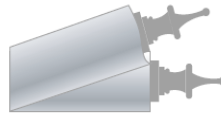




CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible
The Book of Mormon



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

LESSON TITLE

Lehi Leaves Jerusalem

TEACHER NOTES

45-minute lesson

UNIT 6 - Evidence of Authority and Establishing the Church

GRADES 1-3

THE HOLY BIBLE

Genesis 6.22, "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he."

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

Q = Teacher asks question

THE BOOK OF MORMON

1 Nephi 2.2, "And it came to pass that the Lord commanded my father, even in a dream, that he should take his family and depart into the wilderness."

OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Relate through Lehi's story how he/she can show love to God, 1 Nephi chapters 1 & 2.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- Why is it good to listen to God?
- How does listening to God tell Him that we love Him?

MATERIALS

Holy Bible and The Book of Mormon

5-sheets of paper of different colors, 5 pencils, and tape/tacks

Task 1: Several M&Ms. One small cup/container for each child.

Task 2: One small rock for each child. Red & orange crayons.

Task 3: Building blocks (such as a set of *Lego's* or wooden blocks)

PROCEDURE

Motivation/Introduction (5-7 minutes)

Introduce students to Lehi, the prophet of God.

- a. Hold up the Book of Mormon and show students where the account of Lehi is found in 1 Nephi.
- b. Hand out the five sheets of paper randomly to students and a pencil.
- c. Teacher reads out loud the Story Map: Lehi, Prophet of God.
- d. When reading a word with all capital letters, pause at the end of that sentence, and select a student to write, in large print, the capitalized word on the sheet of paper (One word per sheet of paper).
- e. Tell students to hold up the word cards for all to see.
- f. Collect the papers and use them in Lesson Development..

Story Map: Lehi, Prophet of God

Lehi is a PROPHET who lives in Jerusalem 600 years before Jesus is born. He is sad because the people in Jerusalem are WICKED. One day he prays for the people because he is concerned about the city being destroyed.

While praying, God shows Lehi a pillar of fire upon a ROCK. God speaks to Lehi and tells him that Jerusalem will be DESTROYED unless they repent.

Lehi tells the people in Jerusalem to love God and keep His commandments. The people become angry. Lehi's life is in danger. God tells Lehi to take his family and leave Jerusalem. They travel through the WILDERNESS to the Red Sea.

Goal: Relate through Lehi's story how he/she can show love to God.

Lesson Development (35-40 minutes)

1. Teacher shares a retelling of Lehi living in Jerusalem, using the word cards students

made. The teacher reads the underscored statements aloud in Story Map: Lehi Lives in Jerusalem, and follows cues (See Teacher's Supplement).

2. Teacher tells students to pair off and to look at the word cards taped to the wall.
 - a. Tell the paired students to retell the story of Lehi leaving Jerusalem to each other, using word cards as cues.
 - b. Invite the paired students to identify their favorite part of the story to share with the whole class.
3. Students imagine what it is like to be Lehi living in Jerusalem.
 - a. Tell students to hold their rocks in their hands, close their eyes, and pretend to be Lehi in Jerusalem.
 - b. Tell them to imagine how Lehi might have felt when God told him that the people in Jerusalem were evil; and he must follow God's commandments. Explain: It might have been difficult to do what was right when everyone else was doing wrong. It might have been difficult to leave his home and friends, but Lehi did as God instructed.
 - c. Tell students to think of a time when they did something right when everyone else was doing something wrong. Tell them to raise their hands when they have thought of an example.
 - d. When all hands are raised, instruct children to open their eyes. Ask students to share their experiences with the class. Emphasize: When you do what is right, it makes God feel loved.

4. Discuss Essential Questions (Page 1).

Key words: evidence, authority, establish, church, Lehi, Jerusalem, obedience, love to God

TEACHER'S SUPPLEMENT

Story Map: Lehi Lives in Jerusalem

Lehi is a PROPHET who lives in Jerusalem.

- Teacher holds up the paper that says PROPHET.
- Explain: A prophet is a man to whom God reveals things that will happen in the future. God told Lehi the things He was planning to do.
- The teacher draws a stick-figure man (Lehi) next to the word PROPHET, and tapes the paper to the wall for all to see.

Lehi is sad because the people in Jerusalem are WICKED.

- The teacher holds up the paper that says WICKED, and ask the students to define wicked. (Evil, sinful, wrong)

Task 1: Wicked/Righteous Game

- Give each child a small cup/container.
 - Give examples of wicked and righteous behaviors (Sharing, Stealing, Telling the truth, Lying, Helping, Hitting, etc.).
 - When a child correctly identifies the behavior as wicked or righteous, put an M & M in his or her cup.
- The teacher tapes the paper that says WICKED to the right of the paper that says PROPHET.

One day Lehi prays for the people in Jerusalem because he is concerned about them being destroyed because of their wickedness. While praying, Lehi sees a pillar of fire upon a ROCK and God speaks to him.

- The teacher holds up the paper that says ROCK and asks, "How would you feel if you saw a pillar of fire upon a rock?"

Task 2: Pillar of Fire on Rock

- Give each child one small rock. Provide orange and red crayons. Tell students to draw flames of fire on their rocks.

- While students color their rocks, the teacher draws a pillar of fire on a rock on the paper that says ROCK and tapes it to the wall at the right of WICKED.

God tells Lehi that Jerusalem will be DESTROYED and the people will be taken captive into Babylon unless they stop being disobedient and repent of their sins.

Task 3: Building Blocks

- Give students wooden blocks and tell them to build the city of Jerusalem. Then, tell students to destroy the city, and put the blocks back in the container.
- Hold up the paper with the word DESTROYED, and tape it to the wall at the right of ROCK.
 - Explain the importance of listening to God. (Listening /obeying God shows God love and respect. It makes God happy. God doesn't like to destroy people. When people disobey and refuse to repent, God is sad and angry. He warns them of pending punishment, hoping they will repent and listen.)

Lehi tells the people in Jerusalem to love God and keep His commandments, so God will be happy and not punish them. The people don't listen to Lehi. They make fun of him and become angry at him. Lehi's life is in danger. God tells Lehi to take his family and leave Jerusalem to protect them. They travel through the WILDERNESS to the Red Sea.

- Hold up the paper that says WILDERNESS. Explain: A wilderness is undeveloped land like a desert or forest.

Q: Who has gone camping in the wilderness? What was it like?

- The teacher draws a few trees on the paper that says WILDERNESS, and tapes it to the wall to the right of DESTROYED.