

Doctrine & Covenants 129

Discerning Messengers

For this demonstration have your class read the nine verses of Section 129 and be ready for a quiz. Explain that they will need to identify the 3 types of messengers that can appear to someone, and how to identify them properly.

After the reading, get a chair to stand on, and 6 volunteers (2 to act out each situation below). Give them a little time to discuss how to act out their assigned situation, and who will be the messenger.

After each pair performs, ask the class if they are an “Angel”, Spirit of a just man”, or “A devil”.

Situation #1

Messenger stands on a chair and says, **“I have a message from God.”**

Person offers his or her hand and replies, **“Let me shake your hand.”**

They shake and the person says, **“Firm handshake.”**

Messenger then says, **“I am sent from God to tell you that...”**

Situation #2

Messenger stands on a chair and says, **“I have a message from God.”**

Person offers his or her hand and replies, **“Let me shake your hand.”**

Messenger ignores the offer to shake hands and says, **“I am sent from God to tell you that...”**

Situation #3

Messenger stands on a chair and says, **“I have a message from God.”**

Person offers his or her hand and replies, **“Let me shake your hand.”**

They try to shake and the person says, **“Odd, I can’t feel your hand.”**

Messenger then says, **“I am sent from God to tell you that...”**