

# 14-WEEK BOOK OF MORMON CHALLENGE

*"When you read the Book of Mormon, concentrate on the principal figure in the book . . . the Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God."* Elder Russell M. Nelson [Ensign, Nov. 1999, 69](#)

*"While the Book of Mormon speaks with power to the issues that affect our modern society, the great and stirring burden of its message is a testimony, vibrant and true, that Jesus is the Christ, the promised Messiah."* President Gordon B. Hinckley. ["A Testimony Vibrant and True," Ensign, Aug. 2005, 5](#)

## Introduction:

Depending on your goals and your needs, you should select the appropriate [Book of Mormon](#) challenge that helps you best—or you might participate in one personally while as a family doing another. The **14-week Book of Mormon Challenge** can be approached in these three ways:

**For Younger Children: "A Scripture a Day Keeps the Devil Away"**

[Schedule \(MS PowerPoint\)](#) | [Schedule \(PDF\)](#)

This one is ideal for families to use as a scripture to ponder and discuss in their daily family scripture time. All 25 scripture mastery scriptures from the Book of Mormon course of study in seminary are included, plus over 70 more in between.

**For Youth and Adults:**

***NEW: The 2018 12-week challenge*** issued by [President Nelson in the October General Women's Session for finishing by year-end 2018](#)

[Schedule \(MS Excel\)](#) | [Schedule \(PDF\)](#) | [Bookmarks](#)

## Read the Book of Mormon in 14 Weeks

[Customizable Schedule \(MS Excel\)](#) | [Customizable Bookmarks](#)

If you have a goal to read the Book of Mormon in its entirety, similar to the [First Presidency's challenge to read the Book of Mormon by 2006 issued on July 25, 2005](#) and found in the August 2005 Ensign, then this schedule helps you do so with about 5 ½ pages of reading a day in 98 days (14 weeks).

## 14-Topic Personal Study Challenge of 30 Minutes a Day

[Topical Study Guide \(PDF\)](#)

This one is designed for youth who have already read the Book of Mormon through, but is equally applicable for adults. This challenge is designed to set aside time (30 minutes is best!) to study and ponder the scriptures and to search deeply within ourselves to find application in our own lives. With each week's topic it provides some questions to ponder, sections of the Book of Mormon to read, and references [True to the Faith](#) and suggested seminary [Scripture Mastery](#) scriptures to read also.

If it's summertime for you, 14 weeks was originally chosen because it is the exact time between Memorial Day and Labor Day. May the Lord bless you in your studies!

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**History of this “Summer” Book of Mormon Study Challenge:** In an attempt to help the youth in his ward become acquainted with the scriptures and the great power of the Lord’s word contained in the Book of Mormon, and to help them not “take a vacation” from their scripture studies they were getting in seminary during the school year, on Monday, May 26, 2003 (Memorial Day), Bishop Richard J. Clark of the Valencia Ward of the Tucson Arizona East Stake started his youth on a schedule to read about 5 ½ pages a day and complete reading the entire Book of Mormon 98 days later, on Labor Day. He gave of his own resources to prepare a great barbeque for those youth (and their leaders) who completed it—and he is an excellent cook, so it was worth it just for the barbeque alone! The challenge was issued to the youth and other ward members every year while he was bishop, and in 2007 he and his counselors, James Gubler and Quintus Schulzke, explored setting up a program that the whole ward could participate better in—one based on the family’s needs and goals. Reading the entire Book of Mormon was a very good goal for those who had never done so, but it was not a challenge that primary children could as easily fulfill, and the act of reading front to back in and of itself did not go deep enough for those who had already read it through and needed time for pondering the Lord’s teachings therein. That is what prompted the creation of these three options for this Book of Mormon. That is what prompted the creation of these three options for this Book of Mormon challenge.