

Book of Mormon Study Missionary Guide

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 Book of Mormon study. Now, when people request a free copy of the Book of Mormon, they can also choose to have a conversation about a specific topic. These conversations use teachings in the Book of Mormon to help people find answers to questions of the soul like “What is the purpose of life?” or practical questions like “How can I strengthen my family?”

When people request a Book of Mormon study, they can choose to discuss one of a variety of topics, which will then be passed along to you. The topics listed below include suggestions for scripture passages and questions to help you prepare for a Book of Mormon study session.

Become familiar with the scriptures for each topic. Then be prepared to share a relevant passage from the Book of Mormon as you discuss the topic. The Book of Mormon is “your most powerful resource in conversion” (Preach My Gospel, chapter 5). Help others feel the Spirit as you teach from the Book of Mormon. Study and apply principles from

the “Use the Scriptures” section in Preach My Gospel, chapter 10 as you prepare for each discussion.

A Book of Mormon study is an *introductory* lesson, designed to help you become acquainted with the people you are teaching, invite the Spirit, and see if they are interested in learning more. As you come to understand their 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 as you share truths from the Book of Mormon.

When you visit in person, apply “How to Begin Teaching” from Preach My Gospel, chapter 10. Find out why they are interested in talking with you, what they expect from your visit(s), what they believe about religion, what they understand about the Book of Mormon, and what questions they may have.

People may choose to study with the missionaries online or in person. Once a request is received, online missionaries contact the person and help him or her prepare to meet with the missionaries in person. When referrals are sent to local missionaries, online missionaries contact the local missionaries, share information about the person, and share details about the specific advertised offering. Online and local missionaries should work together to help the person have a positive experience with the Church.

Is there life after death?

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Alma 11:41 — All shall rise from the dead

OTHER SCRIPTURES

2 Nephi 9:12
Jacob 4:11
Mosiah 16:8
Alma 11:45
Alma 40:11–14
Mormon 9:13
Moroni 10:34

QUESTIONS

What do you think or believe about life after death?

Would you like to learn more about life after death and the resurrection?

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

What is the purpose of life?

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Alma 12:24–34 — This life is a time to prepare to meet God

OTHER SCRIPTURES

1 Nephi 10:18
2 Nephi 2:27
Mosiah 18:13
Alma 38:5
3 Nephi 11:32–33

QUESTIONS

Do you believe God had you come to earth for a reason?

What do you think God wants you to accomplish while you are here?

Would you like to learn more of what the Book of Mormon teaches about the purpose of life?

How can I overcome bad habits?

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Ether 12:27 — Weak things can become strong through faith in Jesus

OTHER SCRIPTURES

1 Nephi 15:24
2 Nephi 4:18–20
2 Nephi 7:9
2 Nephi 32:8–9
Omni 1:26
Mosiah 3:19
Mosiah 27:25–26
Alma 7:11
Helaman 5:12
Mormon 9:28

QUESTIONS

Are you trying to break any habits?

What are some things you could do to have the spiritual and emotional strength to overcome bad habits?

How can I feel closer to God and Jesus Christ?

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Alma 18–19 — King Lamoni comes closer to Deity through repentance and faith

OTHER SCRIPTURES

Enos 1:3–8
Mosiah 4:2–3
Mosiah 18:8–10
Alma 5:33–34
Alma 13:27–29
Alma 36:18–21
3 Nephi 9:14
3 Nephi 14:7
Ether 4:18–19
Moroni 7:19

QUESTIONS

How do you feel about your relationship with God?

How can prayer help you feel closer to God?

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

What do you think about these verses?

How can I deal with grief?

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

2 Nephi 8:3 — The Lord offers comfort

OTHER SCRIPTURES

2 Nephi 4:20–24, 33–35
Mosiah 14:3–5
Mosiah 18:9
Alma 7:12
Alma 30:2
3 Nephi 12:4
3 Nephi 17:7

QUESTIONS

What are some ways you deal with sadness or grief?

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

How does trusting God help you deal with grief?

How can I strengthen my family?

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Mosiah 4:13–15 — Live the gospel of Jesus Christ

OTHER SCRIPTURES

1 Nephi 8:37
2 Nephi 25:26
Enos 1:1
Mosiah 2:5–6
Mosiah 23:15
Mosiah 26:31
Alma 35:16
Alma 43:47
3 Nephi 18:21
4 Nephi 1:11–14

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? When have you seen that He cares?

How can I become a better person?

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

3 Nephi 12-14 — Jesus teaches the Nephites the Sermon on the Mount

OTHER SCRIPTURES

Jacob 2:18-19
Mosiah 2:19-24
Mosiah 5:2
Mosiah 3:19
Alma 22:15-16
Alma 26:21-22
3 Nephi 9:22
3 Nephi 13:33

QUESTIONS

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

What is one thing you could do today to improve?

How can keeping God's commandments help you become a better person?

Additional Instructions for Teaching

Make sure you follow through with each and every request for a Book of Mormon study. Avoid any approach in the initial visit that might leave the person feeling tricked, such as not providing a message about the requested topic or not introducing the Book of Mormon. You may, however, discuss additional topics and scriptures as needed to clarify your message or answer additional questions.

Try to build a meaningful relationship with each person. As you ask questions and get to know each other, open up and share 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 make a difference in his or her life.

Take a few minutes at the end of the visit to extend a simple, appropriate invitation. For the first visit, you would likely invite the person to continue meeting with you to learn more about the gospel of Jesus Christ. Practice extending invitations during companion study, district council, and zone conferences.

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