

Helping Students Identify Principles

“One cannot honestly study the scriptures without learning gospel principles because the scriptures have been written to preserve principles.”

(Marion G. Romney)

“**Principles** are concentrated truth, packaged for application to a wide variety of circumstances.”

(Richard G. Scott)

Stated Principles

1. If / Then Statements

2. Power Phrases

- Phrases that stand out
 - “I will go and do.”

3. Flag Words

- Connector Words
 - therefore
 - nevertheless
 - insomuch
 - etc.

4. Flag Phrases

- Author’s Intent
 - “And thus we see”
 - “I would that ye should...”

Implied Principles

1. Moral of the Story

- What lesson can we learn from this story?

2. White Spaces

- What’s missing in the written story? Make the story come alive.

3. Invite the Scripture Character to Speak.

- What if Jonah were here today? What do you think he would say?

