

FHE: The Eleventh Article of Faith

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Thought

“The Church does not endorse any political party or any political candidate, nor does it permit the use of Church buildings and facilities for political purposes. We believe that the Church should remain out of politics unless there is a moral question at issue. And in the case of a moral issue we would expect to speak out on our view. But, in the matter of everyday political considerations, we try to remain aloof from those as a Church, while at the same time urging our members, as citizens, to exercise their political franchise as individuals. And we believe, likewise, that it is in the interest of good government to permit freedom of worship, freedom of religion.”

—[Gordon B. Hinckley, former President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints](#)

Song

[“Let Us Oft Speak Kind Words,” Hymn #232](#)

Scripture

[Articles of Faith 1:11](#): “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.”

(This would be a good time to teach the family where the Articles of Faith are found in the scriptures, at the conclusion of the Pearl of Great Price.)

Lesson

- Watch *Zack & Zoey Explore The Articles of Faith*, Eleventh Article of Faith clip, located at ldsliving.com/articlesoffaith.
- Discuss why it’s important to allow all men and women the same privilege of worshiping God “according to the dictates of [their] own conscience.”

Activity

Make six cards with the following information. Take turns drawing a card. Read the information on the card and discuss the case presented and come up with possible ways to handle each situation. Have family members act out what they would do in each situation.

- o A new family moves into your neighborhood. They are not members of your church. What will you say when you go welcome them to the neighborhood?
- o You are having a birthday party. Describe the friends you will invite. Do you only include members of our church? Why or why not?
- o A boy in your classroom at school seems lonely. No one ever plays with him at recess. He does not “look” like a member of your church. How will you treat him?
- o Your neighbor smokes cigarettes. Do you think of him as a “bad” person? Describe your feelings toward him.
- o You invite a less-active member to attend church with you. She chooses not to attend. How will you feel about her?
- o Your group of friends does not invite anyone else to play, except those children who are like

them. You have noticed others who would like to play games at recess with the group. What will you do?

(Christena C. Nelson, *Sharing the Articles of Faith*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1994], p. 55.)

Refreshments

Apple Crisp

4 medium tart cooking apples, sliced (4 cups)

3/4 cup packed brown sugar

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup quick-cooking or old-fashioned oats

1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened

3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

3/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Cream or ice cream, if desired

- Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Grease bottom and sides of an 8" square pan with shortening.
- Spread apples in pan. In medium bowl, stir remaining ingredients except cream until well mixed; sprinkle over apples.
- Bake about 30 minutes or until topping is golden brown and apples are tender when pierced with a fork. Serve warm with cream or ice cream.

To learn more about the Articles of Faith, check out the full DVD of [Zack & Zoey Explore the Articles of Faith](#).