

LESSON 40: WORSHIPPING AT CHURCH



Passing the Sacrament, photo © IRI

PURPOSE

**To strengthen the children's desire
to worship at church.**

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ATTENTION ACTIVITY

Let's start by
singing
"When I go to
church"
Together

WHEN I GO TO CHURCH

1. I always have a happy feeling
When I go to church.
The organ plays so soft and sweet;
I tiptoe softly to my seat.
My teachers and my friends I greet
When I go to church.

2. I like to raise my voice in singing
When I go to church.
I fold my arms and bow my head,
Then listen while the prayer is said;
I do not talk but think instead
When I go to church.

3. I learn about my Heav'nly Father
When I go to church.
I thank him for each flow'r and tree,
For home and friends and family,
For all the lovely things I see
When I go to church.

Words and music: Faye Glover Petersen, b. 1914

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- Heavenly Father knew we needed a time each week when we could learn more about him and Jesus Christ.
- He made Sunday a special day for us, a day when we go to sacrament meeting and Primary.

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- He wants Sunday to be a happy day,
- When we choose to go to church, we are choosing the right.

STORY AND DISCUSSION

- Listen to the following story about a boy who had a problem that almost made him stop coming to church.



STORY AND DISCUSSION

- His name was Vaughn Featherstone, and he later became a General Authority.
- When Vaughn Featherstone was young, his family was quite poor and couldn't afford much clothing.



STORY AND DISCUSSION



- “I had a pair of shoes that I’d wear to church.
- They weren’t the best shoes.
- They had holes in the bottom sole, so I’d cut out pieces of cardboard [from a cereal box] and slide them in as an insole.

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- When I went to church I would sit with both feet flat on the floor; I didn't want to raise one leg and have someone see [the printing on the cardboard from a cereal box] across the bottom of my shoe.
- I'd go off to church that way, and everything was fine until those shoes wore out.

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- I'd go off to church that way, and everything was fine until those shoes wore out.
- Then I didn't know what I would do. I remember it was Saturday, and I thought, 'I've got to go to church.'
- Over at church I am somebody.
- They really care about me.'

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- I remember thinking that through, and I went to a little box of shoes some neighbors had given us.
- I went through them, but I could find only one pair of shoes that would fit me. ...
- They were a pair of women's nurses' shoes. I thought, 'How can I wear those?'
- They'll laugh me to scorn over at church.'

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- And so I decided I wouldn't wear them,
- **and I wouldn't go to church."**

STORY AND DISCUSSION



How would you feel if you had been in
Brother Featherstone's place?



STORY AND DISCUSSION



What would you have done?



STORY AND DISCUSSION



Let's continue with the story:

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- They'll laugh me to scorn over at church.'
- "I went through that night, and the next morning ... I knew I had to go! ... I decided what to do.

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- I would run over there very early and sit down close to the front before anybody got there.
- I thought, 'I'll put my feet back under the pew [bench] so no one can see them, and then I'll wait till everyone leaves.'
- After they're gone I'll come running home half an hour later or something.'
- That was my plan.

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- I dashed over to church half an hour early, and it worked.
- Nobody was there.
- I put my feet back under the bench. Pretty soon everyone came in, and then all of a sudden someone announced: 'We will now be separated for classes.'
- I had forgotten you had to go to class. ... I was terrified.

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- The ushers started coming down the aisle, they got to our row, and everybody got up and left.
- But I just sat there.
- I couldn't move.
- I knew I couldn't for fear that someone would see my shoes.
- But the social pressure was intense.

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- That whole meeting just seemed to stop and wait until I moved, so I had to move.
- I got up and just followed the class downstairs.
- “I think I learned the greatest lesson I have ever learned in my life that day.
- I went downstairs, and the teacher had us sit in a big half-circle.
- Each of my shoes felt two feet in diameter.

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- I can't tell you how embarrassed I was.
- I watched, but, do you know, not one of those eight- and nine-year-old children in that class laughed at me
- Not one of them looked at me.
- No one pointed at my shoes.
- My teacher didn't look.
- I was looking all the time.

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- I was watching everybody to see if anyone was looking at me. ... Of course they saw those nurses' shoes that I had to wear to church.

- But they had the fine instinct not to laugh”

(Vaughn J. Featherstone, “Acres of Diamonds,” in *Speeches of the Year, 1974* [Provo: Brigham Young University Press, 1975], pp. 351–52).

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- Why was Brother Featherstone willing to wear the nurses' shoes to church when he was a boy?



- Because he wanted so much to go to church.

STORY AND DISCUSSION

- Vaughn Featherstone knew it was important to attend church.



- He was happy to go to church every week, even though his family could not afford good shoes for him.

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- He decided going to church was more important, even if he didn't have nice shoes.



STORY AND DISCUSSION

- All over the world boys and girls and their parents attend church each Sunday.



- When we attend church and participate by listening and learning, we are worshiping Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

STORY AND DISCUSSION



- They are going to worship.

WORSHIP

There are many ways that we can

worship

at church

WORSHIP



- When we take the sacrament, we are remembering Jesus Christ.

Passing the
Sacrament

WORSHIP



Passing the
Sacrament

- If we have been baptized, we are renewing the covenants we made to always remember him and to obey his commandments.

WORSHIP



Passing the
Sacrament

- Taking the sacrament is one of the most important ways we worship while attending church.

WORSHIP



Passing the
Sacrament



Singing at Church

WORSHIP

When we sing a hymn with feeling, we are expressing our love to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

If we do not sing, we are missing an opportunity to worship them.



Singing at Church

WORSHIP

Lets read Doctrine and Covenants 25:12.

**12 For my soul
delighteth in the song
of the heart; yea, the
song of the righteous is
a prayer unto me, and
it shall be answered
with a blessing upon
their heads.**



Singing at Church

WORSHIP

Heavenly Father is pleased when we sing hymns and sacred songs to him.



Singing at Church

WORSHIP



Praying in Church



Singing at Church

WORSHIP



Praying in Church

We hear many prayers when we are at church.

Remember that when another person is offering a prayer, we should close our eyes, bow our heads, and listen to what is said.

WORSHIP



What do we say at the end of a prayer?

Amen

Praying in Church

WORSHIP



Praying in Church

Why do we say “amen”?

To show we agree and support what has been said.

WORSHIP



Praying in Church

During the sacrament service we can pray silently.

While we are thinking about Jesus Christ, we could ask Heavenly Father to help us choose the right and obey the commandments.

WORSHIP



Praying in Church



Listening at Church

WORSHIP

How can we show we are listening at Church?

By sitting reverently, by not talking, and by looking at the speaker or teacher.



Listening at Church

WORSHIP

Can you name some of the people we should listen to while at church.



Hold up a finger for each person

Listening at Church

WORSHIP

- Some people you may have thought of include
 - a speaker in Primary or sacrament meeting,
 - the young man blessing the sacrament,
 - someone who prays in class or in a meeting,
 - a teacher.



Listening at
Church

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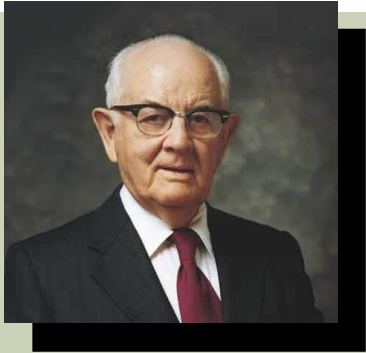
- He was a prophet.
- The twelfth President of the Church.
- He is President Spencer W. Kimball
- Let's listen to the following story about him:

WHO IS THIS?



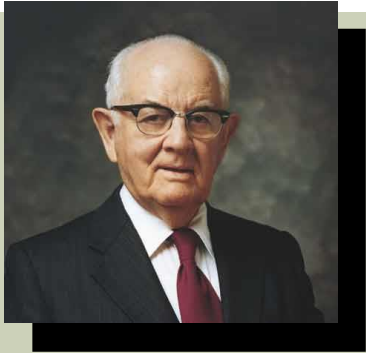
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STORY



- President Spencer W. Kimball was just a boy when he heard a Church leader from Salt Lake City tell the congregation that they should read the scriptures.

STORY



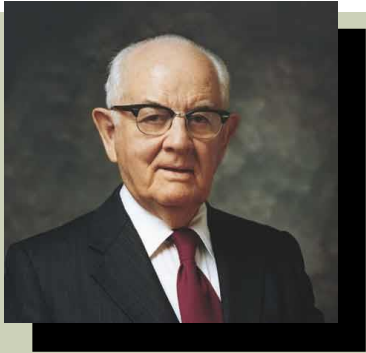
- He realized that he had never read the Bible, so he set a goal that he would read it.
- Spencer went home and climbed up to his little attic room and lighted a little coal-oil lamp and read the first chapters of Genesis that very night.

STORY



- Although it was difficult, he knew that if others did it, he could do it too.
- A year later he had read every chapter in the Bible.
- When he had finished, he had a good feeling that he had made a goal and that he had achieved it.

STORY

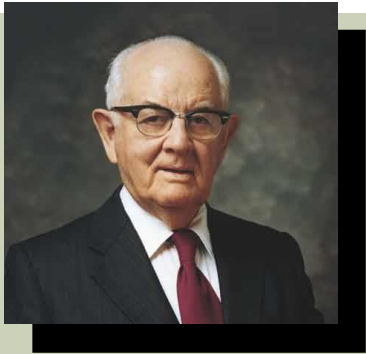


■ Why did Spencer W. Kimball decide to read the Bible?

■ Because he heard a speaker at church suggest that everyone should read the scriptures.



STORY



- What have you heard from a speaker at church that interested you or helped you keep a commandment or learn more about the gospel?



GAME

Let's play a game

Note: Teacher's refer to the lesson manual for this game, questions and answers.

TESTIMONY

- I want to bear you my testimony that great blessings of peace, increased gospel understanding, and closeness to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ can come from choosing to worship in the right way.
- I want to invite you to listen more carefully in our next meeting.

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