



Come Follow Me



Jesus teaches that we must become as little children.

Read and discuss Matthew 18:1–6, 10–11, 14.

- **Why do you think the disciples were concerned about who would be the greatest in the Lord's kingdom?** (Matthew 18:1; Mark 9:33–34).
 - **How might we sometimes make similar errors?**
 - **How can we set aside such concerns?**
 - **What is Jesus' counsel to those who desire to achieve true greatness in his kingdom?** (See Matthew 18:2–4; Mark 9:35.)
 - **Why is it sometimes difficult to follow this counsel?**
 - **How does this counsel compare with what the world teaches about how to achieve greatness?**
 - **What does it mean to become as little children?** (See Mosiah 3:19.)
 - **What have you learned from children?**
 - **How can we become more childlike and more submissive to the will of our Father in Heaven?**
 - **What does it mean to “offend one of these little ones”?** (See Matthew 18:6, footnote 6a.)
 - **What are some of the ways people cause children to stumble?**
 - **How does the Lord regard these offenses?** (See Matthew 18:6.)
 - **How can being childlike ourselves help us care for children?**
 - **What can we do to carry out God's will that “[not] one of these little ones should perish”?** (Matthew 18:14).
- “Suffer the little children to come unto me” (Mark 10:14)
- **How did Jesus' disciples respond when the little children were brought to him?** (See Mark 10:13.)
 - **What did Jesus tell his disciples?** (See Mark 10:14–15.)
 - **What did Jesus do for the children?** (See Mark 10:16.)
 - **What can we learn about Jesus from this account?**
 - **How can we better follow the example he set in this account?**

Additional discussion of Matthew 18

- Matthew 18:8–9 and Mark 9:43–48 (see also Matthew 5:29–30). What do these verses mean? (See Matthew

18:9, footnote 9a.)

- The Joseph Smith Translation of Matthew 18:11 records Jesus as saying that little children do not need repentance (footnote 11c). Why is this so? (See Moroni 8:11–12.)
- How are little children “alive in Christ”? (See Moroni 8:12; D&C 29:46–47.)
- **What must we do to become “alive in Christ”?** (See Matthew 18:4; Mosiah 3:19; Moroni 8:10.)
- Read Matthew 18:11–14. **How can we apply the parable of the lost sheep in our lives?**
- **How have you or someone you know been blessed by someone else who followed the principle of this parable?**

Through the parable of the unmerciful servant, Jesus teaches about forgiveness. Matthew 18:15, 21–35.

- In Matthew 18:15, what did the Lord say we should do if we have been offended?
- **Why is this the best way to resolve disputes?**
- **How did Jesus respond when Peter asked how often he should forgive?** (See Matthew 18:22.)
- **Why is it sometimes difficult to forgive?**
- **How have you been blessed as you have forgiven others or been forgiven by them?**
- **To further emphasize the importance of forgiving others, Jesus gave the parable of the unmerciful servant** (Matthew 18:23–35). Whom do the king and servants represent? (See Matthew 18:35. The king represents Heavenly Father, and the servants represent us.)
- **How are we like the king's servant in our debt to the Lord?** (See Matthew 18:24–27.)
- **What must we do to be forgiven of our “debt”?**
- **What can we learn from the king's example in forgiving others?** (See Matthew 18:33.)
- **What are some of the dangers of not forgiving others?** (See Matthew 18:34–35.)

Through the parable of the good Samaritan, Jesus teaches about charity. Luke 10:25–37.

- **How did Jesus respond to the lawyer who asked what**

he should do to inherit eternal life? (See Luke 10:25–28.)

- **How do the commandments to love God and our neighbors encompass all of the gospel?**
 - **How can we obey these two commandments more fully?**
 - **How did Jesus respond when the lawyer asked, “Who is my neighbour?”** (See Luke 10:29–37.)
 - **What does this parable teach about who our neighbors are?**
 - **What did the priest and Levite do when they saw the man who had been robbed and wounded?** (See Luke 10:31–32.)
 - **What are some ways that people need help today?**
 - **What are some reasons we do not help others in need?** (See Mosiah 4:16–19 for one example.)
 - **How did the good Samaritan help the man who had been robbed and wounded?** (See Luke 10:33–35.)
 - **What characteristics of a good neighbor did the Samaritan have?**
 - **How have you been blessed by “good Samaritans”?**
 - **How can we be “good Samaritans”?** (See Mosiah 4:26.)
- Mary and Martha Luke 10:38–42.
- **How was Martha serving the Lord?**
 - **What was the “good part” that Mary had chosen?**
 - **How do we sometimes become so “cumbered about much serving” that we don't receive Jesus as we should? What can we learn from these verses?**

“The Lord appointed other seventy also” (Luke 10:1)

- Discuss Luke 10:1–24. **How do the Lord's instructions to the Seventy compare with the instructions he gave the Twelve in Matthew 10?**
- **What are the responsibilities of the Seventy today?** (See D&C 107:25, 34, 38, 93–97.)

The sanctity of the marriage relationship

- **What was Jesus' response to the Pharisees' question in verse 3?** (See Matthew 19:4–6. He told them that divorce was not ordained of God.)
- **Why did Moses allow divorce among the Israelites?** (See Matthew 19:7–8.)
- **What roles do humility, forgiveness, and charity play in a successful marriage?**
- **How can striving to be Christlike help us in marriage and other relationships?**
- **How can we help persons who have suffered the trauma of divorce?**