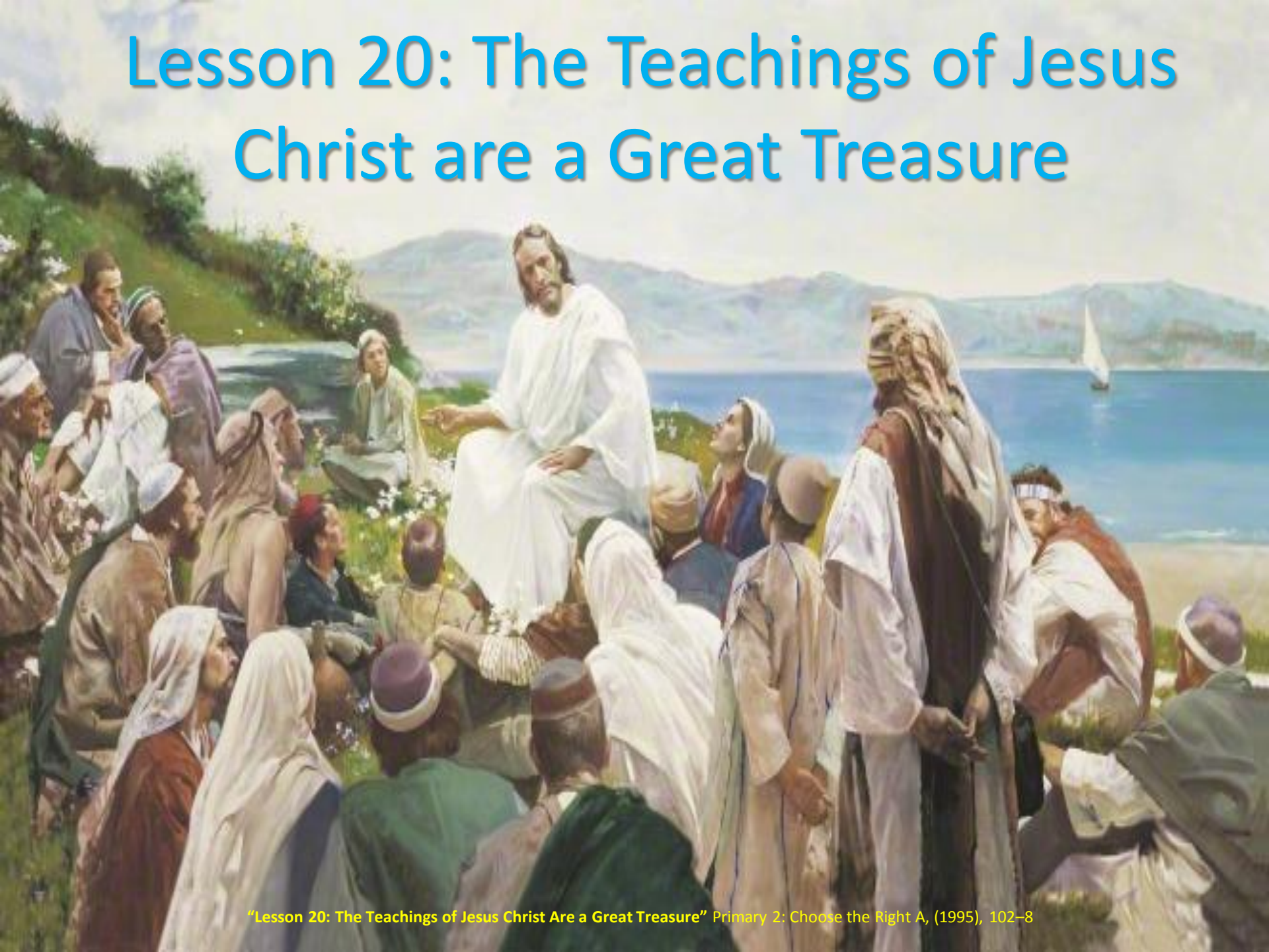


Lesson 20: The Teachings of Jesus Christ are a Great Treasure



Purpose

To strengthen each child's desire to learn more about the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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This is an item of personal value to me.

Let me tell you about it and why it's
important to me.

How do you think I would feel if it were lost, stolen, or broken.

What is a treasure?

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Something of Great Worth

Listen to this story about Ruth and the
present she received

- One of Ruth's schoolmates had a locket that she wore to school every day. Ruth thought it was the most beautiful locket she had ever seen. She wished she could have one like it.

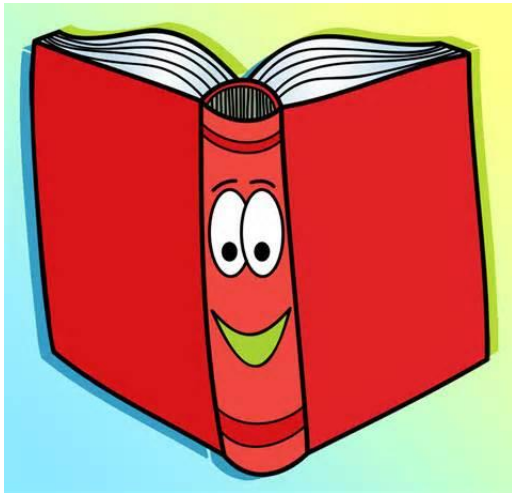
- On the morning of Ruth's birthday, her mother handed her a present. It was a small box wrapped with pretty paper and ribbon. Inside Ruth found a beautiful gold locket. It was shaped like a heart, and in the center was a sparkling pink stone. Ruth could hardly believe her eyes.



How do you think Ruth felt about the locket?



What are some
of your
treasures?



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- This treasure is worth more than any item we can own.
- This treasure cannot be bought with money, and it cannot break or be stolen.
- This treasure is so precious that many people are willing to give up everything they own to have it.

Some are even willing to give up their
lives for it.

- To find out what this great treasure is, we're going on a treasure hunt.
- Hidden in the room is a treasure.
- Quietly, search for the treasure.

- Open it up and read the message inside out loud.
- Let's all say these words together.
- This represents the teaching of Jesus Christ.
- The teachings of Jesus Christ are a great treasure to us.

- Why are the teachings of Jesus Christ a great treasure to us?

- The teachings of Jesus Christ are a treasure to us because they show us how to be happy by following Heavenly Father and Jesus.

- Let's read the first part of Doctrine and Covenants 19:23.
- **23 Learn of me, and listen to my words; . . .**

- Jesus Christ said this.
- He wants us to learn about him and his teachings.



What do you think is happening in this picture?



When the Savior was on the earth, he went from town to town teaching the people how they should live so that they could be happy and someday return to live with Heavenly Father.



Many people loved to hear his teachings and followed him wherever he went. Sometimes thousands of people would gather around him to listen and learn.



How do you think the people felt as they listened to Jesus?



Sometimes Jesus' disciples (helpers) tried to send the people away because Jesus was tired and needed to rest.

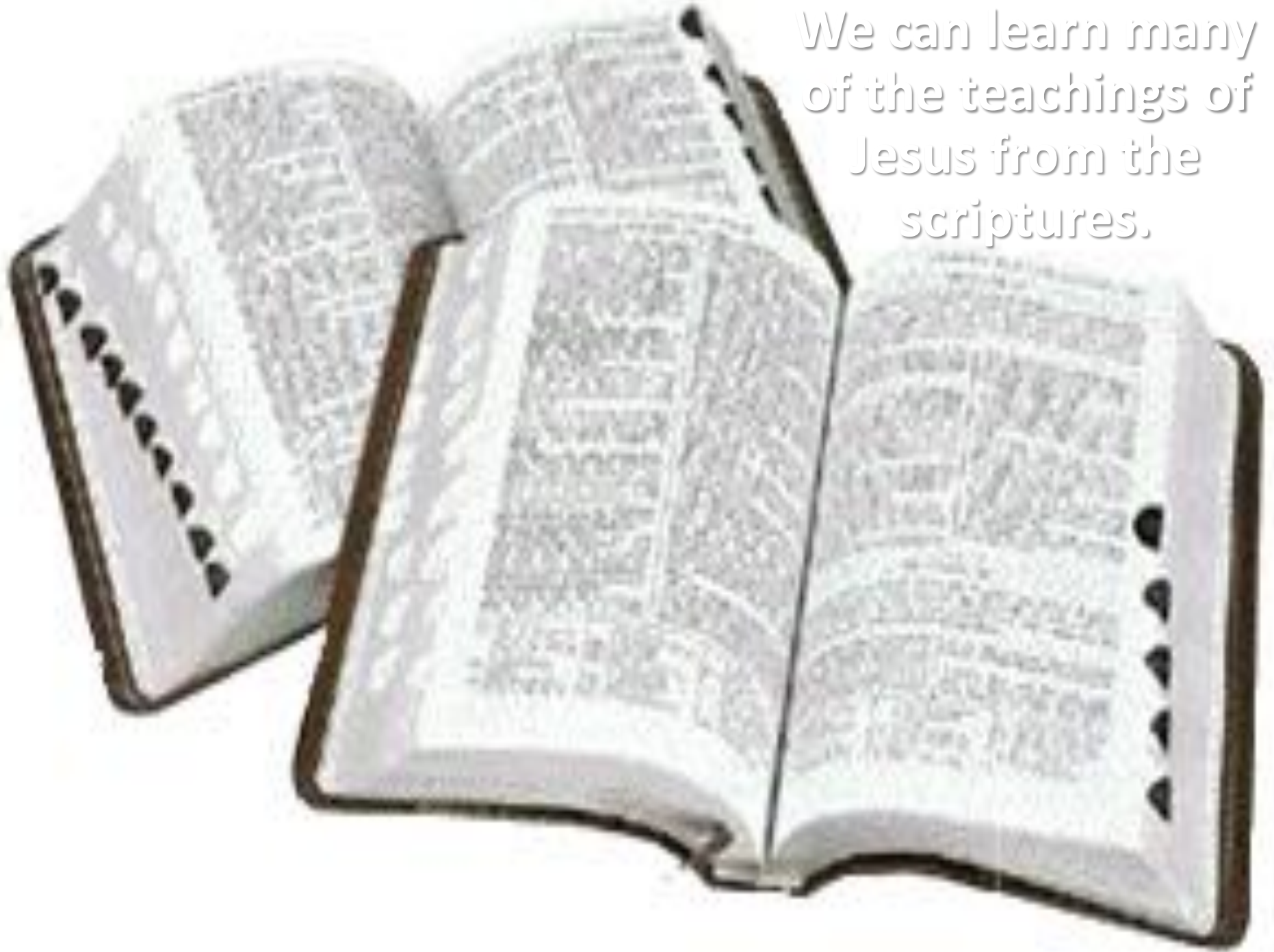


Jesus always told them to let the people stay to hear his teachings.

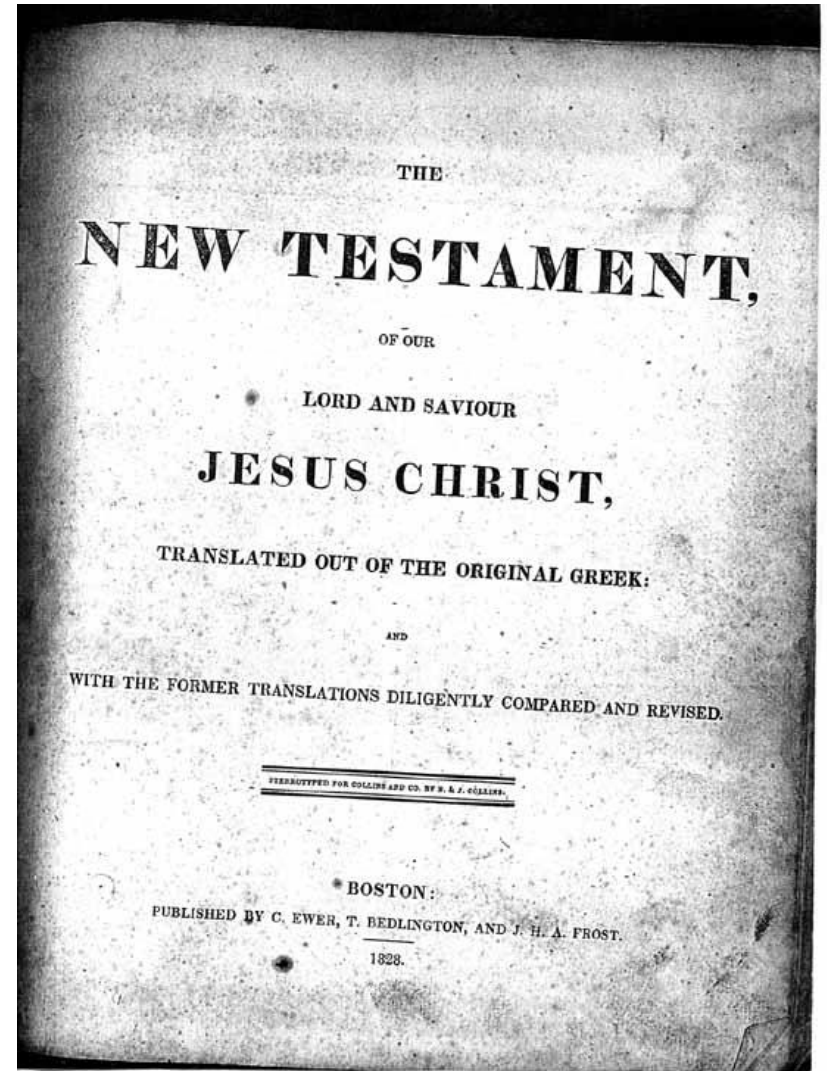


He wanted all the people to hear and learn so that they could have joy and happiness that would last forever.

We can learn many
of the teachings of
Jesus from the
scriptures.



Some of the things
Jesus taught while he
was on the earth are
written in the New
Testament.



- When Jesus was on the earth he taught many things by example.
- He wants us to follow his example and do what he did.

It's time for the

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- Here's how to play:
- You will here a description of something in the life of Jesus Christ.

- Here's how to play:
- Next you will be asked some questions about this description.

- Here's how to play:
- You must raise your hand, then give the correct answer.

Are you ready to play
the game?

- 1. I'm thinking of a time when Jesus stood in the river Jordan with John the Baptist (see Matthew 3:13–15).

- What happened to Jesus in the river Jordan?

- How was Jesus baptized?

- How have we been taught to be baptized?

- 2. I'm thinking of someone very special who was there when John the Baptist baptized Jesus. He could not be seen by everyone, but Jesus and John knew he was there (see Matthew 3:16).

- Who am I thinking of?

- What have we been taught to do to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost?

- 3. I'm thinking of a time when Jesus was without food for forty days and forty nights (see Matthew 4:1–11).

- Who tried to tempt Jesus?

- What did Jesus do?

- What have we been taught to do when we are tempted?

- I'm thinking of the time Jesus' disciples tried to send the children away (see Mark 10:13–16).

- What did Jesus tell his disciples?

- Whom does Jesus love?

- *Why does Jesus teach us?*

- 5. I'm thinking of times when Jesus taught the people how to pray (see Matthew 6:9 and 3 Nephi 18:19).

- Whom did Jesus teach us to pray to?

- How did Jesus teach us to end our prayers?

- When should we pray?

- We can learn many of the teachings of Jesus Christ by reading the scriptures, but the scriptures do not contain all the teachings of Jesus.

- Jesus did not stop teaching when he left the earth.

- Now he teaches us through prophets.

- Jesus speaks to his prophet and tells him what we need to know.

- The prophet then gives Jesus' teachings to us.



- Joseph Smith was prepared by Heavenly Father to be a prophet and teach the truth.



- Heavenly Father and Jesus appeared to Joseph and told him that none of the churches on the earth at that time was true.



- Later, Joseph helped Jesus bring back the true church.



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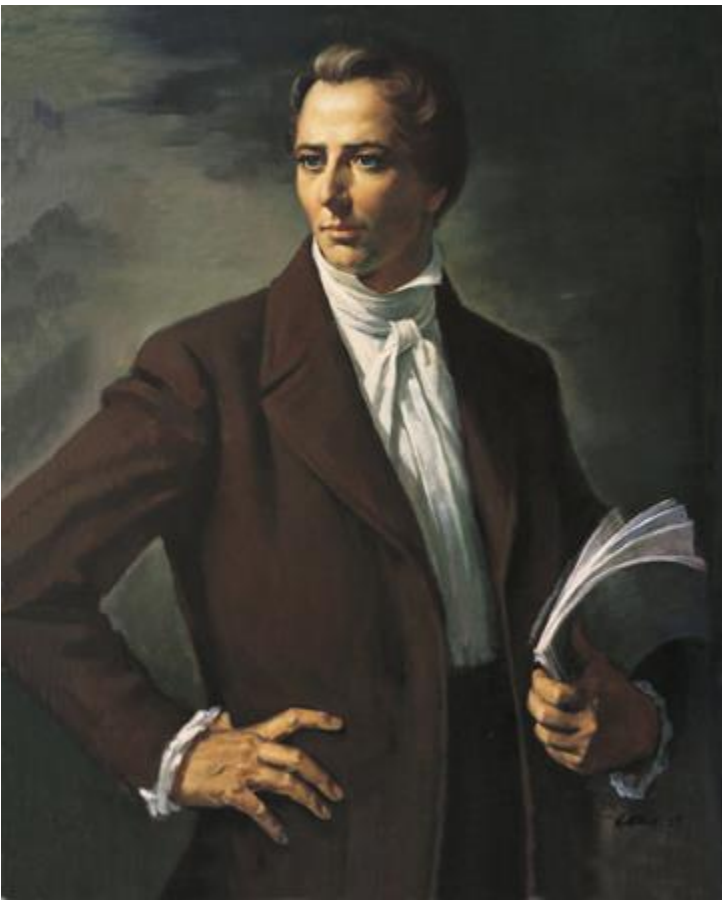


- Let's all say this name together.

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



- Who is this?



- Joseph Smith became the first prophet of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- He helped the early members of the Church know what Jesus wanted them to do.



- Who is this?



- Who is this?



- Jesus Christ speaks to the living prophet just as he spoke to Joseph Smith.



- When we hear the words of the prophet, we are hearing the teachings of Jesus.



- It is wonderful to have a living Prophet on Earth today who can give us the Savior's teachings.

- Sometimes we may forget how wonderful it is to be a member of the Church and have the Savior's teachings.
- We need to remember what a great treasure the teachings of Jesus are.

Let's listen to the following story about
Alette.

- Alette had talked with the missionaries and knew that they taught the teachings of Jesus Christ. She wanted to become a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but her father didn't want her to be baptized. He didn't understand how much it meant to Alette to learn the teachings of Jesus and become a member of Jesus' church.

- He asked her to wait. Alette waited, but she continued to go to church and kept praying that one day her father would understand how much becoming a member of the Church meant to her.

- At Christmastime, Alette's father asked her what she wanted for Christmas. She told him that the only thing she wanted was his permission for her to be baptized. Her father decided that if baptism was that important to Alette he would give his permission. Alette was baptized on Christmas Eve. This was the only gift that she received, but it was a great treasure that brought her much joy.

What gift did Alette want?

Why was this gift so important?

- We can be be grateful for the teachings of Jesus Christ.

- We can be grateful that—
- We can be baptized as the Savior was.

- We can be grateful that—
- We can receive the gift of the Holy Ghost after we are baptized.

- We can be grateful that—
- We can pray when we need help.

- We can be grateful that—
- We can learn how to choose the right.

- We can be grateful that—
- We know that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ love us.

- We can be grateful that—
- We have the scriptures and a prophet to teach us.

TESTIMONY

- I know that this is Jesus Christ's true church, and I am grateful to be a member and to be able to learn the teachings of Jesus.
- Each of you, One at a time, stand and express your gratitude for the teachings of Jesus.
- By expressing gratitude for the Savior and his teachings is one way of bearing testimony. Those of you that stood a moment ago have just shared your testimonies.

TESTIMONY

- I want to encourage you to share your testimonies with your families at home.
- When the Spirit prompts you, you can also bear your testimonies in fast and testimony meeting and share what you know about Jesus' teachings and the true church of Jesus Christ.

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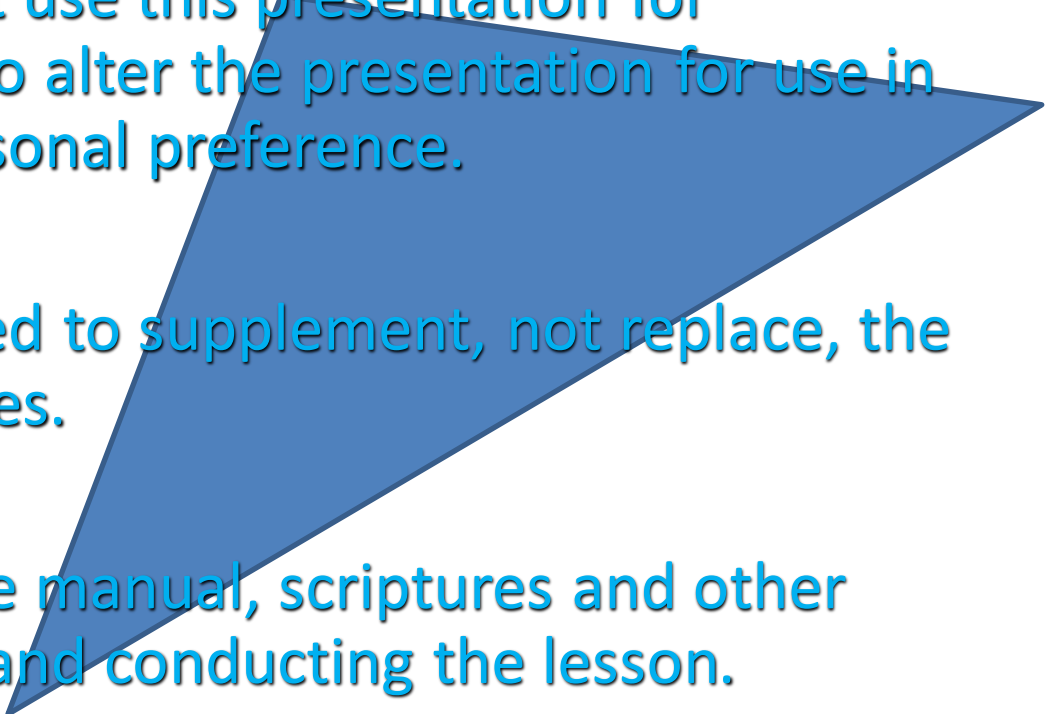
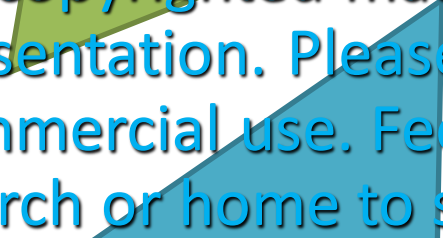
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