

CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible The Book of Mormon



'...and they shall become one in thine hand.' Ezekiel 37.17

BASIC BELIEFS CURRICULUM INSTRUCTIONS

A guide for teaching God's word

Adult Level

INTRODUCTION

Spiritual Standard is **ADVOCACY** – supporting and promoting the beliefs of the Church.

Educational resources are provided as a starting point for lesson preparation. Seek inspiration from the Holy Spirit through prayer, fasting, reading, and meditating on God's word. Use a prepared lesson plan or create an original lesson that supports Learning Objectives.

Consider using a variety of methods when teaching for example, Instruction, Inquiry, and Tasks. The curriculum identifies Topics to uncover and Goals for learners. It is based on the fullness of God's word as presented in the Holy Bible and The Book of Mormon.

Thank you for accepting the responsibility and honor of teaching men and women in the ways of the Lord.

SAMPLE CURRICULUM MAP:

UNITS	(Main Ideas)	LEARNING OBJECTIVES The Participant will be able to	OUR VALUES	LESSONS (L) REFERENCES (R)
HEAVENLY AUTHORITY	HOLY GHOST God's Power and Thoughts	Synthesize roles and functions of the Holy Ghost to create a general understanding. Examine the diverse operations and manifestations of the Holy Ghost and share experiences of these operations witnessed in your personal life, 1 Corinthians 12:6-10, Moroni 10:8-18. Conclude that the spirit of God is given to all people to know the difference between good and evil, but the gift of the Holy Ghost, that is given after baptism, abides with a person throughout their life, Moroni 7:16. Generate an understanding of how God reveals His thoughts, 1 Corinthians 2:9-16. Apply an understanding of the Holy Spirit's role with truth, John 16:13. Examine character evidence of the Holy Spirit enduring, Galatians 5:22,23.	UNITY	L: Divine Revelation R: Roles/Functions of the Holy Ghost: Authority, Luke 12:12, Acts 1:2, 1 Nephi 10:22 Comfort, John 14:16,18 Guidance & Truth, Luke 12:12, John 14:17,26, Acts 13:2, Romans 9:1, 1 Corinthians 2:12, 2 Nephi 32:3,5, Moroni 10:5 Power, Acts 1:8, Acts 4:31, 2 Peter 1:21, 2 Nephi 26:13, Jacob 7:12, Alma 7:10, Moroni 10:5 Sanctification, Romans 15:16, Alma 13:11,12, 3 Nephi 27:20 Witness of God/Christ, Hebrews 10:15, 1 Nephi 12:18, 2 Nephi 31:18, Moroni 7:16, 10:7 R: FAITH AND DOCTRINE Articles 1,2,25

MAP KEY:

- ➤ **LESSON FOCUS** Topics or concepts to be uncovered.
- ➤ **LEARNING OBJECTIVES** Specific and concrete goals for students to achieve. Guides for teachers; Scriptural references aid lesson preparation.
- > **OUR VALUES** Relevant priesthood-approved values for members of the Church. Incorporate values into discussions when teaching.
- ➤ **LESSONS/ REFERENCES** Priesthood-approved lesson plans (**L**) on the Church's Education site. Scriptural references and/or Church literature for lesson preparation.

NOTES FOR TEACHERS

How do I use a curriculum map?

- 1. Select a topic from the Lesson Focus column.
- 2. Use the content in the lesson topic row to build a lesson plan:
 - a. Select a Learning Objective for the students to achieve.
 - b. Create discussion questions that relate to the learning objective.
 - c. Read supportive scriptural references, to build the content of what students will learn. Keep the spiritual standard of Advocacy in mind when building the content.
 - d. Consider tasks or activities students might perform to demonstrate understanding.
 - e. Organize the material in the sequence to proceed with when teaching.

Option: Use a prepared Lesson from the Task column.

Where do I begin?

- 1. Start with prayer and seek inspiration from the Holy Spirit on what to teach and when.
- 2. Options for sequence:
 - a. Teach Units 1-6 in sequential order,
 - b. Teach a particular Lesson Focus because of its relevance or interest to your audience at a point in time,
 - c. Weave related Lesson Focuses (e.g. Unit 1, Lesson Focus "Holy Ghost" is revisited in other Units).
- 3. At the end of the teaching term, inform the teacher on where to proceed.

LINKS TO RESOURCES

- APOSTLE ARTICLES (Archive of letters, including revelation, written by the Quorum of 12 Apostles to the Church)
- <u>LESSONS</u> (Priesthood-approved lessons created by the Church Education Committee)
- LESSON RESOURCES (Book of Mormon Gospel Blog articles, Charts, Graphs ...)
- **LESSON SHARING** (Archive of member-developed lessons)
- <u>MEMBER'S GUIDE</u> (Instructional manual addressing various topics of belief. Education Site "Select a Theme", "General Materials")
- OUR VALUES RESOURCE (Priesthood approved values: definitions and applications)
- VIDEO LESSONS (YouTube Bible/Book of Mormon sessions taught by Brother Jerry Valenti)

GLOSSARY (Terms used in the Map)

Analyze – examine methodically and in detail the constitution or structure of (something, especially information), typically for purposes of explanation and interpretation.

Argue - give reasons or cite evidence in support of an idea, action, or theory, typically with the aim of persuading others to share one's view.

Articulate - express (an idea or feeling) fluently and coherently

Assess – evaluate or estimate the nature, ability, or quality of.

Debate - a formal discussion on a particular topic in which opposing arguments are put forward.

Evaluate - form an idea of the amount, number, or value of; assess.

Examine - inspect in detail to determine their nature or condition; investigate thoroughly

Explain - make clear to someone by describing it in more detail or revealing relevant facts or ideas **Interpret** - explain the meaning of.

Justify - show or prove to be right or reasonable

Predict – say or estimate that (a specified thing) will be a consequence of something.

Synthesize - combine (a number of things) into a coherent whole

SCOPE OF CURRICULUM

UNIT 1 - HEAVENLY AUTHORITY, Pages 1-4

Creator

Redeemer

Holy Ghost

Angels

UNIT 2 - LOVE, KINSHIP, WORSHIP, Pages 5-8

God's Love

Love to God

Love of Parents and Children

Love to Others

UNIT 3 - JESUS CHRIST: MINISTRY AND SALVATION, Pages 9-14

Signs and Events of Birth

Early Life

Miracles - Divinity

Ministry in Palestine

Signs and Events Surrounding Death and Resurrection

Ministry to Lost Sheep of House of Israel

UNIT 4 - STRUCTURE AND ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH, Pages 15-19

Spiritual Foundation

Blessing Children

Anointing

Baptism and Bestowal of Holy Ghost

Feet Washing and Holy Communion

UNIT 5 - HOPE AND RESTORATION, Pages 20-25

God's Word

God's Word, Apostasy

God's Word, Restoring Truths and Covenants...

House of Israel

Zion

Resurrection

UNIT 6 - EVIDENCE OF AUTHORITY AND ESTABLISHING THE CHURCH, Pages 26-57

Abel and Cain

Noah

Brother of Jared and Jaredites

America

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

Joseph

Moses

Joshua

Boaz and Ruth

Gideon

Samson

Hannah and Samuel

Saul First King In Israel

David

Jonah

Lehi and Nephi

King Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel and Three Hebrew Children

Enos

King Benjamin

Zeniff

King Noah and Abinadi

Alma, Priest of Noah

King Mosiah Son of Benjamin

Alma and Sons of Mosiah

Alma High Priest

Moroni Military Commander

Nephi and Lehi Sons of Helaman

Peter

Saul/Paul

Mormon

Moroni