

Engaging Gospel Doctrine (Episode 82.1)

LESSON 5 (CORE)

“If Thou Doest Well, Thou Shalt Be Accepted”

(A Tale of Two Cities)

Hook	This lesson includes what may be my favorite chapter in all scripture. The assigned reading presents a study in contrasts... the dismissive murder by Cain of Abel, and the eternity-shaking compassion of Enoch. In this reading we come to know the weeping, limited God distinctive in Mormonism.
Goal	Class members can learn from the examples of Cain and Enoch, specifically regarding what insight we gain about God and what we can apply from their feelings towards their fellow humans.
Overview	(see below)
Conclusion	

I. Sunday School

- a. Contrasts: Cain vs. Enoch (Enoch is a bright point in a story of increasing wickedness)
 - i. Cain: How does he treat God? How does he treat his fellow humans?
What do we learn about Cain and God from this story?
 - ii. Enoch: How does he treat God? How does he treat his fellow humans?
What do we learn about Enoch and God from this story? (Focus on Moses 7 in detail, bulk of discussion)
- b. In reading, look for theses of family and adoption, and listening. Whose “spiritual children” are we? How do we choose God as our parent?
- c. Discussion on the “God Who Weeps”
- d. (good Sunday School approach) ask what passages move the class members, solicit their thoughts and questions.
- e. Relationships with God, choices, and character (following the theme of the lesson)

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