

Prophets, Seers, and Revelators

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THE BIG IDEA

Heavenly Father speaks through living prophets and apostles today, so I can listen eagerly and follow, instead of taking them for granted.

You'll need: A phone or tablet with a conference talk ready to play (optional).

1 HOOK

2 MIN

PHONE CHECK Ask: How far would you travel to hear a prophet speak in person? A mile? A day? Then hold up a phone: how far away is the prophet's last talk right now?

Then: In 1947, Elder Sikahema's grandparents in Tonga sailed toward the main island to hear an Apostle. A 16-hour trip became two and a half days in a storm. Their 9-month-old son died of exposure. They buried him, got back on the boat, and kept sailing, just to listen to an Apostle.

2 KEY TEACHINGS FROM ELDER SIKAHEMA

8–10 MIN

1 Prophets are worth sailing through a storm for

“What a blessing it is to live in a time when apostles and prophets are on the earth.”

— Elder Vaiangina Sikahema • exact words

FOR AGES 8–11: MAKE IT CONCRETE

His grandparents were poor farmers with three small children. They spent days soaked and seasick to sit and listen to Elder Matthew Cowley, an Apostle. We press play.

DEEP CUT • AGES 12–16

Why go that far? “They were sailing toward an Apostle, who held priesthood keys, held the authority for the ordinances that would later seal them as an eternal family.” They weren't sailing toward a celebrity. They were sailing toward keys and covenants.

2 Once there was a famine of hearing God's word

“For centuries after the deaths of the ancient apostles and prophets until the boy Joseph knelt in the grove of trees near Palmyra, New York, there was no revelation to prophets.”

— Elder Vaiangina Sikahema • exact words

FOR AGES 8–11: MAKE IT CONCRETE

Amos called it a famine, not of bread or water, but of hearing the words of the Lord (Amos 8:11). Imagine wanting to know what God wants and having no prophet to ask.

DEEP CUT • AGES 12–16

Then God ended the famine through a teenager. “With that clear, simple, and understated introduction, the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, would begin the work of restoring the Savior's ancient Church through a then-teenage boy in upstate New York.” God trusted a 14-year-old. What does that say about what He thinks teens can do?

3 Don't treat it as a light thing

"I suspect the Lord knew that even when we would have these devices (cell phones) to easily see and hear His anointed servants, many of us would still take them for granted."

— Elder Vaiangina Sikahema · exact words

FOR AGES 8–11: MAKE IT CONCRETE

The Lord warned us not to treat His words as a light thing (D&C 90:5). A light thing means something we don't take seriously, like a present left unopened under the bed.

DEEP CUT · AGES 12–16

Some early Church leaders were embarrassed by Joseph Smith's poor writing and didn't want to publish the revelations. The Lord answered that whether He speaks by His own voice or by the voice of His servants, it is the same (D&C 1:38). Imperfect messengers, perfect message. How do you listen past the messenger to the message?

3 INTERACTIVE MOMENT

2–3 MIN

WOULD YOU RATHER

Would you rather (A) sail two and a half days through a storm to hear an Apostle once in your life, or (B) have every talk from every Apostle on your phone, anytime, forever? Vote.

Reveal: Most of us pick B, and that's what we have. Now the twist: which one is easier to take for granted? Elder Sikahema's grandparents show what it looks like to treat prophets as a big thing.

4 TALK ABOUT IT

3 MIN

YOUNGER (8–11)

If you got to meet a prophet, what would you want to ask him or tell him?

OLDER (12–16)

What's one thing a prophet has taught that you've seen work in your life, or that you're still testing?

5 RECAP: THE KIDS EXPLAIN IT

2 MIN

Ask the kids: Why did Elder Sikahema's grandparents get back on the boat? What does it mean to treat God's words as a light thing, and what's one way our family can avoid it?

Listen for: Living prophets hold keys. There was once a famine of God's word; the Restoration ended it. Don't take easy access for granted.

6 TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST

1 MIN

A parent shares a time following a prophet's counsel blessed your family, and how it helped you trust Jesus Christ.

7 THIS WEEK, AS A FAMILY

1 MIN

ONE THING TO DO

This week, watch or read one conference talk together, and have each person name one thing they will do because of it.

☐ Mon ☐ Tue ☐ Wed ☐ Thu ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Sun

Scripture: Amos 3:7; Doctrine and Covenants 1:38; Doctrine and Covenants 90:5 · **Full talk:** [churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2026/10/15sikahema](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2026/10/15sikahema)

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