

Gospel Literacy



Needs

There are many adult members of the Church who cannot read or write. This makes it hard for them to fully engage in living the words of God by studying scriptures and Church materials, teaching at home, and fulfilling callings or assignments (see Doctrine and Covenants 84:44). By learning to read and write in at least one language, a member can fully engage in gospel study and Church service and gain key life skills.



Description

The Gospel Literacy program is part of *Come, Follow Me*. It helps members engage in home-centered, Church-supported gospel learning. The Gospel Literacy material provides more support to members who want to strengthen the following:

- Reading and writing skills
- Basic gospel knowledge
- Teaching at home and in the Church

The program is taught during the second hour of Church meetings every Sunday with small classes of no more than eight learners. Classes include activities and picture discussions on gospel topics. Learners are invited to share their spiritual insights and experiences. The focus is to help each other live the words of God and progress on the covenant path to eternal life.

Before starting the program, each learner is assessed to learn which of six manuals they should begin with. During the week, learners use their workbook to do activities that help them practice and apply the lessons they learn in the classroom. Teachers ensure that learners have someone to practice with during the week.

Since the program is workbook based, learners do not need an internet connection or an electronic device.



Who is this for?

Gospel Literacy is for members of the Church who cannot read or write in at least one language. However, anyone is welcome to join. The Gospel Literacy program is available in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish.



How it works

The area presidency must give permission to offer Gospel Literacy in the area. Once permission is given, area, stake, and ward or branch leaders receive training on how to run the Gospel Literacy program. Stake specialists and ward Gospel Literacy teachers receive training on how to help adults learn to read and write.



Where to learn more

Visit gospelliteracy.ChurchofJesusChrist.org, or contact your local welfare and self-reliance manager.