

LESSON # 16

THE DOOR TO MORE

SCRIPTURE

- D&C 163:10a–b We should be open to God’s love.
- 2 Corinthians 9:8 God loves us and wants the best for us. Because we have been blessed with God’s love and grace, we can be a blessing for others.



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OBJECTIVES

- Children will explore the word “grace.”
- Children will explore how being open to God’s grace blesses them.
- Children will create ways where they may share their understanding of God’s grace and love with others.

MATERIALS

- a copy of D&C 163:10a–b adapted, printed on paper for each student
- padlocks with keys
- poster board
- markers
- scissors

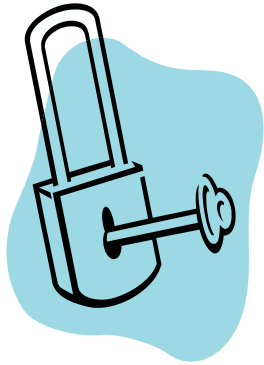
DISCOVERY

Doctrine and Covenants 163:10a–b tells us we should be open to God’s love. The last passage of the scripture says “Be vulnerable to divine grace.” Because this phrase may be difficult for children to understand, the word “open” may be a better word to use than vulnerable. The word “love” may be substituted for grace. Explain to the children that grace means God loves us all no matter what we do. There is nothing we can do that will make God stop loving us. God may be disappointed in our choices, but God will always love us.

Provide each child with a sheet of poster board and markers. Ask the children to each create a drawing of a door. When the drawings are completed, provide scissors and ask them to cut out the outline of their doors so they can open and close them. Suggest to the class that some doors either have a doorbell next to them or a knocker so the person inside may know someone is outside. Also, some doors may have peepholes to see through. Tell the class that God is an open door, always inviting us in and wanting us to be near. God also wants us to be willing to tell the story of Jesus to others.

ALIYAH (ah-LEE-ah) is a new resource for children based on scripture, including Doctrine and Covenants 163. D&C 163 is an affirmation of paths taken and an encouragement of ways to move onward. ALIYAH is a Hebrew word meaning a journey toward God.

One lesson each month will be posted on this Web site to be downloaded and used for church school, junior church, or other times to connect children to the vision of the church. Parallel lessons are provided for youth and adults. Enjoy the journey together!



UNPACKING THE SCRIPTURE

THE KEY

Second Corinthians 9:8 tells us that God loves us and wants the best for us. It also tells us that since we have been blessed with God's love and grace, we can be a blessing for others. God wants the best for us and loves us no matter what we do. Sometimes we think that we have done something so bad the door to God's love is locked. Remind students that God's love is found through an open door. Many of the doors we are familiar with have locks and are padlocked closed. For us to enter these doors, we need a key. The key to God's door is the understanding that we are always worthy of receiving God's love.

Pass out padlocks and keys to each of the children. Ask them to think of times when people may think that God may not love them. After they have named some of these things, invite the children to unlock their padlocks and say the words "We are open to God's love."

OPENING DOORS FOR OTHERS

Read Doctrine and Covenants 163:10a–b to the class. Suggest to the children that since God's love is for everyone, they could be the key to helping others know about it. God's unconditional love sets a good example for us to follow. We could share that same kind of love with others. Sometimes loving others can be difficult: People may say or do hurtful things or be hard to get to know.

GOING HOME

The children learned about being vulnerable or open to God's grace or love. They also talked about those they could share God's love with and how they might share it.

PACKING FOR THE JOURNEY

It's time to pack for the journey. Have children pack their children's pages in their backpacks or bags. Ask them what they have learned about God's love.

ARE WE THERE YET?

To extend this lesson for a rotation model or intergenerational learning, read *The Thanksgiving Door* by Debbie Atwell (paperback).

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Equipping children and youth for the journey



ALIYAH is a Hebrew word meaning a journey toward God. Are you ready for **ALIYAH**?

LESSON # 16:
THE DOOR TO MORE
Children's Page

God's love is for everyone.
I can be the key to sharing God's love by reaching out and letting the following people know that God loves them.

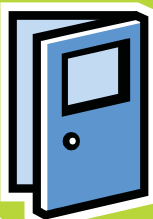
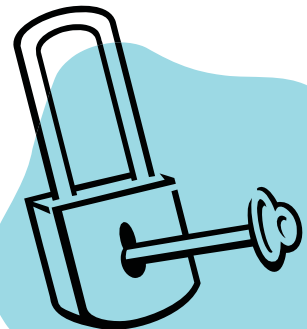
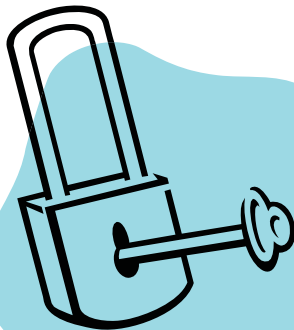
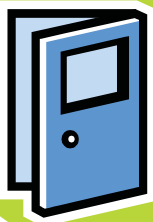
OWNER'S GUIDE

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This week I will share God's love by

SHARING

Below are pictures of keys and doors. You can share Jesus' story with others, helping them understand that God's love is an open door. On each picture write how you can share that God loves everyone.



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