

In Tune With the Holy Ghost

PURPOSE

To help family members understand:

1. What a wonderful gift the Holy Ghost is
2. The importance of living worthy so we are in tune with the promptings of the Holy Ghost

MATERIALS

- A radio
- Story, [Hearken to the Spirit](#)
- Story, [Kim and the Still, Small Voice](#)
- Story, “His Father Was So Busy” (below)

SONG SUGGESTIONS

- “The Still Small Voice”, *Children’s Songbook* page 106
- “Let the Holy Spirit Guide”, hymn #143

LESSON IDEAS

1. Prior to the lesson, tune the radio so it picks up only static.
2. Begin by telling your family to imagine that there is a serious disaster in the community and they need to get important information from the radio.
 - a. Turn on the radio and allow them to listen to the static.
 - b. Ask, “Why can’t we hear anything?” (It’s not tuned in to any station)
 - c. Ask a family member to tune the radio to a station.
3. Explain that the gift of the Holy Ghost is very much like a radio. Heavenly Father has given us this gift to give us important direction and guidance in our lives. When the Holy Ghost is trying to communicate to us we cannot hear it unless we are in tune.
 - a. Ask, “What things can we do to keep our lives in tune with the Holy Ghost?” (Prayer, scripture study, fasting, church attendance, service)
 - b. Explain that even being too busy can cause us to miss the promptings of the Holy Ghost.
4. Consider sharing one of the following stories:
 - a. [Hearken to the Spirit](#)
 - b. [Kim and the Still, Small Voice](#)
 - c. “His Father Was So Busy” (below)
5. Testify that the Holy Ghost is a wonderful gift and it is important to live worthy of His guidance.



ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Play one of these [Listening Games](#)

STORY

His Father Was So Busy

By Elder Harold B. Lee

A few weeks ago, President McKay related to the Twelve an interesting experience, and I asked him yesterday if I might repeat it to you this morning.

He said it is a great thing to be responsive to the whisperings of the Spirit, and we know that when these whisperings come it is a gift and our privilege to have them. They come when we are relaxed and not under pressure of appointments.

The President then took occasion to relate an experience in the life of Bishop John Wells, former member of the Presiding Bishopric. A son of Bishop Wells was killed in Emigration Canyon on a railroad track. Brother John Wells was a great detail man and prepared many of the reports we are following up now. His boy was run over by a freight train.

Sister Wells was inconsolable. She mourned during the three days prior to the funeral, received no comfort at the funeral, and was in a rather serious state of mind. One day soon after the funeral services while she was lying on her bed relaxed, still mourning, she says that her son appeared to her and said, "Mother do not mourn, do not cry. I am all right."

He told her that she did not understand how the accident happened and explained that he had given the signal to the engineer to move on, and then made the usual effort to catch the railing on the freight train, but as he attempted to do so his foot caught on a root and he failed to catch the hand rail, and his body fell under the train. It was clearly an accident.

Now listen. He said that as soon as he realized that he was in another environment he tried to see his father, but he couldn't reach him. His father was so busy with the duties in his office he could not respond to his call. Therefore, he had come to his mother. He said to her, "You tell father that all is well with me, and I want you not to mourn any more."

Then the President made the statement that the point he had in mind was that when we are relaxed in a private room we are more susceptible to those things; and that so far as he was concerned, his best thoughts come after he gets up in the morning and is relaxed and thinking about the duties of the day; that impressions come more clearly, as if it were to hear a voice.

Those impressions are right. If we are worried about something and upset in our feelings, the inspiration does not come. If we so live that our minds are free from worry and our conscience is clear and our feelings are right toward one another, the operation of the Spirit of the Lord upon our spirit is as real as when we pick up the telephone; but when they come, we must be brave enough to take the suggested actions (address to seminary and institute faculty, BYU, 6 July 1956, pp. 14-16).