

Supplemental FHEasy Lesson

Seminary and Scripture Mastery Scriptures

FHEasy Lesson Ideas

Scripture

“This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” (John 17:3)

Music from *Children’s Songbook* and *Hymns*

Book of Mormon Stories (CS, 118)

Scripture Power (Audio and downloadable sheet music at <https://goo.gl/2Sh2Y4>)

Search, Ponder, and Pray (CS, 109)

The Iron Rod (*Hymns*, 274)



Scripture Power
Song



"Seminary Can
Change Lives"
Video with
President Monson
<https://goo.gl/KHa7zD>

Quote

“Take advantage of every opportunity to enlarge your understanding of the gospel. Make the effort to participate in seminary and institute programs.” (Gordon B. Hinckley, “Tithing: An Opportunity to Prove Our Faithfulness,” *Ensign*, May 1982, 42)

Scripture Stories

Lehi tells his family about a dream he had in which he saw a beautiful tree with delicious fruit that makes people happy. A rod of iron led to the tree. Nephi later learns that the tree represents the love of God and the iron rod represents the Word of God. (See 1 Nephi 8 and 1 Nephi 11–12)

The sons of Mosiah were “men of a sound understanding and they had searched the scriptures diligently, that they might know the word of God” (Alma 17:2). They had also prayed, fasted, and thus were able to teach with power. (See Alma 17:1–3)

Alma teaches that the scriptures are like the Liahona. They will guide people in their lives like the Liahona guided Lehi’s family to the promised land. (See 1 Nephi 16:10, 26–29; Alma 37:38–47)

Joseph Smith ponders on James 1:5 and determines to follow the scriptural advice and pray for the wisdom he needs to know which church to join. (See Joseph Smith—History 1:5–13)

Gospel Art Pictures

The Liahona (#68)

Lehi’s Dream (#69)

Joseph Smith Seeks Wisdom in the Bible (#89)

Church History

In 1912, Church leaders felt there was a need for LDS youth to have a daily religious class for youth to complement their learning in public schools. One of the seminary teachers in those early years was named John Whitaker. On the first day of seminary that year, he wrote: “Commenced a very important period of my life and one that will, I am sure affect the destiny of thousands of the youth of Zion, if the plans maturing in my mind blossom into fruition” (See L. Tom Perry, “Receive Truth,” *Ensign*, November 1997). Now seminary has been taught for over a hundred years and there are many resources to assist teens and teachers in their seminary classes and in their lives.



"Receive Truth"
L. Tom Perry
<https://goo.gl/17rZw6>



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Seminary
Scripture Mastery
Resources

Adaptations for Younger Children

Quote

“Plan on completing the full four years of seminary. ... I invite you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. And [when you] are enrolled, study diligently to learn the gospel. I promise you that the foundation you receive ... will bless you throughout your lives.” (L. Tom Perry, “Receive Truth,” *Ensign*, November 1997)

Lesson from *Behold Your Little Ones*

“I Love the Scriptures” (Lesson 23, pages 96–99)

Faith in God

Read through the list of “My Gospel Standards” on the back cover of your *Faith in God* booklet on online at <http://goo.gl/C7eGdU>. As you try to live the standards, you will be more prepared to feel the Spirit when you become a seminary student, and seminary will support you in continuing to keep your standards.

Activity

Ask two people to volunteer for this activity. Have them stand on opposite sides of the room. Blindfold one and give the other person a picture of the Savior (Gospel Art #116 would be a good one here). Have the blindfolded person try to find the other person without any help. After a minute, guide him or her back to the starting place and ask a third person to help hold a rope or string with the person holding the picture. Then put the blindfolded person’s hand on the “iron rod” and have him or her follow it to the picture of Christ. Talk about how much help “the iron rod” was in “finding Christ”. Ask everyone how holding the rope is like reading the scriptures and following what they say. (See 1 Nephi 15:23–25.) Share a few examples from your life of how following the teachings in the scriptures taught in seminary, Church, family home evening, or your personal study has helped you come closer to the Savior. (Adapted from *2016 Outline for Sharing Time*, “January: The Scripture are the Word of God”, 2–3)

Adaptations for Older Children and Teens

Quote

“I know the power that comes from associations in the seminary and institute programs.

It has enriched my life, and I know it will do the same for you. It will put a shield of protection around you to keep you free from the temptations and trials of the world. There is a great blessing in having a knowledge of the gospel. And I know of no better place for the young people of the Church to gain a special knowledge of sacred things than in the institute and seminary programs of the Church.” (L. Tom Perry, “Receive Truth,” *Ensign*, November 1997)



Seminary and
Scripture
Mormonads



Seminary FAQ

Preach My Gospel

“Pray to Know the Truth through the Holy Ghost” 39–40; “Study the Scriptures” 73–74; “The Book of Mormon and the Bible Support Each Other” 106; “Use the Scriptures” 180–182.

Personal Progress

Faith Personalized Value Experience – Discuss positive seminary experiences with a parent, friend, or leader. If possible, talk to a few seminary teachers about how their faith and testimonies have grown through teaching seminary. Read and mark the 25 scripture mastery verses for the year (see <https://goo.gl/sH3Axq> for a bookmark with the references for each year). Select one or more verses to memorize over the next couple of weeks. Consider memorizing 25 or more scripture mastery verses as one of your Personal Progress value projects.

Duty to God

Look over the sections titled “Pray and Study the Scriptures” (14, 38, 62) and work on the one for your age group. *Preach My Gospel* (17) and *Duty to God* (15) teach praying before studying.

Activity

Share positive seminary experiences. You can talk about scriptures that stood out to you, how the teacher taught the scripture mastery verses, memorable object lessons, or times the Spirit touched your heart during a song, lesson, or during your personal home study.

Play “Scripture Mastery Speed”. Sit in a circle and place a small object like a penny in the middle of everyone. One person picks a scripture mastery verse and starts to read it. As soon as you think you know what it is, look it up in your scriptures or electronic device. When you have the right verse, grab for the object. The first person who grabs the object tells everyone else the scripture reference and then reads the whole scripture. If your family isn’t very competitive, don’t use the penny. Just have everyone listen to the scripture and look it up. If you are just learning the scriptures, focus on the references from this FHEasy lesson or focus on a few from the book of scripture that the seminary students are studying this year.



Bookmark with
all 100 Scripture
Mastery Verses

Daily Scriptures

Sunday

“This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” (John 17:3)

Monday

“The Lord had shown unto me, Abraham, the intelligences that were organized before the world was; and among all these there were many of the noble and great ones; And God saw these souls that they were good, and he stood in the midst of them, and he said: These I will make my rulers; for he stood among those that were spirits, and he saw that they were good; and he said unto me: Abraham, thou art one of them; thou wast chosen before thou wast born.” (Abraham 3:22–23)

Tuesday

Jesus said, “I would that ye should be perfect even as I, or your Father who is in heaven is perfect.” (3 Nephi 12:48)

Wednesday

“The natural man is an enemy to God, and has been from the fall of Adam, and will be, forever and ever, unless he yields to the enticings of the Holy Spirit, and putteth off the natural man and becometh a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord.” (Mosiah 3:19)

Thursday

“Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it. In the short space of twenty years, he has brought forth the Book of Mormon, ... has sent the fulness of the everlasting gospel, which it contained, to the four quarters of the earth; has brought forth the revelations and commandments which compose this book of Doctrine and Covenants, ... gathered many thousands of the Latter-day Saints, founded a great city, and left a fame and name that cannot be slain. He lived great, and he died great in the eyes of God and his people; and like most of the Lord’s anointed in ancient times, has sealed his mission and his works with his own blood.” (D&C 135:3)

Friday

“For the hour is nigh, and that which was spoken by mine apostles must be fulfilled; ... For I will reveal myself from heaven with power and great glory, with all the hosts thereof, and dwell in righteousness with men on earth a thousand years.” (D&C 29:10–11)

Saturday

“There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead.” (1 Corinthians 15:40–42)