

We Have a Living Prophet

Teach your child about who our prophet is and why we are
blessed to have him in our lives!

Purpose

To help each child understand that we are blessed when we follow the prophet.

“There has always been a desperate need for the steady and reassuring voice of a living prophet of God: one who will speak the mind and will of God in showing the way to spiritual safety and personal peace and happiness.” ~ Found on lds.org

Preparation

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

Mark Scriptures ~ 1 Samuel 3:10

Find Pictures of ~ Boy Samuel Called by the Lord, Thomas S Monson

Prepare for the Activities you want to do.

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

Prepare Treat ~ Suggested Treat - Orange Sherbet

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

Opening Prayer

Attention Activity ~ Display a picture of Thomas S Monson, and ask your child if they know who he is. If they do great! If not, what a great teaching opportunity, make sure to note your love and trust towards the prophet.

Scripture ~ 1 Samuel 3:10

Have the child repeat, word for word the scripture. Explain how Samuel was “a servant” to the Lord. Explain that is what a prophet is, someone who serves and helps the Lord.

Scripture Story ~ Samuel the Boy Prophet

Tell your child the story of Samuel the Boy prophet in 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20

Talking points: how we can say, Here am I, just like Samuel did. Talk about how Samuel was young, most prophets are older. Talk about how a prophet is a servant of the Lord.

Story ~ “Heavenly Father’s Helpers” ~ From October 2008 Friend (Link on Family Night Website)

Show your child the video of Heavenly Father’s Helpers. Talk about how Bailey helps Heavenly Father just like the prophet helps Heavenly Father - and we can too even though we are not prophets.

Activity ~ Don’t Eat the Prophet Game!

A game found on sugardoodle.net. You print out pictures of all the prophets and set a piece of cereal on each one. A person goes out of the room and the others decide which prophet to choose. After you decide the person outside the room comes back and everyone starts singing a prophet song. One by one the person who came back in eats a piece of cereal off the prophets. Once you get to the prophet you agreed on everyone shouts, “Don’t eat the prophet!” and a new person leaves the room. I would suggest having mom or dad or an older sibling go first, so they are not too surprised by everyone shouting don’t eat the prophet!

Testimony ~ Bear your testimony to your child about how thankful you are that we have a living prophet today. It doesn’t need to be eloquent and long, just keep it simple and heartfelt!

Closing Song ~ Latter Day Prophets (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 134)

Closing Prayer

Treat ~ Suggested Treat ~ Orange Sherbet (rumored to be President Monson's Favorite treat)

Extra Activities for This Lesson ~

1 ~ Last General Conference.

Listen to a talk the prophet gave at the last general conference. Talk about what the prophet did and explain that is exactly what Heavenly wants us to hear. Make a goal of something you and your family could work on!

2 ~ Prophet matching game.

Print off two copies of pictures of the prophets and make a memory game out of it! See if you can remember all the names as you play!

3 ~ Learn the song "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet." When I was younger my dad told me I would never know when I would be in the presence of the prophet and I should always know this song just in case. For some reason this always stuck out to me and now I know the song by heart just in case!

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.