

# Personalized Study Missionary Guide

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints continues to explore new ways to invite and help people come unto Jesus Christ. One of the new advertising offerings is a personalized study where people can choose to have a conversation with missionaries about specific topics like "Who is Jesus Christ?" or "What is the purpose of life?"

Become familiar with the suggested sections from the scriptures and Preach My Gospel for each topic. Then be prepared to have a relevant discussion based on the topic the person has chosen and what they share when you meet them. Find out why they are interested in talking with you, how they came across the ad, and what they expect from your visit(s). Ask what they believe about God, how they view religion, and what questions they have (see Preach My Gospel, chapter 10 "Ask Questions" and "Listening").

Note, a personalized 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.

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.

## How do I pray?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**Enos 1:1–18** — Enos prays

**Matthew 6:5–13** — Jesus teaches how to pray and prays to the Father

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 4:** The Commandments; "Pray Often"

### QUESTIONS

Do you believe God hears and answers your prayers?

When have you recognized an answer to prayer?

Have you ever prayed to God out loud?

## How can I strengthen my family? What are eternal families?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

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

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

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 1:** The Message of the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; "Gospel Blesses Families and Individuals"

**Chapter 3: Lesson 5:** Laws and Ordinances; "Eternal Marriage"

### QUESTIONS

Why did God put us in families?

Do you think God cares about your family? When have you seen that He cares?

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

Would you like to be with your family members forever?

## What is the purpose of life?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

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

**Matthew 24–25** — Prepare to live in turbulent times

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 2:** The Plan of Salvation; “Premortal Life: God’s Purpose and Plan for Us” and “Our Life on Earth”

### QUESTIONS

Do you think 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 what the Book of Mormon teaches about the purpose of life?

## Is there life after death?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**Alma 40** — All shall rise from the dead

**Luke 24** — Angels announce the resurrection of Christ

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 2:** The Plan of Salvation; “The Spirit World” and “The Resurrection, Salvation, and Exaltation”

## Who is God/Heavenly Father?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**3 Nephi 13:26–33** — Heavenly Father knows all things and cares for His children

**Hebrews 12:9; Malachi 2:10** — God is the Father of our spirits

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 1:** The Message of the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; “God is Our Loving Heavenly Father”

**Chapter 3, Lesson 2:** The Plan of Salvation; “Premortal Life: God’s Purpose and Plan for Us”

### QUESTIONS

Do you believe God is your Heavenly Father?

What evidence can you see that Heavenly Father knows and loves you?

Do you want to strengthen your relationship with Heavenly Father?

## Who is Jesus Christ?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**1 Nephi 11:13–33** — Jesus is the Son of God, the Savior and Redeemer of all people

**John 3:16–17** — God the Father sent His Son Jesus Christ to be a Savior

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 2:** The Plan of Salvation; “The Atonement of Jesus Christ”

**Chapter 3, Lesson 3:** The Gospel of Jesus Christ; “The Divine Mission of Jesus Christ”

### QUESTIONS

Do you believe Jesus is the Son of God?

Why does Jesus ask us to follow Him and keep His commandments?

Do you want to learn more about Jesus and His gospel?

How can following Jesus’s example and teachings make your life better?

## Who is the Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**Ether 12:41** — The Holy Ghost bears record of the Father and the Son

**John 14:16–27** — Jesus teaches that the Holy Ghost is the Comforter

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 3:** The Gospel of Jesus Christ; “The Gift of the Holy Ghost”

**Chapter 4:** “The Light of Christ” and “The Holy Ghost”

### QUESTIONS

Have you ever felt the influence of the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit in your life?

How can the Holy Ghost help you make important decisions in your life?

Would you like learn how the Holy Ghost can “abide with you forever” as Jesus taught?

## How can I forgive and be forgiven?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**Mosiah 4:2** — Seek forgiveness through the atoning blood of Jesus

**Matthew 18:21–35** — Jesus teaches to forgive others

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 2:** The Plan of Salvation; “The Atonement of Jesus Christ”

**Chapter 3, Lesson 3:** The Gospel of Jesus Christ; “Repentance through the Atonement of Jesus Christ”

## What are worship services?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**Moroni 6:4–9** — Members of Christ’s Church worship together

**Luke 22:14–20** — Jesus worships with His followers at the Last Supper

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 4:** The Commandments; “Keep the Sabbath Day Holy” and “Observe the Law of the Fast”

**Chapter 13:** “Nourishment by the Word of God” and “The commitment to Stay Active in the Church”

### QUESTIONS

How can attending a worship service strengthen you?

Would you like to learn more about what happens at a worship service of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?

Would you like to attend one of our worship services?

## What is the Book of Mormon? The Restoration of Christ’s Church?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**1 Nephi 13:12, 35–42** — Plain and precious truths revealed in the Book of Mormon

**Isaiah 29:9–18** — The Lord will reveal the Book of Mormon to give light in darkness

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 1:** The Message of the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; “Heavenly Father Reveals His Gospel in Every Dispensation,” “The Great Apostasy,” and “The Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Joseph Smith”

**Chapter 5:** What is the Role of the Book of Mormon?

### QUESTIONS

What does the word *restore* mean?

What do you know about the Book of Mormon?

Why would God provide more than one witness of Jesus Christ and His gospel?

Why should Christ’s Church today be the same as the Church He organized when He lived on the earth?

## What is the Holy Bible?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**2 Nephi 3:12** — The Bible, together with the Book of Mormon, will establish truth

**Romans 15:4** — The Bible is a collection of scriptures for our learning

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

#### Chapter 3, Lesson 3:

The Gospel of Jesus Christ; "The Gift of the Holy Ghost"  
Chapter 4; "The Light of Christ" and "The Holy Ghost"

### QUESTIONS

Have you ever read the Bible before?

How can studying the life of Jesus Christ in the Bible give you strength and guidance?

What are some of your favorite Bible verses?

## How can I be baptized?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**2 Nephi 31:4-13** — Nephi teaches that Jesus was baptized by immersion

**Matthew 3:13-17** — Jesus was baptized by immersion

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 3:** The Gospel of Jesus Christ; "Baptism, Our First Covenant with God"

**Chapter 3, Lesson 4:** The Commandments; "Baptism and Confirmation"

## How can I be part of a church community?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**Mosiah 18:8-10** — Members of a church community strengthen one another

**Ephesians 4:11-16** — Being part of a church community strengthens faith in Jesus Christ

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 1:** The Message of the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; "The Savior's Earthly Ministry and Atonement" and "The Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Joseph Smith"

### QUESTIONS

What are you looking for in a church community?

How can being part of a church community help you be a better person?

How can being part of a church community strengthen your relationship with God?

## Who are prophets? Who is Joseph Smith?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**1 Nephi 22:2** — Prophets teach by the Spirit

**2 Nephi 3** — The Book of Mormon teaches that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God

**Amos 3:7; Luke 1:70** — God reveals truth to the world through prophets

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 1:** The Message of the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; "Heavenly Father Reveals His Gospel in Every Dispensation," "Prophets," and "The Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Joseph Smith"

**Chapter 3, Lesson 4:** The Commandments; "Follow the Prophet" and "Keep the Commandments"

### QUESTIONS

What do you know about prophets? About Joseph Smith?

What do you know about the Book of Mormon, an ancient book of scripture translated by the prophet Joseph Smith?

Would you like to learn how teachings from a living prophet can guide you through the challenges you face today?

## What are the Ten Commandments?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**Exodus 20:3-17** — God sets forth the Ten Commandments

**Mosiah 12:33-37; 13:11-24** — The prophet Abinadi teaches the Ten Commandments

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 4:** The Commandments; "Follow the Prophet" and "Keep the Ten Commandments"

### QUESTIONS

What do you know about the Ten Commandments?

Which of the Ten Commandments are difficult to keep? Why?

Which of the Ten Commandments are you working on?

## How can I learn about genealogy and find my ancestors?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**1 Nephi 5:14-19** — The importance of knowing genealogy

**Malachi 4:6** — The heart of the children will turn to their fathers

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 1:** The Message of the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; "The Gospel Blesses Individuals and Families"

**Chapter 3, Lesson 5:** Laws and Ordinances; "Temples and Family History" and "Family History"

### QUESTIONS

What do you know about your grandparents or other ancestors?

Would you like to learn more about your ancestors on [familysearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)?

Would you like to learn how you can be with your extended family members forever?

## What are the basic beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**3 Nephi 27** — Jesus teaches the basic beliefs of His gospel

**2 Nephi 25:26** — We talk of Christ

### Articles of Faith

### PREACH MY GOSPEL

**Chapter 3, Lesson 1:** The Message of the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**Chapter 3, Lesson 3:** The Gospel of Jesus Christ

### QUESTIONS

What do you know about the basic beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?

Would you like to learn more about faith, repentance, baptism by immersion, receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, and living the teachings of Jesus Christ?

Would you like to know why Jesus Christ is central to the beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or why family is so important to God's plan for His children?

## Additional Instructions for Teaching

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

Try to build a meaningful relationship with each person. As you ask questions and get to know each other, 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 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.