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AN INTRODUCTION TO **MORMONS** THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

A series of videos produced by the Church, "An Introduction to Mormons: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," provides a resource for anyone seeking to share information or to learn more about Latter-day Saints.



"Introduction to Mormons" Videos Available

The Church has created a series of videos to provide an introduction to the Church, its members, and its various programs and organizations. The public and members of the media have often requested this type of introductory information as they have become more familiar with the Church in recent years.

The 4- to 10-minute segments feature members of the Church discussing their experiences,

beliefs, and practices and provide answers to common questions about the Church. They are a resource for anyone seeking to share or learn more about what Mormons believe.

The longest video is an overview segment, "The Church at a Glance." Other pieces focus on such topics as humanitarian efforts, beliefs, missionary work, temples, family, education, and Church history and organization.

The Church has produced similar videos in the past. Long-term plans include translation and customization of these resources for worldwide use.

The full series of videos can be found on the Church's Gospel Library app, as well as on Mormon Newsroom's YouTube channel. Individuals can view the videos, download the files, or share by linking to them from their own social media sites. ■

New Videos for Aaronic Priesthood

New videos produced by the Church can help young men learn how to lead an Aaronic Priesthood quorum and minister to others. The videos model effective Aaronic Priesthood quorums and quorum presidency meetings.

To see the gallery of videos on LDS.org, go to the Aaronic Priesthood page under Resources and select Media Resources. Topics include “Effective Aaronic Priesthood Presidency and Quorum Meetings,” “Ministering in the Aaronic Priesthood,” and others.

Resources for Teaching Children on LDS.org

For decades, teachers, leaders, and parents have supplemented their gospel teaching with the help of the Church magazines. Now some of these same resources are available online at LDS.org and organized so you can easily find the lesson helps you’re looking for.

You can search for resources by topic, by category, and also by Primary lesson number by entering “Resources for Teaching Children” in the search bar on LDS.org. You can also navigate to this page from the Primary manuals page.

The topics portion of Resources for Teaching Children is also available in Spanish and Portuguese and can be accessed both from LDS.org or from the *Liahona* magazine home page in these languages.

Resources include stories, activities, articles, and other Church-approved media for teaching children at home or in church. Additional topics will be added each month.

Primary Celebrates 135 Years

In Farmington, Utah, USA, 135 years ago, Bishop John W. Hess was concerned about the behavior of the children in his ward. He called the mothers of the ward together and talked about the importance of guiding the minds of young children.

Aurelia Spencer Rogers listened, and then discussed it with Eliza R. Snow, who visited Farmington in the spring of 1878. Sister Snow in turn met with Church President John

Taylor, who authorized Bishop Hess to form an organization for children in his ward. The Farmington Ward Primary Association was formally organized on August 11, 1878, with Sister Rogers as president.

Today, approximately one million children all over the world benefit from Primary each week. Primary leaders and teachers strive to support parents in their role to help children gain testimonies of Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and the restored gospel. ■



The First Meeting of the Primary Association, by Lynn Fausett and Gordon Cope



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