

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

Definition: Search means to explore, to examine, to seek. It includes inquiry, investigation, probing, questing, penetrating, endeavoring to find.

Why Search the Scriptures? The main reason to search the scriptures is to gain salvation and exaltation. Through searching the scriptures we can learn of God, his ways, his laws, his precepts, and what he wants us to do.

Purpose of the Week: To begin a systematic study of the scriptures so that we may use them in our daily lives.

Sunday

Purpose of the day: To search the scriptures to learn of God and his ways. (Read Alma 30:44)

Application: The need to know God is vital to our eternal progression. We will begin to learn of him through searching the scriptures and using prayer. We will also read these scriptures that tell of God. 1 Corinthians 14:33; 2 Nephi 2:21; D&C 1:1-2; Moses 1: 2-3.

Monday

Purpose of the day: To develop the habit of searching the scriptures every day. (Read Acts 17:11)

Application: With our family, we will discuss how to search the scriptures and will set up a daily schedule to do so.

Tuesday

Purpose of the day: To search the scriptures for our own profit and learning. (Read 1 Nephi 19:23)

Application: We will write down two things we want to gain, for our profit and learning, from searching the scriptures

Wednesday

Purpose of the day: To search the scriptures diligently. (Read Alma 17:2)

Application: We will write out the definition of the word *diligently* in relation to searching the scriptures. We will then read Alma 17:3 and see what happened when the people searched diligently.

Thursday

Purpose of the day: To search the scriptures in order to gain eternal life. (Read John 5:39)

Application: We will write down how the scriptures can help us gain eternal life.

Friday

Purpose of the day: To search the scriptures to learn about the prophecies that have been and are to be fulfilled (Read 3 Nephi 10:11)

Application: We will write down at least one prophecy that we know has been fulfilled and where that prophecy is found in the scriptures.

Saturday

Purpose of the day: To begin to search the scriptures, and teach our children to do so. (Read 2 Timothy 3:15)

Application: We will evaluate our schedule for searching the scriptures as we have followed it this past week. If changes are needed we will make them. We will continue to search the scriptures diligently and daily.