

**1. What does the word “Praise” mean?**

To express great approval, admiration, and respect for a person’s achievements.

**2. Is music a good way to show and express praise?**

In a revelation given to the Prophet Brigham Young the Lord commanded his people to “Praise the Lord with singing...” (D&C 136:28)

**3. In the song “Praise to the Man” who is “the Man” the author is praising?**

W.W. Phelps wrote the song “Praise to the Man” to express his love and admiration for the Prophet Joseph Smith who “has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it.” (D&C 135:3)

**4. Read the words to the first verse of the song “Praise to the Man” out loud.**

(If you wish to print sheet music visit: <http://www.lds.org/churchmusic>.)

**5. Do you understand the meaning of all the words in the song “Praise to the Man”?**

W.W. Phelps wrote the song “Praise to the Man” over 100 years ago and some of the words might sound a little foreign to us until we learn their meaning in words that we understand.

**6. Discuss the definition of each phrase of the first verse of the song “Praise to the Man” one at a time. (See Activity.)**

Helping your children to understand the significance of Joseph Smith’s contribution to the world through this wonderful song of praise can help them gain a greater love for the Prophet and strengthen their testimonies.

**Quote:** “We do not worship the Prophet...But we acknowledge the Prophet; we proclaim him; we respect him; we reverence him as an instrument in the hands of the Almighty in restoring to the earth the ancient truths of the divine gospel, together with the priesthood through which the authority of God is exercised in the affairs of His Church and for the blessing of His people.”  
*Gordon B. Hinckley, Ensign, Dec. 2005 © 2006 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*