JESUS CHRIST AND HIS EVERLASTING GOSPEL TEACHER MATERIAL-LESSON 9

## The Condescension of God

Divide the following reading assignments among your group. As you read, look for how the Lord voluntarily descended from a higher position to a lower status.

- 1. Abraham 3:24-25, 27; Philippians 2:7-8
- 2. 1 Nephi 11:14-22
- 3. 1 Nephi 11:26-27, 31-33
- 4. The statements by President Tad R. Callister and Elder D. Todd Christofferson in section 2 of the preparation material and the following statement by Sister Wendy Ulrich, former member of the Relief Society general advisory council:

[The Savior] was born as a helpless infant in a mortal body and raised by imperfect [parents]. He had to learn how to walk, talk, work, and get along with others. He got hungry and tired, felt human emotions, and could get ill, suffer, bleed, and die. ("It Isn't a Sin to Be Weak," *Ensign*, Apr. 2015, 33)

Then discuss together the following questions:

- What do these readings teach us about the condescension of Jesus Christ?
- What does the condescension of Jesus Christ teach us about our Savior's and our Heavenly Father's love for us? How does Their love for you affect your love for Them?

