

Prophets & General Conference

Scripture: Amos 3:7 “Surely the Lord God will do nothing save he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets”

Opening Song: We Thank Thee O God for a Prophet - [Hymns #19](#)

Lesson: When we came to earth it was important for us to know Heavenly Father’s plan and commandments for us. If we are going to return to live with him we need some direction here on the earth so we can become like him. So he gave us prophets. Prophets are men who are chosen by Heavenly Father to be able to talk to Him and get direction for us.

We can read about ancient prophets in our scriptures. They tell us the stories of prophets that lived a long time ago. *(Have family match prophets to their stories with the visuals)*

After Jesus died the church fell into apostasy which means there were no prophets on the earth for a very long time. This was very sad because there was no one on the earth authorized to give direction from Heavenly Father. So, after this long apostasy, in 1820 a boy named Joseph Smith prayed to Heavenly Father to know what church to join. Heavenly Father and Jesus appeared to Joseph and told him to restore the true church on the earth. Joseph Smith became the first prophet after the apostasy.

Many people still think that Heavenly Father doesn’t speak to prophets today. This is also very sad, because Heavenly Father loves the people on the earth today just as much as he loved the people who lived long ago. There are 15 people today who are called to be prophets, seers and revelators. They are the first presidency and the quorum of the twelve apostles. They are authorized by our Heavenly Father to speak for him and tell us the things that we need to be doing. We can find things that they say in our church magazines - The Ensign, New Era and Friend. Twice a year we have a special meeting called General Conference. For two days we have meetings where the prophet and apostles can speak to us. We can listen to them speak to us on our TVs, or go to the church to watch or even go to Salt Lake City where they’re having the conference to see it live. We’re so blessed to be able to hear the words of the prophets right away when they speak them without even having to leave our home! It is very important for us to listen to them talk in this conference and then go out and do what we’re taught.

We’ve been promised is that if we listen to General Conference with questions or concerns in our minds, Heavenly Father will help us find the answers we’re looking for. So before Conference stop for a few minutes and think about something you’d like to get an answer to. Pray about it, and then during Conference listen carefully listen to the Holy Ghost to help you hear the answers that are there for you.

Bear your testimony: Of prophets and how they lead us today. Share an experience of when following the prophet blessed you, or gave you an answer to your questions.

Closing Song: Follow the Prophet - [Children's Songbook #110](#)

Activity: Write your own inspired questions for General Conference

Treat: Cinnamon rolls, or whatever food is traditional for your family for conference