



Come, Follow Me with *Living Scriptures* STREAMING

The Spirit of Revelation

Doctrine & Covenants 6-9

Objectives:

- Learn about Oliver Cowdery and his experience with personal revelation, and the instruction the Lord gave him to receive it.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Revelation

Reverence Time

Song: The Holy Ghost Children's Songbook page 105

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/the-holy-ghost>

Scripture: Doctrine & Covenants 6:22-23

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, if you desire a further witness, cast your mind upon the night that you cried unto me in your heart, that you might know concerning the truth of these things. Did I not speak peace to your mind concerning the matter? What greater witness can you have than from God?"

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

Lesson

Summary:

Joseph was still struggling to complete the work of translating The Book of Mormon. He prayed to the Lord and the Lord promised to help him. Soon Oliver Cowdery arrived, offering to help Joseph as a scribe.

Oliver had been living with Joseph's parents and family while he taught school in Palmyra. He had heard about Joseph Smith and was curious to know if Joseph's story was true. After speaking with the Smith family and finding out more, he prayed to find out if Joseph was telling the truth. The Lord spoke peace to his mind and heart, and he knew that he should help Joseph. He began the long journey to Harmony.

A while after arriving, Oliver again began to wonder if Joseph was really a prophet. He told Joseph his concerns and they asked the Lord. Joseph received a revelation for Oliver, reminding him about the night he prayed and was given a peaceful reassurance of Joseph's calling. Joseph hadn't known about Oliver's experience, and this revelation confirmed to Oliver that Joseph was indeed a prophet of God.

We can receive personal revelation just as Oliver did. It's important for us to study, ponder, and prepare ourselves to be in tune with the spirit. Then, if we humbly ask in faith, the Lord can and will answer our prayers.

Quote:

"In coming days, it will not be possible to survive spiritually without the guiding, directing, comforting, and constant influence of the Holy Ghost. My beloved brothers and sisters, I plead with you to increase your spiritual capacity to receive revelation." Russell M. Nelson

Questions: When Joseph prayed for help to complete the translation, what happened?

Who was Oliver Cowdery?

How did Oliver learn that Joseph was a prophet?

How can we receive and understand personal revelation?

Activity Time

Getting Better Reception

Description: This fun activity helps the family learn about the spiritual preparation required to receive personal revelation.

What you need:

- A copy of the of the “Getting Better Reception” wordstrips, scissors, 2 plastic or paper cups, a 6 to 8 foot piece of string or yarn.

Preparation: 1. Poke a small hole in the bottom of each cup, just large enough for your string to fit through. Thread one end of the string through the hole in the bottom of the cup and tie a large knot to secure the string inside the cup. Repeat with the other end of the string and the other cup to construct a cup “telephone”. Cut the word strips apart.

Activity: Discuss: In the Lord’s revelations to Oliver Cowdery through the prophet Joseph Smith, the Lord teaches us many things about receiving personal revelation. This object lesson will help us to learn a few ways we can prepare ourselves to be “in tune” with the spirit.

Choose two family members to hold opposite ends of the cup “telephone”. Have them stand far enough apart to pull the string tight. Fold the wordstrips in half and hang them on the string, holding them onto the string gently. Let the two family members take turn softly speaking into the cup while the other one listens. Can they hear what’s being said? (At this point they shouldn’t be able to.)

Explain that there are things we must do to receive revelation in a way that we can understand. Pull off the wordstrips one at a time and read them. Explain that doing the things listed on these wordstrips can make our spiritual reception more clear.

With the wordstrips now removed, let the two family members try again to speak to each other through the cup “telephone”. They should be able to hear much more clearly! Let other family members take turns trying the cup “telephone” if desired.



Ask in faith
D&C 8:1

Study
D&C 9:8

Keep commandments
D&C 8:5

Have good desires
D&C 6:27

Have an honest heart
D&C 8:1

Believe that you shall receive knowledge
D&C 8:1

Do not ask for that which you ought not
D&C 8:10

Treat Time

Gelatin Hearts

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Chill Time: 3 hours

Ingredients: 2 6oz Gelatin Dessert packages
(your favorite flavor)
2 1/2 cups boiling water



Instructions: Prepare gelatin: Mix contents of gelatin packages with boiling water in a bowl. Stir 2 minutes until dissolved. Pour mixture into a 13 x 9 inch pan. Let gelatin set in the refrigerator for 3 hours or until firm.

Treat Time: Let family members cut heart shapes from set gelatin with cookie cutters.