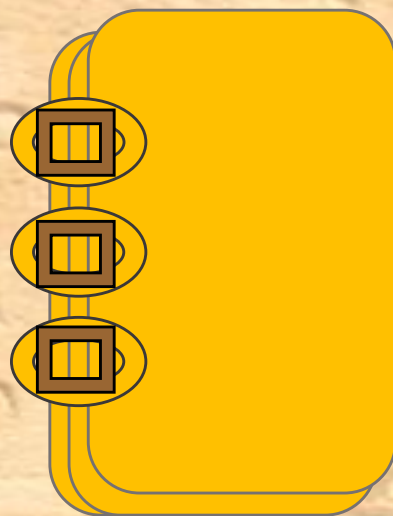


# Christ Examines the Scriptures 3 Nephi 23

Lesson 131

Suggested Song:  
#Search, Ponder, and  
Pray #109 Children's  
Songbook





# Great are the Words of Isaiah

“...ye ought to search these things. Yea, a commandment I give unto you that ye search these things diligently; for great are the words of Isaiah.”



¶ Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.”

Isaiah 34:16



# Delighting in the Scriptures

“...For my soul delighteth in the scriptures, and my heart pondereth them, and writeth them for the learning and the profit of my children.

“Behold, my soul delighteth in the things of the Lord; and my heart pondereth continually upon the things which I have seen and heard.” (2 Ne. 4:15–16.)



**The Savior  
commands us  
to give heed  
to His words  
and to search  
diligently the  
words of the  
prophets**

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.

D&C 1:38



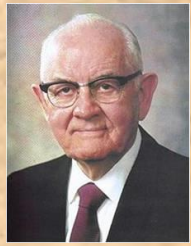
# Scriptures Will Influence



“It is my conviction that one of the most powerful influences in the world is the word of God and when the Lord’s words are learned and taught in the right spirit our lives are changed forever. I am equally certain that when we learn to use a few simple scripture study skills we improve our ability to discover uplifting insights, receive personal revelation, and draw closer to the Lord.”  
David B. Marsh



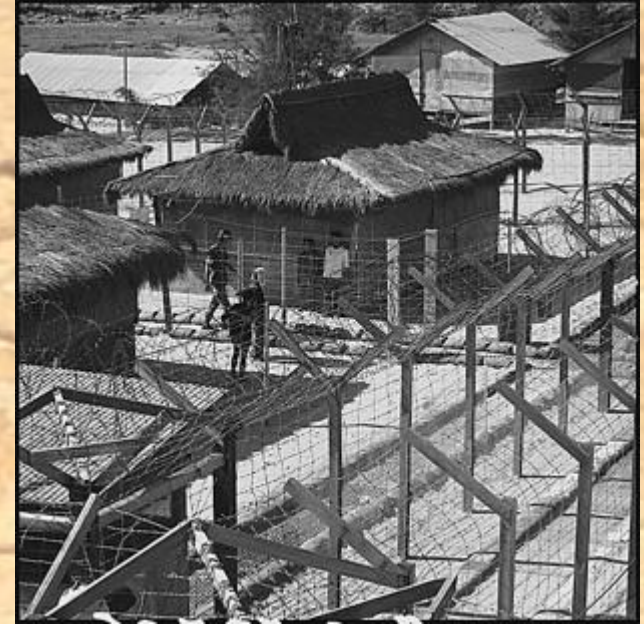




# Living Without

During the war in Vietnam, some of our men were taken prisoner and kept in nearly total isolation. Permitted no access to the scriptures, they later told how they hungered for the words of truth, more than for food, more than for freedom itself. What they would have given for a mere fragment of the Bible or Book of Mormon that lay so idly on our shelves!

--Spencer W. Kimball





# Making Records Complete

When the Savior taught the Nephites, He pointed out that their record keepers had neglected to include an important event that came in fulfillment of prophecy

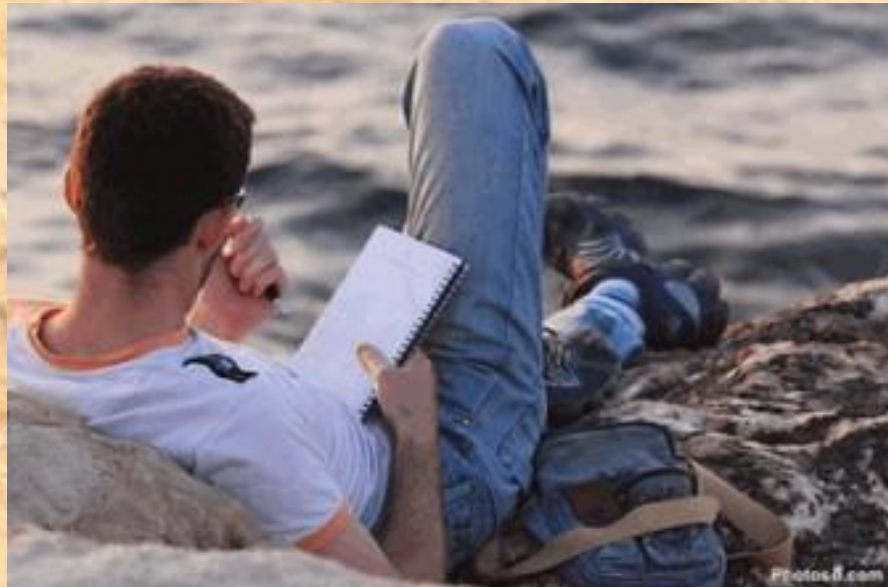






# Recording Spiritual Blessings

“Some people say, ‘I don’t have anything to record. Nothing spiritual happens to me.’ I say, ‘Start recording, and spiritual things will happen. They are there all the time, but we become more sensitive to them as we write’”



There is something eternal in the very nature of writing, as is so graphically illustrated by the scriptures themselves. In a very real sense, our properly written histories are a very important part of our family scripture and become a great source of spiritual strength to us and to our posterity.”

Elder John H. Groberg

**Recording spiritual experiences can help strengthen our faith and the faith of others**



# How to Study the Scriptures

Read from cover to cover.  
Search for answers to personal questions or challenges  
Study topics listed in the Topical Guide or Guide to the Scriptures.  
Research how the Lord uses a specific word throughout the scriptures  
Mark phrases, underline words, or write notes in the margins of your scriptures



“One thing is certain: there is no one right way to study the scriptures.  
While there is no one right way to study the scriptures, there are certain skills that can help us get the most out of our scripture study...  
The more we master these skills, the more satisfying our scripture study will become.”  
David B. Marsh







# The Vast Amount Of Tools

Any tools that assist in the reading and studying of the scriptures are useful and are likely to promote familiarity with these sacred volumes. Such activity invariably will lead to an increase not only of knowledge, but also of faith.  
Gordon B. Hinckley





# What to Ask While Studying



Who Am I?



What can I become?



What prophecies are for me and my future family?



How I must live in order to endure to the end and return to our Heavenly Father with honor?



What are the commandments, laws and ordinances, and covenants I must live by to obtain eternal life?





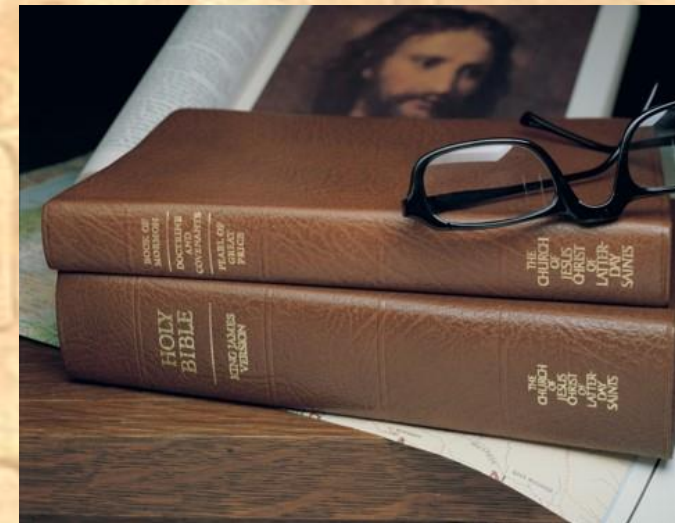
# What About the Scriptures?

¶ Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”  
John 5:39



“But now hold your peace; study my word which hath gone forth among the children of men, and also study my word which shall come forth among the children of men, or that which is now translating, yea, until you have obtained all which I shall grant unto the children of men in this generation, and then shall all things be added thereto.”  
D&C 11:22

“Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men. Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life.”  
2 Nephi 31:20

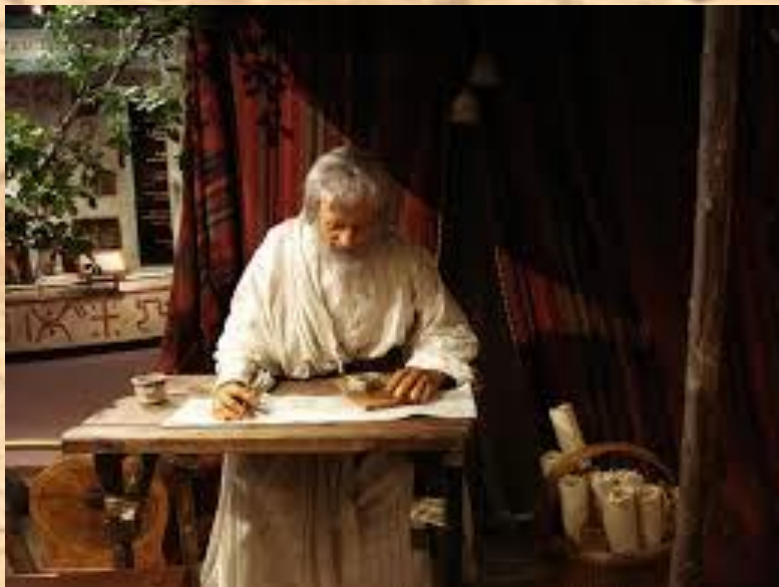
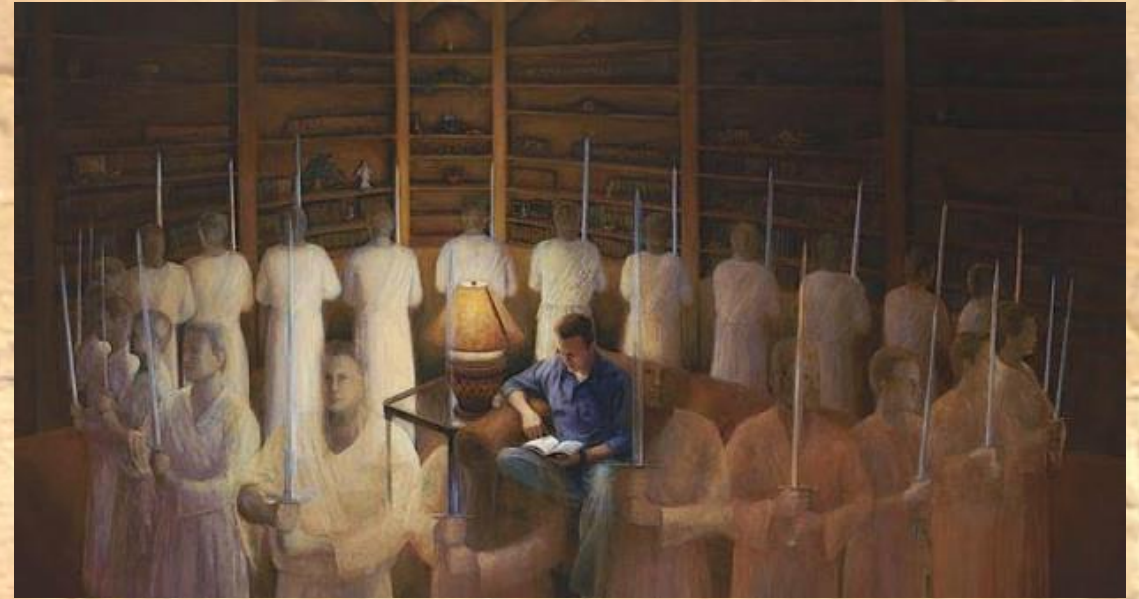






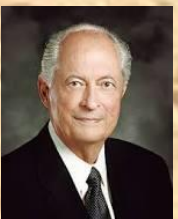
**“There are certain blessings obtained when one searches the scriptures. As a person studies the words of the Lord and obeys them, he or she draws closer to the Savior and obtains a greater desire to live a righteous life. The power to resist temptation increases, and spiritual weaknesses are overcome. Spiritual wounds are healed”**

**Elder Merrill J. Bateman**



**“As with voices from the dust, the prophets of the Lord cry out to us on earth today: take hold of the scriptures! Cling to them, walk by them, live by them, rejoice in them, feast on them. Don’t nibble. They are “the power of God unto salvation” that lead us back to our Savior Jesus Christ. If the Savior were among us in the flesh today, He would teach us from the scriptures as He taught when He walked upon the earth.”**

**Robert D. Hales**

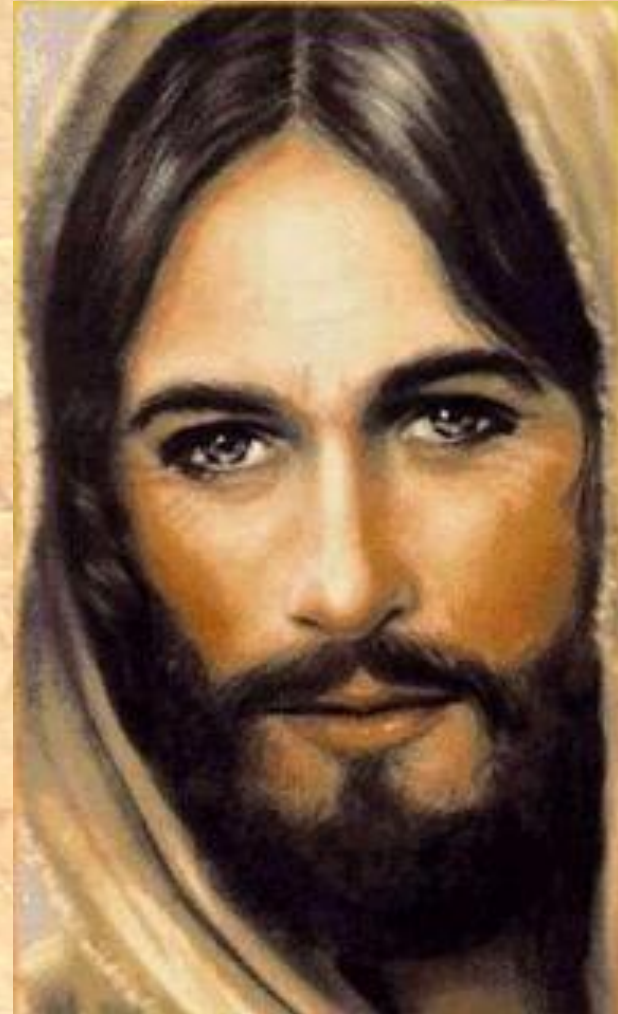




# What Does Jesus Asks of Us?

“Therefore, go ye unto your homes, and ponder upon the things which I have said, and ask of the Father, in my name, that ye may understand, and prepare your minds for the morrow, and I come unto you again.”

3 Nephi 17:3



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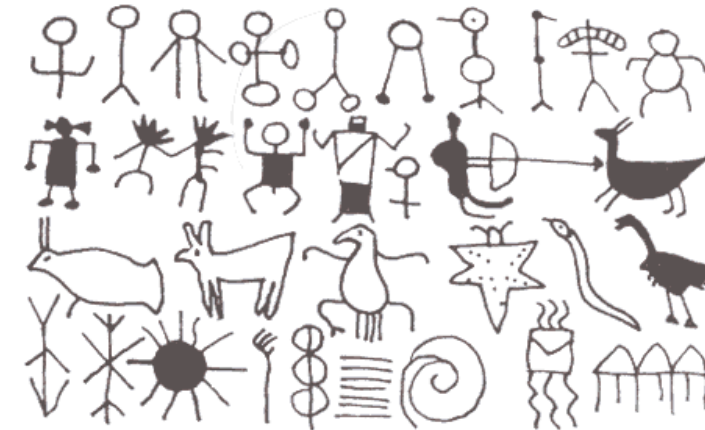
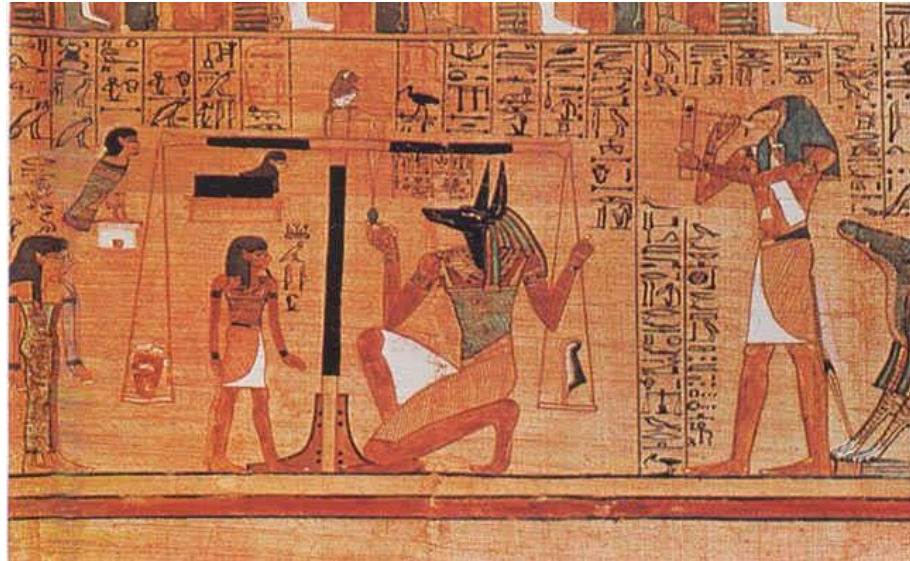
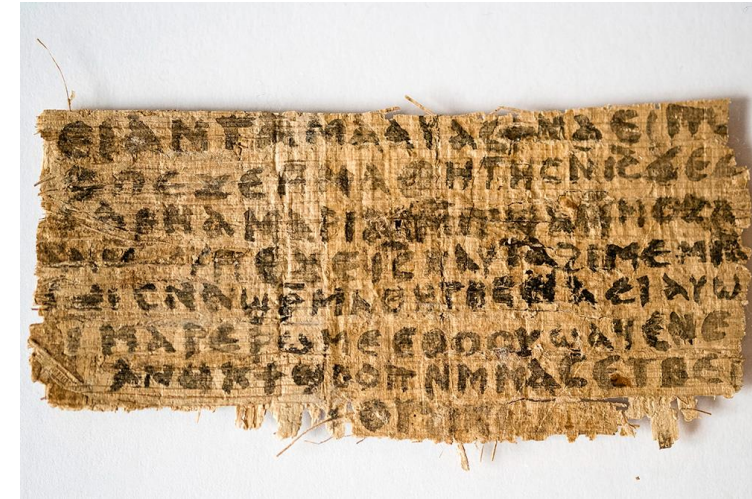
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The Sumerians in Mesopotamia (southern Iraq)  
Sumerians' input technology was a stylus that  
could scratch marks in wet clay.

About 2600 B.C., the Egyptians wrote on the  
papyrus plant

Around 100 A.D., the Chinese made paper  
from rags, on which modern-day papermaking  
is based,



prehistoric petroglyphic imagery from Western U.S.  
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