

BYU Sesquicentennial Celebration Beacons of Light

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As a BYU undergraduate studying Special Education with an emphasis in severe disabilities, I learned how to break down complex ideas and create meaningful access for all learners. Under the mentorship of Professor Katie E. Steed, I began applying those strategies to gospel teaching—developing short, practical videos to help children with disabilities more fully participate in learning the gospel at home and at church.

These videos were designed to equip families and teachers with simple, inclusive adaptations rooted in both research and compassion. What started as a small project grew into something much larger. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints adopted the videos as official resources. They've now been translated into multiple languages and are used by Sunday School teachers across the globe and in various faith traditions.

My BYU experience gave me both the vision and the tools to shine a light in this space, where education meets faith and inclusion becomes discipleship. This experience continues to confirm that inclusive teaching is not just a strategy—it's a sacred responsibility.