

# Teacher's Supplement – Nephi and Lehi – The Gift of Vision

## PROCEDURE

### Lesson Development (20 minutes)

Scripts for “Nephi and Lehi-The Gift of Vision” located on pages below.

### Follow-Up/Take-Home Activities (5 minutes)

Assignment located in **Teacher's Supplement**.

### Suggestions/Scriptures for Further Study/ Exploration/ Extension of Topic

#### Option 1:

Invite someone who has seen a vision to relate their experience to the class (priesthood approved vision). Allow time for students to ask questions.

#### Option 2:

1. Choose an account from the Church history books, Gospel Blog, or Gospel News where a vision was seen in more recent times.  
For example, in A History of The Church of Jesus Christ: Volume 2, the calling of William Bickerton (page 35), the vision of Ishmael D'Amico (page 179), or the vision of Anna Frammolino (page 180).
2. Read the experience aloud and have students discuss its impact.

Read and discuss the significance of the visions in each of these situations:

- Joseph's dreams, Genesis 37
- Peter's vision, Acts 10:10-35
- Lehi's visions, 1 Nephi 1:7-16

**Student's Script - Nephi and Lehi - The Gift of Vision**  
Helaman 5:20-50

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Nephi and Lehi stood up and began to speak to them, saying, "Don't be afraid, for God has shown you this marvelous thing, to let you know that you can't kill us." After Nephi and Lehi spoke these words, the earth shook greatly, and the walls of the prison shook as if they were about to tumble; but they did not fall.

Suddenly, the Lamanite army in the prison was covered with a dark cloud, which made them more afraid. They heard a voice, from above the dark cloud, saying, "Repent, repent, and stop trying to kill my servants whom I have sent to preach to you."

When the army heard this voice, they realized that it was not a voice of thunder, or a scary voice, but that it was a still voice of perfect mildness, like a whisper, and it did

enter their hearts. Even though the voice was mild, it shook the earth greatly, and the walls of the prison trembled again, as if the prison were about to tumble to the earth; and the dark cloud, which had covered them, did not disappear.

The voice came again, saying, "Repent, repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand; and do not try to kill my servants." And then the earth shook again, and the walls trembled. Again, the third time the voice came, and spoke wonderful words which could not be repeated. And the walls trembled again, and the earth shook as if the prison were about to break in pieces! But the Lamanites could not run away because of the dark cloud which covered them; and they could not move because they were filled with fear.

Now, there was a man among them who was a Nephite by birth, but who had joined the Lamanites. The man's name was Aminadab. He saw the faces of Nephi and Lehi through the dark cloud; and their faces shined very brightly, even as the faces of angels. And he saw that they looked toward heaven; and they were talking to someone in heaven. Upon seeing all of this, he yelled to the others of the army, that they might turn and look. And they also saw the faces of Nephi and Lehi. These men asked Aminadab saying, "What does this all mean, and who are these men talking to?"

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of fire and Nephi and Lehi were with them too! Even though this flaming fire surrounded them, it did not harm them or burn the walls of the prison; and they were filled with great joy and full of glory. Then, the Holy Spirit of God came down from heaven, and entered their hearts, and they were filled, and they were given marvelous words to speak.

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And these men went and told many people throughout all the land what they had heard and seen in the prison. Their stories convinced many people to believe in Jesus Christ, because of the testimony of the greatness of God and what they saw and heard in the prison.

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(Highlighted text identifies a vision)

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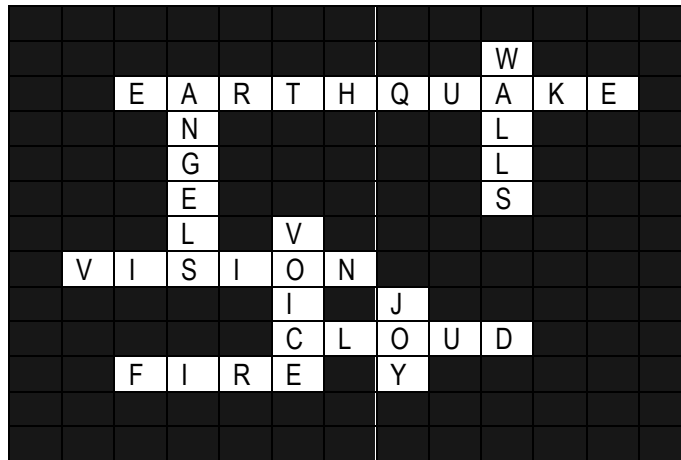
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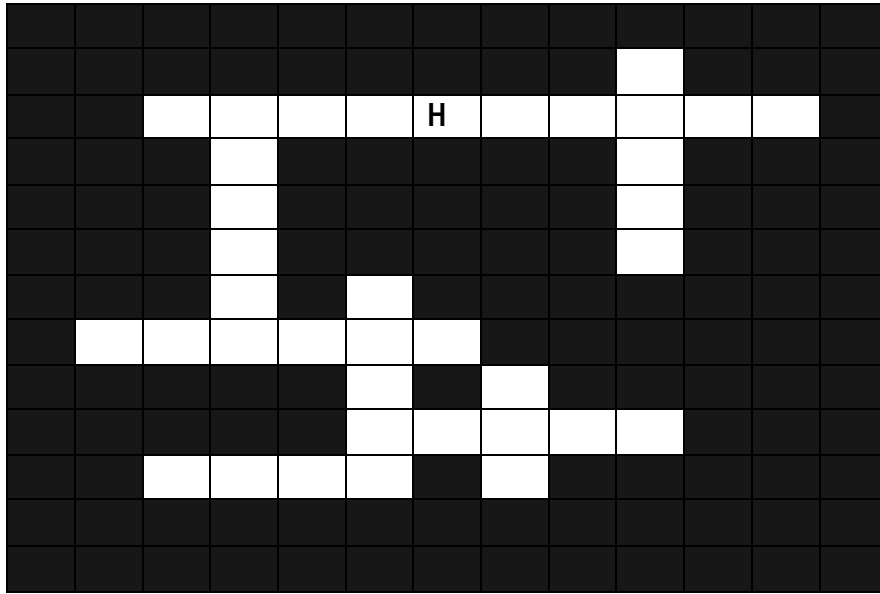
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**Describe your favorite part of the story in a few sentences or draw it.**