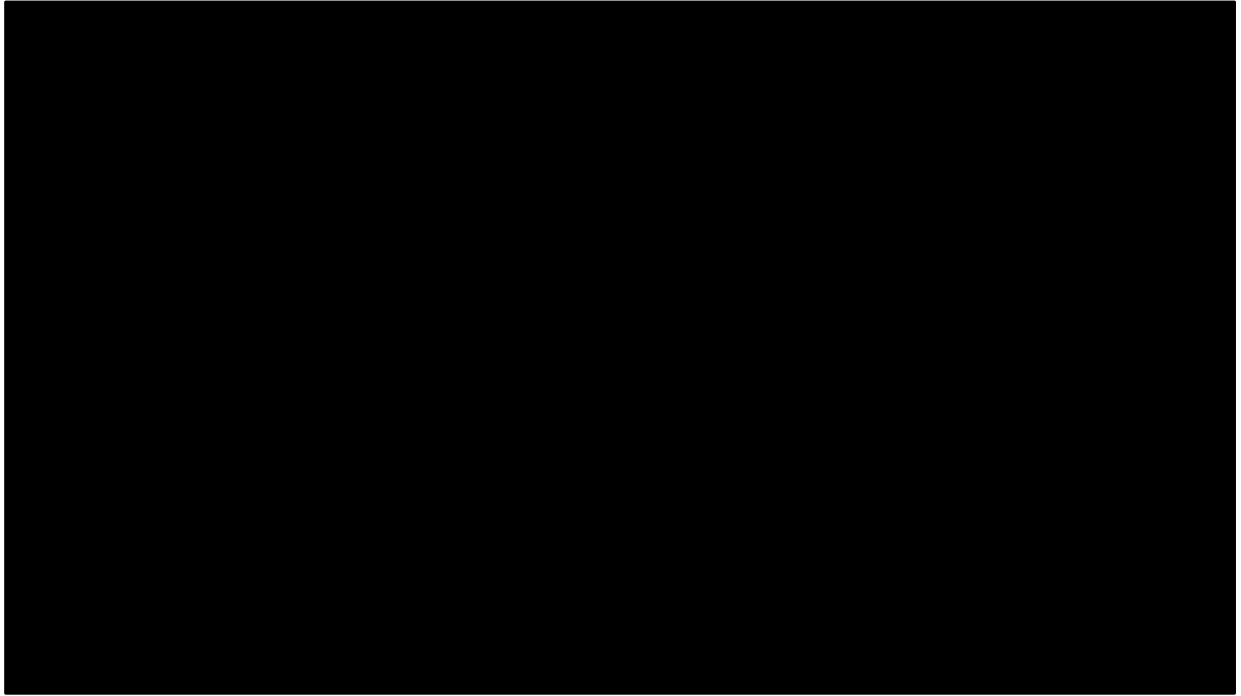




This presentation should be shown and discussed in Area Council meetings before being shared with stake presidents in coordinating council meetings. Stake presidents should then share the presentation with bishops.

- Strengthening faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, especially among the rising generation, is among the highest priorities of the Lord’s Church.
- The Children and Youth effort represents a “higher, holier” approach to caring for and ministering to the needs of children and youth.
- Stake presidents, please share this presentation with your bishoprics and the stake council to prepare them for the introduction meetings held on September 29. We can begin now to prepare for implementation in January 2020 or as determined by the Area Presidency.
- This effort is designed for all youth and children (beginning in January of the year they turn eight). The effort is intended to involve the family and be home-centered and Church-supported.



Play the video of President M. Russell Ballard.



Vision

Strengthen the rising generation's faith in Jesus Christ, and help children, youth, and their families progress along the covenant path as they meet life's challenges.

Help children and youth become worthy disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ through:

- Gospel learning
- Service and activities
- Personal development

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Read and discuss.

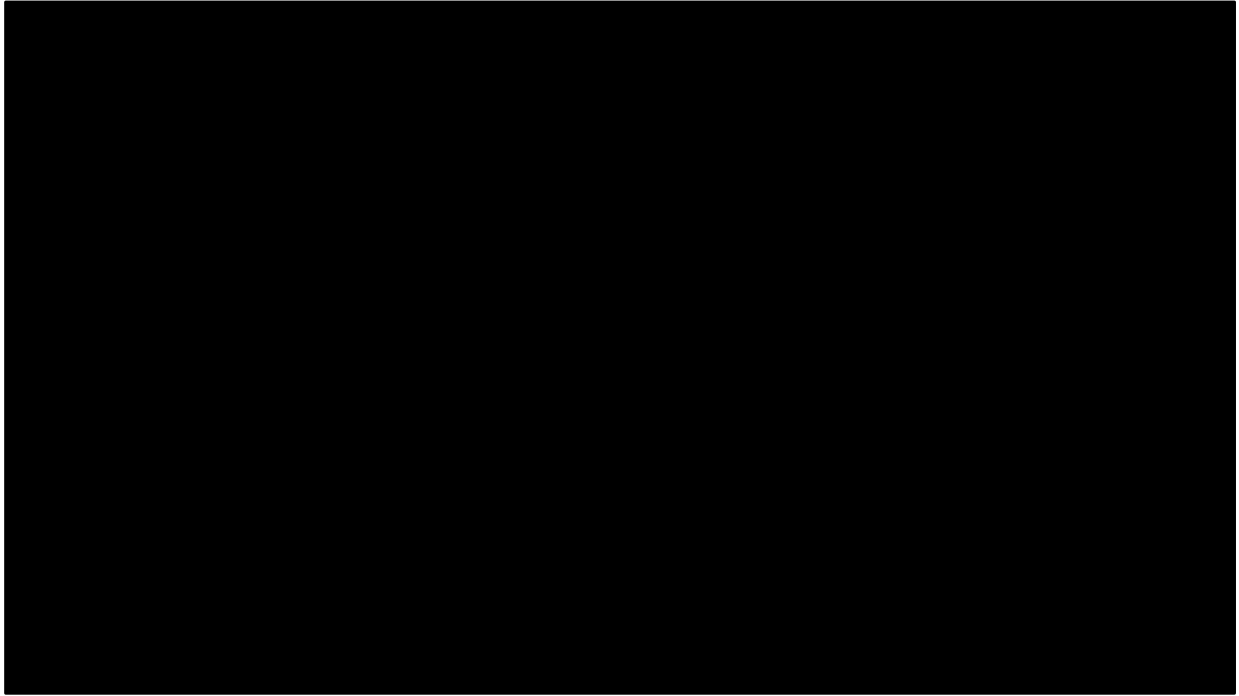


Desired Outcomes

Children and youth will:

- Know their eternal identity and purpose.
- Deepen their conversion to Jesus Christ, getting His gospel into their hearts and being inspired to choose to follow Him.
- Fulfill Aaronic Priesthood duties.
- Participate together in the work of salvation.
- Develop personally, with parental support and leaders assisting as needed.
- Be worthy to attend the temple and have enduring joy on the covenant path.

Read and discuss.



Play the video of Elder Ronald A. Rasband.

“Dear brothers and sisters, I have been a witness to the development of this significant effort from its inception. We highly respect our youth programs of the past and seek to build upon our remarkable history. As an Eagle Scout and a longtime supporter of Scouting, I can emphatically say that this is a new day, with new needs, and we must now help our children and youth all over the world in an unprecedented way.”

Four Areas of Growth

“Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”

Luke 2:52

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- The Savior, Jesus Christ, is at the core of the Children and Youth effort. (Read Luke 2:52.)
- The central objective is to help children and youth bring the Savior into all aspects of their lives—not just on the Sabbath. As they strive to make Jesus Christ the center of their lives, He promises to send the Holy Ghost to be their Comforter and Guide.

Three Areas of Application

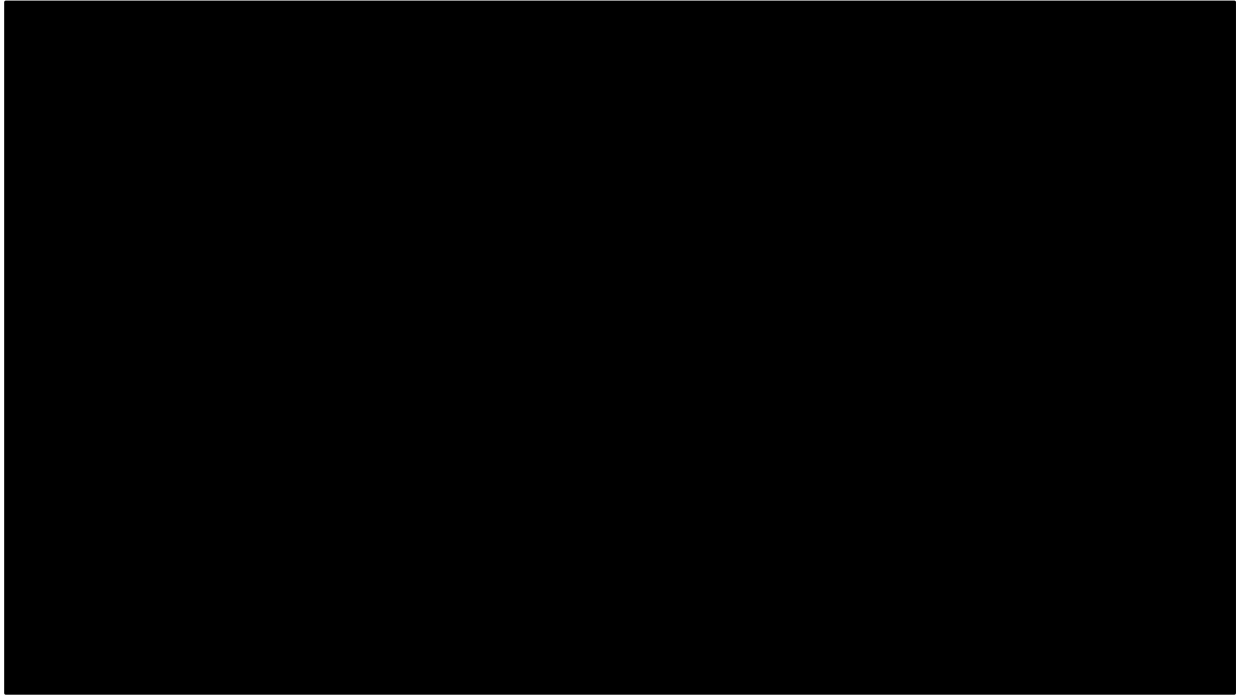
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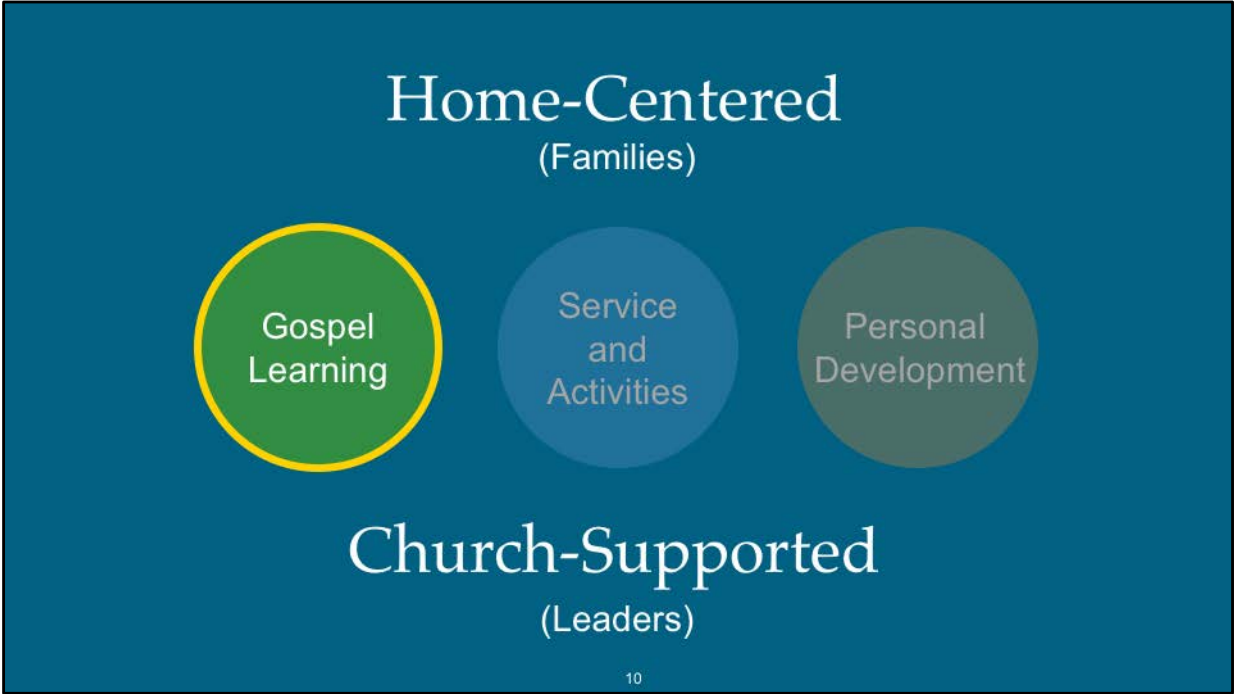


Church-Supported

Read and discuss.



Play the Young Men and Young Women leader video.



The first area of application is gospel learning.

Gospel Learning

Home-Centered

- Personal and family gospel study
- *Come, Follow Me*



Church-Supported

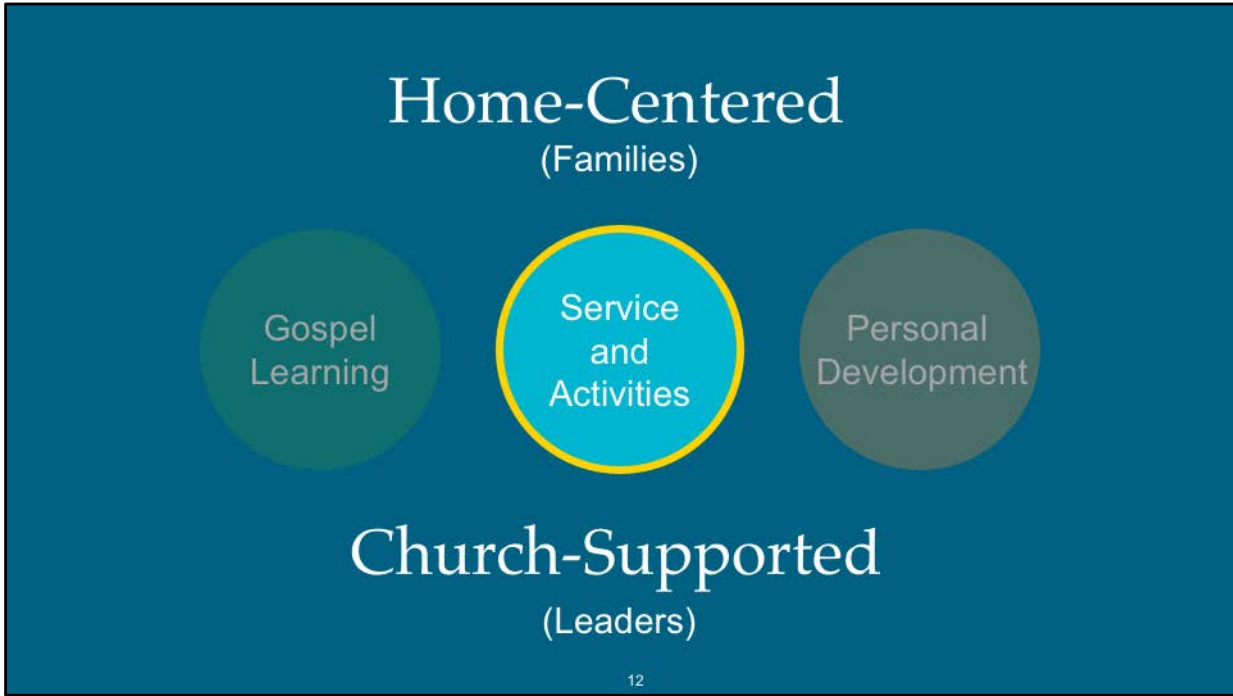
- Sabbath instruction
- Seminary



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Read and discuss:

- One part of the gospel learning component of the Children and Youth effort was implemented in January 2019. *Come, Follow Me* is a home-centered, Church-supported curriculum, which goes along with other elements of gospel learning that have long been emphasized.



The second area of application is service and activities. Family and Church activities should help children and youth:

- Build faith and capacity.
- Learn new skills.
- Build relationships.
- Develop leadership.

Service and Activities

Home-Centered

- Home evening
- Family service and activities
- Ministering



Church-Supported

- Ordinance of the sacrament
- Service and activity ideas
- JustServe
- Multiday activities
- Ministering assignments

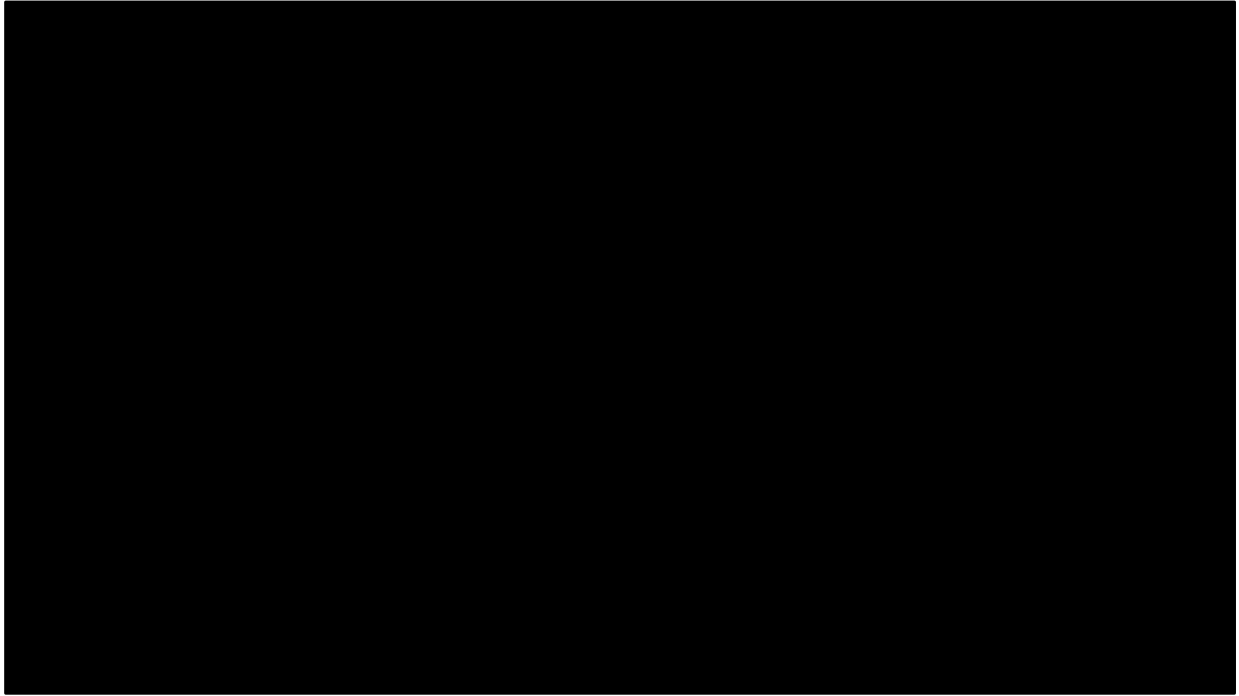


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Read and discuss.

Emphasize the importance of youth service and activities:

- Atonic Priesthood holders are blessed by officiating in the ordinance of the sacrament.
- Youth and children gain strength from gathering together.
- Meet regularly, weekly where possible.
- Let quorum and class presidencies lead.



Play the Primary activity video.

This video captures the experience of a Primary activity leader and children in one of our test stakes. This example shows girls and boys meeting together, but generally they will meet separately.

Youth Multiday Activities



- Young Men camps
- Young Women camps
- Youth conferences
- Treks



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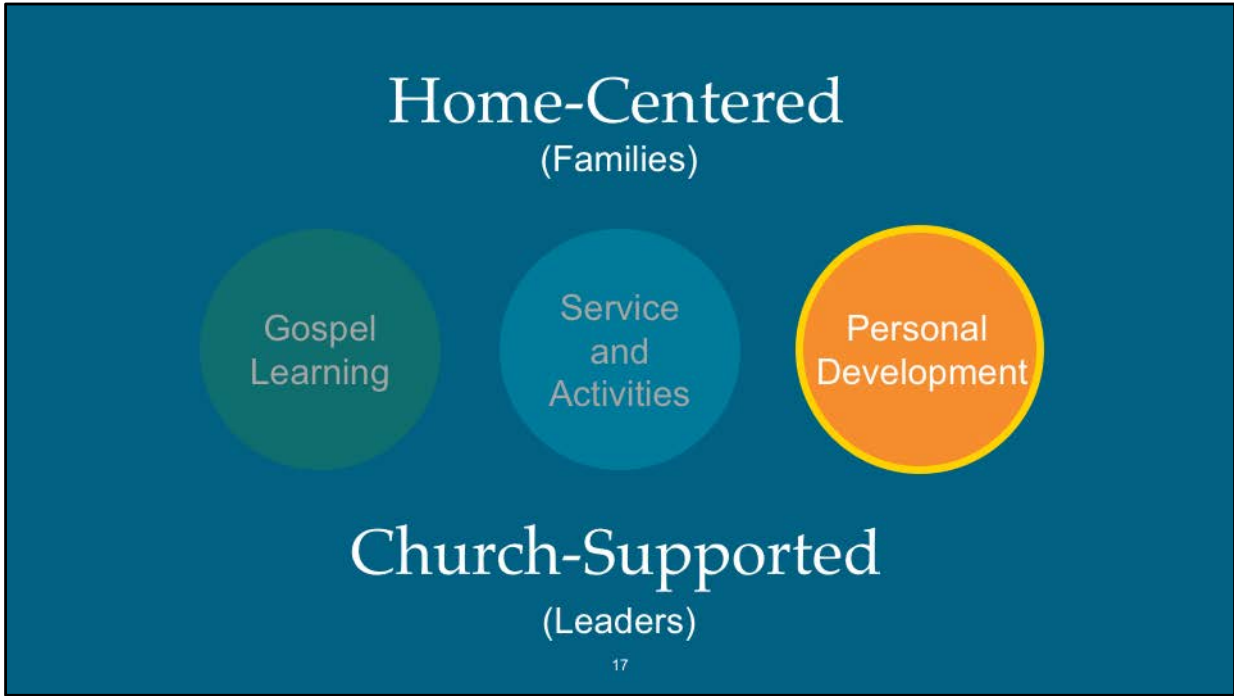
- Church-sponsored multiday activities, such as Young Men and Young Women camps, youth conferences, and treks, will continue for young women and young men.
- The ward budget for youth activities should be divided between the Young Men and Young Women organizations according to the number of youth in each organization. A smaller but sufficient amount should be provided for Primary activities.

For the Strength of Youth Conferences

- The Church has provided For the Strength of Youth (FSY) conferences outside the United States and Canada. Large groups of youth gather together, strengthen each other's faith, learn and apply doctrine, build friendships, and participate in wholesome activities.
- FSY conferences will now also be provided in the United States and Canada. Young men and young women will participate twice in the last four years of their experience.



Read and discuss.



The third area of application is personal development.

- Children and youth choose what they can do to grow and learn to follow the Savior. Parents and leaders can help them recognize how they are already growing and where they may need to improve.
- Activities at church and school as well as friendships, sports, the arts, work, and other individual interests can help children and youth learn to follow Jesus Christ.

Personal Development

Home-Centered

- Personal goals
- Family goals
- Guidance
- Encouragement



Church-Supported

- Guidance
- Encouragement
- Goal ideas and tools
- Ward resources



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Read and discuss:

- Personal development is primarily home-centered.
- Leaders provide support as needed. Leaders do not track personal development efforts.

Adaptable Resource Materials



Mobile



Web



Print

The number and variety of resources for personal development have been greatly reduced from previous programs. These resources are available in mobile, web, and print formats.

Help Children Succeed

Ensure that:

- Primary presidencies are called and taught their roles.
- Primary classes and singing time are functioning.
- Meaningful activities for boys and girls are held (meeting separately, where possible).

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Read and discuss.

Help Youth Succeed

- Ensure that quorum and class presidencies are called.
- Teach adult leaders how to help quorum and class presidencies lead in planning regular and meaningful activities.
- Help each youth be worthy to receive a limited-use temple recommend.
- Help prepare boys to receive and advance in the priesthood.
- Help bishops hold regular bishopric youth committee meetings (BYC).

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Read and discuss.

Help Parents and Families Succeed

- Encourage families and individuals to include *Come, Follow Me* in their gospel study.
- Help parents, children, and youth to strengthen their relationships.
- Ensure that ministering brothers and sisters are assigned to strengthen families who need additional support.
- Encourage parents to read the *Introductory Guide for Parents and Leaders* (childrenandyouth.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/leader).

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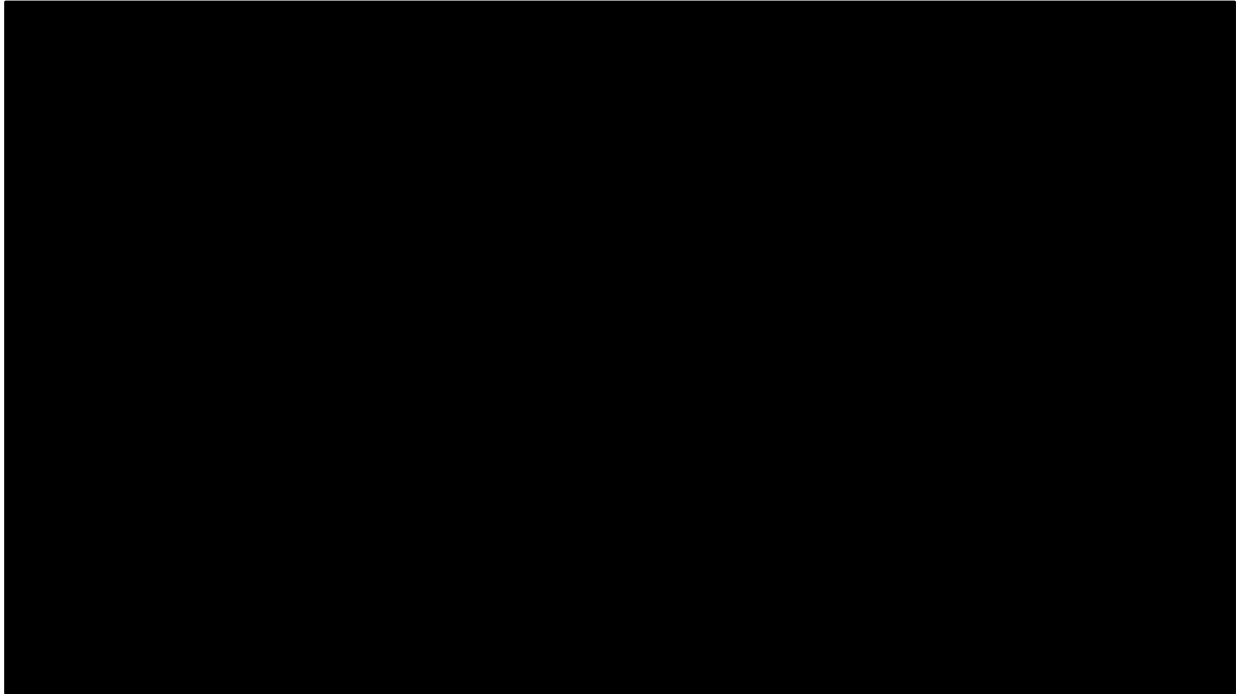
Read and discuss.

Next Steps

- Seek inspiration regarding the needs of the children, youth, and families in your stake.
- Schedule a meeting with bishops and the stake council to show and discuss this presentation.
- Reserve the class hour on September 29, 2019, for the introductory presentation.
- Announce the Face to Face event that will be held on November 17, 2019.
- Review additional information at childrenandyouth.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/leader.

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Read and discuss.



Play the video of Elder Quentin L. Cook.

“Let me clearly say what we are asking you to do. We have a heaven-sent opportunity, throughout the entire Church, to marshal our resources at home and at church, to invite and inspire our children and our youth to center their lives on the Savior, Jesus Christ. Our desire is that every part of this effort lead our young people to become converted unto Him and trust in His Atonement.

“We have clearly felt the hand of the Lord in the development of this effort. May the blessings of heaven be upon all of us as we move toward this thrilling new opportunity, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.”



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