



## My Wisdom is Greater

Doctrine & Covenants 10-11

### Objectives:

- Discuss the deceitfulness of Satan and the greatness of the wisdom of God. Learn how we can overcome with prayer and trust in God.

### Reinforces Principles of:

- Trust in God

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## Reverence Time

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### Song:

"Teach Me to Walk in the Light" Children's Songbook page 177

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/teach-me-to-walk-in-the-light>

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### Scripture:

Doctrine & Covenants 10:43

"I will not suffer that they shall destroy my work; yea, I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil."

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### Video:

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

### Lesson

#### Summary:

When the 116 pages were lost, they fell into the hands of wicked men. The Lord knew that if Joseph retranslated the lost section, the wicked men would make changes and say that he hadn't done it "by the power of God" because the two copies wouldn't match. The Lord explained to Joseph that "the devil has sought to lay a cunning plan, that he may destroy this work." Instead, the Lord had prompted Nephi (thousands of years earlier) to make a second record which Joseph could now translate that would contain precious truths and the story of Lehi and his family. Satan's plan failed, and the Lord showed Joseph that His wisdom is "greater than the cunning of the devil."

In Doctrine & Covenants section 10, we learn that Satan tries to trick us, in order to destroy our souls. He lies, tempts, deceives, and distracts us. He tries to harden our hearts and overpower our testimonies. The wisdom of God is much greater than the devil. God can help us make right choices, forgive us, love us, and bring us joy and peace. He knows the end from the beginning and if we trust in Him, keep his commandments, and pray always, we can overcome Satan and his deceptions.

In Doctrine & Covenants 11, the Lord teaches Hyrum Smith what he can do to prepare to share the gospel. The Lord tells him to wait until he has obtained His word. That means Hyrum needs to learn the words of the Lord and understand them before he begins to teach others. The Lord also tells Hyrum to keep the commandments and "trust in that Spirit which leadeth do to good." Hyrum needed to wait until the translation of the Book of Mormon was complete. We can prepare ourselves to share the gospel by reading and studying the Book of Mormon, keeping the commandments, and following the Spirit.

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#### Quote:

*"My friends, I promise that as we strive to love God with all our heart, pray in the name of Jesus Christ, study the Book of Mormon, and prayerfully partake of the sacrament, we will have the ability, with the strength of the Lord, to overcome the deceptive practices of the adversary, to minimize distractions that limit our divine potential, and to resist the discouragement that diminishes our capacity to feel the love of our Heavenly Father and His Son. We will come to fully understand who we are as sons and daughters of God."*  
Elder Peter M. Johnson

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#### Questions:

How does the devil try to deceive us?

What can we do to overcome the deceptions of the devil?

How does the Lord help us?

How can we prepare ourselves to share the gospel?

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## Activity Time

## Overcoming Temptation Together

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**Description:** In this game, you must step on the stepping stones of faith, prayer, service, etc., but avoid the floor (temptation!) Work together as a family to get to one side of the room to the other.

**What you need:** ■ A copy of the “Avoiding Temptation” activity, scissors, a marker

**Preparation:** 1. Print as many of the rock pages as you have family members, plus one more.  
2. Cut out the rocks if desired.

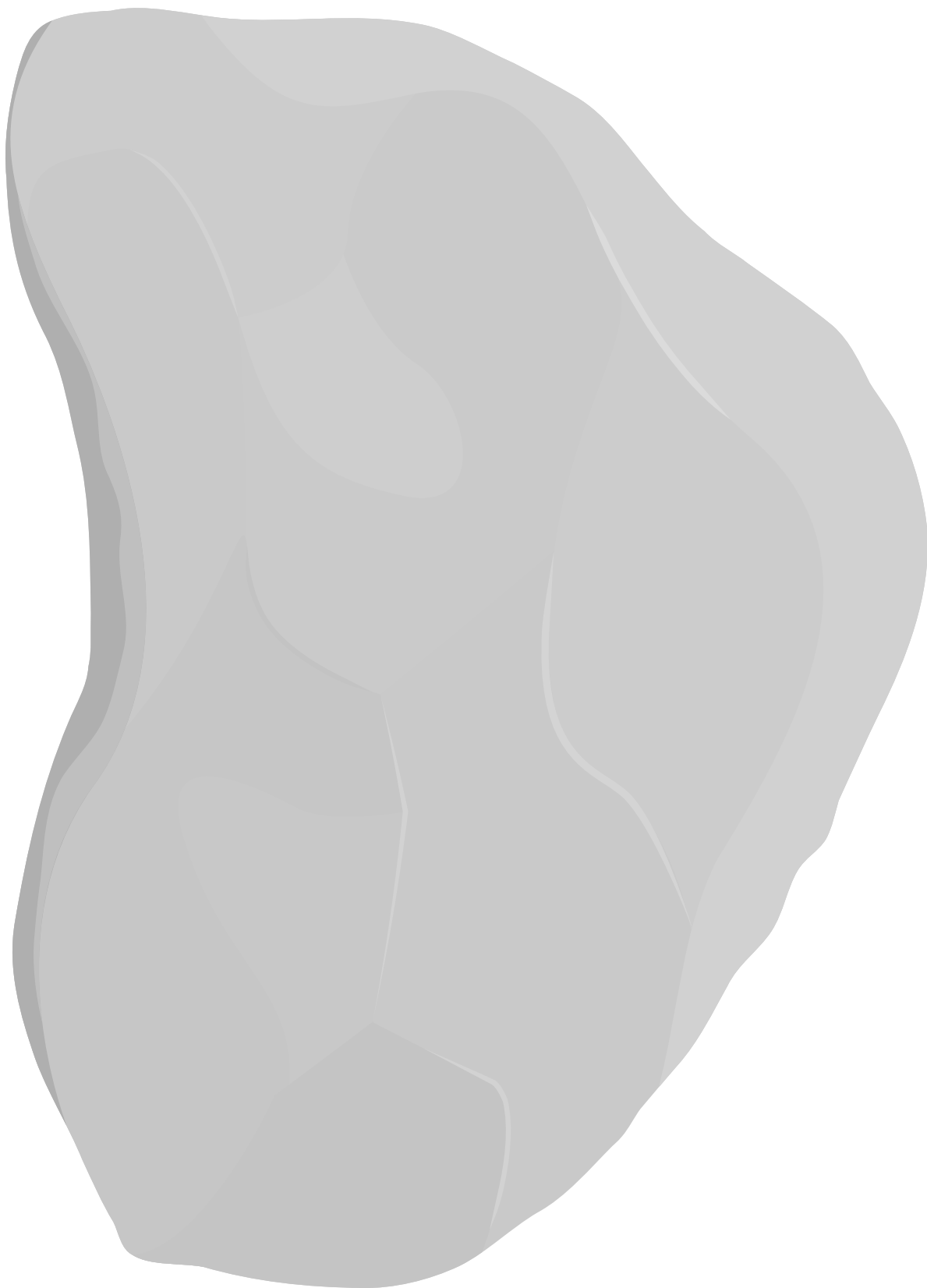
**Activity:** 1. Setting up the Game: We must face temptation in this life, but we have lots of help to overcome it! Help each family member come up with something that can help them overcome or avoid temptations, like prayer, scripture study, fasting, etc.

Give each family member a rock paper, and write down what they came up with on the rock. Come up with one more idea as a family and write it on the last rock.

2. Game Instructions: The rocks will be your stepping stones. The floor is “temptation”. Staying on the stepping stones helps us avoid temptation and be spiritually strengthened. Have your family stand in a straight line. Before the game starts, each family member is standing on a rock. The last family member in line is standing on a rock AND holding a rock. Your family needs to move across the room only stepping on the rocks and avoiding the floor “temptation”. The only way they can advance is with the extra rock that is at the end, so the last person in line passes the rock forward. The first person in line places the extra rock on the floor and everyone advances one rock forward. Again this is repeated, with the last person sending the extra rock forward. When the last person in line gets to the other side of the room (safety at the end of the day) your family wins together!

3. Think about it: Just like in the game, we need all of our stepping stones, and we need each other to get through each day, safely avoiding temptation. It’s much easier when everyone helps each other! What other lessons can you learn from the game?





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## Treat Time

## Praying Arms Pretzels

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- Prep Time:** 15 minutes  
**Rise Time:** 1 hour  
**Bake Time:** 5-8 minutes
- Ingredients:** 2 teaspoons active dry yeast  
1 teaspoon white sugar  
3/4 cups warm water  
2 1/2 cups flour  
1/3 cup sugar  
1 teaspoons salt  
2 tablespoon vegetable oil  
1/4 cup baking soda  
2 cups boiling water  
Melted butter & kosher salt for topping



**Instructions:** In a small bowl, dissolve yeast and 1 teaspoon sugar in warm water. Let stand for 10 minutes. In a large bowl, mix together flour, 1/2 cup sugar, and salt. Make a well in the center; add the oil and yeast mixture. Mix until blended, then knead for 5 minutes. Place the dough into a large oiled bowl. Turn the dough until lightly coated with oil. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise for 1 hour in a warm place. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. In a large bowl, dissolve baking soda in boiling water.

Divide dough into 6-8 equal parts. Give each family member a piece of dough. Roll each piece into a rope and twist into praying arm shapes (see diagram below).

Dip each pretzel into the boiling baking soda water for about a minute to a minute and a half. Remove with slotted spoon and place on a greased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven for five to eight minutes. Remove from oven and coat tops with melted butter and sprinkle with Kosher salt.

