

## Doctrine and Covenants 115 (DC41.1)

“Thus Shall My Church Be Called”

Prepare to study by listening to a [hymn or song](#) and saying a prayer. Create a note for this lesson below. As you study, write any questions you have and look for answers.


To escape persecution in Jackson County, Missouri, thousands of Saints gathered about 50 miles (80 km) north and created a new settlement called Far West. In a revelation given to the Prophet Joseph Smith in Far West, the Lord revealed that His Church should be called The Church of Jesus Christ of Later-day Saints. This lesson can help you feel the importance of using the correct name of the Savior’s Church.

### Study the Scriptures

• Have you ever been called the wrong name? Did you correct the name mistake? How did it make you feel?

Consider the incorrect names people sometimes use when referring to the Church. As you study, look for truths that can help you better understand the importance of using the correct name of the Savior’s Church.

After experiencing increased persecution from enemies of the Church, the Prophet Joseph Smith left Kirtland, Ohio, in January 1838. He and his family relocated to Missouri, where the Saints had established a new settlement called Far West. Shortly after relocating, the Prophet received a revelation in which the Lord provided guidance about building up the Church in Far West.

Read [Doctrine and Covenants 115:1–4](#) and [3 Nephi 27:7–8](#) looking for what the Savior taught His people about the name of the Church. Ponder the following:

- What did Jesus Christ teach about the name of His Church?
- What does this name teach you about the Church?
- Why do you think the Savior feels strongly about the name of His Church?

Consider linking [Doctrine and Covenants 115:4](#) to [3 Nephi 27:7–8](#).

In [Doctrine and Covenants 115:4](#), the Savior named His Church. Read [Doctrine and Covenants 115:5–6](#) looking for how the Lord desires to bless people around the world through His Church.

Note: The word standard used in verse 5 refers to an ensign, which is “a flag ... around which people gather in a unity of purpose or identity” (Guide to the Scriptures, “[Ensign](#),” Gospel Library).

Study the highlighted section from President Russell M. Nelson’s talk “[The Correct Name of the Church](#).” Mark teachings that help you understand why it’s important to use the correct name of Jesus Christ’s Church.

Complete the following activities.

### "Arise and shine forth"

Watch as Elder Neil L. Andersen of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles shares one of many experiences people are having around the world. Or read the statement from the talk "[The Name of the Church Is Not Negotiable.](#)"

Imagine that you were asked, "Are you a Mormon?" or "Are you a member of the LDS Church?" Respond to the questions below.


### Given by the Savior

Watch as President Russell M. Nelson shares an account of how Elder Benjamín De Hoyos of the Quorum of the Seventy used the correct name of the Church. Or read the statement from the talk "[The Correct Name of the Church.](#)"

Imagine that you were asked, "Why does your Church have such a long name?" Respond to the question below.


### Members of The Church

Watch as Elder Neil L. Andersen of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles shares an account of how Brother Lauri Ahola, a Church member, used the correct name of the Church to help a friend understand he believes in Jesus Christ. Or read the statement from the talk "[The Name of the Church Is Not Negotiable.](#)"

Imagine that you were asked at school, "Aren't you a Mormon?" Respond to the question below.


