

Primary Presentation 2012

Choose the Right

At the conclusion of the administration of the sacrament, children will take their seats on the stand while the prelude "As a Child of God" is playing. The bishopric will go sit with their families.

The theme for our primary instruction this year is Choose the Right. We have been learning about agency, living gospel principles; following the instructions of the prophets, and how all this can bless our lives. We are grateful for this opportunity we have to share what we are learning with you, our family and friends.

The whole primary gets up and repeats Article of Faith #11:

We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.

CTR 5

Agency is the gift to choose for ourselves.

By us deciding for ourselves to choose the right, we become better people.

With every choice that we make in life there is a natural consequence that follows.

When we use our agency to choose the right, then we find freedom and happiness in life.

I know that when I obey my parents, I feel good inside. That is one way of choosing the right.

On the other hand, when we use our agency to not obey the commandments, then we find captivity and misery.

In the Book of Mormon in Alma 41:10, Alma says to his son Corianton, "...wickedness never was happiness."

Jesus Christ created this earth as a place where I can learn to choose the right.

I know Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ want us to be happy. Why else would he make this world so beautiful, and give us parents, teachers, and prophets to guide us and help us? I am grateful for the people who teach me how to use my agency in a **good** way.

The Holy Ghost helps me to know when I am making a good choice. I love to feel his warming influence in my heart!

Everyone stands and sings the first two verses of "As a Child of God"

I came to earth with power to choose.
Good choices bless me and my family too.
As a child of God, I receive special light:
The Holy Ghost helps me to know what is right.

I feel so safe and happy because
Such feelings of peace come from family love.
As a child of God, I receive special light:
The Holy Ghost helps me to know what is right.

Small group sings Verse 3:

In my own home I'll happily serve.
I'll strengthen my family by my good works.

The whole primary sings the chorus:

As a child of God, I receive special light:
The Holy Ghost helps me to know what is right.

CTR 4

Mosiah 2:22 says, "If ye do keep his commandments he doth bless you and prosper you."

In primary this year we learned the story of Noah.

Noah lived at a very wicked time. Almost no one followed the commandments!

God told Noah to build an ark so he and his family wouldn't drown when the earth flooded.

Even though making the ark was really hard work, Noah did what the Lord said. I admire Noah for choosing the right, even though it was hard and people thought he was crazy! He was blessed and did not die!

Peter and Andrew were also blessed when they chose the right.

Jesus asked them to follow Him as they were fishing.

They straightway set down their nets and followed Him. They were blessed, because they got to become apostles and help many people.

Nephi followed the Lord by getting the brass plates and building the ship. He was blessed by his family getting to live in a choice land with the scriptures.

I know that as I chose the right I will be blessed, too.

Everyone stands and sings "Choose the Right" (Hymn 239)

*1. Choose the right when a choice is placed before you.
In the right the Holy Spirit guides;
And its light is forever shining o'er you,
When in the right your heart confides.*

[Chorus]

*Choose the right! Choose the right!
Let wisdom mark the way before.
In its light, choose the right!
And God will bless you evermore.*

*2. Choose the right! Let no spirit of digression
Overcome you in the evil hour.
There's the right and the wrong to ev'ry question;
Be safe thru inspiration's pow'r.*

Small group sings verse 3, and then the whole primary sings the chorus together at the end

*3. Choose the right! There is peace in righteous doing.
Choose the right! There's safety for the soul.
Choose the right in all labors you're pursuing;
Let God and heaven be your goal.*

Valiant 9,10,11 boys

Amos 3:7 says, "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."

As we read the scriptures, we learn that the Lord chooses to give His word to His people through prophets. We have a prophet today, and his name is Thomas S. Monson. He has two councilors, President Eyring and Uchtdorf. Together they are called the First Presidency.

We also have 12 apostles who work with the First Presidency, just like Christ had 12 apostles when he was alive on the earth.

The first presidency and the 12 apostles are all considered prophets, and they receive revelation from God on how to run His church. We can learn about their teachings by listening to General conference. Here are some things our prophets said in the last general conference that we should do:

Talk about a general conference talk (1 minute or less)

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I am grateful for the messages we learn from our prophets. I know that as I follow their teachings, I will become a better person, more like what Christ wants me to be.

Everyone stands and sings “Stand for the Right” (CS 159)

*Our prophet has some words for you,
And these are the words:
“Be true, be true.”
At work or at play,
In darkness or light,
Be true, be true,
And stand for the right.*

Sunbeams

John 13:15 says “For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.”

That means we need to follow Christ’s example.

Christ did many things that I should do.

He showed love for others by being kind to them.

He got baptized.

He forgave others who hurt Him.

I want to follow Christ’s example by being kind to other people.

When I am eight years old, I can be baptized like Jesus was. I am so excited about that!

If people do mean things to me, I can forgive them like Jesus did.

I learn more about Jesus’ life in primary and in family home evening.

I am grateful that my parents read the scriptures to me so I can learn more about how Jesus chose the right.

As I follow Christ’s example, I feel the Saviors love for me.

Everyone stands and sings “Love One Another” (CS 136)

*As I have loved you,
Love one another.
This new commandment:
Love one another.
By this shall men know
Ye are my disciples,*

*If ye have love
One to another.*

CTR 7

I choose the right when I am baptized and confirmed a member of the church.

Before someone gets baptized, they should repent of their sins if they have any. In primary we had a sharing time where we put rocks in our shoes and had to walk around like that. It really hurt! When we pulled the rocks out, our feet felt much better. I know that repenting is like taking the rocks out. I want to live my life as free from sin as possible so I don't have to have the burden of sin!

When I was baptized this year, I was immersed in the water just like Jesus was when he was baptized.

Going down under the water and coming up symbolizes a rebirth. We are "born again" when we are baptized and start a new life, committed to following the commandments.

When we take the sacrament, we renew our baptismal covenants.

Acts 2:38 states "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

I got the gift of the Holy Ghost when I was confirmed a member of the Church.

The Holy Ghost testifies of Christ and helps us by comforting us, teaching us, and telling us what to do and what not to do. I am grateful I have a member of the Godhead assigned to help me and guide me in my life!

Everyone stands and sings "When I am baptized" (CS 103)

*1. I like to look for rainbows whenever there is rain
And ponder on the beauty of an earth made clean again.*

*2. I know when I am baptized my wrongs are washed away,
And I can be forgiven and improve myself each day.*

Chorus

*I want my life to be as clean as earth right after rain.
I want to be the best I can and live with God again.*

CTR 6 (A and B are together)

By living gospel principles I am choosing the right.

In 1 Nephi 3:7 Nephi says, “I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them.”

That means it is possible for me to follow **all** the commandments. No commandment that the Lord has given is impossible to follow.

The more I pray, the closer I feel to Heavenly Father and the more I want to follow His gospel teachings.

It is important to have personal prayer, family prayer, blessings on food, and prayer for church meetings. Our prayers help us to remember that we rely on Heavenly Father for everything that we have and everything that we hope to get in the future.

Praying helps me feel more grateful for all of my blessings. When people feel gratitude for Heavenly Father, they become more humble and thus become a better person.

I am grateful for the law of tithing. As I pay 10% of my money to the Lord I am showing obedience and helping the church.

I obey the Word of Wisdom my eating and drinking that which is good and avoiding that which is bad.

“...know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? (1 Corinthians 6:19)

I never want to smoke or drink alcohol. I treat my body as a temple and keep it free of harmful things.

When I dress modestly, I respect my body as a gift from God.

We should dress modestly for ALL occasions, even when we are at home.

I am glad Nephi gave us a good example of obedience. I want to “do the things which the Lord hath commanded,” just like Nephi!

Everyone stands and sings “Nephi’s Courage” (CD 120-21)

*1. The Lord commanded Nephi to go and get the plates
From the wicked Laban inside the city gates.
Laman and Lemuel were both afraid to try.
Nephi was courageous. This was his reply:*

*2. The Lord commanded Nephi to go and build a boat.
Nephi’s older brothers believed it would not float.*

*Laughing and mocking, they said he should not try.
Nephi was courageous. This was his reply:*

Chorus

*“I will go; I will do the thing the Lord commands.
I know the Lord provides a way; he wants me to obey.
I will go; I will do the thing the Lord commands.
I know the Lord provides a way; he wants me to obey.”*

Small group sings verse 3 then everyone sings the chorus again.

*3. The Lord gives us commandments and asks us to obey.
Sometimes I am tempted to choose another way.
When I'm discouraged, and think I cannot try,
I will be courageous, and I will reply:*

[sing chorus again]

Valiant 8

1 Nephi 3:16 says, “Wherefore, let us be faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord.”

In primary this year we learned about how fasting and praying together can help build our testimony. It can also help us get answers to our prayers.

When the early church pioneers had problems with crickets eating their crops, they fasted and prayed for help. The Lord sent seagulls as an answer to their prayers to eat the crickets and save their crops.

Fasting is sometimes really hard, but I know that as I obey this commandment and fast with a purpose, it will help me overcome physical weakness and become closer to the Lord.

Ephesians 4:32 says, “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”

As this scripture states, being kind includes not holding grudges. We must forgive others for things they have done wrong to us. We should never hold bad feelings about another person.

To properly live gospel principles, we need to do nice things for other people. In fact, being kind and loving to others is central to our Christian beliefs.

Being kind to *Heavenly Father* would include having reverence for Him. Reverence is deep respect and love towards God.

As we are reverent, we can feel the Holy Spirit. I am grateful for the whisperings of the Holy Ghost who teaches me the right way to go and strengthens my testimony of Christ.

I want to be like the wise man who built his house upon a rock. I know that as I obey the commandments, fast and pray, and show kindness to other people, I am strengthening my testimony. When the “rains” of trials fall upon me, I can stand strong and sure!

Everyone stands and sings “The Wise Man and the Foolish Man” (CS 281)

*1. The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
And the rains came tumbling down.*

*2. The rains came down, and the floods came up,
The rains came down, and the floods came up,
The rains came down, and the floods came up,
And the house on the rock stood still.*

*3. The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
And the rains came tumbling down.*

*4. The rains came down, and the floods came up,
The rains came down, and the floods came up,
The rains came down, and the floods came up,
And the house on the sand washed away.*

Valiant 9/10 Girls

The thirteenth Article of Faith states, “We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul—We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.”

We need to fill our lives with beautiful, good things, like wholesome music. There is so much good music out there that invites the Spirit and helps me to feel close to God. I should not listen to music that drives away the Spirit.

There are also good books that teach me correct principles. D&C 88:118 says, “...seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek learning, even by study and also by faith” (D&C 88:118).

The Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl of Great Price all teach me correct principles and are good for me to read.

We can also fill our lives with good things by taking time to enjoy nature. The Lord made this earth beautiful for our enjoyment. I am grateful for all the rivers, mountains, plants, and animals that give this world variety and fill our lives with beauty.

We should fill our lives with good people and friends. Good friends will help us make good choices, thus helping us become better people. We can help our friends, too!

Proper Sabbath day observance is another important way we can fill our lives with good things. On this day, we should attend our church meetings and do other wholesome activities that help us to stay close to Heavenly Father.

The *For the Strength of Youth* pamphlet says, “Sunday is not a day of shopping, recreation, or athletic events. Do not seek entertainment or make purchases on this day.” I know that as I follow this rule, I will be blessed.

In my family,

I know that as I choose to fill my life with good things, I will feel closer to Heavenly Father and be able to feel the influence of the Holy Ghost.

Everyone stands and sings “I’m Trying to Be Like Jesus” (CS 78-79)

1. I’m trying to be like Jesus;
I’m following in his ways.
I’m trying to love as he did, in all that I do and say.
At times I am tempted to make a wrong choice,
But I try to listen as the still small voice whispers,

Chorus

“Love one another as Jesus loves you.
Try to show kindness in all that you do.
Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought,
For these are the things Jesus taught.”

Small group sings verse 2, then everyone sings the chorus again

2. I’m trying to love my neighbor;
I’m learning to serve my friends.
I watch for the day of gladness when Jesus will come again.
I try to remember the lessons he taught.
Then the Holy Spirit enters into my thoughts, saying:

Valiant 11

In the Doctrine and Covenants 42:29 we read, “If thou lovest me thou shalt serve me and keep all my commandments.”

The ten commandments that God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai teach us respect: respect for God, respect for our parents, and respect for others.

The first four commandments teach us respect for God. They teach us that we need to worship our God and not the things of the world. We should not use His name in vain like much of the world does in casual speaking, but with reverence and love. We need to honor Him by keeping His Sabbath day holy. The fifth commandment teaches us to respect our parents: "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." As we learn to honor our parents, we learn to honor all good authority figures, including God Himself.

The last five commandments teach us to respect others. We should not kill, commit adultery, steal, bear false witness, or covet what is not ours. I can make the world a better place as chose to use my agency to keep these important commandments and teach others to do the same. My testimony of God helps me want to keep all the commandments.

Everyone stands and says Article of Faith 1

We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

Bishop addresses the congregation.

Bishop then asks the congregation to turn to page 239, and the primary and congregation sing together.

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