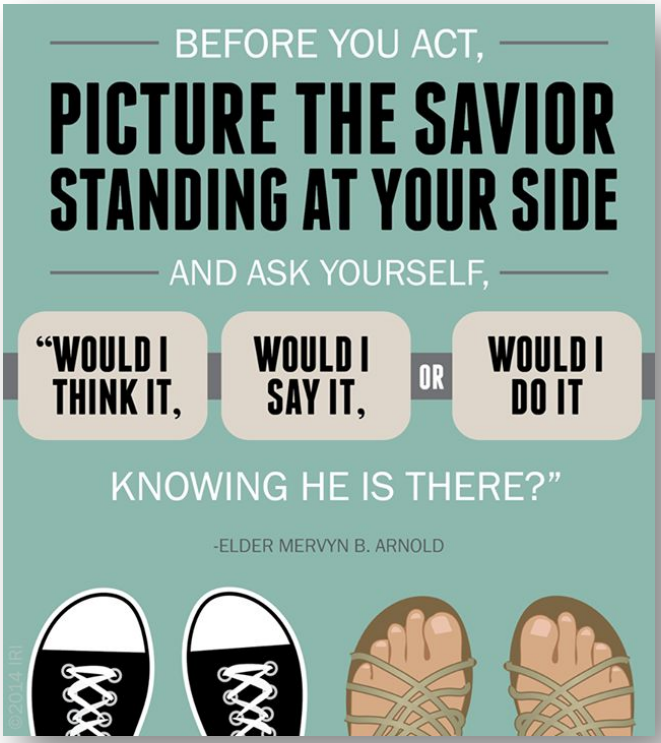
Back to School
“Come Unto Christ “ Q&A

<u>“Who’s Your Locker Partner?”</u>
Activity: Magnet picture of Christ for their lockers
Thought: Share how having a picture of Christ in our lockers can keep our thoughts focused on Christ.

Today I would like to extend the same challenge to each one of you that my parents, who will be forever remembered because of their good names, extended to me. Before you act, picture the Savior standing at your side and ask yourself, “Would I think it, would I say it, or would I do it knowing He is there?” For surely He is there. Our beloved President Thomas S. Monson, who I testify is a prophet, often quotes the following verse of scripture when speaking of our Lord and Savior: “For I will go before your face. I will be on your right hand and on your left, and my Spirit shall be in your hearts (Mervyn Arnold of the Seventy)



I found this darling picture on Pinterest but I don’t know who the author is. I’d love to give credit where credit is due! It so cute!!!

<u>"What Teachers Do You Have?"</u>

Activity: Prayer Rock

Everyone knows having a good teacher can make all the difference. Students can learn more and oftentimes have an easier time passing tests. The Savior is our true teacher and this life is the most important test we will ever take. Open book tests are less challenging. It always helps to have the answers available to us.

When you have questions about how to live by a particular standard or obey a certain commandment, first go to the scriptures, For the Strength of Youth, True to the Faith, the prophets' counsel, and prayer. You can look up the relevant scriptures listed in the booklets or general conference talks—and even branch out to include additional scriptures in your search. As you seek knowledge through gospel study, the Holy Ghost will "enlighten [your] understanding" (Alma 32:28). (Sister Oscarson)

Prayer is a powerful resource. It's not a last resort either; prayer is a great place to begin your quest for knowledge and a helpful tool all along the way. When you receive answers this is called personal revelation.

"How can I know when I have received a revelation and not just a thought of my own?"

If you've asked this question, you're not alone. For many of us, revelation sometimes can be hard to recognize. In part, the answer depends on how you're living and how humble you are. If you do your best to be worthy of the Spirit and strive to be humble so that the Lord can direct you, answers will come (see D&C 112:10).

As you ponder whether a thought or feeling is from the Spirit, consider this counsel from the prophet Mormon: "Every thing which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by the power and

gift of Christ; wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God" (Moroni 7:16).

Along these lines, President Gordon B. Hinckley (1910–2008) taught, "That's the test, when all is said and done. Does it persuade one to do good, to rise, to stand tall, to do the right thing, to be kind, to be generous? Then it is of the Spirit of God" (Preach My Gospel [2004], 97).

So do your best to be worthy of the Spirit, listen carefully, pay attention to those thoughts and promptings, and act. The Lord will help you along the way, and over time you'll learn more about how the Spirit speaks specifically to you. (New Era May 2014)

"Will you eat with me at lunch?"

Activity: Scripture Bookmark
Thought: "Feast upon the words of Christ"

2 Nephi 32:3
Book of Mormon
Angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore, they speak the words of Christ. Wherefore, I said unto you, feast upon the words of Christ; for behold, the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do.

2 Nephi 31:20
Book of Mormon
Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men. Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life.

Press Forward, Feasting upon the Word of Christ
In Lehi's vision of the tree of life, the only people who didn't fall away were those who "did press their way forward, continually holding fast to the rod of iron" (1 Nephi 8:30). When you consider that the iron rod is the word of God, how does that relate to this phrase? Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles taught, "The key phrase in this verse is continually holding fast to the rod of iron. … Perhaps this third group of people consistently read and studied and searched the scriptures. … Perhaps it was the spiritual nourishment and strength provided by continually 'feasting upon the word of Christ' (2 Nephi 31:20) that enabled this group to heed not the scorning and mocking of the people in the great and spacious building (see 1 Nephi 8:33). This is the group you and I should strive to join" ("Lehi's Dream: Holding Fast to the Rod," Ensign, Oct. 2011, 35–36). Line upon Line (June 2014 New Era)