

Come unto Christ

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THE BIG IDEA

I don't have to be perfect to come to Jesus Christ; I come to Him, do my very best, and He perfects me.

You'll need: Paper and markers for a sign.

1 HOOK

2 MIN

QUESTION In 1987, Elder Dube was a new missionary, only two years in the Church. The mission office gate had a sign: TRESPASSERS WILL BE PROSECUTED. President Dallin H. Oaks, then an Apostle, asked that it be taken down. Ask: Why would an Apostle care about a sign on a gate?

Then: He didn't want anyone to feel shut out. Elder Dube said that in that moment he gained the desire to love others the way the Savior does: we invite all to come unto Christ.

2 KEY TEACHINGS FROM ELDER DUBE

8–10 MIN

1 Come as you are

“We do not need to perfect ourselves to come to Christ. We come to Christ to be perfected.”

— Elder Edward Dube · exact words

FOR AGES 8–11: MAKE IT CONCRETE

Moroni's invitation has three parts (Moroni 10:32). Come: it's an action; we move toward Him. Deny yourselves: let go of what's holding you back. Be perfected in Him: He gives us a new heart.

DEEP CUT · AGES 12–16

He quoted President Russell M. Nelson: “Perfection is pending. It can come in full only after the Resurrection and only through the Lord. It awaits all who love Him and keep His commandments.” If perfection is pending, what's your job today?

2 Do your very best; He does the rest

“Randall didn't perfect himself to come to Christ. He came to Christ—with prayer, with trust, and with a willing heart.”

— Elder Edward Dube · exact words

FOR AGES 8–11: MAKE IT CONCRETE

Brother Randall Child was trying hard to quit smoking. Elder Dube asked him how much he loved his wife, Laurin, and invited them to choose a date to be sealed in the temple. They picked August 5 and were sealed two months later. Laurin had prayed all night for him and received this answer: “Randall doesn't need to be perfect. He needs to do the very best he can.”

DEEP CUT · AGES 12–16

“The adversary wants to hang that sign on the gate of our heart.” Elder Dube listed things Satan uses to tell us we're unworthy to come: addiction, doubt, pride, pain, grief, guilt, materialism. Which one does he try on people your age?

3 Invite one person

“My humble invitation to us all: Will you find one person and invite him or her to come unto Christ by exercising faith to follow His teachings, or invite a friend to meet with the missionaries?”

— Elder Edward Dube · exact words

FOR AGES 8–11: MAKE IT CONCRETE

Inviting can be simple: a friend to a youth activity, to church, to family home evening, or to meet the missionaries.

DEEP CUT · AGES 12–16

His promise: “As you lose yourself in helping him or her come unto Christ, you will find solutions to your current problems.” One of his former missionaries wrote that his testimony wasn’t as certain as it once was. Elder Dube’s answer to him, and to anyone who feels that ache: come unto Christ.

3 INTERACTIVE MOMENT

2–3 MIN

SIGN MAKEOVER Satan wants to hang a TRESPASSERS sign on the gate of our heart. In three minutes, each person designs a new sign for their heart’s gate, one that says what Jesus says to people who want to come to Him.

Reveal: Share the signs. (Ideas: COME AS YOU ARE. DO YOUR BEST. HE’S EXPECTING YOU.) Hang the best one on a bedroom door this week.

4 TALK ABOUT IT

3 MIN

YOUNGER (8–11)

What is one thing you could do your very best at this week to come closer to Jesus?

OLDER (12–16)

Why do you think the adversary wants us to believe we have to be perfect before we come to Christ?

5 RECAP: THE KIDS EXPLAIN IT

2 MIN

Ask the kids to explain: Why did President Oaks take down the sign? Do we have to be perfect to come to Christ? What did Laurin learn in her prayer?

Listen for: Everyone’s invited. Come, let go, be perfected in Him. We come to Christ to be perfected. Do your very best. Invite one person.

6 TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST

1 MIN

A parent shares a time you came to Jesus Christ while still imperfect and felt His grace help you change.

7 THIS WEEK, AS A FAMILY

1 MIN

ONE THING TO DO This week, each person invites one friend to something that helps them come unto Christ: an activity, church, family home evening, or meeting the missionaries.

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Scripture: Moroni 10:32; Matthew 16:25; John 15:11 · **Full talk:** [churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2026/10/45dube](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2026/10/45dube)

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