

# Teacher's Supplement – The Divine Commission

## PROCEDURE

### Section 1

#### Lesson Development

##### **A Commission to bring the Gospel to Israel**

Scriptural texts: (Bold print added for emphasis)

##### **1 Nephi 10:**

[11] And it came to pass after my father had spoken these words he spake unto my brethren concerning **the gospel which should be preached among the Jews**, and also concerning the **dwindling of the Jews in unbelief**. And **after they had slain the Messiah**, who should come, and after he had been slain **He should rise from the dead, and should make Himself manifest, by the Holy Ghost, unto the Gentiles**.

[12] Yea, even my father spake much concerning the Gentiles, and also concerning the **house of Israel**, that they should be compared like unto an olive-tree, whose branches should be broken off and **should be scattered upon all the face of the earth**.

[13] Wherefore, he said it must needs be **that we should be led with one accord into the land of promise, unto the fulfilling of the word of the Lord, that we should be scattered upon all the face of the earth**.

[14] **And after the house of Israel should be scattered they should be gathered together again**; or, in fine, **after the Gentiles had received the fullness of the Gospel**, the natural branches of the olive-tree, or the **remnants of the house of Israel**, should be grafted in, or come to the knowledge of the true Messiah, their Lord and their Redeemer.

##### **Jeremiah 16:**

14] Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

[15] But, **The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers**.

[16] Behold, **I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them** from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

##### **Jeremiah 31:1-12:**

[1] At the same time, saith the LORD, **will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people**.

[2] Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I

went to cause him to rest.

[3] The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, **Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee**.

[4] **Again I will build thee**, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

[5] Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things.

[6] For there shall be a day, that the **watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God**.

[7] For thus saith the LORD; **Sing with gladness for Jacob**, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, **O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel**.

[8] Behold, **I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither**.

[9] **They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them**: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

[10] Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, **He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock**.

[11] **For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he**.

[12] Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and **their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all**.

##### **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

31] Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that **I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah**:

32] Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord:

33] But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, **saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people**.

### **Jeremiah 32:36-42**

[36] And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence;  
[37] Behold, **I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:**  
[38] **And they shall be my people, and I will be their God:**  
[39] **And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:**  
[40] **And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.**  
[41] **Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.**  
[42] **For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.**

### **Section 2**

Scriptural texts: (Bold emphasizes everlasting promises.)

#### **God's Covenant with Abraham**

##### **Genesis 17: 4-8**

[4] As for Me, behold, My covenant is with thee, and **thou shalt be a father of many nations.**  
[5] Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.  
[6] **And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.**  
[7] **And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.**  
[8] **And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.**

#### **God's Covenant with Isaac**

##### **Genesis 26:3-4**

[3] Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and **unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father;**  
[4] **And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be**

blessed;

#### **God's Covenant with Jacob**

##### **Genesis 28: 13-14**

[13] And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: **the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;**  
[14] **And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.**

#### **Israel's blessing upon Joseph**

##### **Genesis 49: 22-26**

[22] **Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall:**  
[23] The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him:  
[24] But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)  
[25] **Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:**  
[26] **The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.**

#### **God's Promises to Joseph**

##### **2 Nephi 3: 4-16**

[4] For behold, thou [Lehi's son, Joseph] art the fruit of my loins; and I [Lehi] am a descendant of Joseph who was carried captive into Egypt. And great were the covenants of the Lord which He made unto Joseph [Jacob's son].  
[5] Wherefore, Joseph truly saw our day. And **he obtained a promise of the Lord, that out of the fruit of his loins the Lord God would raise up a righteous branch unto the house of Israel;** not the Messiah, but a branch which was to be broken off, nevertheless, **to be remembered in the covenants of the Lord that the Messiah should be made manifest unto them in the latter days, in the spirit of power, unto the bringing of them out of darkness unto light -- yea, out of hidden darkness and out of captivity unto freedom.**

[7] Yea, Joseph truly said: Thus saith the Lord unto me: **A choice seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins; and he shall be esteemed highly among the fruit of thy loins. And unto him will I give commandment that he shall do a**

work for the fruit of thy loins, his brethren, which shall be of great worth unto them, even to the bringing of them to the knowledge of the covenants which I have made with thy fathers.

[11] But a seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins; and unto him will I give power to bring forth my word unto the seed of thy loins -- and not to the bringing forth my word only, saith the Lord, but to the convincing them of my word, which shall have already gone forth among them.

[12] Wherefore, the fruit of thy loins shall write; and the fruit of the loins of Judah shall write; and that which shall be written by the fruit of thy loins, and also that which shall be written by the fruit of the loins of Judah, shall grow together, unto the confounding of false doctrines and laying down of contentions, and establishing peace among the fruit of thy loins, and bringing them to the knowledge of their fathers in the latter days, and also to the knowledge of My covenants, saith the Lord.

[15] And his name shall be called after me; and it shall be after the name of his father. And he shall be like unto me; for the thing, which the Lord shall bring forth by his hand, by the power of the Lord shall bring my people unto salvation.

[16] Yea, thus prophesied Joseph: I am sure of this thing, even as I am sure of the promise of Moses; for the Lord hath said unto me, I will preserve thy seed forever.

### Terms for Patriarchs to Keep

#### **Genesis 17: 1, 10,14 (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob)**

[1] And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

[10] This is My covenant, which ye shall keep, between Me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

[14] And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

#### **Genesis 26:5 (Abraham)**

[5] Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

#### **Genesis 26:3 (Isaac)**

[3] Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swear unto Abraham thy father;

## Section 3

### Covenant-Breakers

#### **Ezekiel 43:7-9**

[7] And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.

[8] In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger.

[9] Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them forever.

#### **Isaiah 59:2-8**

[2] But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

[3] For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

[4] None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

[5] They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.

[6] Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

[7] Their feet run to evil, and they make hast to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.

[8] The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

#### **Romans 10:1-4**

[1] Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

[2] For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

[3] For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

[4] For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

## Moroni 9:18 -21

[18] O the depravity of my people! They are without order and without mercy. Behold, I am but a man, and I have but the strength of a man, and I cannot any longer enforce my commands.

[19] And they have become strong in their perversion; and they are alike brutal, sparing none, neither old nor young; and they delight in everything save that which is good; and the suffering of our women and our children upon all the face of this land doth exceed everything; yea, tongue cannot tell, neither can it be written.

[20] And now, my son, I dwell no longer upon this horrible scene. Behold, thou knowest the wickedness of this people; thou knowest that they are without principle, and past feeling; and their wickedness doth exceed that of the Lamanites.

[21] Behold, my son, I cannot recommend them unto God lest he should smite me.

## 1 Nephi 12: 20-23

[20] And it came to pass that I beheld, and saw the people of the seed of my brethren that they had overcome my seed; and they went forth in multitudes upon the face of the land.

[21] And I saw them gathered together in multitudes; and I saw wars and rumors of wars among them; and in wars and rumors of wars I saw many generations pass away.

[22] And the angel said unto me: Behold these shall dwindle in unbelief.

[23] And it came to pass that I beheld, after they had dwindled in unbelief they became a dark, and loathsome, and a filthy people, full of idleness and all manner of abominations.

## Section 4

### The Role of the Gentiles in Restoring Israel

#### Romans 11: 8-36

8. According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

9. And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them:

10. Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway.

11. I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but *rather* through their fall salvation *is come* unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

12. Now if the fall of them *be* the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

13. For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

14. If by any means I may provoke to emulation *them which are my flesh*, and might save some of them.

15. For if the casting away of them *be* the reconciling of the world, what *shall* the receiving of *them be*, but life from the dead?

16. For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*: and if the root *be* holy, so *are* the branches.

17. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

18. Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

19. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

20. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

21. For if God spared not the natural branches, *take heed* lest he also spare not thee.

22. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

23. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.

24. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25. For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

26. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27. For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

28. As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, *they are* beloved for the fathers' sakes.

29. For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance.

30. For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

31. Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

32. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

33. O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34. For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

35. Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36. For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.

## Restoring Begins with Joseph

### **1 Nephi 13: 10-16**

[10] And it came to pass that I looked and beheld many waters; and they divided the Gentiles from the seed of my brethren.

[14] And it came to pass that I beheld many multitudes of the Gentiles upon the land of promise; and I beheld the wrath of God, that it was upon the seed of my brethren; and they were scattered before the Gentiles and were smitten.

[15] And I beheld the Spirit of the Lord, that it was upon the Gentiles, and they did prosper and obtain the land for their inheritance; and I beheld that they were white, and exceedingly fair and beautiful, like unto my people before they were slain.

[16] And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld that the Gentiles who had gone forth out of captivity did humble themselves before the Lord; and the power of the Lord was with them.

### **2 Nephi 30:3-8**

[3] And now, I would prophesy somewhat more concerning the Jews and the Gentiles. For after the book of which I have spoken shall come forth, and be written unto the Gentiles, and sealed up again unto the Lord, there shall be many which shall believe the words which are written; and they shall carry them forth unto the remnant of our seed.

[4] And then shall the remnant of our seed know concerning us, how that we came out from Jerusalem, and that they are descendants of the Jews.

[5] And the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be declared among them; wherefore, they shall be restored unto the knowledge of their fathers, and also to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, which was had among their fathers.

[6] And then shall they rejoice; for they shall know that it is a blessing unto them from the hand of God; and their scales of darkness shall begin to fall from their eyes; and many generations shall not pass away among them, save they shall be a pure and delightsome people.

[7] And it shall come to pass that the Jews which are scattered also shall begin to believe in Christ; and they shall begin to gather in upon the face of the land; and as many as shall believe in Christ shall also become a delightsome people.

[8] And it shall come to pass that the Lord God shall commence his work among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, to bring about the restoration of his people upon the earth.

### **1 Nephi 13: 30-34**

[30] Nevertheless, thou beholdest that the Gentiles who have gone forth out of captivity, and have been lifted up by the power of God above all other nations, upon the face of the land which is choice above all other lands, which is the land that the Lord God hath covenanted with thy father that his seed should have for the land of their inheritance; wherefore,

thou seest that the Lord God will not suffer that the Gentiles will utterly destroy the mixture of thy seed, which are among thy brethren.

[31] Neither will he suffer that the Gentiles shall destroy the seed of thy brethren.

[32] Neither will the Lord God suffer that the Gentiles shall forever remain in that awful state of blindness, which thou beholdest they are in, because of the plain and most precious parts of the gospel of the Lamb which have been kept back by that abominable church, whose formation thou hast seen.

[33] Wherefore saith the Lamb of God: I will be merciful unto the Gentiles, unto the visiting of the remnant of the house of Israel in great judgment.

[34] And it came to pass that the angel of the Lord spake unto me, saying: Behold, saith the Lamb of God, after I have visited the remnant of the house of Israel -- and this remnant of whom I speak is the seed of thy father -- wherefore, after I have visited them in judgment, and smitten them by the hand of the Gentiles, and after the Gentiles do stumble exceedingly, because of the most plain and precious parts of the gospel of the Lamb which have been kept back by that abominable church, which is the mother of harlots, saith the Lamb -- I will be merciful unto the Gentiles in that day, insomuch that I will bring forth unto them, in mine own power, much of my gospel, which shall be plain and precious, saith the Lamb.

### **1 Nephi 13:35-36**

[35] For, behold, saith the Lamb: I will manifest myself unto thy seed, that they shall write many things which I shall minister unto them, which shall be plain and precious; and after thy seed shall be destroyed, and dwindle in unbelief, and also the seed of thy brethren, behold, these things shall be hid up, to come forth unto the Gentiles, by the gift and power of the Lamb.

[36] And in them shall be written my gospel, saith the Lamb, and my rock and my salvation.

### **1 Nephi 13: 37-41**

[37] And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost; and if they endure unto the end they shall be lifted up at the last day, and shall be saved in the everlasting kingdom of the Lamb; and whoso shall publish peace, yea, tidings of great joy, how beautiful upon the mountains shall they be.

[38] And it came to pass that I beheld the remnant of the seed of my brethren, and also the book of the Lamb of God, which had proceeded forth from the mouth of the Jew, that it came forth from the Gentiles unto the remnant of the seed of my brethren.

[39] And after it had come forth unto them I beheld other books, which came forth by the power of the Lamb, from the Gentiles unto them, unto the convincing of the Gentiles and the remnant of the seed of my brethren, and also the Jews

who were scattered upon all the face of the earth, that the records of the prophets and of the twelve apostles of the Lamb are true.

[40] And the angel spake unto me, saying: These last records, which thou hast seen among the Gentiles, shall establish the truth of the first, which are of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, and shall make known the plain and precious things which have been taken away from them; and shall make known to all kindreds, tongues, and people, that the Lamb of God is the Son of the Eternal Father, and the Savior of the world; and that all men must come unto Him, or they cannot be saved.

[41] And they must come according to the words which shall be established by the mouth of the Lamb; and the words of the Lamb shall be made known in the records of thy seed, as well as in the records of the twelve apostles of the Lamb; wherefore they both shall be established in one; for there is one God and one Shepherd over all the earth.

### **Scripture Texts/ References/ Memory Verses**

#### **Faith and Doctrine Article 19:**

We believe that ...God will remember his covenants to the House of Israel and bring them to knowledge of the fullness of the Gospel.

A. "We believe in the restoration of Israel as it is spoken of by the prophets, and that God will use men as His instrument for its accomplishment in this age, as He did in ages past. We believe, also, that in order to bring about these events, God must and will reveal His will to man as He did in days of old..."

B. We believe that God will employ this Church for that purpose. "Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock" (Jer.31:10) "Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks" (Jer.16:16)

C. We believe also, that blindness in part is happened unto Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in; and so all Israel shall be saved, as it is written, "There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: (Rom.11:25-26).

D. We believe that the aborigines, or Native Americans, upon this hemisphere are a part of Israel, descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh, the sons of Joseph, and that this land of America is theirs by an original God-given right. Also, that it is the land referred to by Jacob as a land given of God to Jacob and of Jacob to Joseph. Also, that it is the land referred to by Moses when blessing the children of Israel

before his departure from them, as the land of Joseph. It is the land referred to by Ezekiel and Isaiah. In short, it is the land of restored Israel, where the "little stone of Daniel" will smite the image at the feet and bring about the wonderful results by him described.

### **Suggestions/Scriptures for Further Study/ Exploration/ Extension of Topic**

#### **Future Lessons on Deliverers:**

- Joseph of Egypt
- Moses
- Choice Seer

#### **Church Education Lessons:**

- "Lehi Receives the Blessing of a Promised Land"
- "America the Promised Land (the Decrees of God)"
- "Covenants"

#### **Extension of Topic:**

- Introduce Native American Operating Committee and Domestic Operating Committee goals and discuss how to support.
- Plan how to develop relationships with First Nations People
- Plan community outreach activities

**Life Application (20 minutes)**

**Activity 1: Fulfilling the Divine Commission**

| <b>Independent Work -<br/>Sharing the Plan of Redemption</b> | <b>Dependent Work -<br/>Discipleship/Mentoring</b>  | <b>Interdependent Work -<br/>Nations Running Together-<br/>Side by Side</b>   |
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| Study the Scriptures   | Know when to refer a matter to a higher authority   | Helping to lay the groundwork for someone else to build on  |
| Fast and Pray  | Be accountable  | Building on someone else's foundation   |
| Offer assistance to others                                   | Attendance at Pow Wows, Native American gatherings, visiting Urban Centers, etc.                | Be accountable  |
| Be accountable   | Meaningful discussion, teachings, more detailed explanations, and more information or materials | Distributing flyers, pamphlets, advertisements of all type, web-sites, newspapers, journals, mass mailings, etc.  |
|  |   | Invitation to church services and continued contact through phone calls, e-mails, face-to-face meetings (possibly calling on other members of local branches) |

## Demonstrating Cultural Sensitivity and Respect

The following are some simple reminders. This table is not exhaustive. When in doubt, err on the quiet and humble side.

| Do's  | DON'TS  |
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| Be a good listener  | Don't ask too many questions or appear pushy  |
| Respect their point of view   | Don't argue or bring up controversial subjects  |
| Display patience if opportunities do not seem to come quickly   | Don't expect quick results or successes   |
| Respect their culture   | Don't put down other religions or cultures  |
| Look for opportunities to become involved in their programs & activities  | Don't try to control or take over their programs or projects – work in harmony  |
| Walk, talk, and act sincere and humble  | Don't sound preachy   |
| Speak in terms they understand (that's why knowing their culture is important)  | Avoid Church terminology that they might not understand, i.e., Seed of Joseph, Lamanites, etc.  |
| Maintain the great message the Lord has given us.   | Do not express your personal opinions or beliefs.   |
| Express the message sincerely, discretely, and at the opportune time.   | Don't try to pressure people into conversion; Rely on God's Spirit to work with them.   |
| Accept them for who they are; be tolerant.  | Don't try to make them Gentiles.  |
| Discuss the Good News of The Plan of Redemption.  | Don't discuss politics.   |
| Speak of good things.   | Avoid rhymes or songs that use Native Americans as counting devices, i.e. "One little, two little, three little..."   |
| Research the traditions and histories, oral and written, of Native Americans before attempting to teach these.                  | When teaching ABC's, avoid "I is for Indian" and "E is for Eskimo."   |
| Present Native American Peoples as having unique, separate, and distinct cultures, languages, beliefs, traditions, and customs. | Avoid referring to or using materials which depict Native Americans as "savages," "primitives," "The Noble Savage," "Red Man," "Red Race," "simple," or "extinct."  |
| Understand that several terms are currently used for "Native Americans" including First Nations and Indigenous People.          | Avoid craft activities which trivialize Native American dress, dance, and beliefs, i.e. toilet-paper roll kachinas or "Indian dolls", paper bag and construction paper costumes and headdresses.<br><br>Research authentic methods and have the proper materials. Realize that many songs, dances, legends, and ceremonies of Native American Peoples are considered sacred and should not be "invented" or portrayed as an activity. |
| Depict Native Americans, past and present, as those who are representing their people, their rights, and their lands            | Correct and guide children when they "war whoop," use "jaw-breaker" jargon, or employ any other stereotypical mannerisms.   |
| Teach Native American history as a regular part of American History and discuss what went wrong or right.                       | Avoid manipulative phrases and wording such as "massacre," "victory," and "conquest" which distort facts and history.   |
| Use materials and texts which outline the continuity of Native American societies from past to present.                         | Avoid materials and texts which illustrate Native American heroes as only those who helped Europeans and Euro-Americans, i.e. Thanksgiving.   |



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| <p>Use materials which show respect and understanding of the sophistication and complexities of Native American societies. Understand and impart that the spiritual beliefs of Native American Peoples are integral to the structure of our societies and are to be respected.</p> <p>Use materials which show the value Native American Peoples place on their elders, children, and women.</p>   | <p>Avoid the assumption that a Native American person knows everything about all Native Americans. Avoid offensive terms such as "papoose", and "squaw." Use respectful language.</p> |
| <p>Avoid the assumption that there are no Native American people in your presence.</p>   | <p>Native American people should not be singled out and asked to describe their families' traditions or their peoples' culture(s).</p>  |
| <p>Use books and materials which are written and illustrated by Native American people as primary source materials: speeches, songs, poems, and writings, which show the linguistic skill of a people who have come from an oral tradition.</p>  | <p>Avoid materials which use non-Native or other characters dressed as "Indians."</p>   |
| <p>Help children understand Native American Peoples have a wide variety of physical features, attributes, and value as do people of ALL cultures and races.</p>  |   |
| <p>Invite a Native American guest speaker/presenter to gatherings (or your class or for a school assembly).</p> <p>Contact a local Native American organization or your library for a list of these resources. Offer an honorarium, gift, or donation to those who visit. Be certain to inform any guest speaker of the beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ and inquire clearly if they are comfortable presenting knowing the Church's beliefs.</p> | <p>Understand that not all Native American Peoples have "Indian" surnames, but familiar European and Hispanic names as well.</p>  |