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2025 Youth Sunday School

Joseph Smith—History 1:1–26

January 13–19: “I Saw a Pillar of Light”

This packet focuses on the section for youth: "How can I receive answers to my prayers?"

PATTERNS OF PERSONAL REVELATION - SCRIPTURE SORTING

Joseph Smith—History 1:5–25

Put the different section headers on the board. Hand out the scripture verse cards so each member of your class has one. Invite them to find and read their verses. After you've given them time to do so, go around the room and have them each share their verse (read aloud or summarized) and then share which section on the board they feel it fits into. There are some verses that overlap and fit into more than one section or category and that's okay! The point of this activity is to get everyone familiar with the scriptures and thinking about their meaning. If someone has already shared a summary of a scripture verse or read it out loud and another class member has the same scripture, you can ask if they have anything else to add or just move on to ask them which category it fits in.

After everyone has shared and put their cards in the sections on the board, ask the class to think about a time they prayed because they “lacked wisdom” or needed to make a decision. Invite them to quietly look over the board and think about the time(s) they prayed. Ask, “Did any of these things happen as you sought an answer to your prayer?” Give them time to think and then invite them to share if they would like to.

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RECOGNIZING PROMPTINGS OF THE SPIRIT - PAIR SHARE & HANDOUT

Preach My Gospel: A Guide to Missionary Service

This handout can be useful for years to come if the youth hang on to it! Invite them to look over their lists for a few quiet minutes. Next, ask them to choose one or two of the ways we can feel the Spirit, then turn to a neighbor and share their experiences.

After you've given the youth time to share with a partner, consider sharing your own experience(s) with recognizing promptings from the Spirit. Share your testimony with your class. This handout can be taken home or put inside scripture journals.

Learn to RECOGNIZE THE POMPTEINGS of the Spirit	
PROMPTINGS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	
 Guides to truth and correct things	 Helps the people with difficult situations
 Shows the Lord in the truth, teaching us the right way	 Teaches us of the truth, the right way to do things
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Based on <i>How to Know the Holy Spirit</i> by Karen L. Parker	

"THE FIRST VISION: A PATTERN FOR PERSONAL REVELATION"

Henry B. Eyring, February 2020 Ensign

Prayerfully decide what your class members would benefit from hearing from this article and be ready to share at the end of the activity. If your class members don't bring phones with them to class, be sure to print copies of the article to for them to use. Introduce your class to President Eyring's article, *"The First Vision: A Pattern for Personal Revelation"* (February 2020 Ensign). You can do this by reading or summarizing the first few paragraphs. Next, separate your class into 5 groups. Give each group a section of President Eyring's article to review and discuss together.

After you've given the groups time to read and take notes, have each group take a turn presenting what they learned to the rest of the class. Finish by sharing anything else that stood out to you from President Eyring's article. Share your testimony of Jesus Christ and the importance of personal revelation.



SEEKING TRUTH - SCRIPTURE ACTIVITY SHEET

Joseph Smith—History 1:5-18

Invite the youth to work individually or in small groups. Invite them to use the activity sheet to make a list of ways people generally seek truth (like newspapers, books, the internet, friends, etc.). Next they can learn from the scriptures and make a list of ways to ask in faith based on Joseph Smith's recorded history.



THE FIRST VISION - SCRIPTURE JOURNAL PROMPT

Joseph Smith—History 1:1-26

Use the 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 assignment on the prompt and discuss the question as a class.



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.

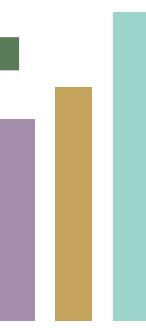
Related Resources:

- ***“Getting Answers from the Lord,”*** June 2021 For the Strength of Youth
- ***“The Faith to Ask and Then to Act,”*** Henry B. Eyring, October 2021 General Conference
- ***“Three Lessons from Joseph Smith’s Teenage Years,”*** Matthew C. Godfrey of the Church History Department, September 2023 For the Strength of Youth
- ***“Learning to Recognize Answers to Prayer,”*** Richard G. Scott, October 1989 General Conference
- ***“Hear Him’ Video Collection,”*** ChurchofJesusChrist.org
- ***“A Framework for Personal Revelation,”*** Dale G. Renlund, October 2022 General Conference

PREPARATION



SCRIPTURE STUDY



OPPOSITION



ACCEPTING ANSWERS



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Learn to RECOGNIZE THE PROMPTINGS of the Spirit

see Chapter 4, *Preach My Gospel: A Guide to Missionary Service*



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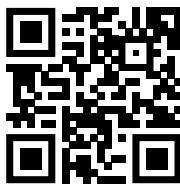
-Boyd K. Packer



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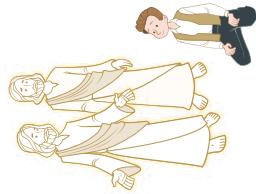
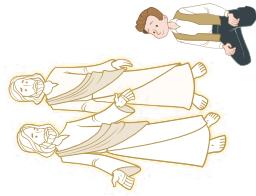
“Preparing Ourselves for Revelation”



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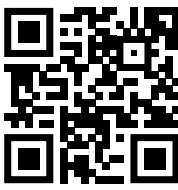




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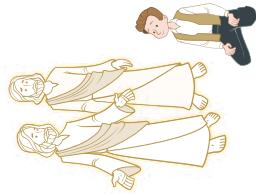
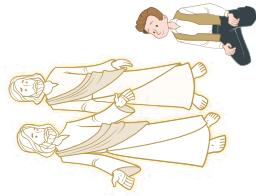
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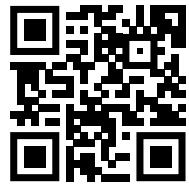


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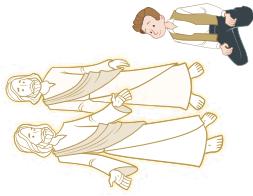




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“Revelation Blesses Our Posterity”





DIRECTIONS: On the left side below, list different ways people seek truth. Then read Joseph Smith—History 1:5–18 and make a list on the right side of what Joseph Smith did to find answers to his questions. Add any other ways we can ask our questions in faith.

WAYS PEOPLE SEEK TRUTH

WAYS TO ASK IN FAITH



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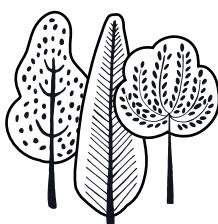
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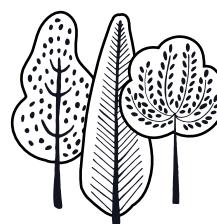
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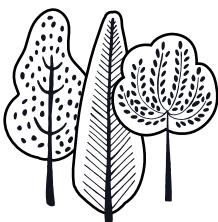
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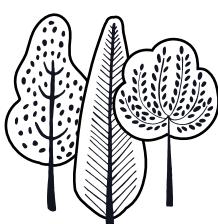
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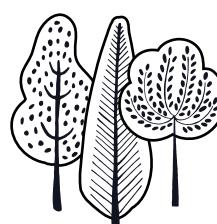
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