

SKIT - King Lamoni's Father Receives Salvation – Teacher's Copy
(Alma 22)

Narrator: Lamoni's father, an old man and a powerful king of the Lamanites, lived about one hundred years before the time of Christ. This powerful king treated the Nephites as his enemies because that's what he was taught by his parents. One day he met his son Lamoni, who recently accepted Jesus as his Savior, and Ammon, his Nephite brother in Christ, traveling together on the road.

King: Lamoni! What are you doing keeping company with this Nephite? You know they are our enemies! Kill him!

Lamoni: Father, this is Ammon. He is my friend. I will not kill him.

Narrator: The old king became so angry that he raised his sword to strike his son dead. Ammon came to Lamoni's defense to protect him from his father.

Ammon: Hold your sword and do not kill your son! If you die in this angry state, your soul could not be saved because you would kill an innocent man!

Narrator: Ammon's rebuke and his loyalty and love for Lamoni astonished the old king so much that he invited him to his home to learn about saving his own soul. Ammon's brother, Aaron, visited king Lamoni's father in Ammon's place.

King: Aaron, I have two questions that I would like you to answer. The first one is, "What is the Spirit of the Lord?" and the second one, "What does it mean, 'If you will repent you shall be saved, and if you will not repent, you shall be cast off at the last day?'"

Narrator: Aaron was thrilled to hear the king's desire to learn about God and the plan of salvation. Aaron began by teaching that God was the Creator of heaven and earth, and that Adam, was the first man who, because he disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit, was kicked out of the garden of Eden and was in a state of losing his soul. But God, being a loving Father, created a plan to redeem man from his lost and fallen state and that Jesus was chosen to pay the price for the sins of mankind.

Aaron: ...And so you see dear king, all men need to believe on Jesus and His power to save.

King: What must I do to have eternal life? I know that I have a wicked spirit inside, and I want to get rid of it! I want a good spirit - one that would give me joy! I will give up everything that I own to have great joy!

Aaron: If this is your desire, you must bow down before God and repent of all your sins and call on His name in faith, believing that you shall receive. Then dear King, you shall receive the hope which you desire.

Narrator: The old king bowed down upon his knees, layed his face to the ground and cried mightily...

King: ...O God, Aaron has told me that there is a God; and if there is a God, and if you are God, will you reveal yourself to me? I will give away all my sins to know you, and that I may be raised from the dead, and be saved at the last day!

Narrator: Now when the king had said these words, he was struck as if he were dead. God revealed Himself to the king, took the evil spirit out of his heart, and gave him great joy! Aaron extended his hand and raised the king from the ground. After the king was saved through his belief in Christ, his whole household asked to be saved and they were a righteous people until the day they died.

Q. How did Lamoni's father demonstrate a desire to come to Christ?

A. He feared to lose his soul; he inquired how to save his soul; he believed what he was told; he humbled himself; he repented; he asked God to reveal Himself.

Q. How did Lamoni's father demonstrate a desire to hear the words of Christ?

A. He asked questions; he listened attentively; he said he would believe all that he was told.

Q. How did Lamoni's father demonstrate a desire to do what he needed to do to be saved by Christ?

A. He asked what he needed to do to be saved; he was willing to give up everything he owned to have great joy; he bowed; he repented; he prayed; he was willing to give all his sins away to know God, to be raised from the dead and be saved.

Q. How did Lamoni's father demonstrate that He was building his life on the rock of Christ?

A. He believed that redemption came through Christ and wanted to have eternal life. He repented of his sins.

Q. How was Lamoni's father rewarded for His faith?

A. God revealed himself to him, his evil spirit was cast out, he received joy, he became a new creature in Christ.

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