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Visual Aids

Print and laminate visual aids if desired. Put tape, flannel, or velcro on visual aids backs to attach to chalkboard, flannelboard, or velcro board (a velcro board is a board covered with indoor-outdoor carpet or any fuzzy material that velcro will stick to; a velcro board will work better than a flannelboard because figures will stick tighter).

Joseph Smith and the Wentworth Letter

The Articles of Faith of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is a statement by Joseph Smith published in the Times and Seasons March 1, 1842, in company with a short history of the Church that was popularly known as the Wentworth Letter. See History of the Church, vol. 4, pp. 535-541.

Excerpts From the Wentworth Letter

March 1, 1842 - "At the request of Mr. John Wentworth, Editor and Proprietor of the Chicago Democrat, I have written the following sketch of the rise, progress, persecution, and faith of the Latter-day Saints, of which, I have the honor, under God, of being the founder ..."

A history of the early Church follows, then near the end of the letter:

"Persecution has not stopped the progress of truth, but has only added fuel to the flame, it has spread with increasing rapidity. Proud of the cause which they have espoused, and conscious of our innocence, and of the truth of their system, amidst calumny and reproach, have the Elders of this Church gone forth, and planted the Gospel in almost every state in the Union; it has penetrated our cities, it has spread over our villages, and has caused thousands of our intelligent, noble, and patriotic citizens to obey its divine mandates, and be governed by its sacred truths. It has also spread into England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, where, in the year 1840, a few of our missionaries were sent, and over five thousand joined the Standard of Truth; there are members now joining in every land.

"Our missionaries are going forth to different nations, and in Germany, Palestine, New Holland, Australia, the East Indies, and other places, the Standard of Truth has been erected; no unhallowed hand can stop the work from progressing; persecutions may rage, mobs may combine, armies may assemble, calumny may defame, but the truth of God will go forth boldly, nobly, and independent, till it has penetrated every continent, visited every dime, swept every country, and sounded in every ear, till the purposes of God shall be accomplished, and the Great Jehovah shall say the work is done."

This is followed by the Articles of Faith (not numbered), and the letter is signed by Joseph Smith.



The Articles of Faith Posters

1

We believe
in God,
the
Eternal
Father,
and in His Son,
Jesus Christ,
and in the
Holy Ghost.

2

We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.

3

We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

4

We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

5

We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

6

We believe
in the
same
organiza-
tion that
existed in

the Primitive
Church, namely,
apostles, prophets,
pastors, teachers,
evangelists, and so
forth.

7

We believe
in the gift
of
tongues,
prophecy,
revelation,
visions, healing,
interpretation
of tongues, and
so forth.

8

We believe
the Bible
to be the
word of
God as far
as it is
translated
correctly; we also
believe the Book
of Mormon to be
the word of God.

9

We believe
all that God
has
revealed, all
that He does
now reveal,
and we believe that
He will yet reveal
many great and
important things
pertaining to the
Kingdom of God.

10

We believe
in the
literal
gathering
of Israel
and in the
restora-
tion of the

Ten Tribes; that Zion (the New Jerusalem) will be built upon the American continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.

11

We claim
the
privilege of
worshiping
Almighty
God

according
to the dictates of our
own conscience, and
allow all men the
same privilege, let
them worship how,
where, or what they
may.

12

We
believe
in
being
subject
to

kings, presidents,
rulers, and
magistrates, in
obeying, honoring,
and sustaining the
law.

13

We believe
in being
honest,
true,
chaste,
benevolent,
virtuous,
and in
doing good

to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul--We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.

THE ARTICLES OF FAITH

OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

(History of the Church, Vol. 4, pp. 535-541)

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3. We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.
4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.
5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.
6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, namely, apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, and so forth.
7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, and so forth.
8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.
9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.
10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion (the New Jerusalem) will be built upon the American continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.
11. We claim the privilege of worshiping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.
12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honoring, and sustaining the law.
13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul--We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.

JOSEPH SMITH

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