

# Bible Study Missionary Guide

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints continues to explore new ways to invite and help people come unto Christ. One of the new advertising offerings is a free Bible study. In addition to requesting a free copy of the Bible (or a copy of the New Testament for Spanish referrals), people who sign up for a Bible study also request a conversation about a specific topic, such as “feeling closer to God and Jesus Christ” or “strengthening families.”

When someone requests one of these Bible studies, he or she has the option to choose from topics on this sheet, and their chosen topic will be passed along to you. The included list of scripture passages and questions will help you

prepare for the Bible study discussions. Become familiar with these scriptures and be prepared to share a relevant passage from the Bible or the Book of Mormon as you discuss questions and help others feel the Spirit. Study and apply principles from the “Use the Scriptures” section in chapter 10 of *Preach My Gospel*.

Note that Bible studies are introductory lessons. Their purpose is to help you become acquainted, invite the Spirit, and see if there is interest in learning more. As you come to understand people’s needs and interests, invite them to continue studying the gospel with you. You can help them come closer to the Savior and strengthen their desire to learn more about His restored gospel.

When you visit in person, apply “How to Begin Teaching” from *Preach My Gospel* chapter 10. Find out why those participating were interested in receiving you, what their expectations are for your visit(s), what their experience and belief

with religion and the Bible is, and what questions they have.

Each person may choose to study with missionaries either online or in person. Online missionaries contact requesting person and help him or her prepare to meet with local missionaries in person. When referrals are sent to local missionaries, online missionaries contact the local missionaries, share information about the person, and share or discuss materials related to the advertising offering. Online and local missionaries should work together to help the person have a positive experience with the Church.

## Life After Death

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Luke 24 — Angels announce the resurrection of Christ

### OTHER SCRIPTURES

Ecclesiastes 12:7

Luke 23:42–43

John 3:16

John 11:25

John 14:1–3

1 Corinthians 15:20–22

(Alma 40:11–14)

### QUESTIONS

What are your thoughts about the resurrection and life after death?

Would you like to learn more about life after death?

Have you ever thought about where we came from or why we’re here on earth?

## Purpose of Life

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Acts 10:34–48 — Peter teaches the gospel and the Holy Ghost is poured out upon the Gentiles.

### OTHER SCRIPTURES

Genesis 1:27–28

Job 23:10

Malachi 3:2–3

Luke 2:52

Romans 12:1–2

1 Timothy 6:12

(Moses 1:39)

### QUESTIONS

Do you think God had you come to Earth for a reason? What do you think He wants us to accomplish while we’re here?

God also spoke to people in ancient America about the purpose of life. Those people’s words are found in the Book of Mormon. Would you like to learn more?

## Overcoming Bad Habits

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Isaiah 58:6–12 — The true law of the fast

### OTHER SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 41:10

1 Corinthians 6:18–20

1 Corinthians 10:13

Galatians 5:16

Philippians 4:13

Hebrews 2:18

James 1:12

(Alma 7:11)

### QUESTIONS

Are trying to break any habits?

What are some things you could do to ensure that you have the spiritual help needed to overcome this?

## Feeling Closer to God and Jesus Christ

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

John 14:17—Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life

### OTHER SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 8:17

Matthew 7:7

James 1:5

James 4:8

1 John 4:7–8

(Alma 5:33–34)

### QUESTIONS

How does following Jesus' teachings help you feel closer to Him?

What are your thoughts about your relationship with God?

What do you think about these verses?

## Strengthening My Family

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Luke 15: 11–24 — The parable of the prodigal son

### OTHER SCRIPTURES

Exodus 20:12

Proverbs 22:6

1 Corinthians 13:4–7

Ephesians 6:4

Colossians 3:13–15

(The Family: A Proclamation to the World, Mosiah 2:5–6)

### QUESTIONS

Why did God put us in families?

What do you worry about most when it comes to your family?

Have you heard of Family Home Evening?

Do you think God cares about your family? Why?

## Becoming a Better Person

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Matthew 5–7— Sermon on the mount

### OTHER SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 28:13

Isaiah 55:6–7

Matthew 6:31–33

1 Peter 5:6–10

(Mosiah 3:19)

### QUESTIONS

What is one thing you could do today to improve?

Why do you want to be a better person? What is motivating your desire to change?

## Dealing with Grief

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Psalms 23 — The Lord is my shepherd

### OTHER SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 53:3–5

Matthew 5:4

John 14:27

Romans 8:16–18

Revelations 21:4

(2 Nephi 4:20–24, 33–35)

### QUESTIONS

What are some ways you deal with sadness and grief?

How do you help others who are grieving in the way Jesus taught?

How do experiences with sadness and grief change the way you see your life?

# Additional Instructions for Teaching

Make sure you fulfill the request the person made to have a Bible study. Avoid any approach in the initial visit that might leave your contact feeling tricked, such as not providing a message centered on the Bible or giving a Book of Mormon instead of a Bible. You should, however, feel free to share verses from other scriptures as needed to clarify what you are discussing in the Bible.

Strive to build a relationship. As you ask questions and get to know the person, open up and share a little more about yourself beyond the fact that you are a missionary. Share brief personal experiences from your life and discuss how what you learned from your experience can be applied in his or her life.

Take a few minutes at the end of the lesson to extend a simple, appropriate invitation. For the first visit, the main invitation likely would be for the person to continue to meet with you to learn more about the gospel of Jesus Christ. Practice giving invitations during companion study, district meeting, or zone meetings.

