

Welcome to Young Women!

Here is some information that you will find joyous and uplifting. The Young Women Program is full of new and exciting things that will help you become closer to Christ and to strengthen your testimony of Him and His church.

- ✿ The **PURPOSE** of the Young Women organization is to help you "come unto Christ" (Moroni 10:32). By following the Savior's example and teachings, you can fulfill your mortal mission and return to live with your Heavenly Father.
- ✿ The Young Women **THEME** helps you understand your identity, purpose, and destiny as a daughter of God. The Young Women and Leaders repeat the theme each Sunday during opening exercises and at other Young Women gatherings.
- ✿ The Young Women **THEME** supports the 3-fold mission of the Church in the following ways:
  - ✿ Proclaim the gospel: "We will 'stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places'."
  - ✿ Perfect the Saints: "We strive to live the Young Women values, which are Faith, Divine Nature, Individual Worth, Knowledge, Choice and Accountability, Good Works, and Integrity."
  - ✿ Redeem the dead: "We believe as we come to accept and act upon these values, we will be prepared to make and keep sacred covenants, receive the ordinances of the temple, and enjoy the blessings of exaltation."
- ✿ The Young Women **VALUES** are based on principles of the gospel that have been identified specifically for the needs of young women today. Our lessons and activities will help you understand these principles, gain your own experience with them and accept them as your personal values. The **SCRIPTURE REFERENCES** will give you insight into the meaning of each value. The colors associated with the values are to help you remember the values.
  - ✿ Faith (White): I am a daughter of Heavenly Father, who loves me, and I will have faith in His eternal plan, which centers in Jesus Christ, my Savior (D&C14:7)
  - ✿ Divine Nature (Blue): I have inherited divine qualities which I will strive to develop (2 Peter 1:4-7)
  - ✿ Individual Worth (Red): I am of infinite worth with my own divine mission, which I will strive to fulfill (D&C 18:10)
  - ✿ Knowledge (green): I will continually seek opportunities for learning and growth (D&C 88:118)
  - ✿ Choice and Accountability (Orange): I will remain free by choosing good over evil and will accept responsibility for my choices (Joshua 24:15)
  - ✿ Good Works (yellow): I will nurture others and build the kingdom through righteous service. (3 Nephi 12:16)
  - ✿ Integrity (purple): I will have the moral courage to make my actions consistent with my knowledge of right and wrong. (Job 27:5)
- ✿ The Young Women **MOTTO** is "Stand for Truth and Righteousness" and the Young Women **LOGO** is a torch surrounded by the Young Women Motto. The torch represents the light of Christ, inviting all to "Come Unto Christ" (Moroni 10:32). It invites all young women to hold up the light of Christ by keeping His commandments.

❁ **STANDARDS FOR THE STRENGTH OF YOUTH** have been established by the First Presidency. Refer to pages 2-4 in your Personal Progress Book. Review these with your parents, then personally and prayerfully to know of their truthfulness. These will help you prepare to stand as a witness for Christ.

❁ **PERSONAL PROGRESS** is a program specifically for the young women of the church. It will help you understand more fully the Young Women Values, and why you should strive to live them. For more detailed information, refer to pages 1, 7-8 in your Personal Progress book. You will work on Personal Progress by yourself, with help available from your parents and Young Women Leaders.

❁ There are three **AGE-GROUPS** in Young Women:

- \* Beehives (ages 12 and 13)
- \* Mia Maids (ages 14 and 15)
- \* Laurels (ages 16 and 17)

Welcome to the Young Women Organization! We love you and look forward to getting to know you, and you us. Please join us every Sunday for a wonderful lesson, friendships, and love. We have planned many fun activities for our mid-week activities. See you there – Be sure not to miss it!