

Read, Write and Ring Bell
Doctrine and Covenants 109:24-80

Your team will need a:

Captain: Reads the questions and directs the group

Readers: Read the scriptures and the quotes. If there are enough people in the group then there can be a Scripture Reader and a Quote Reader.

Scribe: Writes the answers for the group. Everyone in the group should participate.

Bell Ringer: Runs the answers to the teacher to be checked and then rings the bell for the next set of questions.

Everyone should have a responsibility!

Question set #1

During the construction of the Kirtland Temple, mobs threatened to destroy the temple. President Brigham Young told of “laborers on the walls, holding the sword in one hand to protect themselves from the mob, while they placed the stone and moved the trowel with the other”. At times, the men who worked on the temple during the day had to guard it at night. Since the Saints had faced so much persecution from so many different groups they asked the Lord for protection.

Read D&C 109:24-28

1. What did the laborers on the wall have to do at night?
2. What kind of people did Joseph Smith ask for his people to be?
3. What should happen to someone who tries to dig a pit for them?
4. What should happen if people rise against this people?
5. Who do they want to be delivered from?

Question set #2

Imagine that a friend or family member is struggling or suffering in some way. What if you could not do anything personally to help this friend or family member?

1. What ways can you help relieve someone's suffering, even when there is nothing you can do personally?

The Saints in Missouri suffered greatly because of the violence of the mobs in Jackson County. In April 1836, the Prophet Joseph Smith was in Kirtland, Ohio. Although at the time he was unable to do anything personally to relieve the suffering of the Saints in Missouri, he did something during the dedication of the Kirtland Temple to help strengthen them.

Read Doctrine and Covenants 109:47–49 aloud.

1. What did the Prophet Joseph Smith do for the Saints in Missouri?
2. What kind of yoke was put upon them?
3. Where do the cries of the innocent one go?
4. What can we learn from the Prophet's example of prayer?
5. Have each person in the give an example of how to pray for others who are going through trials.

Question set #3

Read D&C 109:50

1. Who else did the Prophet pray for?
2. Why do you think we should pray for our enemies?
3. What if the people we pray for choose not to repent?

Read Doctrine and Covenants 109:51–52 (To “make bare thy holy arm” means to ask God to show his Power)

4. Discuss as a group what you think this means. Explain:

Read D&C 109:53.

5. What did the Prophet ask the Lord to do if the people repented:
6. Discuss the phrase “when thou lookest upon the face of thine Anointed.” Explain what you think this means.
7. Discuss as a group how we can apply this same concept to people who have treated us unfairly. Explain:

Question set #4

Read Doctrine and Covenants 109:54–58

1. Discuss what you think these verses mean? Explain:
2. In what way have these verses been fulfilled?

Question set #1 Answers

1. Guard the wall at night
2. the people that shall worship, and honorably hold a name and standing in this thy house, to all generations and for eternity;
3. shall fall into the same himself;
4. that thine anger be kindled against them;
5. the hands of all their enemies.

Question set #2 Answers

1. Pray for them
2. Affliction
3. to ascend up in thine ears, and their blood come up in testimony before thee
4. That we should pray for others
5. 3 examples of praying for others

Question set #3 Answers

1. Their enemies
2. ?
3. ?
4. That their enemies will be kept out of heaven
5. wilt turn away thy wrath
6. To turn to Christ
7. We should forgive them also.

Question set #4 Answers

1. That all the nations of the earth will be allowed to hear the gospel
2. . The gospel has spread all over the world.