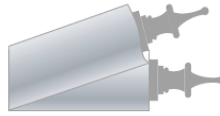




CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible  
The Book of Mormon



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

## LESSON TITLE

The Plan of Redemption

## UNIT 1 - Heavenly Authority

## GRADES 4-6

### THE HOLY BIBLE

Genesis 2: 17, "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

### THE BOOK OF MORMON

Alma 12:33, "But God did call on men, in the name of his Son (this being the plan of redemption which was laid) saying: if ye will repent, and harden not your hearts, then will I have mercy upon you, through mine Only Begotten Son:

### OBJECTIVES

The student will be able to:

- Explore why repentance and forgiveness are important, Alma 12:33,34, 13:27-30, 3 Nephi 27:13-17. (Part 1)
- Recognize the redeeming power of Christ as a foundation on which to build our lives, Mosiah 15:1-9, 3, Alma 12:32 Nephi 27:13-17, Helaman 5:12. (Part 2)

### ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- For what purpose was Jesus sent to earth?
- Why is Jesus our friend?
- When was there a time in your life when you felt you needed Jesus?

### MATERIALS

*Holy Bible and The Book of Mormon*

**Object Lesson 1:** Cookie and napkin for each student (Part 1)

**Object Lesson 2 & 3:** 2-large magnets (Part1)

Drawing Board and Marker (Part 2)

**Song:** The Songs of Zion #27, "Sing Hallelujah"

**Task 1:** 1-sheet of white paper and colored pencils for each student (Part 2)

**Task 2:** Plan of Redemption Word Search, Page 6. 1/student (Part 2)

## TEACHER NOTES

2- 35-minute sessions

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

Q = Teacher asks questions

**Synonyms for Plan of Redemption:**

**Plan of salvation**, Alma 24:14  
**Great plan of happiness**, Alma 42:8

**Plan of mercy**, Alma 42:15

**Definitions:**

**Commandment** *n.* a divine rule; a rule to be strictly observed.

**Redemption** *n* the act of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil.

## PROCEDURE

### Motivation/Introduction

#### Part 1

Engage students in a discussion on commandments and associated rewards and consequences. Present a scenario, giving students a commandment to observe. (See Teacher's Supplement for guidance.)

**Goal:** Explore why repentance and forgiveness are important

### Lesson Development

1. Students read aloud the account in the Bible when God gives Adam and Eve a commandment. Genesis 2:8,9,15-17.
2. Students recall the commandment given and the consequence.
3. Object Lesson 2: **Magnet Demonstration**
  - A. Hold up two magnets and tell students to observe.
  - B. Demonstrate how the magnets attract, and relate to a relationship with God when one obeys His commandments.  
Explain: When we obey God's commandments, we cling to God like these magnets.
  - C. Let students experience how difficult it is to pull the magnets apart.
4. Students read account in the Bible when Adam and Eve disobey God's commandment. Genesis 3:1-10
5. Object Lesson 3: **Magnet Demonstration**
  - A. Call students' attention to the magnets and demonstrate how they repel.
  - B. Allow each student to experience the repelling force of the magnets.

**Explain:** Like the magnets, the devil, who is evil, pushed Adam and Eve away from God by getting them to disobey. When they realized their sin, they were ashamed, and they tried to hide from God.

6. Students read account in the Bible when God discovers Adam and Eve's disobedience to His

commandment and informs them of the consequences. Genesis 3:11-24.

7. Discuss Review/Assessment questions. (See Teacher's Supplement.
8. Engage students in a discussion on the importance of repentance and forgiveness.

**Q:** Can you think of an example when someone should say, "I'm sorry"? What does it mean to be sorry?

**Q:** How does saying, "I'm sorry," help relationships? What does saying "I'm sorry" do for the person who says it? What does it do for the person to whom it is said?

#### Object Lesson: **Magnet Demonstration**

1. Call students' attention to the magnets.
2. Demonstrate magnets clinging.

**Explain:** Repenting and forgiving restores (makes good again) relationships.

**Q:** Who can guess my second commandment for those who touched their cookie? Tell all students to repeat after you, "When we disobey, we should say, 'I'm sorry.'"

9. Tell all students they may eat their cookies.

Key words: Heavenly authority, Redeemer, plan of salvation

## **Part 2**

### **Motivation/Introduction**

Explain the everlasting consequences of Adam and Eve's sin, and a need to be rescued.

**Goal:** Recognize the redeeming power of Christ as a foundation on which to build our lives

### **Lesson Development**

1. Introduce the plan of redemption (See Teacher's Supplement).
2. Discuss Essential Questions, page 1.
3. Song: Teach Songs of Zion #27, "Sing Hallelujah."
4. Task 1: Give students paper and colored pencils. Tell students to illustrate how Jesus is their friend.  
Ask if any student would be willing to show and tell about their drawing.
5. Memory Verse or Scripture Cheer:
  - John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
6. Task 2: Plan of Redemption word search puzzle. Students complete in class and/or at home.

## Teacher's Supplement

### PART 1: Motivation/Introduction

#### 1. Commandment – Reward – Consequence

**Q:** Who can guess what the word “commandment” means?

**Q:** Who can share a rule that your parents gave?

**Q:** Who remembers a time when you broke one of your parents’ rules? How did you feel after breaking the rule? Was there a consequence? How do you know your parents love you even though you disobeyed?

#### A. **Object Lesson 1:** Your Commandment

1. Show students the cookies you brought.
2. **Explain:** Today, I will give you a commandment to obey - Do not touch the cookie until I give you permission to do so.

- Reward for obedience: You will be allowed to eat the cookie after I give permission.
- Consequence for disobedience: You will not be able to eat the cookie unless you obey the second commandment, which I will give at the end of the lesson.

**Q:** What is the commandment about the cookie?

**Q:** What is the reward for obeying?

**Q:** What is the consequence for disobeying?

3. Place a cookie on a napkin within reach of each student.

### Lesson Development

#### Review/Assessment Questions

**Q:** How do we know that God loves Adam and Eve?

**Q:** Why do Adam and Eve hide from God?

**Q:** Why does guilt and shame make us feel bad? Can you think of something one can do to relieve themselves of guilt and shame?

## PART 2: Motivation/Introduction

### The Need for a Savior

Because Adam and Eve sinned, they face a serious consequence of being removed from God's presence forever, which means they could not go to heaven. They would be stuck with the devil forever, which is a really terrible, miserable state.

God loves Adam and Eve. They are His children. He created them.

**Q:** Who will help Adam and Eve with their sin problem? Do you think God will help Adam and Eve?

Because God is all knowing, He knew Adam and Eve would be tempted by the devil to break His commandment. From the beginning of time, God created a plan to rescue people from the devil and eternal misery and woe.

**Q:** Does anyone know the name of God's rescue plan? Who has heard of the plan of redemption?

### Lesson Development

#### 1. Plan of Redemption / God's Rescue Plan

(Write on the board) ...

- God will come to earth and be born as a human. He will be called Jesus, God's son.
- When Jesus matures into a man, He will go to the cross carrying every persons' sin upon Himself. He will give His life to pay the death consequence of sin.
- God will use His power to bring Jesus back to life (resurrect) three days after He dies.

**Explain:** God rescues Adam and Eve by telling them of His plan of redemption and He gives them new commandments to obey.

**Tasks to be rescued from the consequence of sin:**

(Write tasks on the board)...

- **Believe** that Jesus, God's Son, will save them.
- **Repent** of their sins
- **Sin no more**

**Explain:** God's rescue plan for Adam and Eve is the same rescue plan used in The Church of Jesus Christ today. We too have the opportunity to believe on Jesus, repent, and do our best to obey God's commandments so that we can have a good relationship with God and go to heaven.

## Puzzle: PLAN OF REDEMPTION

Search the columns and rows in the puzzle to find words from the list below. Circle words found.

ADAM  
COOKIE  
EDEN  
EVE  
FORGIVENESS  
GARDEN  
JESUS  
LIFE  
LOVE  
PLAN  
TREE

Q	E	P	P	L	A	D	A	M	E	F
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