

**Description:** Teach what is meant by D&C 1:38, "whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same" through this puzzle activity.

**What you need:**

- A copy of the "Building the Church" activity (artwork included with this lesson,) cardstock or heavy paper (optional), scissors

**Preparation:**

1. Print out the artwork (on cardstock or heavy paper if possible).
2. Cut on dotted line to separate instruction sheet from puzzle pieces.
3. Cut out color church puzzle pieces. Save church outline to help children build the puzzle.

**Activity:** Read D&C 1:38: "What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself; and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same."

Explain: When the Lord speaks to us through His prophets and servants, it's the same as if He were speaking directly to us. To demonstrate, we're going to build this puzzle together.

Choose one person to read the instruction sheet, and another family member to repeat the instructions. The other family members will follow the directions to build the puzzle. (For example, Dad reads instruction number one to Mom. Mom repeats Dad's instructions exactly. The children follow the instructions and lay piece one (the foundation) at the bottom of the church puzzle on the puzzle outline page. Continue until each instruction has been read, passed on, and the puzzle is completed.

Explain: If one family member repeats the exact same instructions to us, isn't it the same as if the first person had given the instructions? In the same way, the Lord leads the building up of the Church - not necessarily the church buildings, but the fullness of the gospel on earth. As we listen to our prophets and apostles, we will know what the Lord wants us to do.



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### Instruction Sheet

1. Lay the foundation at the bottom of the church.
2. Place the center doors and windows in the middle of the church.
3. Add the left side on the left of the center doors and windows.
4. Add the right side on the right of the center doors and windows.
5. Place the short left section left of the left side.
6. Place the short right section right of the right side.
7. Add the steeple on top.

