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"Because I know that good information leads to good inspiration..."

Russell M. Nelson



At GOOD INSPIRATION we love helping
LEADERS, TEACHERS, and PARENTS
answer the hard questions
by shining a **LIGHT** on some
GOOD IDEAS & INFORMATION.

THIS WEEK'S HARD QUESTION ...



"HOW can I help those I lead, teach, and love
ACT UPON the INVITATIONS of our prophet
to immerse themselves in the RESTORATION, so
they are prepared for the Bicentennial Conference?"



A GOOD IDEA

Make each of the things the prophet
has invited us to do to prepare for
this historic conference, into
"INVITATION" cards & worksheets.
Then share and discuss these invites
with those you lead, teach, and love!



the question ...



search & gather ...



ponder & pray ...



a good idea!

"The ideas at GOOD INSPIRATION are to help you in your gathering of information. As you do your part to search and gather, and as you ponder and pray, you are opening the door for the Spirit to LEAD OUT. The Spirit knows what the members and your family need and can prompt you to modify, add to, or even create a whole new idea based off of this idea. A truly effective leadership idea is Spirit driven!

April Sorbonne

THE GOOD IDEA LEAD TO A LESSON

HOLD a "Get Immersed in the Restoration" Kick-off Meeting / Lesson / or FHE

To help plan and prepare for the historic Bicentennial General Conference, we dedicated a meeting to the Restoration. The inspiration we received for the meeting was to cover the following points...**we were to:**

* SHARE what Elder Gerald N. Lund recently said when speaking at a Come Follow Me fireside:

"The Book of Mormon is a lesson in obedience."

* DISCUSS the difference between blind obedience and trust obedience.

* SHARE that our attitude matters to our Heavenly Father. Murmuring is easier to do than we think and blocks blessings.

We shared the following excerpts from the February 2015 General Conference talk, "Beware of Murmuring",
by H. Ross Workman:

"The simplest of instructions may reveal the tendency to murmur. I attended a meeting once when the presiding authority invited members of the congregation to come forward in the meeting room. A few stirred. Most did not. Why not?"

"I feel sure there were those who questioned why they should leave their comfortable position. "Why should I?" That question was, no doubt, followed promptly by an excuse or rationalization as to why it should not matter whether the seat was changed or not. I believe there followed some irritation that the presiding authority should make such a request. The last step, obvious to all who observed, was slothfulness in responding. Few moved. Was that a small thing? Yes. But it reflected a deeper, more profound lack of willingness to obey. It reflected a spirit of disobedience. That is not a small thing."

"I was recently in a Church meeting in West Africa when a priesthood leader invited the brethren to come forward and occupy the first three rows of the chapel. Every man immediately stood and moved his seat according to instruction. A small thing? Yes. But it reflected a willingness to obey. That is not a small thing."

* SHARE that obedience is essential to realize the blessings of the Lord and reminded them that at last October's conference the prophet invited us to do several things to prepare for the bicentennial conference in April. We next passed out the "An Invitation from President Russell M. Nelson" envelopes with their invitations inside. Members were called upon to read aloud each of the prophet's invitations from the cards, which were also enlarged on a keynote presentation.

* FOCUS on the "Design Your Plan" invitation where the prophet states, "Design your own plan to immerse yourself in the...Restoration, as you do...conference in April will be...unforgettable." We brainstormed and collaborated ideas with our ward members on the whiteboard so they could come up with a variety of ideas to use in their plans. We made one list of ward ideas to help us get immersed in the Restoration as a ward and one for personal ideas to help us get immersed individually. One idea our members came up with was to have weekly ward Facebook and Instagram photos with Restoration themes. Three members volunteered to oversee this.

We wrote down on our "Design Your Plan" worksheets what we wanted to go and do to prepare for the Bicentennial Conference and what questions the Book of Mormon answered for us. These printables are in the third PDF file of this kit. We decided that the Sacrament meeting before the bicentennial Conference would be special and exclusively focused on the Restoration. IDEA: If you are doing this as a family, consider holding a special family restoration dinner the week before the Bicentennial Conference where everyone at the table shares a thought or feeling about the Restoration.

EFFECTIVE OUTCOMES

We observed in our meeting that our ward members did not know the specifics of what our prophet has invited them to do. Now they KNOW! We noticed strong collaboration in them as they brainstormed ideas for their plans. Many of our ward members lingered after the meeting was over to talk about what they were planning to do to prepare. Ward members asked for extra invites to share with other roommates and friends. The meeting increased their desire to share the Restoration with others. The topic of the Restoration is now a little bit of "buzz" in our ward whether in Sacrament meeting talks or in FHE activities. Ward members started sharing with us when they completed something from their Design Your Plan checklist, such as finishing reading the book Saints.

I hope that these ideas will inspire you and perhaps spark your own teaching ideas as you Lead Out with the Restoration.
April

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