



# Gospel Doctrine Sunday School Lesson



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Today's Word: translation

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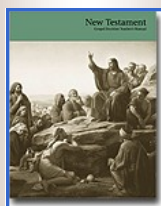
Are You:

- Reading Your Scriptures Every Day?
- Saying Prayers Every Evening as a Family?

Today's Scriptures

Moses 1

Next Week:



Abraham 3; Moses 4: 1-4  
 "Thou Wast Chosen Before Thou Wast Born"

Remember to Bring Your Class Study Guide (or if you haven't gotten one yet, speak up!)

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## Questions to Ponder

- How can you come to feel that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ know you individually and love you?
- What does this lesson teach us about resisting temptation?
- What difference can it make in our lives to know that we are sons and daughters of God, created in the similitude of His Son?

## Lesson 1: "This is My Work and My Glory"

### Translation

Many people think that translating means to make clear in one language the exact same thing as would be understood in a different language. That is one definition, but another way to understand it is to make unknown things known, to be a seer and a revelator, to add to in order to illuminate previous understandings of biblical works.

The first time the Book of Moses was published was when W.W. Phelps printed the church periodical, *Evening and Morning Star* in Independence, Missouri, August 1832. Later, these and other portions of the Joseph Smith Translations (JST) were published in 1843 in the *Nauvoo Times and Seasons*. In 1851 the Church published them as a pamphlet for the British Mission. In 1878, Elder Orson Pratt, then Church Historian, edited and rearranged the JSTs to make them smoother and more flowing, and in 1880 the collected essays officially became known as *The Pearl of Great Price*, and accepted as one of the standard works of the Church. Elder James E. Talmadge cross-referenced it, footnoted it, and arranged the material into its present form.

## The Gospel Doctrine Flyers are Back!

I've missed doing these flyers each week, but have enjoyed my calling as a Relief Society 1st Counselor also. At this time, I'm not in a particular calling because I'm in a transition mode, with changing residences, my husband having a wonderful new job that he loves, and children who are not children anymore but adults. This spring I have been grateful enough to receive a leave from work while I sort many, many things out, get the house ready for sale, tackle some medical issues that have arisen lately, and to contemplate and just breathe! What better way than to study the scriptures as I do this! I always learned more when I did these flyers, so they're back again. This time I am taking out references to place, so if anyone wants to use these as supplements to your own teaching tools, or simply as relevant scrap paper, feel free to use them.

—W.W. Austin