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LA Unit 0-B – Preliminaries 2:
The Two Components of Learning
Lessons 2-4 - Learning by Faith

**Learning by
the Spirit**
**The Stories of
Joshua and Mamie**



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Learning by the Spirit - The Stories of Joshua and Mamie

This unit is based on the true two stories told below, what the two real-life children actually did, and the answers and help they received.

It is expected that students will model the traits of Joshua and Mamie during their time at the Academy, and hopefully throughout their lives.

Lesson Two – The Story of Joshua – A True Story

Read and discuss the story.

Following Joshua's example, what habit or habits could you form?

Joshua Learns that Heavenly Father Will Help Him

Joshua was a good boy. He did what his parents asked him to do. He worked hard at his studies, but he still struggled. Things came very slowly for him.

Then, one day at school, his teacher taught him that Heavenly Father is interested in *everything* we do, including our school work.

She reminded Joshua that “the glory of God is intelligence” and taught him that Heavenly Father wants us to grow to be like Him. If God knows all things, certainly He will help us, if we ask, to know the things it is good and right for us to know.

Joshua thought about it. That night at home, he prayed for help with his school work.

At school the next day he reported: “I didn’t know Heavenly Father was interested even in my school work. I prayed for help last night and it worked! Heavenly Father helped me!”

With Heavenly Father’s help, Joshua became an “A” student.

When there is something you need to know and need help learning, pray and ask Heavenly Father for His help. He will help you just as He did Joshua.

And, ALWAYS, pray when you start your school work. You will find that you will learn more, better and faster than if you didn’t ask Heavenly Father for help.

Begin the habit of ALWAYS praying before beginning your school work.

Lesson Three – The Story of Mamie

Read and Discuss the Story

Following the example of Mamie, what habits or behaviors could you adopt that would help you learn your lessons?

Mamie Learns to Read – A True Story

In the middle of the last century, there lived in a town in the middle of the United States, a little girl by the name of Mamie.

Mamie was seven years old. Her mother had just died and gone to live with Heavenly Father.

Mamie was lonely and sad. To help Mamie feel better a friend gave her a beautiful story Bible with wonderful pictures of Jesus and others.

Mamie wanted to read the story Bible. But, the words were too hard for her to read.

What did Mamie do?

She got down on her knees and prayed to Heavenly Father to help her read the book.

Did Heavenly Father help her?

Yes, He did.

He helped her figure out the words in her mind.

He taught her to do something she didn't know how to do.

Heavenly Father helped Nephi know how to build a ship. He helped Joseph Smith learn how to translate the Book of Mormon. And, He helped a little girl named Mamie to learn how to read.

He can help you learn how to do things, too.

When you need help, ask, and then listen.

In addition to asking for help at the beginning of a school or study session, if you get stuck or are having trouble understanding something, STOP and ASK. You may be amazed at the help you will receive.

Lesson Four: Forming the Habit (Suggestion duration: 18 weeks.)

Parent Preparation:

- 1 - See La Unit 0-B – Prayer Chain Project for the Activity
- 2 – Print out the prayer chain page.
- 3 - Have a pair of age-appropriate scissors for the child and also an envelop in which to store the links.
- 4 – Copy the memory verse (following page) and post it.
- 5 – Say the memory verse each day as you add a link to the chain.

“Counsel with the Lord
in all thy doings,
and he will direct thee
for good;...”

Alma 37:37

Lesson Time:

Introduce the idea that you are going to work on forming the habit of asking Heavenly Father for help with your school work by:

- 1 – Praying at the BEGINNING and END of each school day or study session and
- 2 – Praying when you are stuck,
or have something you don't understand,
or when you are asked to do something that is hard for you to do - like a new skill.
- 3 – Introduce the Prayer Chain project and its rules. Do your first link. It is a good idea to predetermine a conspicuous place to hang the chain.
- 4 – Review and post the memory verse poster.
- 5 – Repeat the memory link activity each day as directed in the the Prayer Chain Project Instructions.

Remember Joshua, Mamie, Nephi and Joseph.
God helped them and He will help you, also.

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has been earned when the eighteen weeks are up
and
the student has routinely prayed at the beginning and end of school time
and
whenever during school or study time he needed extra help.

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Cut on the line.