



Simplified Instructions for Primary Meetings

Primary leaders and teachers have been called and set apart to help children feel Heavenly Father’s love and learn about His plan of happiness. We do this as we love, minister to, and teach children the gospel of Jesus Christ through the scriptures and music.

The Primary presidency plans and conducts the opening of Sunday Primary meetings.

Sunday Primary Meeting (ages 3–11 years)	Length: 50 minutes
Welcome by a member of the Primary presidency Opening prayer, scripture or article of faith, and talk or testimony—all given by children A member of the bishopric may offer a message.	5 minutes
Singing time	20 minutes
Transition to classes	5 minutes
Classes and closing prayer	20 minutes
Nursery (ages 18 months–3 years)—adjust order as needed	Length: 50 minutes
Welcome by nursery leader Opening prayer by nursery child, if possible	5 minutes
Activity (Snack, play with simple toys and games, read, and so on)	25 minutes
Lesson from <i>Behold Your Little Ones: Nursery Manual</i> (2008)	10 minutes
Singing time	10 minutes
Closing prayer	

In all interactions with children, we follow the Savior’s example of how He loved the children. Jesus gathered children around Him and blessed them (3 Nephi 17:21–23). Always be gentle with children. Never cause physical or emotional harm. We follow the Savior’s example to always show love, patience, and kindness.

TEACHING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IN SINGING TIME AND CLASS TIME



Invite Children to Learn by Hearing

EXAMPLES

Singing Time: Testify of a gospel truth found in the song. After children sing, ask, “What do you feel?”

Class Time: Teach and testify of a gospel truth in the scriptures. For example, share a testimony of prayer.



Invite Children to Learn by Moving

EXAMPLES

Singing Time: Use hand motions, clapping, standing, or repeating the song in various ways.

Class Time: Act out gospel principles, such as service and kindness, or draw a picture.



Invite Children to Learn by Seeing

EXAMPLES

Singing Time and Class Time: Use simple objects to teach principles. Show pictures from the *Come, Follow Me* manual, *Gospel Art Book*, or *Friend* magazine.



Invite Children to Learn through Questions

EXAMPLES

Singing Time: Ask, “What have you learned about Jesus from this song?”

Class Time: Ask, “What does this scripture teach you about Heavenly Father’s love?”

Resources in the Gospel Library

TEACHING

- Scriptures
- *Come, Follow Me* lessons: “Ideas for Teaching Children” sections
- *Come, Follow Me*: “Appendix B: For Primary—Preparing Children for a Lifetime on God’s Covenant Path”
- “Teaching Children,” in “Suggestions for a Variety of Teaching Settings and Learners,” *Teaching in the Savior’s Way: For All Who Teach in the Home and in the Church* (2022), 31–32

SINGING

- *Come, Follow Me*: “Appendix C: For Primary—Instructions for Singing Time and the Children’s Sacrament Meeting Presentation”
- “Videos” and “Singing Time,” in *Children, Gospel Library*