



Sandpoint Stake Primary Newsletter

November/ December 2018

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Calendar

November:

17: Cub & Scout Leader Specific Training, Stake Center, 9am– 1pm, pizza lunch provided!
 30: JTE's DUE!

December:

2: Sunnyside Ward Conference, 9 am
 2: First Presidency Message, 5 pm

January:

NEW CURRICULUM STARTS!!
 12: Roundtable, 10 AM @ the Stake Center (please note, this is a Saturday!)

News from General Conference

Our purpose is to balance the Church and the home experience in a way that will greatly increase faith and spirituality and deepen conversion to Heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Elder Quentin L. Cook Oct 2018

Are you using this newsletter in your presidency meetings and as a resource when you meet with Primary teachers and leaders?

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Primary Leadership Meeting

We enjoyed counseling together with so many presidency members and music leaders on Nov 3. Please meet together as a presidency and continue to seek inspiration about how best to implement the new 2019 *Come Follow Me for Primary* in your ward or branch. See the questions and answers we discussed in the provided table:

<p>My Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spend more time in primary classes Assist in Singing Time Encourage and Support Families Primary Program Knowing Each Child Sit with & love Children Be Positive about Curriculum 	<p>Music: **most important**</p> <p>THERE IS A PRIMARY PROGRAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Focus on Christ & Teachings -goes along with church & home Teach doctrine through music Birthday & Visitors during singing time
<p>Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start on Dec 30, to introduce First Lesson on Jan 7 Jr & Sr primary are still options 5th Sunday is up to Bishop Keep Temple & Priesthood Preview 	<p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher Counsel meeting quarterly Activity Days & Scouts continues until end of 2019 Support Families– music playlist & communication

Strengthening Faith through Inspired Activities in 2020

As announced Sept 20, there will be camps and outdoor activities provided by local leaders. Weekday activities based on local needs will continue to help children learn, develop friendships, serve, and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ.

Please see the FAQs at childrenandyouth.lds.org and pass it on to those in your ward/branch. Meanwhile encourage children, parents, and leaders to "fully participate in and enjoy the growth and development associated with the **existing** Primary and youth programs worldwide".



Sneak Peak at the new Home-Based Curriculum for 2019

A look at the future of the new was a topic at Education Week in Aug. "After testing the curriculum in seven countries and 35 stakes over four years, the curriculum team said that the results were powerful." See the full [Church News summary by clicking here.](#)"



Come Follow Me

Beginning January 2019, Primary will last 50 minutes each Sunday, including Singing time and classes. Families are encouraged to hold home evening and to study the gospel at home on Sunday—or at other times that meet their needs. A new resource, *Come, Follow Me—For Individuals and Families*, provides ideas for personal scripture study, family scripture study, and home evening. [Click here for more information on Sabbath worship.](#)

Primary will follow the schedule below. If a Primary is large enough to separate into junior and senior Primary, leaders should reverse the schedule for half of the children and adjust the time as necessary.

PRIMARY SCHEDULE BEGINNING JANUARY 2019

25 minutes	Prayer, scripture or article of faith, talk (5 minutes) Singing time: Music that supports the scriptures studied in class (20 minutes)
5 minutes	Transition to classes
20 minutes	Classes: lesson from <i>Come, Follow Me—For Primary</i>

Sing Regularly in Sacrament Meeting

Clark Fork has the children sing in sacrament meeting every other month so they get lots of practice and bless the ward with their voices. They love to sing.

BSA Leader Specific trainings

Nov 17, 9 AM -1 PM, Pizza lunch provided

The Stake Primary Presidency will be doing a live training sessions for ALL cub positions in the Family History Center at the Sandpoint Stake Center. 11 Year-Old Scout leaders will participate in Assistant Scoutmaster training with the Scouts.

Primary Communication

Be sure to communicate what lessons Primary is on, when Activity Days is and the monthly Cub / 11 year-old Scout Calendar by email, text, newsletter, notes, etc or a combination. [Click Here](#) for an example of a wards Primary Newsletter! (Thanks Newport!)

Primary Programs

We have so enjoyed visiting your Children's Sacrament Meeting Programs across the stake this fall. The children's voices bring the Spirit as they testify of what they have learned through music. When they use their own words to describe what they learned in Primary, it is especially effective.

In 2019, the Primary Program will be based on what the children are learning about the gospel at home, reinforced during Primary lessons and songs.

Plan now to begin keeping notes in January of the children's own words during their talks and ask the teachers to pass along special moments during class time. Ask questions and write down their amazing answers.

One example is the Priest River children each answered questions about the themes for each month, in preparation for the Primary Program. When they gave their answers over the pulpit it was powerful because testimonies were borne simply in the children's own words.