

## The Prophet of God



Thomas S. Monson

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Surely the Lord God will do nothing,  
but he revealeth his secret unto his  
servants the prophets.

Amos 3:7

# Family Home Evening

*Principles of the Gospel*

LESSON 9

## Prophets of God

**Mondays has been set aside by Church  
Leaders as "Family Home Evening".**

Family home evening is a special time set aside each week that brings family members together and strengthens their love for each other, helps them draw closer to Heavenly Father, and encourages them to live righteously.

“Latter-day prophets continue to urge Church members to give highest priority to family home evening. They have promised that our dedication to this program will help protect our families against the evils of our time and will bring us abundant joy now and throughout the eternities.

All members of the Church should make Monday evening a sacred time, reserved for family home evening. Those who are married should have weekly family home evening with their spouse. As couples have children, they should include them in family home evening, adapting the program to their needs and interests and letting them participate. After the children grow up and move away, couples should continue to hold family home evening together.” - LDS.org

Please prayerfully consider the needs of your family as you prepare your weekly family home evening.

**Nellis Manor Ward  
North Las Vegas Nevada Stake**

## FHE Agenda

Opening Song:	Children’s Songbook # 110 <i>Follow the Prophet</i> (found on page 6-7)
Invocation (opening prayer)	
Praise Achievement	A moment of recognizing achievements and receiving enthusiastic support from each other.
Scripture	Doctrine and Covenants 1:38 (found on page 5)
Lesson	Summarize Lesson 9 from <i>Gospel Principles</i> manual (sample on page 3),
Activity	Funstuf - Prophet Puzzle from the January 1997 <i>Friend</i> . (found on page 4)
Picture	President Thomas S. Monson (found on page 8)
Memorize (for older children & adults)	Amos 3:7 (found on page 8)
Closing Song	Children’s Songbook # 110 <i>Follow the Prophet</i> (found on page 6-7)
Benediction (closing prayer)	
Refreshments	Cookie Ties (recipe on page 5)

fol-low the proph-et, Fol-low the proph-et; he knows the way.

3. Noah was a prophet called to preach the word,  
Tried to cry repentance, but nobody heard.  
They were busy sinning—Noah preached in vain.  
They wished they had listened when they saw the rain.

4. Abraham the prophet prayed to have a son,  
So the Lord sent Isaac as the chosen one.  
Isaac begat Jacob, known as Israel;  
Jacob’s sons were twelve tribes, so the Bible tells.

5. Moses was a prophet sent to Israel.  
He would lead them to the promised land to dwell.  
They were slow to follow, or so it appears.  
They were in the wilderness for forty years.

6. Samuel was a prophet chosen as a boy.  
Hannah promised God her son would serve with joy.  
In the tabernacle, Samuel heard his name;  
He was called by God and answered, “Here I am!”

7. Jonah was a prophet, tried to run away,  
But he later learned to listen and obey.  
When we really try, the Lord won’t let us fail:  
That’s what Jonah learned deep down inside the whale.

8. Daniel was a prophet. He refused to sin;  
So the king threw Daniel in the lion’s den.  
Angels calmed the lions, and the king soon saw  
Daniel’s pow’r was great, for he obeyed God’s law.

9. Now we have a world where people are confused.  
If you don’t believe it, go and watch the news.  
We can get direction all along our way,  
If we heed the prophets—follow what they say.

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# Follow the Prophet

With energy ♩ = 112-126

Cm

1. Ad-am was a proph - et,  
2. E - noch was a proph - et;

Fm G G7

first one that we know. In a place called Ed - en, he helped things to grow.  
he taught what was good. Peo-ple in his cit - y did just what they should.

Cm Fm G7

Ad - am served the Lord by fol - low - ing his ways. We are his de - scen - dants  
When they were so righ - teous that there was no sin, Heav'n - ly Fa - ther took them

Cm Chorus Fm

in the lat - ter days. Fol - low the proph - et, fol - low the proph - et,  
up to live with him.

G7 Cm

Fol - low the proph - et; don't go a - stray. Fol - low the proph - et,

## Sample Lesson

The story is told of a large nuclear warship. It was on the ocean late one night. It was a dark night and they were heading back to shore. The Captain noticed the warning light from another ship. Based on their current path, the two ships would hit each other! The Captain sent a message saying “Move 10 degrees starboard.” The other ship responded “Move 10 degrees port”. The Captain got irritated by the other ships response. He replied “I am a Captain in the US Navy! You move 10 degrees starboard!” The other ship responded “I am a Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class. Move your ship 10 degrees port.” The Captain was now fuming. “I have a US Nuclear Powered Ship. I order you, by the authority in my as a Captain, to move your ship 10 degrees starboard!!” The other ship responded “I’m a lighthouse. Your call.”

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is lead by a Prophet. His name is Thomas S. Monson. He is God’s spokesperson for the entire earth. He holds the “keys of the kingdom” meaning that he has the right to control the administration of the ordinances (see Matthew 16:19). No person except the chosen prophet and president can receive God’s will for the membership of the Church.

The Lord told us that “whether by my own mouth, or by the voice of my servants, it is the same.” (see D&C 1:38). Why should we follow the Prophet? Because, just like the lighthouse in the story above, Prophets see things that we can’t. A lighthouse warns of rocks or other hazards that came harm a ship. Prophets warn of dangers that can harm us.

What dangers have Prophets of God warned us about? Here are a few of them.

- “The Church has been and now is unalterably opposed to gambling in any form” (Heber J. Grant)
- “No father, no son, no mother, no daughter should get so busy that he or she does not have time to study the scriptures and the words of modern prophets.” (Spencer W. Kimball)
- “Not only should we teach men to get out of debt but we should teach them likewise to stay out of debt.” (Harold B. Lee)
- “Every Latter-day Saint should make the study of the Book of Mormon a lifelong pursuit.” (Ezra Taft Benson)
- “In revelation the Lord has mandated that this people get all the education they can. He has been very clear about this.” (Gordon B. Hinckley)
- “Stay away from pornography as you would avoid a serious disease. It is as destructive”. (Gordon B. Hinckley)
- There is one way you will always stay active in the Church—always be honest in your payment of tithing.” (Thomas S. Monson)

# The Prophets Puzzle

What counsel have our living prophets given us today? To find out, use a ruler to draw a straight line from the dot after the first names of each Latter-day prophet to the dot in front of his last name. Those with the same last name share a first name dot. Each line will cross a number circle and a letter circle. Write the letter on the correspondingly numbered blank below.

Joseph, Joseph F., George Albert, and Joseph Fielding •		• Leo
Brigham •	• (H)	• Woodruff
John •		• Hunter
Willford •	• (E)	• Young
Lorenzo •	• (9)	• McKay
Heber J. •	• (12)	• Hinckley
David O. •	• (5)	• Snow
Harold B. •	• (8)	• Benson
Spencer W. •	• (1)	• Grant
Ezra Taft •	• (K)	• Smith
Howard W. •	• (F)	• Kimball
Gordon B. •	• (10)	• Taylor
	• (11)	
	• (T)	
	• (3)	
	• (7)	
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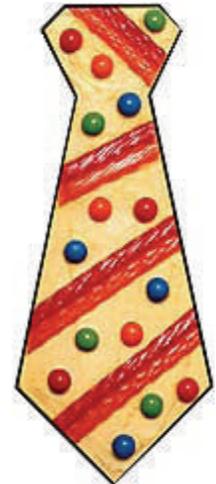
Answer  
Keep the faith.

## Cookie Ties

Men often get ties for gifts, but this tie is unusual because it is edible!

To make about six of these colorful cookie ties, you will need: 1 cup butter, softened; 2/3 cup sugar; 1 egg; 1 teaspoon vanilla; 2 1/2 cups flour; a pencil; tracing paper; a rolling pin; Butter Cream Frosting (see recipe below); and candies of your choice. Optional for each cookie-tie gift: a tie box, stickers, and tissue paper.

1. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar. Add the egg and vanilla to the mixture and beat until light and fluffy. Stir in the flour until well blended.
2. Cover and refrigerate the dough for 2 hours. Trace the tie pattern on this page, and cut it out.
3. On a clean, lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to 1/4" (6 mm) thickness. Using the traced pattern, cut out the tie shapes with a table knife. Place the cookies 1" (2.5 cm) apart on an ungreased cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350° F (175° C) for 8–10 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool completely, then frost and decorate with candies (see illustration).
5. If desired, decorate a tie box with stickers for each gift. Then wrap each cookie tie in tissue paper and place it in a tie box.



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What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself; and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same.

Doctrine and Covenants 1:38