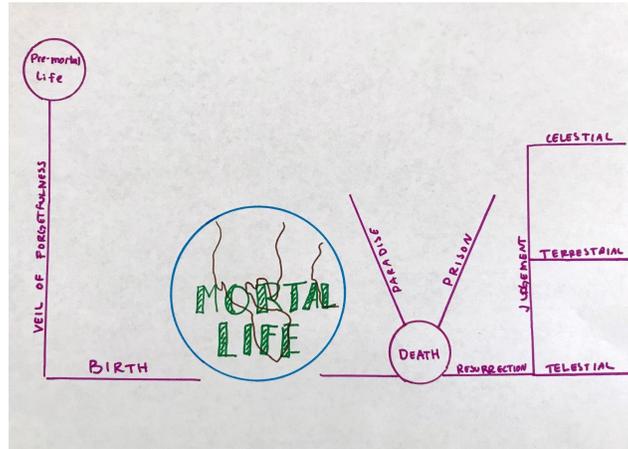


The Plan of Salvation Equals Love

Give each person a paper and pencil and ask them to follow your instructions. Use the instructions to have the youth try and draw the following diagram. Don't tell them beforehand what they are doing or what it is supposed to look like.



Drawing Instructions

Draw a small circle

Label it "Pre-mortal life"

Draw a line down from that circle

Label it "Veil of Forgetfulness"

Draw a short line to the right from that line

Label it "Birth"

Draw a large circle and make it the earth

Label it "Mortal Life"

Draw a short line from the circle and make a small circle

Label this circle "Death"

From the death circle, draw two angled lines

Label one "Paradise" and one "Spirit Prison"

From the death circle, draw a line to the right

Label this "Resurrection"

Draw a tall line up from this line

Label this line "Judgement"

Draw three lines coming off the tall line

Label them "Celestial," "Terrestrial," and "Telestial"

Show the youth the official illustration and ask if theirs looks like that. I usually have it drawn on large butcher paper spread out on the floor. This can lead the discussion into if they had known ahead of time what it was supposed to look like or at least spell it would have helped them. That's why learning about the Plan of Salvation is so important! It gives us an overview of what God's plan is for His children and helps them.

Have someone read John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Point to the Plan of Salvation again. Have someone read Elder Uchtdorf's quote: "Love is what inspired our Heavenly Father to create our spirits; it is what led our Savior to the Garden of Gethsemane to make Himself a ransom for our sins. Love is the grand motive of the plan of salvation; it is the source of happiness, the ever-renewing spring of healing, the precious fountain of hope." (Dieter F. Uchtdorf)

Divide the class into smaller groups and give them unmarked envelopes that contain scriptures and quotes from The Living Christ. The group reads what is in their envelopes and decides what role Jesus Christ played and where in the Plan of Salvation He performed that role. As the groups are doing this place pictures of Jesus Christ in the various roles around the giant LOVE Plan of Salvation on the floor. The groups then find the picture or pictures that go with their scriptures and quotes. Start at the beginning with Pre-mortal Life and work your way through the Plan of Salvation with each group coming to the front of the class to teach their portion of Christ's role in that part of the Plan of Salvation.

Find links to all the pictures here:

<http://www.cranialhiccups.com/2018/02/the-plan-of-salvation-equals-love.html>

Premortality

This envelope has one quote. The group should choose the picture of Jesus and the Creation.

Under the direction of His Father, He was the creator of the earth. "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" ([John 1:3](#)). (The Living Christ)

This envelope has two scriptures. The group should choose the picture of the Council in Heaven.

1 Peter 1:18-21

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

Moses 4:1-2

1 And I, the Lord God, spake unto Moses, saying: That Satan, whom thou hast commanded in the name of mine Only Begotten, is the same which was from the beginning, and he came before me, saying—Behold, here am I, send me, I will be thy son, and I will redeem all mankind, that one soul shall not be lost, and surely I will do it; wherefore give me thine honor.

2 But, behold, my Beloved Son, which was my Beloved and Chosen from the beginning, said unto me—Father, thy will be done, and the glory be thine forever.

Earth Life

This envelope has the following quote. The group should choose the pictures of the Sermon on the Mount, Christ healing the blind man, and raising the daughter of Jairus.

“Though sinless, He was baptized to fulfill all righteousness. He “went about doing good” ([Acts 10:38](#)), yet was despised for it. His gospel was a message of peace and goodwill. He entreated all to follow His example. He walked the roads of Palestine, healing the sick, causing the blind to see, and raising the dead. He taught the truths of eternity, the reality of our premortal existence, the purpose of our life on earth, and the potential for the sons and daughters of God in the life to come.” (The Living Christ)

This envelope has the following three scriptures. The group should choose the picture of Christ in Gethsemane.

Luke 22:44 “And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”

Doctrine and Covenants 19:16-19

16 For behold, I, God, have suffered these things for all, that they might not suffer if they would repent;

17 But if they would not repent they must suffer even as I;

18 Which suffering caused myself, even God, the greatest of all, to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore, and to suffer both body and spirit—and would that I might not drink the bitter cup, and shrink—

19 Nevertheless, glory be to the Father, and I partook and finished my preparations unto the children of men.

Mosiah 3:5-7

5 For behold, the time cometh, and is not far distant, that with power, the Lord Omnipotent who reigneth, who was, and is from all eternity to all eternity, shall come down from heaven among the children of men, and shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay, and shall go forth amongst men, working mighty miracles, such as healing the sick, raising the dead, causing the lame to walk, the blind to receive their sight, and the deaf to hear, and curing all manner of diseases.

6 And he shall cast out devils, or the evil spirits which dwell in the hearts of the children of men.

7 And lo, he shall suffer temptations, and pain of body, hunger, thirst, and fatigue, even more than man can suffer, except it be unto death; for behold, blood cometh from every pore, so great shall be his anguish for the wickedness and the abominations of his people.

This envelope has the following quote. The group should choose the pictures of Christ on the Cross and Christ's burial.

"He instituted the sacrament as a reminder of His great atoning sacrifice. He was arrested and condemned on spurious charges, convicted to satisfy a mob, and sentenced to die on Calvary's cross. He gave His life to atone for the sins of all mankind. His was a great vicarious gift in behalf of all who would ever live upon the earth." (The Living Christ)

Spirit World

This envelope has the following two scriptures.

1 Peter 3:18-20

18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

Doctrine and Covenants 138:28-36

28 And I wondered at the words of Peter—wherein he said that the Son of God preached unto the spirits in prison, who sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah—and how it was possible for him to preach to those spirits and perform the necessary labor among them in so short a time.

29 And as I wondered, my eyes were opened, and my understanding quickened, and I perceived that the Lord went not in person among the wicked and the disobedient who had rejected the truth, to teach them;

30 But behold, from among the righteous, he organized his forces and appointed messengers, clothed with power and authority, and commissioned them to go forth and carry the light of the gospel to them that were in darkness, even to all the spirits of men; and thus was the gospel preached to the dead.

31 And the chosen messengers went forth to declare the acceptable day of the Lord and proclaim liberty to the captives who were bound, even unto all who would repent of their sins and receive the gospel.

32 Thus was the gospel preached to those who had died in their sins, without a knowledge of the truth, or in transgression, having rejected the prophets.

33 These were taught faith in God, repentance from sin, vicarious baptism for the remission of sins, the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands,

34 And all other principles of the gospel that were necessary for them to know in order to qualify themselves that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

35 And so it was made known among the dead, both small and great, the unrighteous as well as the faithful, that redemption had been wrought through the sacrifice of the Son of God upon the cross.

36 Thus was it made known that our Redeemer spent his time during his sojourn in the world of spirits, instructing and preparing the faithful spirits of the prophets who had testified of him in the flesh;

Resurrection

This envelope has the following three scriptures/quotes. They should choose the pictures of Christ Appearing to Mary, Christ Appearing to the Apostles, and Christ in the Americas.

“He rose from the grave to “become the firstfruits of them that slept” ([1 Cor. 15:20](#)). As Risen Lord, He visited among those He had loved in life. He also ministered among His “other sheep” ([John 10:16](#)) in ancient America. In the modern world, He and His Father appeared to the boy Joseph Smith, ushering in the long-promised “dispensation of the fulness of times” ([Eph. 1:10](#)).”
(The Living Christ)

Matthew 28:1-8

- 1** In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.
- 2** And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
- 3** His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:
- 4** And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.
- 5** And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.
- 6** He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
- 7** And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.
- 8** And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

3 Nephi 11:10-17

10 Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world.

11 And behold, I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me, and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world, in the which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning.

12 And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words the whole multitude fell to the earth; for they remembered that it had been prophesied among them that Christ should show himself unto them after his ascension into heaven.

13 And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto them saying:

14 Arise and come forth unto me, that ye may thrust your hands into my side, and also that ye may feel the prints of the nails in my hands and in my feet, that ye may know that I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth, and have been slain for the sins of the world.

15 And it came to pass that the multitude went forth, and thrust their hands into his side, and did feel the prints of the nails in his hands and in his feet; and this they did do, going forth one by one until they had all gone forth, and did see with their eyes and did feel with their hands, and did know of a surety and did bear record, that it was he, of whom it was written by the prophets, that should come.

16 And when they had all gone forth and had witnessed for themselves, they did cry out with one accord, saying:

17 Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Most High God! And they did fall down at the feet of Jesus, and did worship him.

Judgement

This envelope has the last three quotes. They will choose the picture of the Washington DC mural.

“Each of us will stand to be judged of Him according to our works and the desires of our hearts.” (The Living Christ)

Romans 14:10 “But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.”

Mormon 3:20 “And these things doth the Spirit manifest unto me; therefore I write unto you all. And for this cause I write unto you, that ye may know that ye must all stand before the judgment-seat of Christ, yea, every soul who belongs to the whole human family of Adam; and ye must stand to be judged of your works, whether they be good or evil;”

Pass these quotes out to read toward the beginning of the lesson.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"Love is what inspired our Heavenly Father to create our spirits; it is what led our Savior to the Garden of Gethsemane to make Himself a ransom for our sins. Love is the grand motive of the plan of salvation; it is the source of happiness, the ever-renewing spring of healing, the precious fountain of hope." (Dieter F. Uchtdorf)