

SAINTS GLOBAL
LEADER GUIDE

STUDYING THE GOSPEL

SPIRITUAL CORE

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Studying the Gospel



PURPOSE & IDENTITY

SKILL BADGE PURPOSE

This skill badge is designed to help saints develop essential skills in studying the gospel. Through structured learning and hands-on activities, participants will gain practical experience and deepen their understanding of key concepts.

DEVELOPMENT CORE: SPIRITUAL

This badge develops spiritual attributes through focused activities and reflection. Saints will grow in this area while building practical skills.

CORE FOCUSES

- Understanding fundamental concepts and principles
- Developing practical application skills
- Building confidence through hands-on experience
- Connecting learning to daily life

TIME COMMITMENT

4-6 weeks (suggested)

RECOMMENDED AGE

12+ years



SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

SUPERVISION

Ensure appropriate adult supervision for all activities following Saints Global guidelines. Never leave youth unsupervised during badge activities.

PRIVACY

Respect personal experiences and information shared during activities. Maintain confidentiality and help youth understand appropriate boundaries.

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

Assess outdoor locations and weather conditions before activities. Ensure proper shelter, hydration, and protection from hazards appropriate to the environment.

FIRST AID

Maintain a first aid kit and ensure at least one leader is trained in basic first aid. Know the location of the nearest medical facility and have emergency contact information readily available.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Troopmaster: _____

Emergency: _____



THE DPAR METHOD

Saints Global uses the DPAR method for skill badge completion. As a leader, you should practice DPAR yourself when preparing to teach.

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DISCOVER

Learn foundational knowledge and concepts. Research, study, and explore the topic.

YOUR ROLE AS LEADER:

- Immerse yourself in the material before teaching
- Study each requirement—understand what AND why
- Anticipate questions saints might ask

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PLAN

Create a personal action plan with goals and timeline.

YOUR ROLE AS LEADER:

- Design your teaching approach for each requirement
- Gather materials and prepare discussion questions
- Consider how to adapt for different learning styles

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ACT

Execute through hands-on practice with leader guidance.

YOUR ROLE AS LEADER:

- Shift from teacher to guide—step back
- Create safe space for practice and mistakes
- Model the skills yourself when helpful

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REFLECT

Review what was learned and share experiences gained.

YOUR ROLE AS LEADER:

- Facilitate meaningful conversations
- Ask open-ended questions, listen more than speak
- Celebrate growth and help saints see their progress



STEP 1: DISCOVER

LEADER PREPARATION

- ☐ Review all DISCOVER requirements thoroughly
- ☐ Gather necessary resources and materials
- ☐ Prepare discussion questions and activities
- ☐ Identify potential challenges saints may face

STEP 1: DISCOVER — TEACHING GUIDE

Requirement 1a: Read the introduction to the Gospel principles in the handbook, focusing on key themes.

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Requirement 1b: Discuss with your battalion leader the importance of daily study and how it impacts personal growth.

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Requirement 1c: Explore different study methods to enhance comprehension and retention.

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Requirement 1d: Participate in a group discussion about a selected gospel topic, sharing personal insights.

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STEP 2: PLAN

LEADER PREPARATION

- ☐ Review all PLAN requirements thoroughly
- ☐ Gather necessary resources and materials
- ☐ Prepare discussion questions and activities
- ☐ Identify potential challenges saints may face

STEP 2: PLAN — TEACHING GUIDE

Requirement 2a: Create a personal study schedule that fits your daily routine.

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Requirement 2b: Select a specific scripture block or topic to focus on for the next two weeks.

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Requirement 2c: Identify potential resources (e.g., commentaries, study guides) to aid your study.

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STEP 3: ACT

LEADER PREPARATION

- ☐ Review all ACT requirements thoroughly
- ☐ Gather necessary resources and materials
- ☐ Prepare discussion questions and activities
- ☐ Identify potential challenges saints may face

STEP 3: ACT — TEACHING GUIDE

Requirement 3a: Execute your personal study plan for 14 consecutive days, dedicating at least 15 minutes daily.

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Requirement 3b: Keep a simple journal of thoughts, impressions, and questions that arise during your study.

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Requirement 3c: Apply a gospel principle learned to a real-life situation and record the outcome.

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STEP 4: REFLECT

LEADER PREPARATION

- ☐ Review all REFLECT requirements thoroughly
- ☐ Gather necessary resources and materials
- ☐ Prepare discussion questions and activities
- ☐ Identify potential challenges saints may face

STEP 4: REFLECT — TEACHING GUIDE

Requirement 4a: Share your testimony or key learnings with your battalion, focusing on how your understanding has deepened.

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Requirement 4b: Review your study journal and discuss your progress and challenges with your advisor.

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Requirement 4c: Evaluate the effectiveness of your study methods and identify areas for future improvement.

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RESOURCES & CONTACT

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

- Saints Global Resource Library — Online materials and guides
- DPAR Method Quick Reference — Printable guide for leaders
- Child and Youth Program Guidebook — LDS Church Official Documentation for Children and Youth
- For the Strength of Youth — A Guide for Making Choices

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