

2023 WEEK 42 [1 AND 2 THESSALONIANS] CREATIVE NOTES

“Perfect That Which Is Lacking in Your Faith”

October 16 – October 22

OBJECT LESSON OVERVIEW & SUPPLIES

➤ “FROM YOU SOUNDED OUT THE WORD”: SCREECHING GHOST BALLOONS

-  Supplies
 - Balloons
 - Hex nuts of various sizes
 - Sharpie
 - Printable (optional)

➤ “YE RECEIVED IT NOT AS THE WORD OF MEN”: MINI-CONFERENCE BOOKS

-  Supplies
 - Printable

➤ “GOD HATH FROM THE BEGINNING CHOSEN YOU”: WIZARD WANDS

-  Supplies
 - Dowels, pencils, or skewers
 - Box cutter or pocket knife
 - Hot glue & paint
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OBJECT LESSON GUIDE

“FROM YOU SOUNDED OUT THE WORD”: SCREECHING GHOST BALLOONS

-  Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:8
- Paul commended the Saints in Thessalonica for their powerful testimonies. He taught them that their small congregation became examples to the surrounding areas and many came to the gospel because of their ability to “sound out the word of the Lord”

➤ Set up your object lesson

- Gather a few hex nuts of different sizes. The larger the size, the longer it can create sound. I liked having a variety of pitches so I used a variety pack
- Add one or more hex nuts into a deflated latex balloon
- Blow up the balloon and tie it off. For best results, don't blow it up to full size. Full size balloons make great sounds but tend to pop easily (and shoot hex nuts in all directions). You want a little bit of flexibility in your balloon
- Use the printable to add a ghost face or just draw one on with permanent marker

➤ Teach your kids about the power of testimony

- Point out that something as small as a hex nut can make a mighty sound if it is placed in the right circumstances
- Help your kids hold the balloon between two hands - the tie area in one hand and the base area in the other. Show them how to rotate the balloon quickly so the hex nuts spin around the inner perimeter of the balloon
- The nuts should make a whistling, screeching sound as they spin
- Point out that the sound is made from the small, flat sides of the hex nut bouncing and vibrating along the sides of the balloon

➤ When we choose to speak truth, with our words or our actions, our efforts are amplified

- If it fits, take time to talk through the three everyday missionary examples Elder de Paula Parrella used in Conference
-  [Adilson de Paula Parrella, Oct 2023, Bearing Witness of Jesus Christ in Word and Actions](#)
- “As members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we have the blessing and privilege to stand as witnesses of the Lord and His name everywhere we are.³ As we strive to live our lives in harmony with the gospel of Jesus Christ, our conduct will be a living testimony of our Redeemer and His name. Moreover, we witness of Christ in word by sharing with others what we believe, feel, or know of Jesus Christ.

- When we humbly share our testimony of the Lord through our words and actions, the Holy Ghost confirms⁴ to those with real intent, open hearts, and willing minds that Jesus is indeed the Christ.⁵”

“YE RECEIVED IT NOT AS THE WORD OF MEN”: MINI CONFERENCE BOOKS

➤ Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:11-13

- Paul taught the Saints about how Church leaders try to minister. He compared good teachers to women who love and care for children and fathers who exhort and comfort their kids
- He complimented the Saints for choosing to abide by their words as leaders. Their faith and actions demonstrated to Paul that they understood his words were not good ideas from kind men but the word of God

➤ Set up your object lesson

- Work together with your kids to create your mini Special Witness Conference Books
- Point out that these 15 men are unique in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints because they, like Paul, have been called to be Special Witnesses of Jesus Christ.

-  [Global Leadership of the Church Page](#)

- “The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints follows the same pattern as the church that Jesus Christ established during His mortal ministry, restored in modern times. He remains the head of the Church and directs His chosen servants as they lead.

The leaders of the worldwide Church are known as General Authorities and General Officers. General Authorities include the First Presidency, the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, General Authority Seventies, and the Presiding Bishopric. General Officers include the General Presidencies of the Relief Society, Primary, Sunday School, Young Women, and Young Men organizations.

The First Presidency is the highest governing body of the Church. Along with the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, members of the First Presidency are special witnesses of Jesus Christ. They seek the Lord's guidance as they oversee the affairs of the Church."

- Use the books throughout the next six month
 - Make time to study each of the talks of these 15 prophets, seers, and revelators
 - Incorporate their teachings into your lessons and activities
 - Help your kids find the everyday and eternal applications for each talk
 - As you watch, listen, and read their words, mark the boxes along the bottom
- Testify about the power of words of God as taught by prophets and apostles
 -  [David A Bednar as cited in the Church Newsroom](#)
 - "The basic pattern is to identify the fundamental doctrine or principle that is being taught, find invitations to act related to that doctrine or principle, and then also recognize the promised blessings that will come as we act in accordance with that invitation," he said.

In an interview leading up to the 191st Annual General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Elder Bednar recalled earlier Church presidents — including President [Harold B. Lee](#) and President [Spencer W. Kimball](#) — teaching that conference messages should serve as an important guide in our lives until the next general conference.

As a young man, Elder Bednar was impressed that the Church presidents admonished Church members to earnestly study general conference talks. As Elder Bednar worked to follow that counsel, he found that almost every message included doctrine and principles and an invitation to act, followed by a promised blessing. He began marking out three columns on a sheet of paper with the column headings of (1) doctrine or principle taught, (2) invitation to act, and (3) promised blessings — and then used the template as a learning tool as he studied conference messages.

The invitation to act is important because faith in the Savior is a principle of action and of power. As a servant of the Lord, my role is not to just disseminate information. If people are to increase in faith in Jesus Christ, then they need to act in accordance with the teachings of the Savior. And as His representative, I want to extend those invitations to act so faith in Him can grow deeper and stronger.”

“GOD HATH FROM THE BEGINNING CHOSEN YOU”: WIZARD WANDS

-  Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
 - Paul warned that there would be a falling away before the Savior’s second coming. Modern revelation helps us understand that this occurred after the time of the Apostles of Jesus Christ
 - Paul wanted these Saints to understand that there would be real dangers from the Adversary during this pivotal time when wickedness would be revealed.
 - He also taught them that they were “chosen” by God to push back against false traditions and stand fast in their testimonies of Christ
- Set up your object lesson
 - Watch a Harry Potter movie with your kids or talk through the basic story line
 - If you want to have more fun, create wands by following these steps:
 - 1. Use a pocket knife to rough-up the surface of your sticks and create one narrow end
 - 2. Use sandpaper to smooth any splintering wood
 - 3. Create a handle with rubber bands or globs of hot glue
 - [This video has some good tips](#)
 - 4. Paint with acrylic paint or color with Sharpies
 - Help them draw connections between Hogwarts and this mortal life
 - Hogwarts is school designed to help those who have potential to be great learn to use their abilities
 - They are given special tools to help them accomplish hard things

- It requires years of study and patience to develop their skills
 - Although the school is inherently good, there are dangers and evil motives of others that frequently get in the way
 - When the good guys work together they find creative ways to outsmart danger and make their world a better place
- Talk about the warnings of Paul and his incredible hope in these Saints
- Paul knew that there were real dangers and evils abounding in the world but he also knew the forces for good were stronger
- We chose to come to this fallen world because we knew it was the only way we could grow and progress to be like our Heavenly Parents
- Our Heavenly Parents knew the risks and equipped us with what we would need to be successful and return stronger
 - Gathering with other Saints (like the Hogwarts houses)
 - Prophets and apostles to guide our steps (like the professors)
 - Scriptures to help us learn from the past (like the library)
 - The light of Christ, the Holy Ghost, and unique spiritual gifts (like the wands, invisibility cloaks, time turners, etc)
 - [Gary E Stevenson, Oct 2023, Promptings of the Spirit](#)
 - "...it is important to remember that a gift alone does not a master make. Extraordinary natural talent notwithstanding, it is through painstaking and laborious practice and effort that performers refine and hone their craft to reach their highest level of artistry. Even those gifts received and unwrapped are often accompanied by the dreaded language "some assembly required."
- Likewise, I have observed a learning curve associated with spiritual gifts. Exercising spiritual gifts requires spiritual exercise. "Having the guidance of the Holy Ghost in your life requires spiritual work. This work includes fervent prayer and consistent scripture study. It also includes keeping your covenants and God's commandments. ... It includes worthily partaking of the sacrament each week."³