

Prophets and Revelation

Dear Parents,

The Doctrine and Covenants is a collection of revelations from the Lord. Studying them gives us a unique opportunity to get to know the Savior's voice as He speaks, not just to His prophets, but through them to everyday members of the Church like us.

This month, the magazines give you a variety of opportunities to talk to your children, including about revelation, how it works, and that God is willing to speak to them.

GOSPEL DISCUSSIONS

Peace in His Promises (Doctrine and Covenants 6)

Show the poster on page 2 and read the Savior's words from section 6. This promise was given to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in April 1829. At that time, Joseph was only 23 but had already faced rejection and persecution. How might these words have helped Joseph and Oliver? How might these words apply to challenges in your lives? What can we do to receive these promised blessings?

Prophets and Personal Revelation (Doctrine and Covenants 1)

The Lord speaks to us individually and through prophets (see section 1). Use "Gospel Basics" on page 10 to help your children learn more about revelation. Consider reading together the message from President Russell M. Nelson on page 6. What do you feel God is telling you through His prophet? Following his counsel could lead to setting goals in the Children and Youth program. (For more information on this topic, you could also watch or read President Nelson's talk, "Revelation for the Church, Revelation for Our Lives," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2018, 93–96.)

Come, Follow Me Support

Don't miss the ideas on page 26 that support your weekly *Come, Follow Me* study.





FAMILY STUDY FUN

Finding Christ

President Ezra Taft Benson (1899–1994) taught, “Virtually every page of . . . the Doctrine and Covenants . . . teaches about the Master.”¹

1. Set a timer for two minutes.
2. Family members will quickly look through the beginning of the Doctrine and Covenants to count the number of references they can find to Christ. Start in the introduction and end with section 9.
3. After the time is up, give additional time for each person to choose one of these verses that is especially meaningful to them. Take turns sharing.

Discussion: How can we make our study of Doctrine and Covenants this year Christ-centered? What can we do to “hearken” unto the voice of the Lord?

Idea contributed by Mitzi Schoneman

NOTE

1. Ezra Taft Benson, “The Gift of Modern Revelation,” *Ensign*, Nov. 1986, 79.



IN THIS MONTH'S FOR THE STRENGTH OF YOUTH MAGAZINE

Introduce the 2021 Youth Theme

Read messages from the Young Men and Young Women General Presidencies about the youth theme from Doctrine and Covenants 64:33–34. You can also find the sheet music for the 2021 theme song and a list of resources to support the theme throughout the year.

Here's the Doctrine and Covenants

Introduce this year's *Come, Follow Me* study with a visual outline of the history and purpose of the Doctrine and Covenants.

“Joseph Smith: My Prophet”

The examples in this article teach why knowing that Joseph Smith is the prophet of this dispensation matters to each of us personally. Read the article as a family, then ask each person to share their own insights.

Fun Stop

These activities are fun to do individually or as a family.



IN THIS MONTH'S FRIEND MAGAZINE

Help with *Come, Follow Me*

Spark your children's love for the scriptures with a Doctrine and Covenants reading chart to use throughout 2021. You'll also find a monthly scripture story and coloring page for young readers.

Church History Fun

Cut out collectible Church history cards to help your children learn the story of the Restoration. Also read a story featuring a modern pioneer from a different country each month.

Helping Hands Challenge

Read a special invitation from the Primary General Presidency for children to serve like Jesus did. Read about children around the world who are doing just that, along with a monthly invitation and tip to help your child participate!

Scripture Time Fun

Try these weekly home evening activities with your children. All of these will support your *Come, Follow Me* study, and ideas especially for toddlers are included.