

# Follow the Prophet

Over the years, many Primary workers have written many verses about prophets not included in the original song. I am trying to collect just as many as I can to share here; perhaps you can use them in your Primary or in your family.

Some will fault me for including lyrics that have not appeared in official sources in this project - for this hymn I am making an exception; it will probably be the only one I do so. Many wards and branches made a project of writing lyrics for this hymn the year that "Follow the Prophet" was the Primary theme - they actually had a contest in the stake I lived in (before I'd discovered the joy of writing hymn texts.) One can only imagine the hundreds of verses written that year by Primary teachers and children around the world!

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## BOOK OF MORMON PROPHETS

by Christine Wardle as found at

[http://www.christysclipart.com/wwwroot/ftp\\_bom.html](http://www.christysclipart.com/wwwroot/ftp_bom.html)

Lehi was a prophet, sailed across the sea  
From Jerusalem the Lord told him to flee  
Coming off the boat, he knelt down in the sand  
Heavenly Father led him to the Promised Land.

Samuel was a prophet who stood upon a wall  
Told to teach the Nephites, repentance was his call  
He told them Christ would come soon, born in Bethlehem  
Samuel knew the signs and told all this to them.

Nephi was a prophet chosen by the Lord  
Told to get the brass plates using Laban's sword  
He knew he would do right by the Lord's command  
The plates would teach the Nephites of the Gospel Plan.

Abinadi the prophet stood before the king  
A message of repentance he did surely bring  
King Noah became angry and called his guards to kill  
They couldn't touch the prophet 'til he'd finished the Lord's will.

Ammon was a prophet, called to serve a King  
Fearlessly he guarded the sheep with sword and sling  
Lamoni thought that Ammon might a spirit be,  
Ammon replied, "No, I just want to teach thee."

Alma was a prophet, who heard Abinadi  
The only man who listened before the prophet died.  
He fled to the forest, teaching many souls  
Two hundred were baptized in the waters cold.

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Other Book of Mormon Verses:

NEPHI was a prophet. He chose to obey  
All of the commandments, that the Lord did say.  
Nephi was courageous, valiant, and so true -  
What the Lord commanded, he would go and do.  
*Lisa Ellis*

Nephi was a prophet, Tried to get the plates.  
He dressed up as Laban by the city gates.  
With his brothers waiting, Nephi went inside.  
He knew God would help him and with him abide.

*Glenn Kidder, June 2001 Friend Magazine*

Samuel was a prophet, Lamanite by birth,  
Prophesied the time when Christ would come to earth.  
Cried to all, "Repentance!" Shouted from the

wall.

Wicked would not listen, Tried to make him fall.  
*Holly W. Hancock*, June 2001 Friend Magazine

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FOLLOW THE PROPHET: Latter-Day Prophets  
by Karen Walker Stumpf as found at  
[http://www.christysclipart.com/wwwroot/ftp\\_latte\\_r.htm](http://www.christysclipart.com/wwwroot/ftp_latte_r.htm)

#### JOSEPH SMITH

Joseph was a prophet, Chosen by the Lord.  
When we saw the vision, He listened to the Word.  
He received the Priesthood, Restored the Gospel Plan.  
Lost his life for truth's sake, What a gift for man!

#### BRIGHAM YOUNG

Brigham was a prophet, Called to lead the way,  
To a desert valley, In the latter days.  
Brigham was a great man, Helped the pioneers,  
Build their homes and temples, Overcome their fears.

#### JOHN TAYLOR

John Taylor - a prophet, Honest, brave and wise.  
Stood up for the right way. Never told no lies.  
At the Carthage jail, A bullet struck his chest.  
Hit a watch inside his coat. Oh how he was blessed.

#### WILFORD WOODRUFF

Wilford was a prophet, Gentle, kind and pure.  
Lived through many dangers. Hardships he endured.  
Crossed the plains and mountains, Helped the Church to grow.  
Message from the Lord, Write the manifesto.

#### LORENZO SNOW

Lorenzo was a prophet, Mighty man who cared.  
Crossed the plains to Utah, Oft' his life was spared.  
Had the gift to heal, Also raised the dead.  
Pay your tithing to the Lord, This is what he said.

#### JOSEPH F. SMITH

Joseph was a prophet, Patient, kind and strong.  
Was the son of Hyrum, Hardship was his song.  
Joseph loved the Lord, Served in many ways.  
Helped the Church to prosper, Gracious was his days.

#### HEBER J. GRANT

Heber was a prophet, Loving, kind and good.  
Helped the poor and widows, Gave much more than he should.  
He was such a great man, Always did his best.  
When the task was hard, Always met the test.

#### GEORGE ALBERT SMITH

George Albert was a prophet, Carried a great name.  
Smiths were his descendants, Blessed was his fame.  
George Albert was a great man, Lived his creed each day.  
Sharing the scouting program, Showing boys the way.

#### DAVID O. McKAY

David was a prophet, Teaching love to all.  
Said to respect your families, There's no greater call.  
Gave us great directions, To teach us F-H-E.  
Promised us this blessing, Forever families.

#### JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH

Joseph was a prophet, Third one called to serve.  
Read the scriptures daily, He really knew the word.  
Joseph loved the Lord, Served him all his days.  
Valiant in his teaching, Stalwart were his ways.

#### HAROLD B. LEE

Harold was a prophet, Humble, kind and strong.  
Had a voice like thunder, Didn't serve too long.  
Harold was a good man, Served with all his might.  
Helped the welfare program, Knowing it was right.

SPENCER W. KIMBALL

Spencer was a prophet, Friend of Lamanites.  
Called us to repentance, Taught us what was right.  
So he knelt in prayer to, Ask if it was good.  
For all worthy men to, Claim the great Priesthood.

EZRA TAFT BENSON

Ezra was a prophet, Spoke to man for God.  
Listen to his wise words, Hold on to the Rod.  
Read the Book of Mormon, Was his great  
command.  
Gets you closer to the Lord, When you take this  
stand.

HOWARD W. HUNTER

Howard was a prophet, Called when he was old.  
From his sturdy wheelchair, Spoke God's words  
so bold.  
Be more kind and loving, was his gentle plea.  
Get more temple ready, Live eternally.

GORDON B. HINKLEY

Gordon is the prophet, Prophet of the world.  
Visits every nation, Bringing them God's word.  
With a sense of humor, He looks you in the eye.  
Be more like the Savior, Is his great reply.

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Other Latter-day Prophet Verses:

Joseph Smith:

Joseph was a prophet, first one in our day.  
He saw God and Jesus when he went to pray.  
He prayed with great faith to know which church  
was true.  
Jesus said to "Join none. The Truth shall come  
through you."  
*unknown*, June 2001 Friend Magazine

Came the Restoration; JOSEPH sought the Lord.  
He restored the fullness of the Savior's word.  
The Book of Mormon teaches all that we must be  
To come to the Savior; the Gospel is the key.  
*Lisa Ellis*

Brigham Young:

Brigham Young, the prophet, Valiant to the end,  
"Lion of the Lord," He was Jesus' friend.  
Led the Saints to safety Far out in the West,  
Helped them to grow mighty, Equal to the test.  
*Sharon Y. Cupp*, June 2001 Friend Magazine

Gordon B. Hinkley:

Gordon Bitner Hinckley speaks to us today;  
In each General Conference he shows us the way.  
Dedicating temples all across the land;  
He has asked us all to rise and take a stand.  
*unknown*

President Hinckley is our prophet; his words are  
from the Lord  
When we heed his council, we are in accord.  
Be Grateful, True, and Humble; Be Prayerful,  
Clean and Smart  
Says that we'll be happy; just take the "B's" to  
heart.  
*Lisa Ellis*

Thomas S. Monson:

Heavenly Father loves us and wants us to return.  
He blesses us with prophets who help us to learn.  
President Monson humbly leads God's Church  
today.  
As we heed his words, we'll walk a righteous  
way.  
*Duane E. Hiatt* (original composer of the song),  
March 2010 FRIEND Magazine

Thomas S. Monson, oh! How we love this man!  
Just like a grandfather, loving all he can.  
Visits sick and lonely, blessing every one -  
If we follow his steps, the Lord will say "WELL  
DONE!"  
*Bruce T. Forbes*

President Monson is our prophet; he teaches us to  
care  
for the sick and lonely, and those who feel  
despair.

He tells us many stories that teach us how to live  
How to follow promptings, help others, and  
forgive.

*unknown*

Thomas Monson is our prophet. He teaches us the  
right.

So we can be happy, He guides us to the light.  
He tells us many stories, Reminds us to be good,  
And follow the commandments, Just like we all  
should.

*Angie's Primary Children*

President Monson is a prophet, friend to  
everyone!

Shares his testimony through stories that are fun.  
If we listen carefully and do what he tells us,  
we'll return to heaven, and live with God above.

*De Lane Andrus Hyer, Orem, Utah*

President Monson is our Prophet, leads us day by  
day.

Gives us words of wisdom, things we must obey.  
Led by inspiration, he knows what we must do.  
Following his counsel is sure to bring us through.

*Linda Terry, Sandy, Utah*

Thomas is a prophet With a gentle heart.  
Visiting the sick, He always does his part.  
Servant from his youth - He will lead us well.  
Listen to his stories, Live by what they tell.

*Kirstan Hilton*

Thomas S. Monson leads the church today  
He teaches us through stories to help us on our  
way

We will listen, learn, and we will obey  
We love President Monson - we'll follow him  
today.

*Unknown*

#### CONCLUSION:

Now we have a prophet, in the latter-day,  
He is here to guide us in so many ways.  
If we choose to follow all that he may say,

We will have the Spirit with us every day.

*Lisa Ellis or Connor Boyack*

*(have seen it listed under both on the  
internet)*

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#### “FOLLOW THE PROPHETS”

*As none of the above had copyright  
announcements (except those from the  
FRIEND Magazine), I have gleaned from  
them and cleaned some up so they better fit  
the metering of the tune. This is what I give  
to my Primary children:*

Joseph Smith the prophet - first one in our day;  
He saw God and Jesus when he went to pray.  
Praying with great faith to know which church  
was true,  
Jesus said to 'Join none; Truth shall come through  
you.'

Brigham Young was valiant, even to the end.  
“Lion of the Lo-rd,” he was Jesus’ friend.  
Led the Saints to safety far out in the West,  
Helped them to grow mighty, equal to the test.

John Taylor was honest; he was brave and wise.  
Stood up for the right way; never told no lies.  
At the Carthage jail, a bullet struck his chest.  
Hit the watch in his coat; oh, how he was blessed!

Wilford Woodruff – gentle - also kind and pure.  
Lived through many dangers; hardships he  
endured.  
Crossed the plains and mountains, helped the  
Church to grow.  
Organized the priesthood, God's blessings then  
could flow.

Lorenzo Snow, he was a mighty man who cared.  
Crossed the plains to Utah, oft' his life was  
spared.

Had the gift to heal, also raised the dead.  
'Pay an honest tithing' - this is what he said.

Joseph F. the nephew - patient, kind, and strong.  
Was the son of Hyrum, hardship was his song.  
Joseph loved the Lord and served in many ways.  
Helped the Church to prosper, Gracious was his days.

Heber J. Grant was so loving, kind and good.  
Helped the poor and widows; gave more than he should.  
The sort of man who always strove to do his best  
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When the task was hard he always met the test.

George Albert the cousin; carried a great name.  
Smiths were his descendants; blessed was his fame.  
Worked to be a good man, lived his creed each day.  
Shared the Scouting program, showing boys the way.

David O. McKay, he taught us to love all.  
Said 'Respect your fam'lies, There's no greater call.'  
Gave fam'lies directions to heed da-i-ly;  
Promised us this blessing: Forever family.

Joseph Fielding was the son of Joseph F.  
Read the scriptures daily, God's word to proclaim.  
Joseph loved the Lord and served him all his days.  
Valiant in his teaching; stalwart were his ways.

Harold B. Lee was so humble, kind and strong.  
A voice like quiet thunder, didn't serve too long.  
Even as a young man, served with all his might -  
Built the Welfare Program, knowing it was right.

Spencer W. Kimball - friend of Lamanites,  
Called us to repentance, taught us what was right.  
Knelt in humble prayer to ask if it was good  
For all worthy men to hold God's own Priesthood.

Ezra Taft Benson, he spoke to man for God;  
Listen to his wise words: "Hold on to the Rod."  
"Read the Book of Mormon," was his great command -  
Gets you close to the Lord when you take this stand.

Howard W. Hunter - called when he was old.  
Spoke up from his wheelchair, God's own words so bold.  
'Be more kind and loving' was his gentle plea;  
Get more temple-ready; Live eternally.

Gordon B. Hinkley – he traveled everywhere!  
Built so many temples – nothing can compare!  
With a sense of humor, he'd look you in the eye,  
"Be more like the Savior" was his greatest cry.

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