

Involving the Lord in Your Learning

“I Will Be with Thee”

Prepare to study by listening to a hymn or song and saying a prayer. Create a note for this lesson in your seminary notebook. As you study, write any questions you have and look for answers.

Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ want to help us in every aspect of our lives, including our efforts to learn and gain formal education. This lesson can help you involve the Lord in every aspect of your education as you seek learning by study and by faith.

Study the Scriptures

Have you ever found yourself in a similar situation?

- You are discouraged in a class at school and want to give up.
- You have questions about continuing your education in your young adult years. You don't know where you should continue attending school or even if you should.
- It is your first week in a new job, and you don't feel adequate for the work or tasks.

The scriptures contain many examples of people who involved the Lord to help them gain understanding and overcome challenges. Study the following scripture accounts about people who faced difficult and uncertain situations. Look for examples of how these individuals involved the Lord as they sought understanding.

Take notes and mark what you find in your scriptures.

Joseph Smith

[Joseph Smith—History 1:10–18](#)

Nephi

[1 Nephi 11:1–9](#)

The brother of Jared

[Ether 1:38–42; 2:22–25; 3:1–6](#)

Based on what you have learned from the scriptures, complete the following statement:

As I involve the Lord in my learning, He can ...

Complete the following activities.

Ways to involve the Lord in your learning

- Which of the following statements are true?

It would be helpful to involve the Lord while...

- doing homework
- taking tests
- learning in class
- working on class assignments
- working on class projects

(Each one of the statements is true.)

Study [Alma 34:20–27](#) looking for ways you can involve the Lord in your learning. Even though this passage refers to prayer, the same principle can be applied to involving the Lord in your learning at school.

List as many ideas as you can think of to complete this sentence.

I can involve the Lord in my learning by... .

Read the [statement from the talk “Becoming More in Christ: The Parable of the Slope.”](#) by Elder Clark G. Gilbert of the Seventy as he describes his experience involving the Lord in his learning.

As a young boy, I had great aspirations. One day after school, I asked, “Mom, what should I be when I grow up: a professional basketball player or a rock star?” Unfortunately, Clark “the toothless wonder” showed no signs of future athletic or musical glory. And despite multiple efforts, I was repeatedly denied admission to my school’s advanced academic program. My teachers finally suggested I should just stick to the standard classroom. Over time, I developed compensating study habits. But it wasn’t until my mission to Japan that I felt my intellectual and spiritual possibilities begin to emerge. I continued to work hard. But for the first time in my life, I systematically involved the Lord in my development, and it made all the difference.

Take time to reflect on the following statements using a scale of 1 (never) to 5 (very often):

1. I pray to Heavenly Father for help before I study or start a project for school. _____

