

1. Watch chapter 13 from the Animated Complete Learning System, *The Joseph Smith Story DVD*.
(Also available for viewing online.)

2. “Teach your children of the Prophet Joseph Smith.”

“We sing that great hymn ‘We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet’ (Hymns, number 19)... I think of the Prophet Joseph Smith, of the boy who went into the woods and prayed for light and understanding, unto whom God the Father and the risen Son appeared and spoke. Joseph Smith organized The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and became the first prophet and President of the Church... I want to give my testimony that what he said is true, and I want to urge you to teach your children of the Prophet Joseph.”
(Gordon B. Hinckley, Regional conference, Asunción, Paraguay, 10 August 1997 © 2005 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.)

3. Name some of the important things that Joseph Smith did for the salvation of man?

Joseph Smith helped to restore the gospel to the earth and organized The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He became the first prophet and President of the Church. He translated The Book of Mormon, built the first latter-day temple, and received most of the revelations found in the Doctrine and Covenants. Joseph Smith, Jr. was an example of faith and courage. (See D&C 135:3.)

4. How can we show our gratitude to Joseph Smith for his role in the restoration of the gospel?

(List and discuss ideas to show gratitude.)

5. Joseph Smith exemplified love and devotion to family?

The love and devotion for family that the Prophet Joseph exemplified can do much to inspire all Latter-day Saints to become celestial sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, as our prophets have counseled. “As a son, he was nobility itself, in love and honor of his parents; as a brother he was loving and true, even unto death; as a husband and father, his devotion ... stopped only at idolatry.” The Benjamin F. Johnson Letter to Elder George S. Gibbs, p. 4, pamphlet in the Historical Department, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. © 2006 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

6. “Early in Joseph Smith’s marriage, he learned that his success in doing the work of the Lord was directly linked to the harmony that prevailed in his home.

While he was working on the translation of the Book of Mormon, Joseph and Emma had ‘some words,’ as every young married couple occasionally does. Joseph went upstairs in the Whitmer home to continue the translation of the Book of Mormon, but he discovered that he could not, for ‘all was dark.’ It wasn’t until Joseph had retired to the woods to pray for forgiveness and then returned to obtain Emma’s forgiveness that the Spirit of the Lord returned so that the translation could continue.” Leonard J. Arrington, *Ensign*, Jan. 1971, © 2006 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

7. How can we follow Joseph’s example of love and devotion to God and to family?

(List and discuss ideas. Set goals to create a more harmonious home.)