

Plan of Salvation Lesson Outline

Write on Chalkboard	I can use the Plan of Salvation to make better decisions, find joy in mortality, and prepare for eternal life.
Prelude Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #292 – <i>O My Father</i> • #302 – <i>I Know My Father Lives</i> • #121 – <i>I’m a Pilgrim, I’m a Stranger</i>
Preparation	Distribute 2 handouts
Opening Prayer	(Ask someone in advance)
Attention Activity	<p>Sing Together: <i>I am a Child of God</i> - #301</p> <p>Say: “This lesson is an overview of the plan of salvation. It shows how the principles of the gospel relate to each other as part of one great plan.”</p>
Activate Prior Knowledge <i>What do we learn about the plan from Primary songs and hymns?</i> <i>(Worksheet, CDs)</i>	<p>Ask: What are some things we learn about the plan of salvation from Primary songs?</p> <p>Hymns Worksheet: There IS a plan!</p> <p>#164-165 (Primary) – <i>I Will Follow God’s Plan for Me</i> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ri7zwb0xj9I</p>
Make Sense <i>Plan Prepares Us for an : “Endless State”</i> <i>Definition of the Gospel</i>	<p>Alma 12:24: “...therefore this life became a ^cprobationary state; a time to ^dprepare to meet God; a time to prepare for that endless state which has been spoken of by us, which is after the resurrection of the dead.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mortality is temporary. • Post-mortality is endless. • If we are unprepared, we experience misery as a natural consequence. <p>There IS a plan in place to help prepare us for that “endless state!” What are some of the names of this plan? <i>(Plan of Happiness, Mercy, Redemption, Restoration, Salvation)</i></p> <p>Define “the gospel:” What is the gospel of Jesus Christ?</p> <p>D&C 76:40-43:</p> <p>40 And this is the ^agospel, the glad ^btidings, which the voice out of the heavens bore record unto us—</p> <p>41 That he ^acame into the world, even Jesus, to be ^bcrucified for</p>

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<p><i>He saves ALL the works of his hands (us)</i></p> <p><i>Most of us won't qualify for perdition (an issue of accountability—God, in His mercy, doesn't reveal more than we can be responsible for)</i></p> <p><i>Jesus Christ has the knowledge, power, and ability to save us all, but we also have to do our part.</i></p> <p><i>We have to do our part—additional details of the general plan (and of Heavenly Father's plan for our individual lives) are revealed to us as we try to draw closer to Him</i></p> <p><i>Temporal acts have spiritual consequences</i></p> <p><i>Death = separation of body and spirit</i></p> <p><i>Hell = separation from God</i></p> <p><i>He is the source of all happiness—as we draw closer to Him, we become happier</i></p>	<p>the world, and to ^cbear the sins of the ^dworld, and to ^esanctify the world, and to ^fcleanse it from all unrighteousness;</p> <p>42 That through him all might be ^asaved whom the Father had put into his ^bpower and made by him;</p> <p>43 Who ^aglorifies the Father, and saves all the works of his hands, except those sons of ^bperdition who deny the Son after the Father has revealed him.</p> <p>Alma 12:30-33:</p> <p>30 And they began from that time forth to call on his name; therefore God ^aconversed with men, and made known unto them the ^bplan of redemption, which had been prepared from the ^cfoundation of the world; and this he made known unto them according to their faith and repentance and their ^dholy works.</p> <p>31 Wherefore, he gave ^acommandments unto men, they having first transgressed the ^bfirst commandments as to things which were temporal, and becoming as gods, ^cknowing good from evil, placing themselves in a state to ^dact, or being placed in a state to act according to their wills and pleasures, whether to do evil or to do good—</p> <p>32 Therefore God gave unto them commandments, after having made ^aknown unto them the plan of redemption, that they should not do evil, the penalty thereof being a second ^bdeath, which was an everlasting ^cdeath as to things pertaining unto righteousness; for on such the plan of redemption could have no power, for the works of ^djustice could not be destroyed, according to the supreme ^egoodness of God.</p>
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Make Meaning 1

Distribute handout: The Play & the Plan

- Moses 4:1 – Heavenly Father was willing to share His power, but Satan wanted all of it for himself

Satan also wanted our power – Agency = the power to choose between good and evil

Satan will be bound as our hearts change and we stop giving him power

Moses 4:4 And he became ^aSatan, yea, even the ^bdevil, the father of all ^clies, to ^ddeceive and to blind men, and to lead them ^ecaptive at his will, even as many as would not ^fhearken unto my voice.

It is not enough to be immersed in truth, we have to actively receive and incorporate it into our lives

D&C 93:31 Behold, here is the ^aagency of man, and here is the condemnation of man; because that which was from the beginning is ^bplainly manifest unto them, and they receive not the light.

<p><i>We lose light/truth as we disobey AND because of unhealthy family traditions</i></p> <p><i>When we neglect to teach our children correct principles, our families suffer as a consequence</i></p>	<p>D&C 93:39 And that ^a<u>wicked one</u> cometh and ^b<u>taketh away light and truth, through</u> ^c<u>disobedience</u>, from the children of men, and because of the ^d<u>tradition</u> of their fathers.</p> <p>40 But I have commanded you to bring up your ^a<u>children</u> in ^b<u>light</u> and truth.</p> <p>41 But verily I say unto you, my servant Frederick G. Williams, you have continued under this condemnation;</p> <p>42 You have not ^a<u>taught</u> your children light and truth, according to the commandments; and that wicked one hath power, as yet, over you, and this is the cause of your ^b<u>affliction</u>.</p> <p>The Sacrament is an opportunity to evaluate our lives each week and make adjustments.</p> <p>Link between lack of preparation, pride, anger, and not keeping our covenants – Satan, Cain in Genesis 4:3-8; Esau in Genesis 25:29-34</p> <p>Alma 42:11 - And now remember, my son, if it were not for the plan of redemption, (laying it aside) as soon as they were dead their souls were ^a<u>miserable</u>, being cut off from the presence of the Lord.</p> <p>The Lord is the source of ALL true happiness. The closer we grow to the Lord, the happier we become.</p> <p>The Plan of Salvation (The Play & the Plan) Video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8GYrIMfmFw</p>
<p>Encourage Involvement</p>	<p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is your favorite element of the Plan?• How can our knowledge of our pre-mortal life help us when we face trials?• How does the Plan help us to make better daily decisions?• How does the Plan help us to find joy in mortality?• How does one honor a child’s agency while parenting?• How does the Plan help us to prepare for eternal life?• How might you teach children, friends, & neighbors the Plan?
<p>Closure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relationships are at the heart of the Plan• The “good news” of the gospel is that we know there will

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	<p>be a happy ending (end of separation from those we love)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adam fell → Man might be• Men are → Joy• Joy → Association with Heavenly Father & Jesus Christ• Jesus Christ → Redeemed us from the effects of the Fall• Redemption → Means we are free to act for ourselves within confines of laws• Laws → We don't get to choose the consequences of our actions (except liberty/opportunity/happiness v. captivity/constrained options/misery)• Action Plan: Set a personal goal
Closing Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (Ask someone in advance)