

## **Lesson #6 Proclamation to the World Following a Living Prophet**

**Preparations:** Cut out the scripture and prophet cards to use for the activity.

**Opening Song:** “We Thank Thee O God for a Prophet” Or “Follow the Prophet”

**Opening Prayer:**

**Family Business:**

**Scripture:** Paragraphs 8-9 of the Proclamation to the World. (Puzzle piece 6)

**Lesson:** (Chapter 9: Prophets of God, “Gospel principles, 47)

Many people live in darkness, unsure of God's will. They believe that the heavens are closed and that people must face the world's perils alone. How fortunate are the Latter-day Saints! We know that God communicates to the Church through his prophet. With grateful hearts, Saints the world over sing the hymn, “We thank thee, O God for a prophet to guide us in these latter days.”

What is a Prophet? A prophet is a man called by God to be his representative on earth. When a prophet speaks for God, it is as if God were speaking. A prophet is also a special witness for Christ, testifying of His divinity and teaching His gospel. A prophet teaches truth and interprets the word of God. He calls the unrighteous to repentance. He receives revelations and directions from the Lord for our benefit. He may see into the future and foretell coming events so that the world may be warned.

Many people find it easy to believe in the prophets of the past. But it is much greater to believe in and follow the living prophet. We raise our hands to sustain the President of the Church as prophet, seer, and revelator.

How can we sustain the Prophet? We should pray for him. His burdens are heavy, and he needs to be strengthened by the prayers of the Saints. We should study his words. We can listen to his conference addresses or read them in Church publications. We should follow his inspired teachings completely. We should not choose to follow part of his inspired counsel and discard that which is unpleasant or difficult. The Lord Commands us to follow the inspired teachings of his prophets.

**Activity:** Prophets through the ages have helped strengthen families. Give each family member a scripture card and have them match it to which prophet it goes to.

When done decide as a family how you can follow the prophet and write them under the picture of President Monson. Post this where you can all see it as a reminder to follow the prophet.

**Closing prayer:**