



CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible  
The Book of Mormon



'...and they shall become one in thine hand.' Ezekiel 37.17

## LESSON TITLE

Who Was the Brother of Jared?

## UNIT 6 - Evidence of Authority and Establishing the Church

## GRADES 1-3

### THE HOLY BIBLE (KJV)

Genesis 11:4, "And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

### THE BOOK OF MORMON

Ether 3:9, "And the Lord said unto him: Because of thy faith thou hast seen that I shall take upon me flesh and blood; and never has man come before me with such exceeding faith as thou hast; for were it not so ye could not have seen my finger, Sawest thou more than this?"

## OBJECTIVES

After completing this lesson, students will be able to:

- Describe how and why the Lord favors Jared, his brother, their family and friends, who live in Babel, Ether 1:33-43, chapters 2 & 3.
- Give examples of why it is good to listen to the Lord

## ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- Why does Jared's brother cry to the Lord? Why does the Lord listen to Jared's brother?
- How does Jared's brother listen to the Lord? How does Jared, his brother, their families and friends prepare for their trip?
- What does the Lord reveal to Jared's brother when he prays about light? What do we know about light and Jesus?
- Why is it good to listen to the Lord?

## MATERIALS

*Holy Bible*(KJV) and *The Book of Mormon*

Index cards, 1 per student

**Task:** Assignment page 4. 1 per student

Page 1 of 4, Grades 1-3, "Who Was the Brother of Jared?"

## TEACHER NOTES

40-minute lesson

To prepare for this lesson, study the scriptural references listed in **OBJECTIVES**.

Q = Teacher asks questions

Note: The Church of Jesus Christ uses the Authorized King James Version of The Holy Bible and The Book of Mormon published by The Church

### Definitions:

**Babble** - talk rapidly and continuously in an excited or incomprehensible way.

**Righteous** – acting the right way; listening to the Lord

## PROCEDURE

### Motivation/Introduction (3 minutes)

Key Words: evidence, authority, establish, church, brother of Jared, Babel, Jaredites

**Prior to class:** Write the following words on index cards:

- a. **Aufstehen** (German)
- b. **In piedi** (Italian)
- c. **Levántate** (Spanish)

Write “BABBLE” and its definition on the board.

### In class:

1. Give each student a command card with a foreign term that you prepared (which means “Stand up”).
2. Tell students to read the foreign words audibly and to follow the commands.  
**Q:** Why are you not able to follow the commands?
3. Present the term babble and its definition, and relate to the exercise.

**Goals:** Describe how and why the Lord favors Jared, his brother, their families and friends who live in Babel. Give examples of why it is good to listen to the Lord.

### Lesson Development (30-35 minutes)

1. Share a retelling of the Brother of Jared in Babel. See Story Map in Teacher’s Supplement.
2. Dramatization: Students act out the account as teacher reads it again, prompting students to act out underscored text.
3. Discuss Essential Questions.
4. Task: Give students assignment sheet and tell them to think of one way they will listen to the Lord. Tell them to write it on the assignment sheet.
5. Scripture Cheer: (Lead students)  
Ether 1:37, “...the brother of Jared did cry unto the Lord, and the Lord had compassion upon their friends and their families also, that they were not confounded.”

## Teacher's Supplement

### Story Map: The Brother of Jared

Jared and his brother are righteous men who live in a city called Shinar about 100 years after the great flood in Noah's days. Most of the people in Shinar are not righteous. The unrighteous people decided to build a tower to get to heaven. The Lord is not pleased so He confuses their language, and they are not able to understand one another. Their words sounded like a bunch of noise, so they named the place Babel. Jared tells his brother to pray to the Lord to preserve their language. Jared's brother cries and prays. The Lord feels sorry for him and does not confuse the language of Jared, his brother, their families, and their friends.

Jared tells his brother to cry and pray to the Lord again to see if He will take them to a good land where they can serve Him. Jared's brother cries and prays. The Lord feels sorry for him and says He will take them to a special place. The Lord tells Jared's brother to gather his family and friends and leave Babel. The Lord promises to lead them. Jared's family and friends captured birds and fish to take with them. They travel through the wilderness. The Lord speaks to Jared's brother in a cloud, telling him where to go and what to do.

The Lord tells the brother of Jared to build barges (big boats) to travel to the promised land. The barges are made airtight to keep water out. Jared's brother wonders how they will breathe inside the barges. He asks the Lord what to do. (*Ask: Can you think of some ways they can get air in the barges?*) The Lord tells Jared's brother to make a hole in the top and bottom of each barge. The top hole will be opened to let in air when needed. Jared's brother does what the Lord says.

Jared's brother tells the Lord that the barges are dark inside. The Lord asks him to think of a way to light the barges. (*Ask: Can you think of a way to have light inside the barges?*) Jared's brother climbs a mountain and forms 16 small stones from a rock. The stones look like clear glass. He makes two stones for each barge. Jared's brother prays to the Lord and asks Him to touch the stones so they will give light. The Lord touches each stone with His finger. Jared's brother sees the Lord's finger touch each stone. He is surprised that His finger looks like a human finger of flesh. Jared's brother then asks the Lord to show all of Himself, and He does. Jesus tells Jared's brother that he will have eternal life because He believes everything that He tells him.

Jared's brother carries the stones down the mountain. He puts two stones inside the barges, one at each end. The stones glow day and night. Jared, his brother, their families, and friends climb into the barges with the animals and food. The Lord makes a strong wind blow toward the promised land. The Lord protects them from the waves and sea monsters. Jared's brother thanks the Lord and sings praises to Him all day and night. After 344 days on the water, the barges land on the shore of the promised land. (*Ask: Where is the promised land? The Americas!*)

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