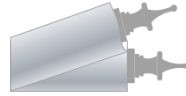




CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible  
The Book of Mormon



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

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## LESSON TITLE

### God's Plan For Peace on Earth

## TEACHER NOTES

## UNIT 5 - Hope and Restoration

45-minute lesson. May be divided into multiples sessions.

## GRADES 7-9

## HOLY BIBLE

Isaiah 2:4, "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

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

Q = Teacher asks question

## THE BOOK OF MORMON

2 Nephi 30:15, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

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

## OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Describe God's plan for peace on earth, 2 Nephi 30:12-18, 3 Nephi 21:1,23-25, Isaiah 2:2-4, 65:17-25, Ether 13:6-8.

## ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- What is God's kingdom of peace called?
- How will people and animals behave in Zion? How can we apply those behaviors in our lives today?
- Who will build God's kingdom of peace? How can we help build this peace in our community?

## MATERIALS

Bibles and Books of Mormon

White Board, marker

Poster board/ large sheets of paper, markers, tape

**Scriptural Texts:** 1 copy per student, pages 3-5. Highlighter markers - 1 per student.

**Task 2:** Supply needed items.

**Song:** *The Songs of Zion* #107, "They Say The Land Has Milk And Honey"

## PROCEDURE

### Motivation/Introduction (3-5 minutes)

Engage students in a discussion to consider Zion-like conditions.

**Q:** Can you imagine having a dragon for a pet? A bear? Can you imagine petting either one?

**Q:** Can you imagine a neighborhood where you would not lock the doors?

**Q:** Can you imagine a world where no 'bad' words are spoken? No one argues or fights? No one is murdered?

A time of peace on earth among animals and people is described in God's Word.

**Q:** What is this period of time called? (Peaceful Reign/Zion)

**Goal:** Describe God's plan for peace on earth.

### Lesson Development (40 minutes)

1. Engage students in a scripture search to identify and describe conditions of the peaceful reign.
  - a. Hand each student the Scriptural Texts pages below, and highlighter markers. Students take turns reading scriptures aloud. Students identify and highlight text that depicts the peaceful reign/Zion.
  - b. In their own words, students describe/summarize conditions of the peaceful reign/Zion. Create a list of responses on poster board, and display for all to see.
  - c. Students compare/contrast to world conditions today.
2. Discuss Essential Questions.
3. Assign students a task to demonstrate their understanding of the peaceful reign.

Suggestions below:

  - a. Task1: Students will identify a problem in their community, brainstorm possible solutions, and create a plan to help resolve it in order to bring peace to others. Consider dividing students into small breakout groups of 2-3.

- b. Task 2: Students illustrate God's plan for peace on earth through song, art, literature...
- c. Option: Teacher thinks of a task.

#### 4. Memory Verse: (Assign to memorize)

- **2 Nephi 30:15**, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Key words: Hope and Restoration, peace, peaceful reign, Zion

## Description of the Peaceful Reign/Zion

**Instructions:** Highlight words/phrases that describe peaceful conditions.

### **2 Nephi 30:12-18.**

[12] And then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb; and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf, and the young lion, and the fatling, together; and a little child shall lead them.

[13] And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

[14] And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den.

[15] They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

[16] Wherefore, the things of all nations shall be made known; yea, all things shall be made known unto the children of men.

[17] There is nothing which is secret save it shall be revealed; there is no work of darkness save it shall be made manifest in the light; and there is nothing which is sealed upon the earth save it shall be loosed.

[18] Wherefore, all things which have been revealed unto the children of men shall at that day be revealed; and Satan shall have power over the hearts of the children of men no more, for a long time. And now, my beloved brethren, I make an end of my sayings.

### **3 Nephi 21:1, 23-25.**

[1] And verily I say unto you, I give unto you a sign, that ye may know the time when these things shall be about to take place -- that I shall gather in, from their long dispersion, my people, O house of Israel, and shall establish again among them my Zion;

[23] And they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob, and also as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem.

[24] And then shall they assist my people that they may be gathered in, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem.

[25] And then shall the power of heaven come down among them; and I also will be in the midst

**Isaiah 2:2-4.**

[2] And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

[3] And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

[4] And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

**Isaiah 65:17-25.**

[17] For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

[18] But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

[19] And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

[20] There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

[21] And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

[22] They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

[23] They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them

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**Ether 13:6-8.**

[6] And that a New Jerusalem should be built upon this land, unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, for which things there has been a type.

[7] For as Joseph brought his father down into the land of Egypt, even so he died there; wherefore, the Lord brought a remnant of the seed of Joseph out of the land of Jerusalem, that he might be merciful unto the seed of Joseph that they should perish not, even as he was merciful unto the father of Joseph that he should perish not.

[8] Wherefore, the remnant of the house of Joseph shall be built upon this land; and it shall be a land of their inheritance; and they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord, like unto the Jerusalem of old; and they shall no more be confounded, until the end come when the earth shall pass away.

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