

## ❖ God Is Our Loving Heavenly Father

God is our Heavenly Father. We are His children. He has a body of flesh and bone that is glorified and perfected. He loves us. He weeps with us when we suffer and rejoices when we do what is right. He wants to communicate with us, and we can communicate with Him through sincere prayer.

He has given us this experience on the earth so we can learn and grow. We can show our love for Him through our choices and our obedience to His commandments.

Heavenly Father has provided us, His children, with a way to be successful in this life and to return to live in His presence. However, we must be pure and clean through obedience in order to do so. Disobedience moves us away from Him. Central to our Father's plan is Jesus Christ's Atonement. The Atonement included His suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane as well as His suffering and death on the cross. Through the Atonement we can be freed from the burden of our sins and develop faith and strength to face our trials.

## ❖ Belief about God

Determine what each person you are teaching understands regarding Christian beliefs about God. Many people in today's world either have no concept of God or a very different perception of Deity.

Two Book of Mormon missionaries, Ammon and Aaron, taught people who did not have a Christian background. They taught simple truths and invited their investigators to pray. Lamoni and his father were converted. Read Alma 18:24–40 and 22:4–23, and answer the questions below:

- What did these missionaries teach about the nature of God?
- How can you follow their examples?

## Scripture Study

### ★ What Is the nature of God the Father and Jesus Christ?

1 Nephi 17:36  
2 Nephi 9:6  
Mosiah 4:9  
3 Nephi 12:48  
3 Nephi 14:9–11  
3 Nephi 27:13–22  
D&C 38:1–3  
D&C 130:22  
Moses 1:39  
Matthew 5:48  
John 3:16–17  
Acts 17:27–29  
Romans 8:16  
Hebrews 12:9  
1 John 4:7–9

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