about how we are latter day saints because we live in the later days.

Scripture Story ~ Jesus Christ Being Baptized

Show your child a picture of Jesus Christ being baptized. Explain that you can only be baptized by someone who holds the priesthood. After you are baptized you get to officially become a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

This could also be a good time to talk about baptism. Possible things to talk about: wearing white, someone who holds the priesthood baptizes you - John the Baptist must have held the priesthood, you need to be 8 to be baptized, you receive the Holy Ghost after you are baptized to be with you all the time, and how taking the sacrament every week in Sacrament meeting renews your baptismal covenants.

Story ~ "Who is Jesus" ~ From July 2010 Friend (Link on Family Night Website)

Show your child the video entitled "Who is Jesus?" it is about a boy named Cole who talked to his friend about Jesus. You can talk about how not everyone knows who Jesus is, and ask, "if someone asked you who Jesus is, what would you tell them?"

Activity ~ "Here is the Church"

Do the finger play: Here is the church, here is the steeple, open it up and see all the people, close all the doors and hear them pray, open the door and they all walk away! Do this several times, ask what other people go to church, primary teachers, bishop, missionaries, children and their families, and anyone else you can think of!

Testimony ~ Bear your testimony to your child about how blessed you are to be a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. It doesn't need to be eloquent and long, just keep it simple and heartfelt!

Closing Song ~ Follow the Prophet (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 110)

Closing Prayer

Treat ~ Suggested Treat ~ Sharing Treat. Pick a treat you know your child loves. Give them one but don't have them eat it. Explain that part of being a member of the church is serving and sharing with others. Ask your child to share with someone. Once they do, give them two of the treats and explain that when you serve others you get extra blessings in return.

Extra Activities for This Lesson ~

1 ~ I Belong to the Church of Jesus Christ puzzle found on lds.org. Put together this puzzle and talk about the important pieces that make up our church.

2 ~ Booklet found on lds.org. Print out the pages and then cut and fold to make a tiny booklet about the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

3 ~ Map - look at a map of the world and point out where different all the different temples are. Find a link on the family website to just such a map.

Other Materials ~

Basically all the ideas from this lesson is from The Primary 1 Manual, lds.org, and Sugardoodle.net

If you are looking for other materials to help with your lesson you can look in any of these places ~ There are links to them on the Family Night Website!

For Younger Siblings ~

If your child has a younger sibling, look at the lesson we have for infants and toddlers, you can find the link on our website.