

Day 0 Session Director Message

Doctrine & Covenants 64:33-34: “Wherefore, be not weary in well-doing, for ye are laying the foundation of a great work. And out of small things proceedeth that which is great. Behold, the Lord requireth the heart and a willing mind.”

This outline contains resources for you to use as you prepare for this learning experience. You will likely not have time to do all of these activities. You are invited to seek the Spirit and utilize effective teaching methods to help learners feel and understand the intended outcome of the topic.

Please be aware that the Sunday Night Fireside is your first chance to connect with the counselors and staff of FSY. While the topic of your fireside is not predetermined, the following guidelines might prove helpful in helping this night to start Session Directors, Counselors and Staff off right:

- Work with your AC's
 - Administrative Counselors have assembled their team and have (often) worked multiple weeks of FSY this summer; they know their team and the needs of the counselors and staff. Consider asking them earlier in the week as to their input regarding your message.
 - Consider reinforcing any messages the AC's have been giving to their counselors and staff
- Avoid the following:
 - Messages on dating or relationships
 - Messages that are trendy or current events
 - Messages that are merely confidence booster or “keep going” themed
 - Messages meant for *youth* and not for YSA's
 - Heavy use of media or music (especially non-FSY or not church-produced)
 - Introducing a new weekly theme of your own (stay true to the FSY theme of the week)
 - Lengthy personal introductions
 - Q&A format
- Consider doing the following:
 - Teach a message intended to uplift and enlighten Counselors and Staff
 - Teach doctrine
 - Teach the fundamentals of the gospel and of teaching – topics such as:
 - Love God and Love your neighbor as yourself
 - Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ
 - Patience
 - Understanding
 - Turning youth to parents and to their proper priesthood authority
 - The Lord's timing
 - Etc.
 - Be personable and loving; enjoy the fireside
 - Invite Counselors and Staff to come introduce themselves to you this week and to involve you in their teaching, fun (including during free time with participants) and discipline (if needed).