

Teacher's Supplement – Lehi Receives a Blessing of a Land Of Promise – Part 2

Play - The Liahona

Characters: Narrator, Laman, Nephi, Lehi, Sam, Laman's wife, Sariah, Lemuel

Narrator: After Ishmael and his family joined Lehi in the wilderness, Zoram, the former servant of Laban, married Ishmael's oldest daughter and Lehi's four sons also married Ishmael's other daughters. One night, sometime later, the voice of God spoke to Lehi and told him to continue his journey the next day into the wilderness.

(The next morning)

Lehi: Hey, Sariah, wake up. God told me that we must pack up our things and continue our journey.

Sariah: Well, you had better go tell the others.

(Lehi opens his tent to walk outside)

Lehi: Huh? What's this?

Sariah: It looks like a metal ball. Look how shiny it is. I think it's made of brass. See the beautiful designs engraved upon it. I've never seen anything like this!

Lehi: And look inside! There are two arrows.

Narrator: The Lord showed to Lehi and his family that one of the arrows pointed the direction that they should travel through the wilderness to the Promised Land. Lehi called the curious ball "Liahona." The Liahona directed them through the fertile parts of the desert, showing Nephi and his brothers where to hunt animals for food. Then, many days later, while Nephi was out hunting, something went wrong.

Laman: Nephi's been gone all day. What could be taking him so long?

Sam: I am getting hungry. I hope he hurries.

(Nephi comes into camp)

Lemuel: Nephi, I am starving. Where is the food?

Nephi: Guys, I have bad news. I broke my bow. I couldn't shoot anything.

Laman: What! You know that was the only good bow we had!

Laman's wife: You should have been more careful! Now we are going to starve!

Narrator: Soon, there was no meat to eat and the whole camp began to grumble and grow angry with Nephi. Even Lehi began complaining to God.

Lehi: I'm very hungry, and so are all my children. Why did God lead us all the way out here just to starve?

Sariah: Maybe we should have stayed in Jerusalem after all. What did we get ourselves into?

Nephi: I cannot believe it! After all that God has done for us, and you begin to complain over a small thing like a broken bow. Do you not think that God will feed us now? I will go make a new bow from wood. Meanwhile, Father, pray to God so that He will show me where to get food. We must have faith!

Narrator: Nephi reminded his family that they needed to humble themselves and trust in God. Lehi obeyed Nephi and he prayed to God for what to do. God was angry at their lack of faith and severely scolded him. God told Lehi to look at the ball. He saw and read words that caused the whole camp to tremble with fear. They soon discovered that the pointers on the ball only worked if they had faith in God and that written words would appear on the ball to deliver messages, also according to their faith. The Liahona told Nephi to hunt on the top of a mountain, so he did and soon the camp had plenty of food. They gave thanks unto the Lord.

The group of Lehi and Ishmael and their families continued to follow the directions on the Liahona, but the journey was not easy. Soon, Ishmael died and his daughters cried and moaned, wishing that they had never left Jerusalem.

Laman's wife: My father is dead! It is all because we left Jerusalem. My feet ache from walking so much.

Laman: It is all Nephi's fault. He wants us to follow our father's crazy dreams and visions so that he can lead us out into the wilderness and rule over us. I say we kill him and our crazy old dad too.

Lemuel: Maybe your right! Our little brother will not rule over us. We must take charge!

Narrator: Laman began spreading these rumors to the sons of Ishmael. But, every time that the group began to wander away from the Lord, God's voice would speak to them harshly and scold them. They would often go hungry until they repented and God blessed them with food once again.

The families struggled for eight years in the wilderness because the Liahona would only show them the right way to go if they had faith in God. If they got lazy and forgot to pray or stopped following its directions, then the needles stopped working and they wasted time.

The women gave birth to children in the wilderness, but God made them strong that they could endure the journey. The families were forced to eat raw meat, but God made the meat sweet so that they could eat it without being cooked.

Finally, one day...

Sam: Look! Up ahead! A beach!

Sariah: Look at the beautiful water.

Lemuel: Wow, these trees are loaded with fruit! I'm going to eat some!

Sam: And honey too! This place rocks!

Lehi: I will call this place Bountiful because it is so wonderful. We will live here for quite a while.

Nephi: I just wish you had trusted in God more. Maybe we would have gotten here sooner.

(Story to be continued in part three)

Assignment - Lehi Receives a Blessing of a Promised Land (The Liahona)

Fill in the blanks to complete the story.

Lehi and his family left _____ [] 600 years before Jesus was born. They traveled through the _____
_____ [] _____ for _____ years using the _____ [] _____ to guide them. The Liahona worked by _____
and diligence. Because the people [] _____ [] _____ along the way, they sometimes got _____ [] _____ and were
hungry. They finally reached the edge of the land where there was much _____ . This place had plenty of fruit and honey to
eat so they called it _____ [] _____ .

Use the letters in the brackets [], to form a word that tells what the Liahona was: _____

