

1. Children's Songbook #110, "Follow the Prophet" verses 3 and 9.

2. Read: Doctrine and Covenants 21:4-5

"Wherefore, meaning the church, thou shalt give heed unto all his words and commandments which he shall give unto you as he receiveth them, walking in all holiness before me; For his word ye shall receive, as if from mine own mouth, in all patience and faith."

3. Listen to track 3 *Noah and the Ark* from *The Dramatized Old Testament #2 CD*

4. Noah was a prophet in ancient times. The Lord called the people to repentance through Noah. The people were very wicked, would not heed the Lord and were destroyed by the flood.

**Why were Noah and his family saved from the flood?** (Discuss ideas. See Hebrews 11:7)

5. There were many prophets who walked the earth before Jesus Christ was born. Through the scriptures, we too can learn from these prophets of old.

**Can you name some of the prophets of old and what they taught?** (Discuss. Examples: Moses—the Ten Commandments; Abraham—trust in the Lord; Nephi—to go and do the things that the Lord has commanded; etc.)

6. When Jesus Christ was on the earth, he organized His church. After Jesus was crucified and resurrected, He came again and for a short time taught the people. After Jesus ascended to Heaven and the apostles were killed, there was no longer a prophet on the earth and the Church could no longer receive revelation. This is called the apostasy.

7. When the time was right the Lord again provided a man to be the Prophet. "Jesus Christ holds all the keys of the priesthood. He has given His Apostles the keys that are necessary for governing His Church. Only the senior Apostle, the President of the Church, may use (or authorize another person to use) these keys for governing the entire Church." Gospel Topics, Priesthood, © *Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

**Who was the Prophet of the restoration?** (Joseph Smith was the first Prophet of this dispensation to whom all the keys were restored.)

8. "May our lives reflect the knowledge we have that God lives, that Jesus Christ is His Son, that Joseph Smith was a prophet, and that we are led today by another prophet of God." *Thomas S. Monson, Ensign, Nov 2005 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

**Who is the Lord's prophet on the earth today?**

9. **Where can we find the words of the Prophets?** (Discuss ideas. Examples: Conference, Church magazines, etc.)

10. **Why is it important to listen to and follow the Prophet?** (Discuss ideas.)

11. **How will following the Prophet help us find joy and gain a stronger faith like Noah?** (Discuss ideas.)

12. **Quote:** "Noah had the unwavering faith to follow God's commandments. May we ever do likewise. May we remember that the wisdom of God oftentimes appears as foolishness to men; but the greatest lesson we can learn in mortality is that when God speaks and we obey, we will always be right."

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