

The Gospel of Jesus Christ Is for All

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THE BIG IDEA

The gospel of Jesus Christ is for everyone, and I can work through any question or struggle by coming closer to Him, one step at a time.

You'll need: Nothing.

1 HOOK

2 MIN

GUESS THE ANSWER The prophet, President Oaks, said everyone has struggles, and some have questions or doubts. Then he gave one answer for all of them. Before reading on, guess: what's his one answer?

Then: “Whatever they are, the way to overcome them is to get closer to our Savior, Jesus Christ.” He said Jesus has taught us again and again that He is the way.

2 KEY TEACHINGS FROM PRESIDENT OAKS

8–10 MIN

1 Get closer to Jesus, one step at a time

“Strong faith requires more than strong desire. It means daily trying, one step at a time, with prayer and scriptural learning.”

— President Dallin H. Oaks · exact words

FOR AGES 8–11: MAKE IT CONCRETE

It's like learning the piano or a sport. Wanting to be good isn't enough. You practice a little every day. Faith grows the same way.

DEEP CUT · AGES 12–16

For anyone with questions: “Hold on to the first article of faith even if something else is uncertain.” (We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.) He said to wait upon the Lord, trusting His timing and His promises.

2 We're all a work in progress

“We are all a work in progress.”

— President Dallin H. Oaks · exact words

“There is no ultimate conflict between knowledge obtained by these different methods because God, our omnipotent Eternal Father, knows all truth and expects us to learn by both methods.”

— President Dallin H. Oaks · exact words

FOR AGES 8–11: MAKE IT CONCRETE

Everyone in your family is at a different place on the covenant path, including your parents. President Oaks said we need to be patient with one another, and sometimes even with ourselves.

DEEP CUT · AGES 12–16

He named two ways of learning: the scientific method and digital information (which may be inaccurate), and the spiritual method (faith, scriptures, inspired teaching, personal revelation). He also said: “Never let your secular learning limit your spiritual horizons.” How do you use both when they seem to clash?

3 For all, everywhere

“The Book of Mormon is a great witness that the Lord loves all people and reaches out to all, everywhere.”

— President Dallin H. Oaks · exact words

“He is relentless in His loving pursuit of each of you.”

— President Dallin H. Oaks · exact words

FOR AGES 8–11: MAKE IT CONCRETE

After His Resurrection, Jesus visited the people in the Americas, and He said He would visit His other sheep too. He doesn't forget anyone, on any island or in any country.

DEEP CUT · AGES 12–16

His grace is for all, and to receive forgiveness we follow His conditions: faith, repentance, and baptism. President Oaks also said to protect yourself with the sacrament each week and, for those who are endowed, regular temple worship. Why would simple weekly practices protect faith so well?

3 INTERACTIVE MOMENT

2–3 MIN

TRICK QUESTION Who is the gospel of Jesus Christ for? A) Church members. B) Good people. C) People in certain countries. D) Everyone. Vote.

Reveal: D. President Oaks quoted the Book of Mormon: Jesus invites all to come to Him and denies none who come, of any race, bond or free, male or female (2 Nephi 26:33). He said Book of Mormon teachings contradict the idea that God's grace saves only a chosen few.

4 TALK ABOUT IT

3 MIN

YOUNGER (8–11)

How can you be patient with a brother or sister who is still learning something you already know?

OLDER (12–16)

When you have a question about the gospel, what helps you hold on while you look for an answer?

5 RECAP: THE KIDS EXPLAIN IT

2 MIN

Ask the kids to explain: What's the prophet's one answer for every struggle? What does it mean that we're all a work in progress? Who is the gospel for?

Listen for: Get closer to Jesus Christ. Daily steps of prayer and scripture. Be patient with each other. Learn by study and by faith. The gospel is for all.

6 TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST

1 MIN

A parent shares how coming closer to Jesus Christ helped you through a question or a hard season, and your witness that He loves everyone.

7 THIS WEEK, AS A FAMILY

1 MIN

ONE THING TO DO This week, each person takes one step a day: five minutes of prayer and scripture study, every day, with a check mark for each day.

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

Scripture: Articles of Faith 1:1; 2 Nephi 26:33; 3 Nephi 16:1–3 · **Full talk:** [churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2026/10/49oaks](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2026/10/49oaks)

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