

YOUTH-BOOK OF MORMON - PLACEMENT PROGRAM

GOAL: "Save the Youth"

The Bishop's Youth Committee (or youth missionary committee) will plan and participate in a Book of Mormon placement program, which will help to give them a personal missionary experience.

OBJECTIVE:

To place the Book of Mormon, in different businesses in our community, where nonmembers might be able to read it. Note: in rural areas they could place in nonmember homes.

OUTLINE:

At a youth activity (or on a chosen day- I.e. Friday or Saturday) the youth will do the following:

- Write their personal testimonies in the fly leaf of the book (in 2-10 books). Given by the ward.
- They will put their first name (not their last name) and age at the end of their testimony, also adding the address of the church, phone number and meeting times.
- They will scripture mark the book with favorite scriptures, missionary suggestions, or seminary favorites. It should be put in the book that people can take it with them.
- A sheet outlining the contents of book can be added, so a non-member might be able to understand what the Book of Mormon contains. This should include the scriptures, in the Bible, that refer to the Book of Mormon. I.e. Genesis 49:22-26, Ezekiel 37:15-22, Isaiah 29,
- Be sure and invite all inactive, or nonmember friends if they want to participate.

This is a planned missionary activity.

-The youth can then be divided into pairs.

I.e. the priest, who is older, with the deacons, a laurel with a miamaid.

- Local businesses, and/or offices will be assigned by the youth. A map of businesses to visit.
- A good suggestion, in small communities, would be to send youth to businesses, where they know the owners or people who work there.

-After all is done the youth are trained in what to say and they practice with each other.

SOME SUGGESTIONS ON THINGS TO SAY, TO HELP ON PLACING A BOOK OF MORMON IN THE WAITING AREA, OR IN AN OFFICE.

- Would you mind if we placed a Book of Mormon in your waiting area (or office)?
- If they say no just say thank you and leave. Don't get discouraged, the next place may say yes!
- If they ask what is it?
- A simple answer might be: It is a history book of North and South America and Jesus Christ's visit here.

-If they say yes, a suggestion to further your missionary experience could be to say:

****Some of the business owners have asked that we come, when they are free to explain a little more about the Book of Mormon, would you be interested?**

- If response is no, kindly thank them, and place the Book of Mormon in the waiting area and leave.

-If they say yes: Ask when the best time to come back for a visit would be.

(Set an appointment for the missionaries and youth, who place the Book of Mormon, if possible, to come back.)

-Because most offices are closed on Saturday, this activity should be set on the youth meeting night, or after school.

-After going to the businesses there could be a testimony meeting, to share their individual experiences at the church. Afterwards there could be a dinner, volleyball, for fellowshiping.

-A good idea might be to have the youth do some journaling about their experience, and to express their feelings and testimony on their missionary experience. They can also, share it with their families.

-A number of forms would be needed. The youth committee could come up with the forms.

Some might be: scripture marking forms, maps of assigned streets and businesses, form to show what business contacted, address, phone number, person talked to, their response, book of mormon placed, (yes-no), appointment set (yes-no), form of questions and answers for youth, Other forms as needed.

-These forms could be kept by the ward mission leader, and teaching assignments made. This planned missionary activity might happen once a year to replace books taken. This would help train the youth to do missionary work. It would give them the spirit of Christ and increase their testimony.

