

Focus Idea #5 The Lord has an organized kingdom

[(chaos makes peace difficult) & (the organization of the church here on earth)]



Pick and choose any of the following items for your Family Home Evening.

Songs PSB = Primary Songbook

1. [6th Article of Faith](#) Pg. 126 PSB
2. [5th AOF](#) Pg. 125 PSB
3. [Follow the Prophet](#) Pg. 110 PSB
4. [Come Listen to a Prophet's Voice](#) Hymn # 21
5. [We Listen to a Prophet's Voice](#) Hymn # 22
6. [Come All Ye sons of God](#).....Hymn # 322
7. [We Thank Thee, O God for a Prophet](#)Hymn # 19
8. [Praise to the Man](#)Hymn # 27
9. [The Priesthood of Our Lord](#)Hymn # 320

Scripture Quotes & Stories

1. [Exodus 18:13-26](#) – Moses sets up the first organization of the church, ruler overall, ruler of thousands, ruler of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens
2. [Exodus 24:9](#) – First Quorum of the Seventy
3. [Joshua 4:4](#) – First Quorum of Apostles
4. [Luke 6:13 -16](#) – Jesus calls his apostles
5. [Luke 10:1](#) – Jesus calls his seventy
6. [Alma 4:7](#) – The Nephites also have church organization.
7. [3 Nephi 12:1](#) – Jesus sets up organization within the Nephites
8. [D&C 107:22-26, 60-68](#) - The Organization of the Church
9. *[Article of Faith #6](#)—What we believe about church organization.

Stories

Talk by President N. Eldon Tanner - First Presidency Message
Administration of the Restored Church (Ensign – April 1978)

Joseph F. Smith, Gospel Doctrine, p.149

The house of God is a house of order, and not a house of confusion; and it could not be thus, if there were not those who had authority to preside, to direct, to counsel, to lead in the affairs of the Church. No house would be a house of order if it were not properly organized, as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is organized. Take away the organization of the Church and its power would cease. Every part of its organization is necessary and essential to its perfect existence. Disregard, ignore, or omit any part, and you start imperfection in the Church; and if we should continue in that way we would find ourselves like those of old, being led by error, superstition, ignorance, and by the cunning and craftiness of men. We would soon leave out here a little and there a little, here a line and there a precept, until we would become like the rest of the world, divided, disorganized, confused and without knowledge; without revelation or inspiration, and without Divine authority or power.—Apr. C. R., 1915, p. 5.

Harold B. Lee, Stand Ye In Holy Places, p.252

One of the most significant things about your priesthood is that by tracing the line of your authority through the one who ordained you back through the various steps, your priesthood authority can be traced back to the Savior himself

Games

1. Gather some index cards. Cut index cards in half. On one half write a church position, such as prophet, and on the other half put the name of the person currently occupying that spot. You can also try doing this with the twelve apostles by putting their first name on one half and last name on the other half. With these cards play memory.

Activities

1. Make a diagram of the organization of the church. Leave blanks to fill in the names of some of the present day leaders. Then try it again and see what you can do for filling in names of leaders of the early church.

Refreshment Ideas

1. Make a cake and decorate with 12 vanilla wafers representing the 12 apostles. Use raisins for eyes and some flavor of chip (butterscotch, peanut butter, etc.) for the mouth, which is open as if preaching. They don't need hair. Most of them don't have any anyway. See if everyone can name the apostles while you eat!

Discussion Questions

1. Are there similarities between the early church and the organization of the church today?
2. Why does the Lord organize the church?
3. What happens with disorganization? Are there more frustrations?
4. How can you apply this principle to your own life?
5. Can you imagine what things would be like if the church were not so well organized? If we took out a part of the organization, would things run well?
6. Are there any other churches that are as organized as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?
7. What else is organized about the church, besides the structure of leaders?
8. What is the welfare system like?
9. How about financially?
10. How small of groups can we break the leadership structure into? Bishops? Quorum leaders? Home teachers? Fathers?