

I Am a Child of God
Primary Program
2008

Leader - This year's theme is "I Am a Child of God." The Primary's focus is helping the children understand that as children of God, they are part of an eternal plan. As our children follow Jesus Christ and His teachings, rich blessings are surely in store for them. Psalm 82:16 reads "All of you are children of the most High."

SONG – "I AM A CHILD OF GOD"

_____ I am a child of God, and He has a plan for me.

_____ I lived with Him in the premortal world.

_____ I am created in His image.

_____ I learned of and accepted Heavenly Father's plan.

_____ Jesus created this world for all of God's children.

_____ Adam and Eve were our first parents.

SONG – "TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS"

_____ The scriptures teach me about Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

_____ I can learn how to return to Them.

_____ The Bible and Book of Mormon testify of Jesus Christ.

_____ Bible stories teach me how to live the gospel.

_____Book of Mormon stories also teach me how to live the gospel.

SONG – “IF THE SAVIOR STOOD BESIDE ME”

_____Jesus Christ is my Savior.

_____Jesus Christ is the Savior of all mankind.

_____Jesus Christ loves me.

_____Jesus Christ lives today. He will come again.

SONG – “HOME”

_____Heavenly Father planned for me to come to a family.

_____I can strengthen my family now.

_____Each member of my family has a divine role.

_____The priesthood can bless and strengthen my family.

_____Scripture study, family prayer, and family home evening can strengthen my family.

INTERMEDIATE HYMN – “WE THANK THEE, O GOD, FOR A PROPHET”

_____I will follow the prophet because he leads the church as directed by the Lord.

_____The prophet teaches me to read and pray about the book of Mormon.

_____The prophet teaches me what I must do to live with God again.

SONG – “I LOVE TO SEE THE TEMPLE”

_____The temple is a blessing for me and my family.

D&C 124:40 – “And verily I say unto you, let this house be built unto my name, that I may reveal mine ordinances therein unto my people.

I will live now to be worthy to go to the temple and do my part to have an eternal family. I will pay my tithing to help build temples. I will do family history work so my ancestors can receive temple blessings. I will be reverent, dress modestly, and speak kindly to be worthy to enter the temple.

SONG – “WHEN JESUS CHRIST WAS BAPTIZED”

_____D& C 68:27 – “And their children shall be baptized for the remission of their sins when eight years old, and receive the laying on of hands.”

I have shown my faith by being baptized and confirmed and keeping my baptismal covenants. The Holy Ghost prompts me to repent and live righteously since I have been baptized and confirmed. When I take the sacrament, I renew my baptismal covenants.

_____Because I am His child, I will serve God with all my heart, might, mind, and strength.

D&C 4:2 – “Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day.”

_____I will serve God by doing things on the Sabbath that will help me feel close to Heavenly Father and Jesus. I can also serve Heavenly Father by serving others. The prophets and apostles teach me how to serve. Elder Carlos H. Amado Of the Seventy said, “Service makes us strong in our faith and useful in His kingdom. Service gives us purpose and courage in life. It brings us closer to God and helps us

refine our divine nature. It teaches us to love and understand our fellowmen, and it helps us forget about our personal desires, eliminating selfishness, pride, and ingratitude. It teaches us to think of the needs of others, which allows us to develop the virtues that the Savior possesses.”

_____ I can pray to Heavenly Father, and He will hear and answer my prayers.

Mark 11:24 – “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

I learn about prayer from the scriptures. Heavenly Father wants me to pray to Him often—anytime, anywhere. He knows me. He will answer my prayers in ways that are best for me through the Holy Ghost.

_____ I am thankful to know that we are all children of God.

D&C 59:7 – “Thou shalt thank the Lord thy God in all things.”

I am thankful to be a beloved child of God. I am thankful for my body and know that it is a temple. Heavenly Father loves all of His children, and I can show respect and kindness to all of God’s children too.

_____ Although we are all children of God, we are all different. We all have different talents and gifts from our Father in Heaven. We can thank Him for our gifts and talents by working hard to develop them.

_____ I love my Savior, Jesus Christ, and His restored gospel.

2 Nephi 25:26 – “And we talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies.”

The prophets foretold Jesus Christ would come to the earth. The prophecies were fulfilled. Jesus Christ was born and the righteous rejoiced. Jesus Christ restored His gospel through the Prophet Joseph Smith. Because I know that I am a child of God and that Jesus Christ is my Savior, I will follow His example.

_____ Because I know we are all children of God, I will share the gospel with others.

D&C 18:15 – “And if it so be that you should...bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy.”

I will prepare to be a missionary by praying and reading the scriptures daily. I will be faithful and obedient. Living the gospel standards helps me be a missionary now. I help to bless others when I share the gospel.

BISHOP'S REMARKS

CLOSING HYMN: “CALLED TO SERVE”