

The Restoration of the Gospel

PURPOSE

To illustrate that:

1. After the death of the early apostles the authority of God was lost and the doctrines and the organization of the true church were changed
2. The fullness of authority, doctrine and organization have been restored to the earth and are found in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

MATERIALS

- A piano
- Masking or scotch tape



LESSON

1. Invite someone to play a hymn or children's song on the piano.
2. Put pieces of tape over the majority of the piano keys. Ask the same person to play the same song using only the keys that are not taped. (It will sound considerably different!)
3. Explain that after the death of the early Apostles the authority was lost and the doctrines and the organization of the true church were changed.
 - a. Compare this to the piano keyboard: Many of today's churches have *some* of the doctrines and parts of the organization, but only one church has all of the "keys" and the fullness of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
4. You may wish to share D&C 1:30.
5. Testify that through the Prophet Joseph Smith the organization, the doctrine, and all of the "keys" of the Church have been restored.