

LESSON #8

FOLLOW THE LEADER

SCRIPTURE

D&C 163:6c–d Priesthood should do what they can in order to be better servants and help build the kingdom.

Ephesians 5:1–2 Since we are God’s children we should try our best to copy his son Jesus.



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—Doctrine and Covenants 163:6c–d adapted

OBJECTIVES

- Children will learn about how the priesthood should do certain things to be better servants.
- Children will learn how they may be better servants.

MATERIALS

- an illustrated children’s Bible (New Revised Standard Version)
- a children’s Bible (NRSV) for each child, if possible
- map(s)
- tracing paper
- pencils
- a copy of D&C 163:6c–d, adapted, printed on paper for each child
- a paper bag or backpack

DISCOVERY

Doctrine and Covenants 163:6c–d talks about how the priesthood should be involved in certain tasks in order to be better servants. It also shares how the First Presidency will provide help to the priesthood in order for them to be better servants. The end part of the section shares that each priesthood member is responsible for how they serve. The term First Presidency may be new to some of the children so explain the function of the presidency is to provide overall leadership to the church. Follow this activity with a game of follow the leader. After the children have played follow the leader, discuss with them several questions that may assist in making Section 163:6c–d make more sense.

What is easy about playing follow the leader?

What is difficult about playing follow the leader?

Who do the Priesthood follow?

Who do you follow?

What makes following Jesus easy? hard?

How can you do better and following and serving Jesus?

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

COPY CHRIST

Have the children read Ephesians 5:1–2. This scripture explains that God loves us and we are to be just like his son Jesus. In simple terms the scripture says that we should copy Christ. At first thought copying Christ may seem very difficult but we do have a way that points us in the direction. For this activity post a map on the wall that is not too detailed. Give each student a piece of paper and ask them to draw a “copy” of the map. Afterwards ask how they liked drawing the map. Was it easy or hard? If possible make copies of the map so the children can each have a copy. Then ask them to take their copy and use the tracing paper to “copy” the map. Suggest to the children that the Bible is like a map and has examples of Jesus serving others. These examples can help us be better servants and copy Christ. Ask the children if they know any stories about Jesus that help them to help others.

WHO WILL YOU SERVE

The scriptural passage from Ephesians talks about copying Christ. How we copy Christ will be a way that we serve others. Ask the children to use the maps they just traced and on the maps either draw pictures or write short stories of how they can serve others.



GOING

The children have learned about the need for priesthood to grow in their ministry but also they can follow the example of Jesus. Close with a prayer.

PACKING FOR THE JOURNEY

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

ARE WE THERE YET?

To extend this lesson for a rotation model or for intergenerational or additional learning, try the following:

- Rosie always wants to be the leader. Up until now, her friends haven't minded. But then Angel moves to the Coral Reef. Suddenly everyone wants to follow Angel's lead. This story explores the importance of who we follow and how we follow.
Follow the Leader: Rainbow Fish and Friends by Marcus Pfister (ISBN 9781590141069).
- Explore ways the children can explore ways they can copy Christ and share with others.

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Aliyah

Equipping children and youth for the journey



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

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Children's Page

Doctrine and Covenants 163:6c–d shares what priesthood must do to be better servants. What are some things you can do this week to be better servants?

COPYING CHRIST AND HELPING OTHERS

With a parent or adult find some bible stories that tell about how Jesus loved and cared for others. Afterwards use the words “Copy Christ” to think of ways that Jesus helped others and how you can help others.

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