

Come, Follow Me
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Ask of God

Joseph Smith History 1:1-26

Objectives:

- Review the story of Joseph Smith's first vision. Emphasize our ability to receive personal revelation.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Revelation
- Prayer

Reverence Time

Song: This is My Beloved Son, verses 3 & 4 Children's Songbook page 76

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/this-is-my-beloved-son>

Scripture: Joseph Smith History 1:25

"I had actually seen a light, and in the midst of that light I saw two Personages, and they did in reality speak to me; and though I was hated and persecuted for saying that I had seen a vision, yet it was true; and while they were persecuting me, reviling me, and speaking all manner of evil against me falsely for so saying, I was led to say in my heart: Why persecute me for telling the truth? I have actually seen a vision; and who am I that I can withstand God, or why does the world think to make me deny what I have actually seen? For I had seen a vision; I knew it, and I knew that God knew it, and I could not deny it, neither dared I do it; at least I knew that by so doing I would offend God, and come under condemnation."

Video: Watch this week's clip from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. Find the clip at <https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-search>

Lesson

Summary:

When Joseph Smith was a boy, he had a desire to know which church was true. After studying the various religions, reading the scriptures, and praying with faith, he received an answer. In the Sacred Grove, Joseph was visited by God the Father, and the resurrected Jesus Christ. Joseph was told that none of the churches on the earth at the time taught the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that he should join none of them. Joseph also learned that he would be able to help establish the Lord's church on the earth.

One of the most important lessons Joseph Smith learned was that he could ask God and receive answers to his prayers. The heavenly vision he received in response to his question ushered in the restoration of the fulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Joseph would continue asking God questions throughout his life as he organized the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He learned to receive and respond to revelation. We can follow Joseph's example and study the scriptures, prayerfully ponder, and listen for answers from God whenever we lack wisdom. Gradually we'll learn how God answers our questions and gives us guidance and revelation in our lives.

Quote:

"In like manner, what will your seeking open for you? What wisdom do you lack? What do you feel an urgent need to know or understand? Follow the example of the Prophet Joseph. Find a quiet place where you can regularly go. Humble yourself before God. Pour out your heart to your Heavenly Father. Turn to Him for answers and for comfort. Pray in the name of Jesus Christ about your concerns, your fears, your weaknesses —yes, the very longings of your heart. And then listen! Write the thoughts that come to your mind. Record your feelings and follow through with actions that you are prompted to take. As you repeat this process day after day, month after month, year after year, you will "grow into the principle of revelation."

Russell M. Nelson

Questions:

Why is Joseph Smith's vision in the Sacred Grove so important to us?

What did Joseph learn?

How can we receive answers to our prayers?

How do we know that Heavenly Father knows us personally?

How can we respond when people question our testimonies?

Activity Time

First Vision Puzzle

Description: Review the story of Joseph Smith's First Vision with questions on the back of each puzzle piece as you complete the puzzle with your family.

What you need:

- A copy of the of the "First Vision Puzzle" (artwork included with this lesson), scissors and glue. (Optional: card stock or poster board for added durability.)

Preparation:

1. Print out the "First Vision Puzzle" game.
2. Line up the matching puzzle pieces on the picture side and the question side.
3. Glue picture and questions together. (Optional for added durability glue to front and back of poster board.)
3. Allow to dry.
4. Cut out puzzle pieces along solid black lines.
5. Mix up puzzle pieces and place question side up on table.

Activity:

(Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.)

Explain that there are many things we can learn and do to help us gain our own testimony of the prophet Joseph Smith. Have the children take turns choosing a puzzle piece, reading the question on the back, then answering the question (with help if necessary), and placing the puzzle piece in its correct position.



What question did Joseph Smith want an answer to ?

What is a prophet?

Who can receive a revelation from the Holy Ghost?

Where did Joseph Smith go to pray for wisdom?

Was Joseph Smith a prophet?

Do you have to have faith to gain a testimony?

What is the name of Christ's true church?

What is a testimony?

Who appeared to Joseph Smith?

What was Joseph's mothers name?

What happened when Joseph Smith first started to pray?

Who was the first prophet in these latter days?

What book did Joseph Smith translate?

Who delivered the Golden Plates to Joseph Smith?

What scripture did Joseph Smith read that prompted him to ask of God?

Which church did Jesus Christ tell Joseph Smith to join?

Who delivered Joseph Smith from his enemy?

Can studying the scriptures help you gain a testimony of the prophet Joseph Smith?

Who received most of the revelations found in the Doctrine and Covenants?

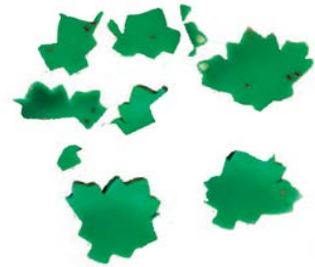
Did Joseph Smith's mother believe his story of the first vision?

Does President Hinckley have a testimony of Joseph Smith?

Treat Time

"Grove"y Leaves

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Chill Time: 2 hours



Ingredients:

- 1 Cup of cold water
- 1 3/4 Cups of boiling water
- 3 (3.4 oz.) Lime flavored gelatin
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1 Cup of milk, evaporated milk, or half-n-half
- 1 (3.4 oz.) Pistachio or vanilla flavored instant pudding

Instructions: Dissolve unflavored gelatin in 1 cup of cold water. Set aside. In large bowl stir lime flavored gelatin into boiling water until completely dissolved (approximately 3 minutes). Add unflavored gelatin mixture. Cool for 5–10 minutes.

Pour milk into a medium size bowl. Add pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk for 1 minute. Quickly pour pudding mixture into gelatin mixture. Stir with wire whisk until well blended. Pour into 13 x 9 inch pan. (For thinner leaves use a 12 x 18 inch pan.) Refrigerate until firm (approximately 2 hours).

Treat Time: Cut into leaf shapes with cookie cutters or make your own leaf pattern and cut out with knife. (We purchased our cookie cutter at a local craft store.)