

Youth Sunday School

Come, Follow Me: Old Testament 2022

"I Will Love Them Freely"

November 7-13 • Hosea 1-6; 10-14; Joel

"Seek the Lord, and Ye Shall Live"

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When preparing these lesson helps, we follow the Come, Follow Me lesson manual closely. We will never vary from the doctrine taught in the lesson outline. It is important that you always read through the lesson and all of the suggested scriptures. Then read through the helps we have provided and pray about which activities will be the most beneficial to your class, following the guidance of the Spirit. The thing I love most about the Come, Follow Me format is that it is designed for the youth to take an active role in their learning. We have designed our lesson helps to help facilitate a lesson full of thought and discussion.

See the next page for related resources and information about the people discussed in these chapters.



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Related Resources

- Old Testament Timeline (I refer to this often in my own studies!)
- Come, Follow Me—For Individuals and Families: Old Testament 2022 (often includes background information that's helpful for your Youth Sunday School lessons)
- "Elder David A. Bednar Discussion," Evening with a General Authority 2020
- "Learning the Lessons of the Past," M. Russell Ballard, April 2009 General Conference
- "Prophets," Gospel Topic, topics.churchofjesuschrist.org

When we studied the Old Testament in 2018, there was a feature in the Friend magazine called Old Testament Heroes. It included monthly cards. While these were meant for children, your youth may enjoy them and find them helpful while you learn this year! These would be a great addition to your scripture journals. I'll add links to the different cards as we move forward this year.

• Jehovah card

Joseph card

• Elijah card

Adam and Eve card

Moses card

• Esther card

• Abraham and Sarah card

• Ruth card

• Daniel card

• Rebekah card

• David card

People In These Chapters

With so many people to learn about in the Old Testament, here are links to the Guide to the Scriptures for the main people discussed in the Sunday School manual.

- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah



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Hosea 1–3; 14 No-prep discussion =

The Lord always invites us to return to Him. - Class Discussion

To begin your lesson this week, it may be helpful to introduce your class briefly to Hosea, Joel, Amos, and Obadiah, who were all prophets in the Old Testament. Consider using the Guide to the Scriptures and the Old Testament Timeline linked at the beginning of this packet. Point out that there is a lot we don't know about some of the prophets we're studying, but we can still learn a lot from their words.

One example of this is how Hosea taught us that the Lord always invites us to return to Him. Put the visual aid on the board and invite the youth to search Hosea 14 for promises the Lord made to the house of Israel if they would return to Him. Ask the youth to write their responses on the board or raise their hand and share out loud when they find one. Help them understand what some of the metaphors could mean. Invite them to share what words or phrases stuck out to them.



Hosea 6:6; Joel 2:12–13 \Rightarrow Keep Youth engaged! \Leftarrow



Devotion to God must be felt inwardly, not just expressed outwardly. - Class Activity

You'll need a nice looking apple for this part of the lesson. The youth may enjoy if you bring some apples for them to share as a treat, too! Put the apple on the table and ask someone to tell you what it is. This might get a few laughs because it's obviously something everyone is familiar with. Sometimes we may feel like an apple where everyone sees us and knows we're a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Ask if anyone has ever cut into an apple to find that it was bruised or wormy. Maybe they couldn't tell from the outside. While it is important to be good examples and have our actions show others that we're disciples of Christ, the Lord says this is not enough. He asks us to be devoted to God inwardly. Hopefully the apple will be a good visual aid for the youth to make this connection.

Next, follow the instructions in the manual. Read Hosea 6:6 and Joel 2:12–13 out loud as a class. Split your class into two groups and assign each group a passage from Matthew. Give each group time to teach the other what they learned. Ask the questions from the manual to have a discussion as a class.





"I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh." - Scripture Journal Prompt

As a class, read Joseph Smith—History 1:41 and share that this is what Moroni told Joseph Smith about the prophesy made in Joel 2.

Then, use the scripture journal prompt to do one of the following:

- 1 Give your youth time to work individually and record their thoughts in their scripture journals.
- 2 Have your class work in pairs or small groups, using the prompt as a guide.
- 3 Read the scriptures and discuss the question as a class.



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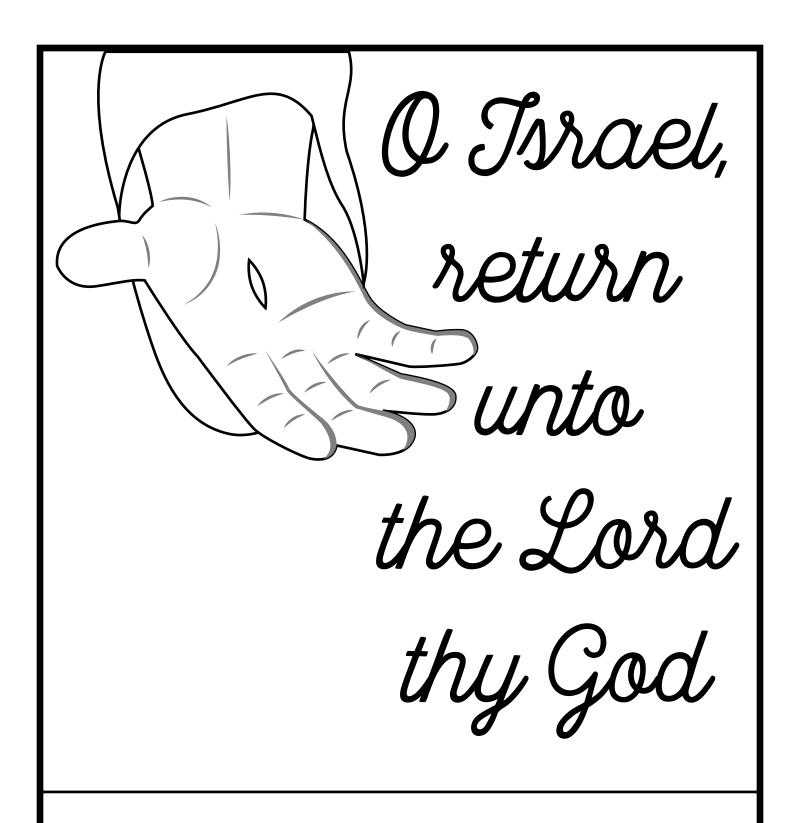
If you gave the class time to write in their journals or work in small groups, consider leaving time for them to share their thoughts and/or experiences with the whole class.

End this activity by reading the quote from Elder Bednar in the Additional Resources section of the manual. Give the youth time to comment or record any other thoughts this may bring to mind related to the questions asked on the journal prompt.





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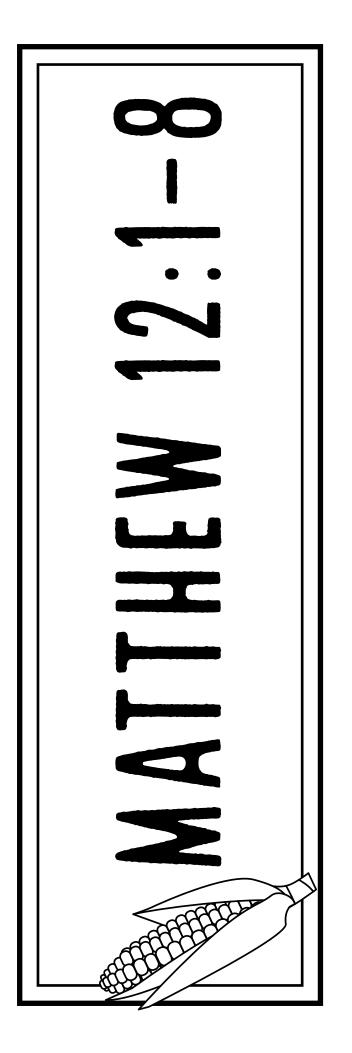


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Amos 3:7-8; 7:10-15 \Rightarrow No-prep discussion \Leftarrow

The Lord reveals truth through His prophets. - Small Group Discussions

Begin by doing as the manual suggests and ask the youth to share truths about prophets that they found in their study of Amos 3 and 7 this week. Make a list on the board. Next, separate your class into small groups of 2 or 3. Give each group a conversation card and give them time to discuss their thoughts with each other.

Invite everyone back together and ask if anyone would like to share what they discussed in their small groups. End by leaving time for the youth to share their testimonies of prophets.



Amos 5; 8:11-12 \Rightarrow No-prep activity \in

Apostasy is like a famine of hearing the words of the Lord. - Activity Sheet

Use the activity sheet to help your class learn more about apostasy. The youth can work individually or in pairs to learn more from Amos. After you've given them time to work on the activity sheets, invite them to share what they learned. End by reading the full quote from M. Russell Ballard from the Additional Resources section of the manual (part of the quote is on the activity sheet). Share your testimony of God's constant love for all of His children.





"Saviours shall come up on Mount Zion." - Object Lesson and Handout

Invite one of your youth to help you with an object lesson. You'll need to find someone wearing shoes that have laces. Ask your volunteer to untie one of his shoes. Now tell him he can't move again, but needs to retie his shoes before you can move on with the lesson. See if the class has any suggestions of how your volunteer can have tied shoes.

Hopefully someone will volunteer to do it for him. Thank your volunteer(s) and read Obadiah 1:21 out loud to the class. Ask if anyone has heard the term "saviors on Mount Zion" before. Ask what it means. (temple and family history work) Ask why this is a good term for temple and family history work.

Refer back to the object lesson. Point out that your volunteer could not tie his own shoes, but someone else could do it for him. Just like our Savior, through the Atonement, has done something we could not do for ourselves, we can also be "saviors on Mount Zion" by doing family history and temple work for those who cannot partake in these ordinances themselves.

Display the poster and invite someone to read the quote from Joseph Smith. Ask the youth to share any recent experiences they've had in the temple or doing family history work. Send them home with a handout and encourage them to look for ways they can do more to help their ancestors.













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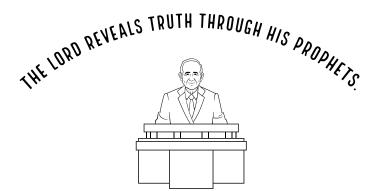
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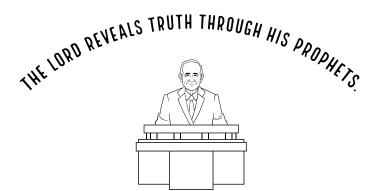
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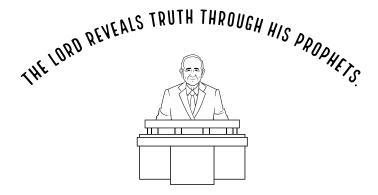
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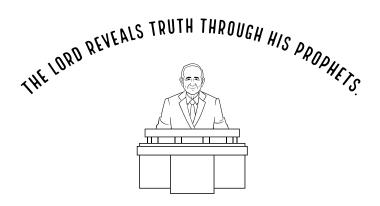
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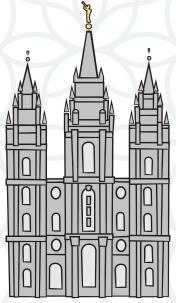
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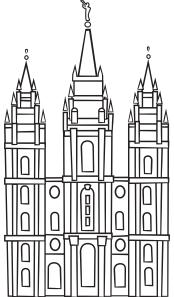
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