Learning and Teaching Ideas

The following activities can help those you teach:

- Search the scriptures and words of the prophets and consider their meaning.
- See examples of the doctrine you are discussing.
- Share their thoughts and feelings about the doctrine with others.

Learners can participate in these activities individually, in small groups, or as a class or quorum. Remember that the best ideas will come to you as you consider the needs of those you teach.

Search the scriptures and words of the prophets and consider their meaning

Look for answers to questions

Invite learners to look for answers to your questions or questions they have about the doctrine and discuss what they find.

Look for words and phrases

Invite learners to find words, phrases, and examples that help them understand the doctrine.

Summarize in a few words

Ask learners to summarize a scripture or message from a prophet in a few words.

Make a list

Ask learners to make a list of key points they learn about the doctrine from the scriptures or words of the prophets. Invite them to share what they find.

Matching verses

Give learners some scripture references and brief statements that summarize what each scripture passage teaches. Ask them to read the scriptures and match each one with its summary statement.

Match a picture

Ask learners to match pictures to scriptures passages. Invite them to share insights they gain from the passages and the pictures.

Fill in the blanks

Write a statement with missing words on the board. Invite learners to look for words or phrases from the scriptures that could complete the statement.

Compare examples

Invite learners to read two or more stories or passages from the scriptures and compare what they teach about the doctrine.

Draw a picture

Invite learners to draw a picture of what they read in the scriptures and words of the prophets.

Find a scripture

Invite learners to find a scripture passage about the doctrine and share what it means.

Linking related scriptures

Help learners make a list of scriptures related to the doctrine, read them, and write the references in the margins of their scriptures.

Find and sing hymns

Invite learners to find hymns about the doctrine and sing them together.

See examples of the doctrines and principles you are teaching

Interview others

Ask learners to interview others about their experiences with the doctrine.

See examples in the scriptures

Invite learners to read or hear about individuals in the scriptures who lived the doctrine.

See examples of other Latter-day Saints

Invite learners to read or hear about other Latter-day Saints who live the doctrine.

Share examples

Share your own examples of people who live the doctrine, and ask learners to share their examples.

Discuss a story

Invite learners to describe how a story (from the scriptures or words of the prophets) exemplifies the doctrine.

Visualize

Ask learners to visualize someone living the doctrine.

Role-play

Invite learners to role-play or imagine a situation that illustrates the doctrine.

Watch media

Invite learners to view Church-produced media (such as DVDs or video clips from LDS.org).

Hear a panel discussion

Invite approved guests to answer questions or discuss a topic with learners.

Listen to a guest speaker

Invite an approved guest speaker to discuss the doctrine.

Share their thoughts and feelings about the doctrines with others

Teach the lesson

Invite a member of the class or quorum to teach part of the lesson.

Teach someone

Help learners think of ideas about how they could teach the doctrine to someone else.

Testify of the doctrine

Invite class or quorum members to share their testimonies of the doctrine.

Write about the doctrine

Ask learners to write what they have learned or their thoughts and feelings about the doctrine.

Explain what it means

Ask learners what the doctrine means to them.

Discuss questions

Invite learners to discuss questions about the meaning and importance of the doctrine.

Ask questions

Ask learners to think about the doctrine and ask questions about it. Answer them together.

Explain a picture or object

Invite learners to explain how a picture or object illustrates the doctrine.

Draw a picture

Ask learners to draw a picture or diagram or create a poster that illustrates the doctrine.

