
LESSON 4:

Teaching Effectively

Ponder: What is Teaching in the Savior’s Way?

Everything the Savior did throughout His earthly ministry was motivated by love—His love for His Father and His love for all of us. Through the power of the Holy Ghost, we can be filled with this same love as we strive to be true followers of Christ (see John 13:34–35; Moroni 7:48; 8:26). With Christlike love in our hearts, we will seek every possible way to help others learn of Christ and come unto Him. Love will be the reason and motivation for our teaching. (See “Love Those You Teach” in *Teaching in the Savior’s Way* booklet.)

When you think about the Savior’s way of teaching, what comes to mind? Can you see Him teaching the multitudes by the sea, speaking privately with the woman at the well, or blessing a little child?

As you read about Him in the scriptures, what do you notice about His way of helping others learn and grow? What does ‘teaching in the Savior’s way’ mean to you? (See “Introduction” in *Teaching in the Savior’s Way* booklet.)



Record Your Feelings:

- Study and ponder the scripture references and watch the video below. Write in your journal the most important points you learn from each of the scriptures and from the video about teaching in the Savior’s way.
- Alma 17:2-3
- Doctrine and Covenants 42:12-14
- Jacob 1:18-19
- Doctrine and Covenants 88:77-78, 118



Watch this video and write in your journal the most important points you learn:

Teaching the Gospel in the Savior’s Way

Study and Discuss: How Can I Improve My Teaching Skills

- Study the following from *Preach My Gospel*, Chapter 10 “How Can I Improve My Teaching Skills?” including the activities and scriptures referenced in each section.
 1. How Can I Improve My Teaching Skills?
 2. How to Begin Teaching
 3. Adjust Your Teaching to Meet Needs
 4. Invite Members to Help You Teach
 5. Use the Scriptures
 6. Teach for Understanding
 7. Ask Questions
 8. Listen
 9. Help People Resolve Their Concerns
- Plan to discuss what you learn with your missionary preparation class, your Sunday School teacher, quorum or auxiliary leader, a family member, a class member, or a friend.
- Write down the impressions you feel and ideas you learn through these discussions about teaching effectively.

Prepare to Serve

- Review the section “Ideas for Study and Application” at the end of Chapter 10 of *Preach My Gospel*. Do some of the exercises under the subtitle “Personal Study” so you will gain a personal witness of the principles you have learned. Write down your answers in your study journal.
- Plan to discuss your answers with your teacher or quorum / auxiliary leader.
- Add to your journal any new impressions and ideas you learn through these discussions.
- Read and do all the exercises pertaining to the principle “Work: Take Responsibility and Persevere” in Chapter 6 of the self-reliance booklet *My Foundation for Self-Reliance*. If you have not done so, ask your quorum or auxiliary leader about joining a self-reliance group in your ward or stake. Plan to complete the twelve-week group process as part of your missionary preparation.