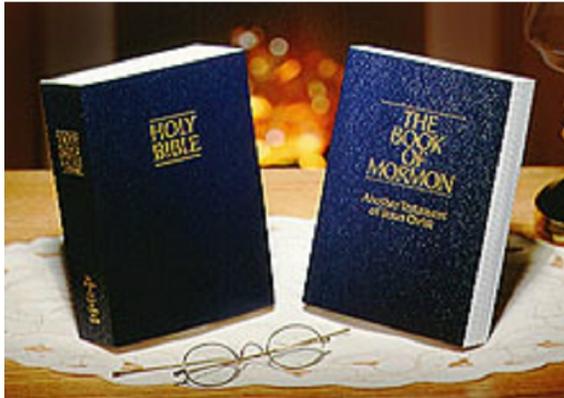


8. Word of God



We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

8th Article of Faith



Family Home Evening

Principles of the Gospel

LESSON 11

The Life of Christ

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.

"Family home evenings should be scheduled once a week as a time for discussions of gospel principles, recreation, work projects, skits, songs around the piano, games, special refreshments, and family prayers. Like iron links in a chain, this practice will bind a family together, in love, pride, tradition, strength, and loyalty." (Ezra Taft Benson)

Remember to prayerfully consider the needs of your family when you are preparing this Family Home Evening Lesson!

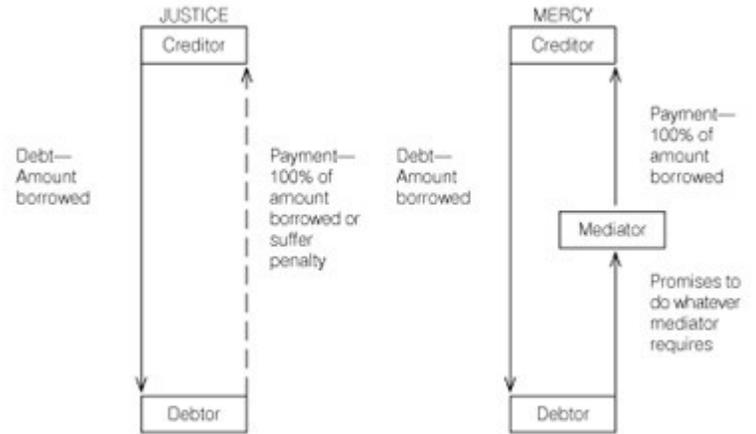
Sorry for no refreshments this week. I ran out of room in the booklet!

**Don't forget the Ward Fireside
Tonight (30 March 2008)!!!**

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

FHE Agenda

Opening Song:	Children's Songbook # 1 <i>Jesus Says Love Everyone</i> (found on page 7)
Invocation (opening prayer)	
Praise Achievement	A moment of recognizing achievements and receiving enthusiastic support from each other.
Scripture	John 15:13 (found on page 3)
Lesson	Summarize Lesson 11 from <i>Gospel Principles</i> manual (Outline on page 3),
Activity	A Parable About Justice and Mercy By Elder Boyd K. Packer - Apr 77 General Conference (found on pages 4-7)-(DVD enclosed)
Picture	Gospel Art Picture Kit # 212 (found on page 8)
Memorize (for older children & adults)	The 8th Article of Faith (found on page 8)
Closing Song	Children's Songbook # 61 <i>Jesus Says Love Everyone</i> (found on page 7)
Benediction (closing prayer)	
Refreshments	None this week



Jesus Said Love Everyone

Lovingly ♩ = 104-120

E♭ B♭7 Cm F7 B♭

Je - sus said love ev - 'ry - one; Treat them kind - ly too.

E♭ C7 Fm E♭ B♭7 E♭

When your heart is filled with love, Oth - ers will love you.

Words and music: Moiselle Renstrom, 1889-1956

Matthew 5:43-46; 22:37-39
John 13:34-35

“There is a way! The law of justice can be fully satisfied and mercy can be fully extended—but it takes someone else. And so it happened this time.

“The debtor had a friend. He came to help. He knew the debtor well. He knew him to be shortsighted. He thought him foolish to have gotten himself into such a predicament. Nevertheless, he wanted to help because he loved him. He stepped between them, faced the creditor, and made this offer.

“ ‘I will pay the debt if you will free the debtor from his contract so that he may keep his possessions and not go to prison.’

“As the creditor was pondering the offer, the mediator added, ‘You demanded justice. Though he cannot pay you, I will do so. You will have been justly dealt with and can ask no more. It would not be just.’

“And so the creditor agreed.

“The mediator turned then to the debtor. ‘If I pay your debt, will you accept me as your creditor?’

“ ‘Oh yes, yes,’ cried the debtor. ‘You save me from prison and show mercy to me.’

“ ‘Then,’ said the benefactor, ‘you will pay the debt to me and I will set the terms. It will not be easy, but it will be possible. I will provide a way. You need not go to prison.’

“And so it was that the creditor was paid in full. He had been justly dealt with. No contract had been broken.

“The debtor, in turn, had been extended mercy. Both laws stood fulfilled. Because there was a mediator, justice had claimed its full share, and mercy was fully satisfied”

Lesson Outline

The Life of Christ Was Predicted Long before His Birth

Adam told name of Savior (Moses 6:51-52)

Enoch saw Crucifixion and Resurrection (Moses 7:55-56)

Noah & Moses testified (Moses 8:23-24)

Isaiah - atonement (Isaiah 55:3-7)

Nephi, son of Lehi (1 Nephi 11:18-21)

King Benjamin (Mosiah 3:5-8)

He Was the Only Begotten of the Father

Birth & life covered in Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John in New Testament

“Jesus is the only person on earth to be born of a mortal mother and an immortal father. That is why he is called the Only Begotten Son. From his mother he inherited mortality and was subject to hunger, thirst, fatigue, pain, and death. He inherited divine powers from his Father. No one could take the Savior’s life from him unless He willed it. He had power to lay it down and power to take up his body again after dying. “

He Led a Perfect Life

Jesus obeyed all commandments

At age 12, went to the Temple (Luke 2:46-4)

Only did the will of the Father (John 8:28-29)

Baptized by John to fulfill all righteousness

(Matthew 3:13-17, also 2 Nephi 31:4-7)

Was tempted by Satan, did not heed temptations (Matt 4:1-11)

He Taught Us How to Love and Serve One Another

Jesus taught us the two great commandments (Matt 22:36-39)

Because of His love, Jesus performed many miracles

He Organized the Only True Church

Jesus ordained the Apostles to testify of Christ and to lead His Church. With His authority; they could teach, baptize, and perform other ordinances.

He Redeemed Us from Our Sins and Saved Us from Death

The atonement of Christ was the greatest sacrifice.

What Does the Savior’s Life Mean for Us?

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13)

If we don’t repent, the Atonement will be all in vain.

A Parable About Justice & Mercy

“Let me tell you a story—a parable.

“There once was a man who wanted something very much. It seemed more important than anything else in his life. In order for him to have his desire, he incurred a great debt.

“He had been warned about going into that much debt, and particularly about his creditor. But it seemed so important for him to do what he wanted to do and to have what he wanted right now. He was sure he could pay for it later.

“So he signed a contract. He would pay it off some time along the way. He didn’t worry too much about it, for the due date seemed such a long time away. He had what he wanted now, and that was what seemed important.

“The creditor was always somewhere in the back of his mind, and he made token payments now and again, thinking somehow that the day of reckoning really would never come.

“But as it always does, the day came, and the contract fell due. The debt had not been fully paid. His creditor appeared and demanded payment in full.

“Only then did he realize that his creditor not only had the power to repossess all that he owned, but the power to cast him into prison as well.

“ ‘I cannot pay you, for I have not the power to do so,’ he confessed.

“ ‘Then,’ said the creditor, ‘we will exercise the contract, take your possessions, and you shall go to prison. You agreed to that. It was your choice. You signed the contract, and now it must be enforced.’

“ ‘Can you not extend the time or forgive the debt?’ the debtor begged. ‘Arrange some way for me to keep what I have and not go to prison. Surely you believe in mercy? Will you not show mercy?’

“The creditor replied, ‘Mercy is always so one-sided. It would serve only you. If I show mercy to you, it will leave me unpaid. It is justice I demand. Do you believe in justice?’

“ ‘I believed in justice when I signed the contract,’ the debtor said. ‘It was on my side then, for I thought it would protect me. I did not need mercy then, nor think I should need it ever. Justice, I thought, would serve both of us equally as well.’

“ ‘It is justice that demands that you pay the contract or suffer the penalty,’ the creditor replied. ‘That is the law. You have agreed to it and that is the way it must be. Mercy cannot rob justice.’

“There they were: One meting out justice, the other pleading for mercy. Neither could prevail except at the expense of the other.

“ ‘If you do not forgive the debt there will be no mercy,’ the debtor pleaded.

“ ‘If I do, there will be no justice,’ was the reply.

“Both laws, it seemed, could not be served. They are two eternal ideals that appear to contradict one another. Is there no way for justice to be fully served, and mercy also?