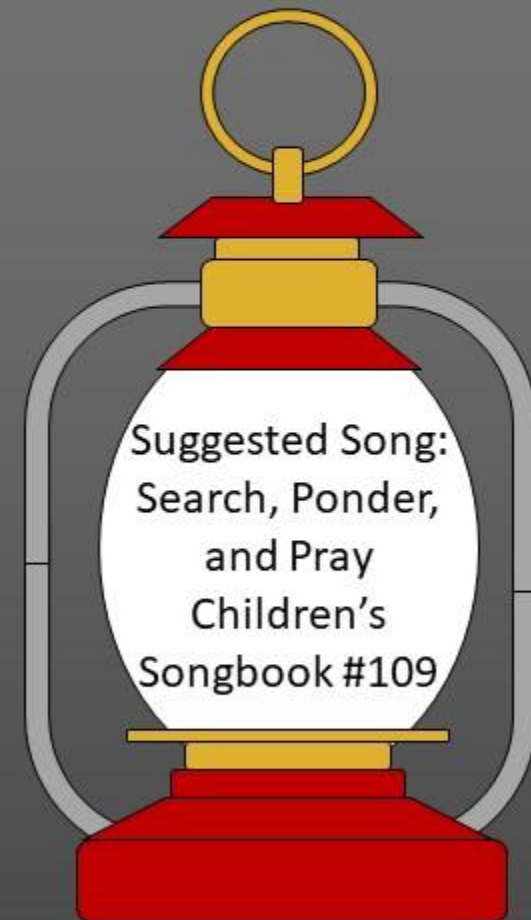
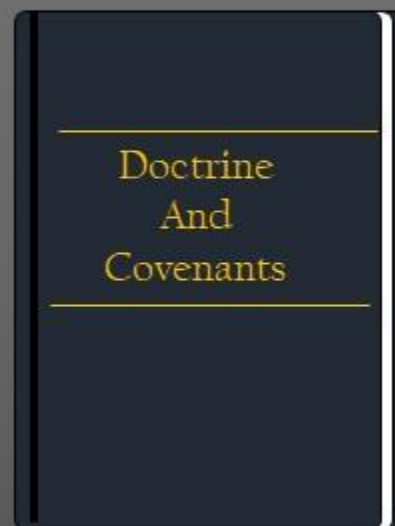
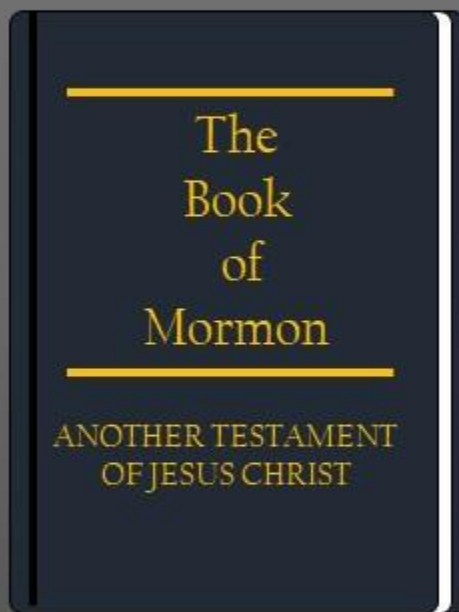
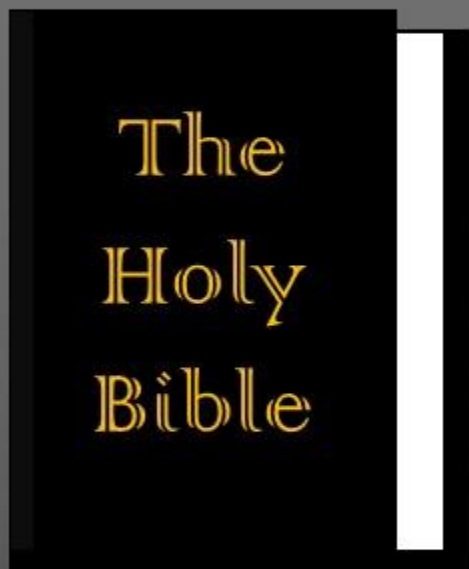
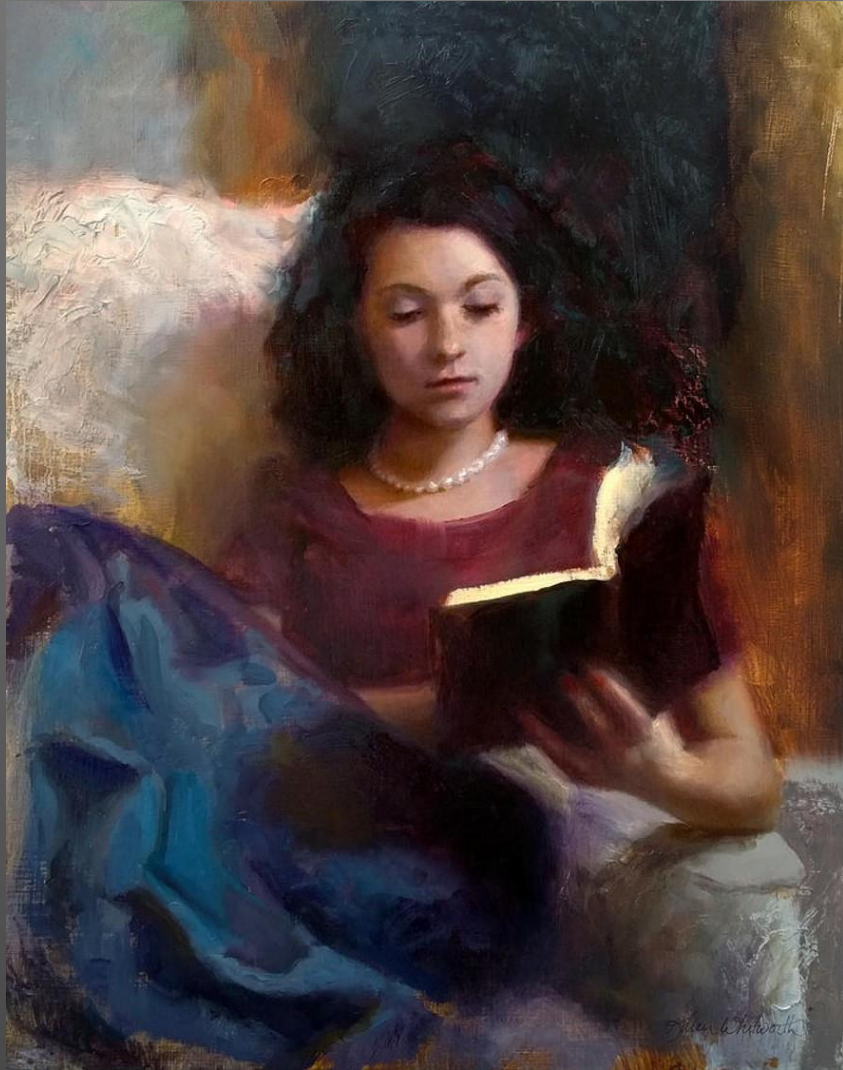


Studying the Scriptures



Why Do We Read the Scriptures?



To enlarge our memory

To convince us of error

To bring us the knowledge of Christ

To bring us to repentance

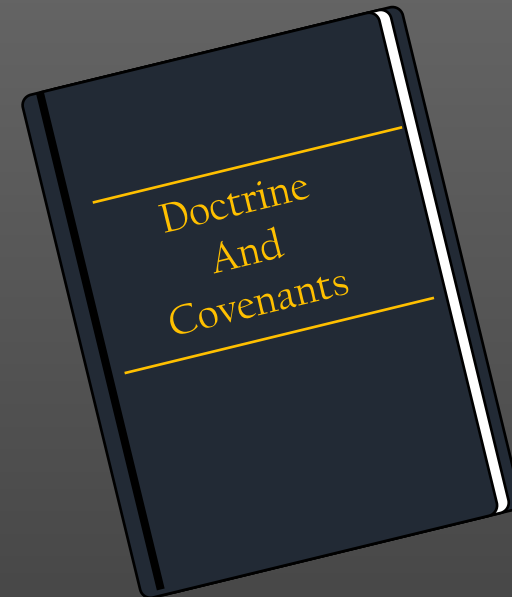
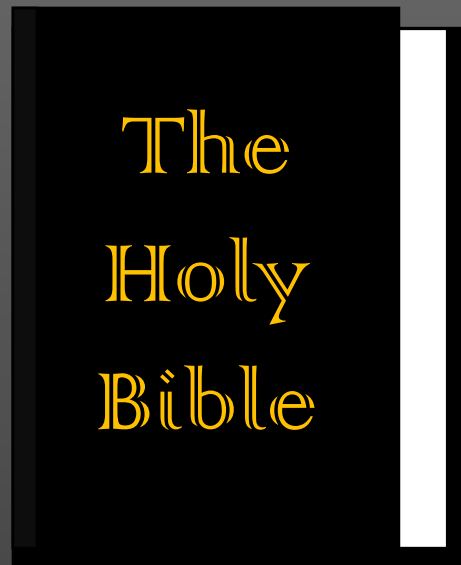
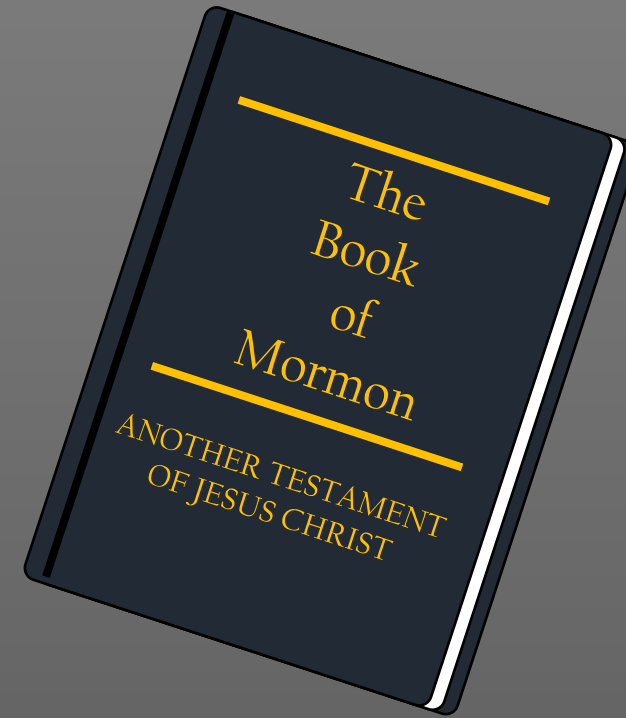
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Now...find these objects

Is it easier to find the object if you had known what objects to look for?

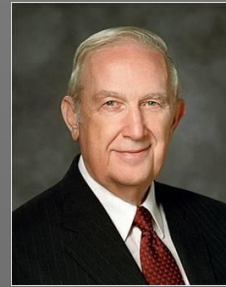
It is easier to search for something when we know what we are looking for, our scripture study can be more meaningful when we know what to look for as we study.





“One cannot honestly study the scriptures without learning gospel principles because the scriptures have been written to preserve principles”

President Marion G. Romney



“Principles are concentrated truth, packaged for application to a wide variety of circumstances. A true principle makes decisions clear even under the most confusing and compelling circumstances”

Elder Richard G. Scott

What is a Principle?

Principles and doctrines of the gospel of Jesus Christ are fundamental, unchanging truths that provide guidance for our lives.



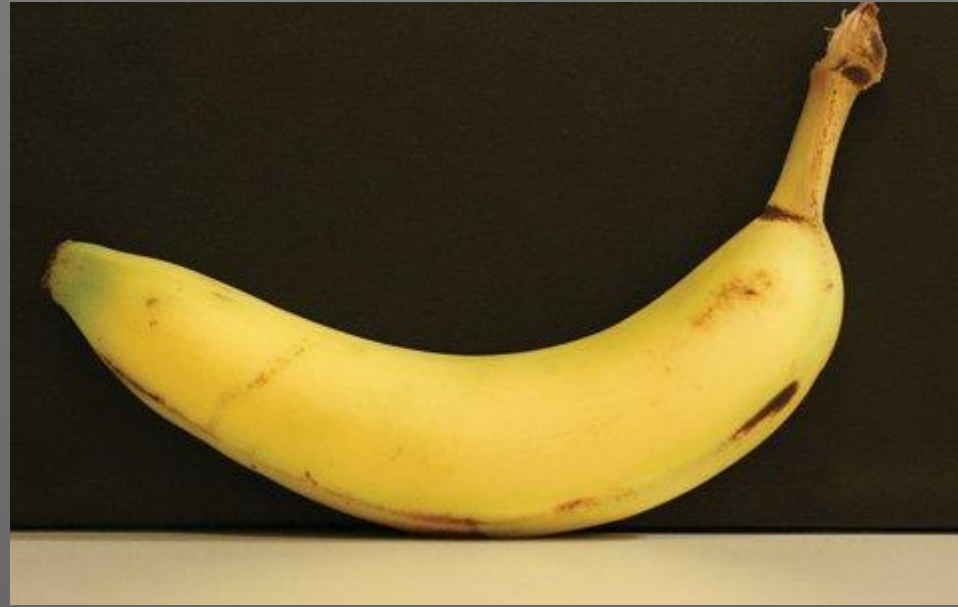
Why is finding a principle in the scriptures important?

Doctrines and principles are what the Lord and His prophets intended us to learn from the revelations, sermons, and events recorded in the scriptures.

Joseph Smith's First Vision



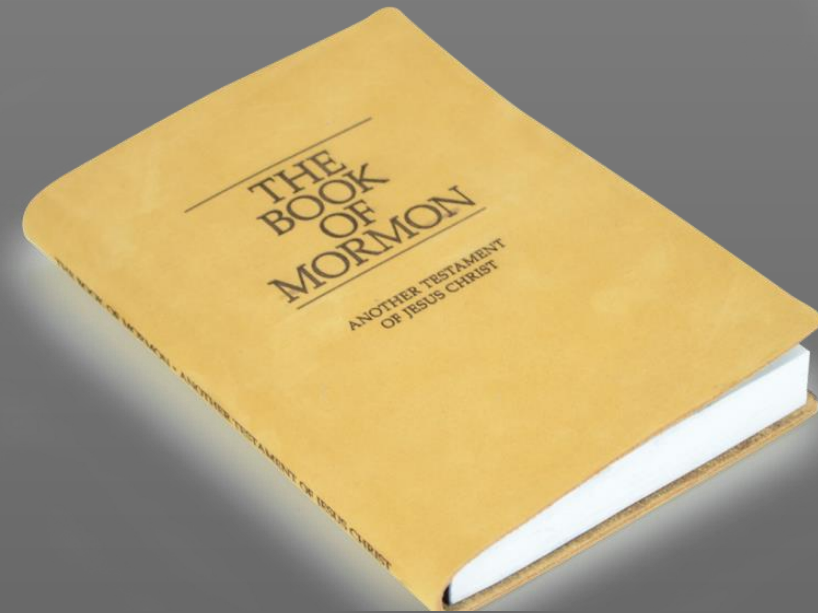
What must you
do to eat this
fruit?



What is the
purpose of the
outer covering?

To preserve and transport the contents

The outer covering can be likened to the events, people, and sermons of the scriptures.



Much like the peel preserves and helps transport the fruit inside, these scriptural accounts convey gospel doctrines and principles to us in a way that helps us understand, remember, and apply them in our lives.

Ways to Study the Scriptures

Substitute your name in place of a name in the scriptures



Behold, thou art _____, and I have spoken unto thee because of thy desires; therefore treasure up these words in thy heart. Be faithful and diligent in keeping the commandments of God, and I will encircle thee in the arms of my love. D&C 6:20

Cause and Effect:
Look for “if–then” and “because–therefore”



Behold, I say unto him, he exalts himself and does not humble himself sufficiently before me; *but if he will bow down before me, and humble himself in mighty prayer and faith, in the sincerity of his heart, then will I grant unto him a view of the things which he desires to see.*

D&C 5:24

Scripture Lists:
Make lists of things such as instructions or warnings



And ^afaith, ^bhope, ^ccharity and ^dlove, with an ^eeye single to the ^fglory of God, ^gqualify him for the work.

6 Remember faith, ^avirtue, knowledge, ^btemperance, ^cpatience, ^dbrotherly ^ekindness, ^fgodliness, charity, ^ghumility, ^hdiligence.

D&C 4:5-6

Ways to Study the Scriptures

Contrasting:
Look for
contrasts in
ideas, events,
and people



23 And that which doth **not** edify is not of God, and is **darkness**.
24 That which is of God is light; and he that **receiveth light**, and continueth in God, receiveth more light; and that light groweth brighter and **brighter** until the perfect day.
25 And again, verily I say unto you, and I say it that you may know the truth, that you may chase darkness from among you; D&C 50:23-25

Visualize:
create a mental
picture as you
read



And then they shall look for me, and, behold, I will come; and they shall see me in the ^aclouds of heaven, clothed with power and great ^bglory; with all the holy angels; and he that ^cwatches not for me shall be cut off. D&C 45:44

Symbolism:
Look for words like
“like,
as, or likened”



2 Behold, I am God; give ^aheed to my ^bword, which is quick and ^cpowerful, ^dsharper than a two-edged sword, to the dividing asunder of both joints and marrow; therefore give ^eheed unto my word.
3 Behold, the field is ^awhite already to harvest; therefore, whoso desireth to reap let him thrust in his sickle with his ^bmight, and reap while the day lasts, that he may ^ctreasure up for his soul ^deverlasting salvation in the kingdom of God. D&C 11:2-3

Ways to Study the Scripture

Pondering
thinking, meditating,
asking questions, and
evaluating what you know
and what you have
learned.

→ See D&C 138

Cross-reference:
Use footnotes, and other scriptural
references and the Bible Dictionary



39 And it shall come to pass that he that feareth me shall be looking forth for the great day of the Lord to come, even for the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

32b	Job 2: 9; Rev. 16: 11, 21.	e	D&C 68
33a	D&C 43: 18; 84: 118; 88: 87 (87, 90).	f	TC Jesus Man.
b	D&C 63: 33.	40a	Joel 2: 3
35a	Matt. 24: 6.	41a	Joel 1: 1
36a	Matt. 24: 27; D&C 45: 28.		D&C 29 (25–26).
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b	2 Pet. 3: 12 (10–13); D&C 35: 15 (15–16); 49: 23; Moses 7: 62.		D&C 88
c	TC Day of the Lord.	43a	TC Israel of; Israe of.
d	TC Jesus Christ, Second Coming.	44a	Ex. 19: 9
		b	TC Glory of

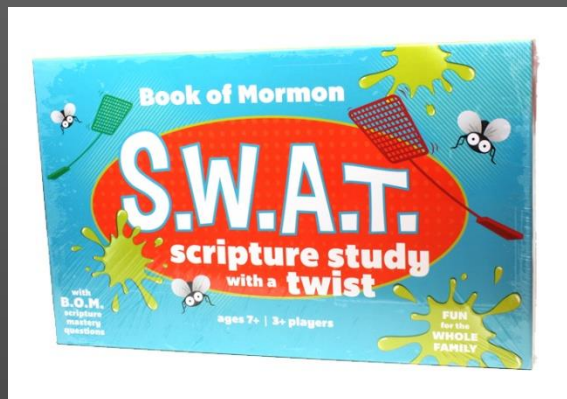
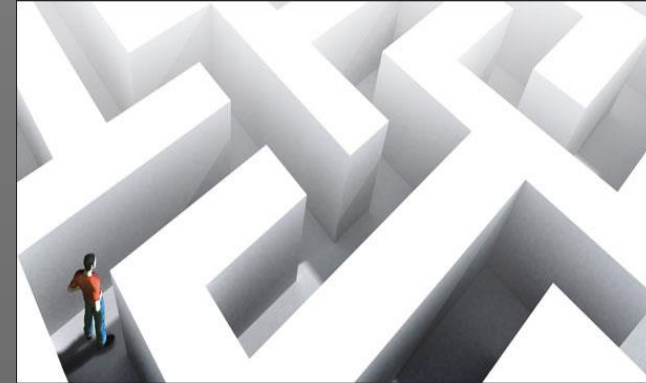


“If [you] are acquainted with the revelations, there is no question—personal or social or political or occupational—that need go unanswered.

Therein is contained the fulness of the everlasting gospel.

Therein we find principles of truth that will resolve every confusion and every problem and every dilemma that will face the human family or any individual in it”

Boyd K. Packer



“One of the most important things you can do ... is to immerse yourselves in the scriptures. Search them diligently.

Feast upon the words of Christ. Learn the doctrine. Master the principles that are found therein”

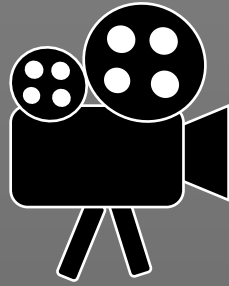
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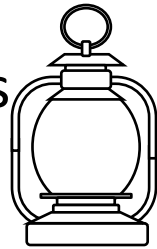
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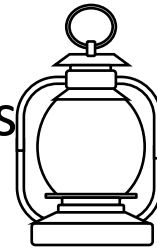
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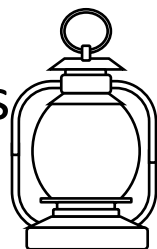
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