

JOHN 1

Jan 21 – Jan 27 – John 1

INVITE SHARING

Share what you know about Jesus.

We can read [John 1](#) to see some of the things taking place. (such as creating the earth or teaching the gospel).

- Click here for the “[Younger Children’s](#)” Program



- Click here for the “[Older Children’s](#)” Program

Encourage learning at Home



- Encourage the children to invite someone they love to learn more about Jesus Christ.

- Our Closing Prayer will be given by

- (Enter name here)



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Younger program

Jesus lived with Heavenly Father before He was born.

- John taught that Jesus Christ lived with God before His mortal experience.
- We too lived with God before we were born (see [“The Family: A Proclamation to the World,”](#) *Ensign or Liahona*, Nov. 2010, 129).
- How will you teach the children this truth?



Jesus lived with Heavenly Father before He was born.

Possible Activities

- Click on the Activity below that you want to go to:
- Possible Activity 'A'
- Possible Activity 'B'
- Possible Activity 'C'

Jesus created all things.

- Many children naturally enjoy being among the Lord's creations.
- Knowing about Christ's role as Creator can help increase our reverence for Him.

Jesus created all things.

Possible Activities

- Click on the Activity below that you want to go to:
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I can invite others to come to Jesus Christ and learn of Him.

- John 1 contains accounts of disciples who invited people to “come and see” that Jesus is the Son of God.
- Even small children can follow this example.

I can invite others to come to Jesus Christ and learn of Him.

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- Click on the Activity below that you want to go to:
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- [Possible Activity 'D'](#)

Older program

Jesus Christ lived with Heavenly Father before He was born.

Even before He was born, Jesus Christ played important roles in Heavenly Father's plan.

As we read [John 1:1–5](#), what impresses you about Christ's premortal work?

Jesus Christ lived with Heavenly Father before He was born.

– **Possible Activities**

- Click on the Activity below that you want to go to:

- [Possible Activity 'A'](#)

- [Possible Activity 'B'](#)

- [Possible Activity 'C'](#)

Jesus Christ is my light.

- The symbolism of light can help you understand the Savior and His gospel.
- How can we inspire you to seek the light of the Savior when the world seems dark?

Jesus Christ is my light.

Possible Activities

- Click on the Activity below that you want to go to:
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- [Possible Activity 'B'](#)
- [Possible Activity 'C'](#)

As a follower of Jesus Christ, I invite others to follow Him.

- Consider how you can use the examples in [John 1:35–51](#) to encourage the children to invite others to learn about the Savior.

As a follower of Jesus Christ, I invite others to follow Him.

Possible Activities

- Click on the Activity below that you want to go to:
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- Possible Activity 'C'

Younger Possible 1

Jesus lived with Heavenly Father before He was born.

Possible Activity ‘A’

- Explain that “the Word” in [John 1:1](#) refers to Jesus.
- Read the verse aloud, and ask the children to say “Jesus” each time you read “the Word.”
- Show the line drawing [Premortal Life](#) (LDS.org). Explain that Jesus Christ lived with Heavenly Father before He came to earth.

Jesus lived with Heavenly Father before He was born.

Possible Activity ‘B’

- Teach the children that we also lived with God before we came to earth.
- You may want to use [“Introduction: Our Heavenly Father’s Plan,”](#) *New Testament Stories*, 1–5; the corresponding video (LDS.org); or Guide to the Scriptures, [“Premortal Life,”](#) scriptures.lds.org.

Jesus lived with Heavenly Father before He was born.

Possible Activity 'C'

- Invite a parent to bring a baby to class, and use this as an opportunity to teach that we lived in heaven with Heavenly Father as spirit children before we were born.

Younger Possible 2

Jesus created all things.

Possible Activity 'A'

- Read [John 1:3](#) with the children, and show the picture from this week's outline in *Come, Follow Me—For Individuals and Families*.
- Help the children memorize the phrase “all things were made by [Jesus Christ].”

Jesus created all things.

Possible Activity 'B'

- Take the children for a walk outside.
- Let the children take turns describing a creation they see, and ask the class to guess what they are describing.

Jesus created all things.

Possible Activity 'C'

- Ask the children to think of ways in which they can take care of the creations around them (for example, being kind to animals).

Younger Possible 3

I can invite others to come to Jesus Christ and learn of Him.

Possible Activity 'A'

- Describe how John taught Andrew about Jesus, and tell how Andrew in turn taught Peter (see [John 1:35–42](#)).
- Share how you learned about the Church, or invite a new member to share how he or she learned about the Church.

I can invite others to come to Jesus Christ and learn of Him.

Possible Activity ‘B’

- Share the story of Philip inviting Nathanael to “come and see” ([John 1:43–51](#)). Hide a picture of Jesus in a box, and invite one child to “come and see” it and then tell the other children about what he or she saw.

I can invite others to come to Jesus Christ
and learn of Him.

Possible Activity 'C'

- Let the children color this week's activity page, and encourage them to use it to invite someone to learn about Jesus.

I can invite others to come to Jesus Christ and learn of Him.

Possible Activity ‘D’

- Ask a child to tell about a time when he or she shared something, such as a toy or gift, with someone.
- How can we share the gospel?
- Tell a story of a child who shared the gospel with a friend, such as Elder M. Russell Ballard’s story about Joshua (“Following Up,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2014, 78–81).

Older Possible 1

Jesus Christ lived with Heavenly Father before He was born.

. - Possible Activity 'A'

- Ask the children if they know anything about what Jesus did before He was born.
- Invite them to look for answers in [John 1:1–5](#). It might help to look in [Joseph Smith Translation, John 1:1–5 \(in the Bible appendix\)](#).

Jesus Christ lived with Heavenly Father before He was born.

Possible Activity ‘B’

■ Share “Introduction: Our Heavenly Father’s Plan,” *New Testament Stories*, 1–5, with the children or show the corresponding video (LDS.org). Ask the children what they learn about Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ lived with Heavenly Father before He was born.

- Possible Activity 'C'

- Invite some children to come to class prepared to display or describe something they created.
- Show pictures of some of the Lord's creations, and use [John 1:3](#) to explain that Jesus created all things.

Older Possible 2

Jesus Christ is my light.

Possible Activity 'A'

- Invite the children to read [Psalm 27:1](#); [John 1:4–9](#); [Mosiah 16:9](#); and [Doctrine and Covenants 39:1–2](#), looking for phrases that these scriptures have in common. How is Jesus Christ like a light?

Jesus Christ is my light.

Possible Activity 'B'

- Show a picture of the Savior and some objects that give light, such as a flashlight. How is Jesus Christ like these objects? How can we share His light with others? Sing together “The Lord Is My Light,” *Hymns*, no. 89, or another song about gospel light.

Jesus Christ is my light.

Possible Activity 'C'

- Ask the children what they do when they are in darkness and feel afraid.
- Testify that they can always turn to the Savior when they are fearful.

Older Possible 3

As a follower of Jesus Christ, I invite others to follow Him.

Possible Activity 'A'

- Help the children search [John 1:35–51](#) to find things that people said to invite others to learn about the Savior. Let them practice what they might say to invite a friend to learn about Him.

As a follower of Jesus Christ, I invite others to follow Him.

Possible Activity 'B'

- Ask the children to use this week's activity page to make an invitation they could use to invite a friend or family member to learn more about Jesus Christ.

As a follower of Jesus Christ, I invite others to follow Him.

Possible Activity ‘C’

- Give the children the opportunity to tell the class about something that they love.
- Help the children see how sharing the gospel can be like sharing other things we love. You may want to show the video “Good Things to Share” ([LDS.org](https://www.LDS.org)).

Resources

THE FAMILY

A PROCLAMATION TO THE WORLD

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY AND COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES OF THE CHURCH
OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

WE, THE FIRST PRESIDENCY and the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, solemnly proclaim that marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God and that the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children.

ALL HUMAN BEINGS—male and female—are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and, as such, each has a divine nature and destiny.

GENDER IS AN ESSENTIAL CHARACTERISTIC OF INDIVIDUAL
PREMORTAL, MORTAL, AND ETERNAL IDENTITY AND PURPOSE.
IN THE PREMORTAL REALM, SPIRIT SONS AND DAUGHTERS KNEW
AND WORSHIPPED GOD AS THEIR ETERNAL FATHER AND
ACCEPTED HIS PLAN BY WHICH HIS CHILDREN COULD OBTAIN A
PHYSICAL BODY AND GAIN EARTHLY EXPERIENCE TO PROGRESS
TOWARD PERFECTION AND ULTIMATELY REALIZE THEIR DIVINE
DESTINY AS HEIRS OF ETERNAL LIFE. THE DIVINE PLAN OF
HAPPINESS ENABLES FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS TO BE PERPETUATED
BEYOND THE GRAVE. SACRED ORDINANCES AND COVENANTS
AVAILABLE IN HOLY TEMPLES MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR
INDIVIDUALS TO RETURN TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND FOR
FAMILIES TO BE UNITED ETERNALLY.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT THAT GOD GAVE TO ADAM AND EVE PERTAINED TO THEIR POTENTIAL FOR PARENTHOOD AS HUSBAND AND WIFE. WE DECLARE THAT GOD'S COMMANDMENT FOR HIS CHILDREN TO MULTIPLY AND REPLENISH THE EARTH REMAINS IN FORCE. WE FURTHER DECLARE THAT GOD HAS COMMANDED THAT THE SACRED POWERS OF PROCREATION ARE TO BE EMPLOYED ONLY BETWEEN MAN AND WOMAN, LAWFULLY WEDDED AS HUSBAND AND WIFE.

WE DECLARE THE MEANS BY WHICH MORTAL LIFE IS CREATED TO BE DIVINELY APPOINTED. WE AFFIRM THE SANCTITY OF LIFE AND OF ITS IMPORTANCE IN GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN.

HUSBAND AND WIFE HAVE A SOLEMN RESPONSIBILITY TO LOVE AND CARE FOR EACH OTHER AND FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

“CHILDREN ARE AN HERITAGE OF THE LORD” (PSALM 127:3).

PARENTS HAVE A SACRED DUTY TO REAR THEIR CHILDREN IN LOVE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS, TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS, AND TO TEACH THEM TO LOVE AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER, OBSERVE THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, AND BE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS WHEREVER THEY LIVE.

HUSBANDS AND WIVES—MOTHERS AND FATHERS—WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE BEFORE GOD FOR THE DISCHARGE OF THESE OBLIGATIONS.

THE FAMILY IS ORDAINED OF GOD. MARRIAGE BETWEEN MAN AND WOMAN IS ESSENTIAL TO HIS ETERNAL PLAN. CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO BIRTH WITHIN THE BONDS OF MATRIMONY, AND TO BE REARED BY A FATHER AND A MOTHER WHO HONOR MARITAL VOWS WITH COMPLETE FIDELITY. HAPPINESS IN FAMILY LIFE IS MOST LIKELY TO BE ACHIEVED WHEN FOUNDED UPON THE TEACHINGS OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES ARE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED ON PRINCIPLES OF FAITH, PRAYER, REPENTANCE, FORGIVENESS, RESPECT, LOVE, COMPASSION, WORK, AND WHOLESOME RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

BY DIVINE DESIGN, FATHERS ARE TO PRESIDE OVER THEIR FAMILIES IN LOVE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS AND ARE RESPONSIBLE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE AND PROTECTION FOR THEIR FAMILIES. MOTHERS ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NURTURE OF THEIR CHILDREN. IN THESE SACRED RESPONSIBILITIES, FATHERS AND MOTHERS ARE OBLIGATED TO HELP ONE ANOTHER AS EQUAL PARTNERS. DISABILITY, DEATH, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES MAY NECESSITATE INDIVIDUAL ADAPTATION. EXTENDED FAMILIES SHOULD LEND SUPPORT WHEN NEEDED.

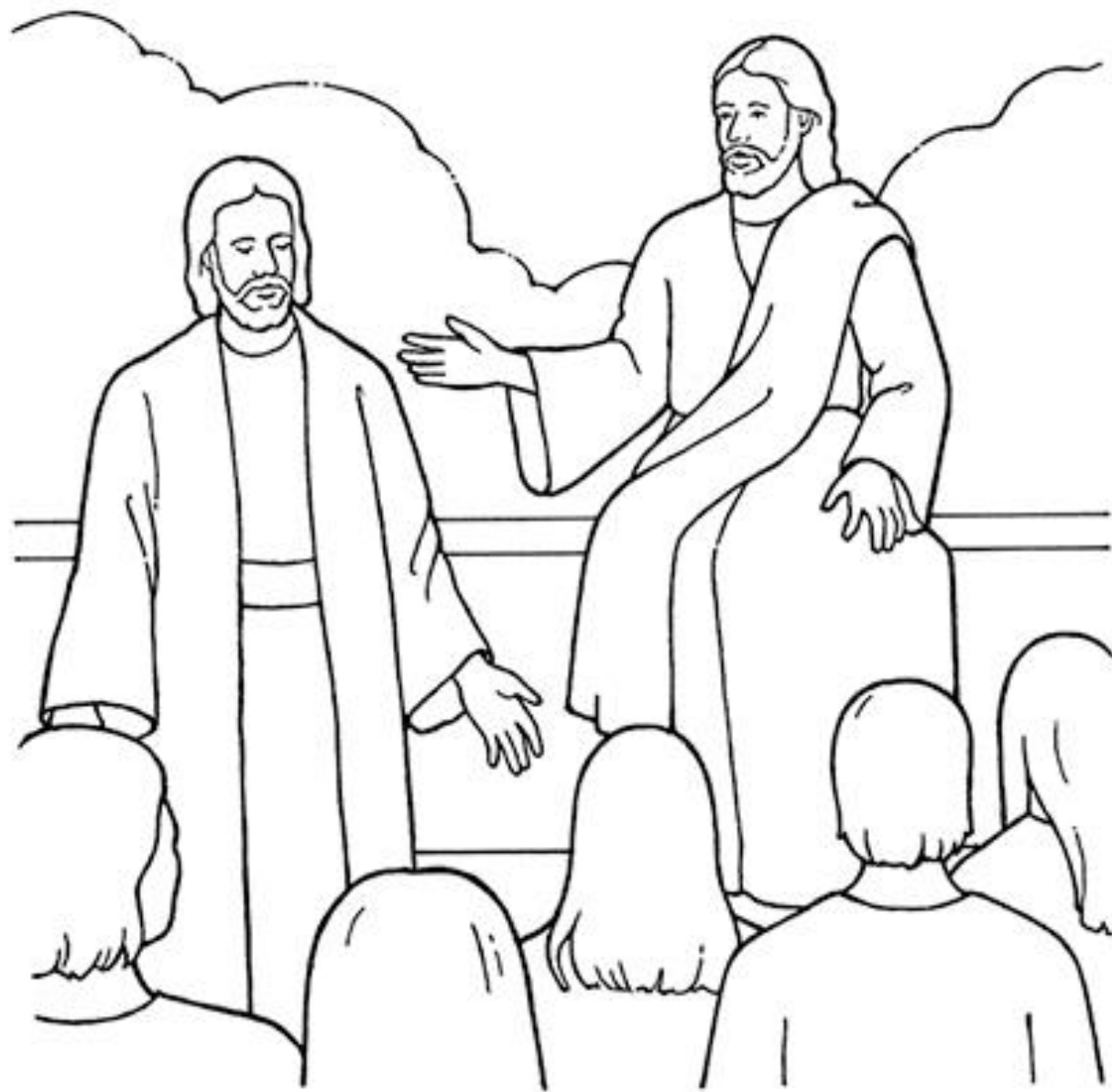
WE WARN THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO VIOLATE COVENANTS OF CHASTITY, WHO ABUSE SPOUSE OR OFFSPRING, OR WHO FAIL TO FULFILL FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES WILL ONE DAY STAND ACCOUNTABLE BEFORE GOD. FURTHER, WE WARN THAT THE DISINTEGRATION OF THE FAMILY WILL BRING UPON INDIVIDUALS, COMMUNITIES, AND NATIONS THE CALAMITIES FORETOLD BY ANCIENT AND MODERN PROPHETS.

WE CALL UPON RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND OFFICERS OF GOVERNMENT EVERYWHERE TO PROMOTE THOSE MEASURES DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE FAMILY AS THE FUNDAMENTAL UNIT OF SOCIETY.

THIS PROCLAMATION WAS READ BY PRESIDENT GORDON B. HINCKLEY AS PART OF HIS MESSAGE AT THE GENERAL RELIEF SOCIETY MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 1995, IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

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89 The Lord Is My Light

1. The Lord is my light; then why should I fear?
By day and by night his presence is near.
He is my salvation from sorrow and sin;
This blessed assurance the Spirit doth bring.
*The Lord is my light;
He is my joy and my song.
By day and by night
He leads, he leads me along.*



89 The Lord Is My Light

2.The Lord is my light; tho clouds may arise,
Faith, stronger than sight, looks up thru the skies
Where Jesus forever in glory doth reign.
Then how can I ever in darkness remain?

The Lord is my light;

He is my joy and my song.

By day and by night

He leads, he leads me along.

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3. The Lord is my light; the Lord is my strength.

I know in his might I'll conquer at length.

My weakness in mercy he covers with pow'r,

And, walking by faith, I am blest ev'ry hour.

The Lord is my light;

He is my joy and my song.

By day and by night

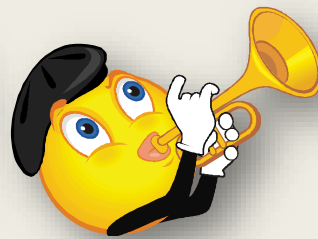
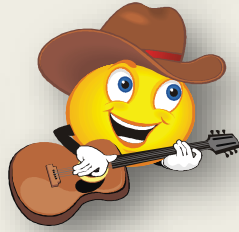
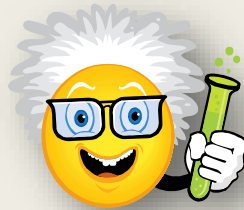
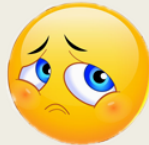
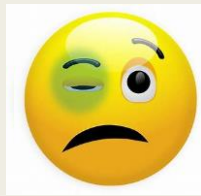
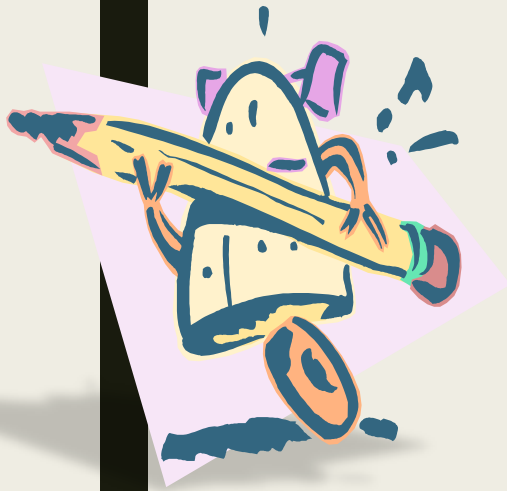
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4. The Lord is my light, my all and in all.
There is in his sight no darkness at all.
He is my Redeemer, my Savior, and King.
With Saints and with angels his praises I'll sing.
*The Lord is my light;
He is my joy and my song.
By day and by night
He leads, he leads me along.*

Text: James Nicholson, 1828–1876

Music: John R. Sweney, 1837–1899



Referenced Scriptures

John 1

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 The same was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- 4 In him was life; and the life was the ^blight of men.
- 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
- 6 ¶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

John 1

- 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.
- 8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.
- 9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
- 10 He was in the world, and the world was ^cade by him, and the world ^dkne him not.
- 11 He came unto his own, and his own ^areceived him not.

John 1

- 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:
- 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
- 14 And the Word was made flesh, andwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- 15 ¶ John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

John 1

- 16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.
- 17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
- 18 No man hath seen God ^cat any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.
- 19 ¶ And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

John 1

- 20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.
- 21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.
- 22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?
- 23 He said, I *am* the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

John 1

- 24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.
- 25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?
- 26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;
- 27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.
- 28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

John 1

- 29 ¶ The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
- 30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.
- 31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.
- 32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

John 1

- 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.
- 34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

John 1

- 35 ¶ Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;
- 36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

John 1

- 37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.
- 38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?
- 39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.
- 40 One of the two which heard John *speak*, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

John 1

- 41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.
- 42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.
- 43 ¶ The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.
- 44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

John 1

- 45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.
- 46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.
- 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

John 1

- 48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.
- 49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.
- 50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

John 1

- 51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

John 1:1-5

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 The same was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:3

- **3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

John 1

- 41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.
- 42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

John 1

- 43 ¶ The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.
- 44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Psalm 27:1

- **1 The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

John 1:4-9

- 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
- 6 ¶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.

John 1:4-9

- 8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.
- 9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Mosiah 16:9

- 9 He is the light and the life of the world; yea, a light that is endless, that can never be darkened; yea, and also a life which is endless, that there can be no more death.

D & C 39:1-2

- 1 Hearken and listen to the voice of him who is from all eternity to all eternity, the Great I AM, even Jesus Christ—
- 2 The light and the life of the world; a light which shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not;