



We believe  
the Book of  
Mormon to  
be the  
Word of  
God

**"Lesson 17: We Believe the Book of Mormon to Be the Word of God," *Primary 3: Choose the Right B.* (1994), 80**  
**"The Brass Plates," *Book of Mormon Stories*, Chapter 4, pp. 8-12**

# Purpose

**To help the children understand that the scriptures can help them learn and understand the commandments and that the scriptures can help them come unto Jesus Christ**

# Nephi's Courage

1. The Lord commanded Nephi to go and get the plates  
From the wicked Laban inside the city gates.

Laman and Lemuel were both afraid to try.

Nephi was courageous. This was his reply:

2. The Lord commanded Nephi to go and build a boat.

Nephi's older brothers believed it would not float.

Laughing and mocking, they said he should not try.

Nephi was courageous. This was his reply:

3. The Lord gives us commandments and asks us to obey.

Sometimes I am tempted to choose another way.

When I'm discouraged, and think I cannot try,

I will be courageous, and I will reply:

"I will go; I will do the thing the Lord commands.

I know the Lord provides a way; he wants me to obey.

I will go; I will do the thing the Lord commands.

I know the Lord provides a way; he wants me to obey."

Words and music: Bill N. Hansen Jr., b. 1952, and Lisa T. Hansen, b. 1958 © 1986 by Wilford N. Hansen Jr., and Lisa Tensmeyer Hansen. All rights reserved. This song may be copied for incidental, noncommercial church or home use.



\*Our Opening  
Prayer will be  
given by

**(Enter Name Here)**

- \*What type of book would explain how to make a cake?**
- \*What type of book has pretend stories?**
- \*What type of book explains how to do things?**
- \*What type of book has the teaching of the prophets that will help us keep the commandments?**

**In this room is a cook book, can  
you go stand by it?  
(Don't pick it up)**

**In this room is a story book, can you  
go stand by it?  
(Don't pick it up)**

**In this room is a text book, can you  
go stand by it?  
(Don't pick it up)**

**In this room is the scriptures, can  
you go stand by it?  
(Don't pick it up)**

**What do we call the sacred books  
in which the prophets have  
written?**

**What do we call the sacred books  
in which the prophets have  
written?**

**(The scriptures.)**

**This is what our lesson is about  
today.**



We believe  
the Book of  
Mormon to  
be the  
Word of  
God

**"Lesson 17: We Believe the Book of Mormon to Be the Word of God," *Primary 3: Choose the Right B.* (1994), 80**  
**"The Brass Plates," *Book of Mormon Stories*, Chapter 4, pp. 8-12**

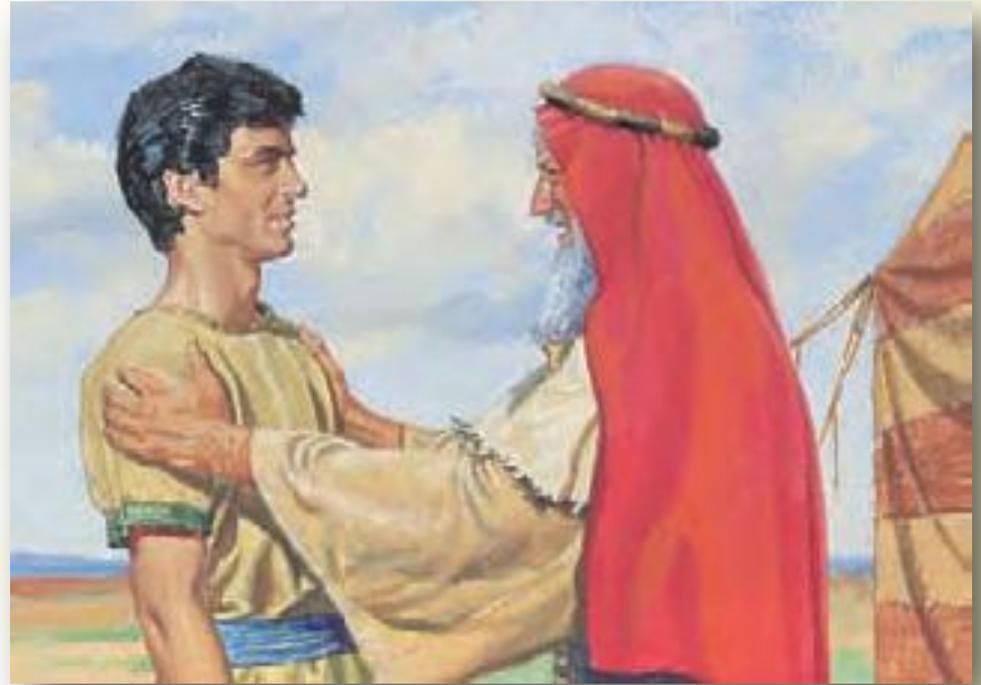
**Go to Video**

**Go to Slides**

**Continue**

**\*Lehi told Nephi that the Lord wanted him and his brothers to go back to Jerusalem.**

**\*They were to get the brass plates from a man named Laban.**





\*The brass plates were important records.

\*They told about Lehi's forefathers and contained the words of God revealed through the prophets.

**\*Laman and Lemuel did not want to return to get the brass plates.**

**\*They said it would be too hard to do.**

**\*They did not have faith in the Lord.**





**\*Nephi  
wanted to  
obey the  
Lord.**

**\*He knew the Lord would help  
him and his brothers get the  
brass plates from Laban.**

**\*Laman, Lemuel, Sam, and Nephi traveled back to Jerusalem to get the brass plates.**





**Laman went to Laban and asked him for the plates.**

- \* Laban was angry and would not give Laman the brass plates.
- \* Laban wanted to kill Laman, but Laman escaped.





**\* Laman told his brothers what had happened.**

**\* He was afraid and wanted to give up and go back to their father in the wilderness.**

**Nephi said they could not return  
without the brass plates.**

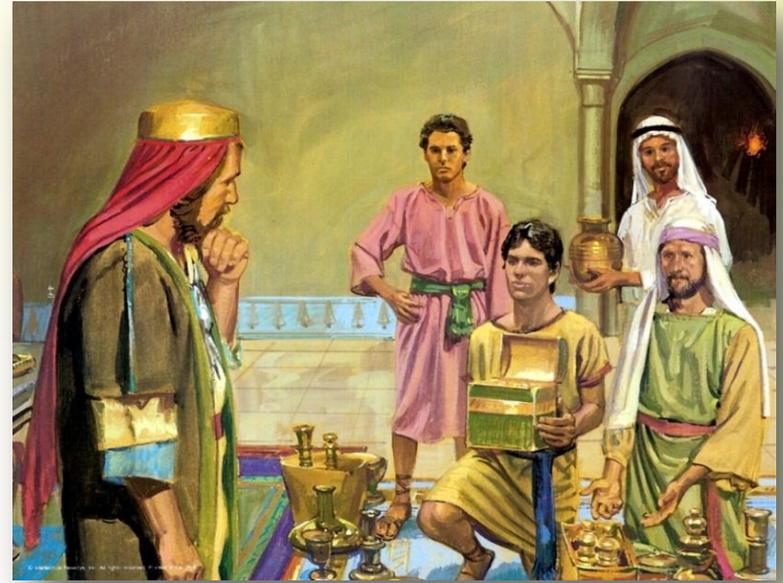


**He told his  
brothers to  
have more  
faith in the  
Lord and they  
would be able  
to get the  
brass plates.**

**Nephi and his brothers went to their old home in Jerusalem and gathered their gold and silver to exchange for the plates.**



**\*They showed Laban their riches and offered to trade them for the plates.**



**\*When Laban saw their gold and silver, he wanted it for himself and threw them out.**

**\* Laban told his men to kill Lehi's sons.**

**\* Nephi and his brothers ran and hid in a cave.**

**\* Laban kept their gold and silver.**





**\*Laman and Lemuel were angry with Nephi.**

**\*They beat Nephi and Sam with a stick.**

\* An angel appeared and told Laman and Lemuel to stop.

\* He said the Lord would help them get the plates.



\* He also said Nephi would become a leader over his brothers.

**\*Nephi told his brothers to have faith in the Lord and not be afraid of Laban and his men.**

**\*Nephi encouraged his brothers to go back to Jerusalem.**



**\*That night Nephi's brothers hid outside the city wall while Nephi sneaked inside.**



**\*He walked toward Laban's house.**



**\*As Nephi got close to Laban's house, he saw a drunk man lying on the ground. It was Laban.**



- \* Nephi saw Laban's sword and picked it up.**
- \* The Holy Ghost told Nephi to kill Laban, but Nephi did not want to kill him.**

**\*The Holy Ghost again told Nephi to kill Laban so Nephi could get the brass plates.**



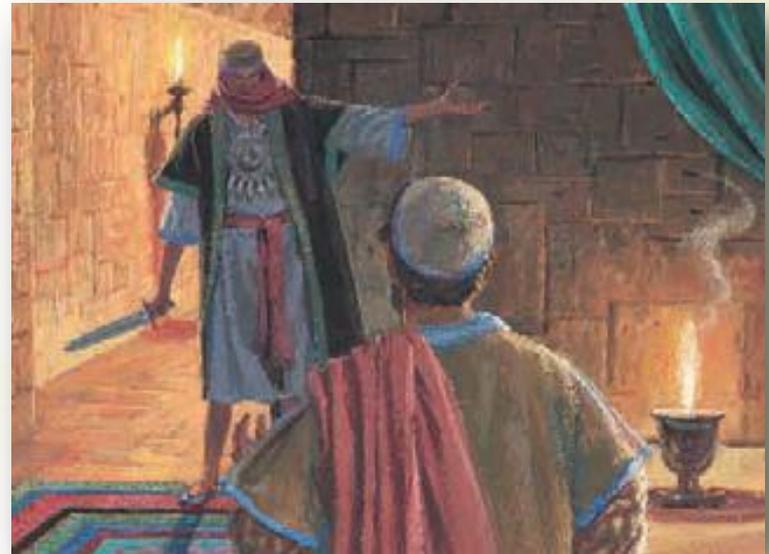
**\*Lehi's family needed the plates so they could learn the gospel.**

**\*Nephi obeyed the Holy Ghost and killed Laban.**



**\*Nephi then put on Laban's clothes and armor.**

**\*Nephi went into Laban's house and was met by Zoram, Laban's servant.**



**\*Nephi looked and sounded just like Laban.**

**\*He told Zoram to get the brass plates.**

**\*Zoram thought Nephi was Laban, so he gave him the plates. Nephi told Zoram to follow him.**



**\* Laman, Lemuel, and Sam saw Nephi coming and were scared; they thought he was Laban.**



**\* They started to run away but stopped when Nephi called to them.**

**\*Then Zoram realized that Nephi was not Laban, and he tried to run.**



**\*Nephi caught Zoram and promised not to harm him if he would go with Nephi into the wilderness.**

\*Zoram agreed.

\*Nephi and his brothers took Zoram and the brass plates and returned to Lehi and Sariah.





**\*They gave the brass plates to Lehi.**

**\*He and Sarah were happy their sons were safe.**

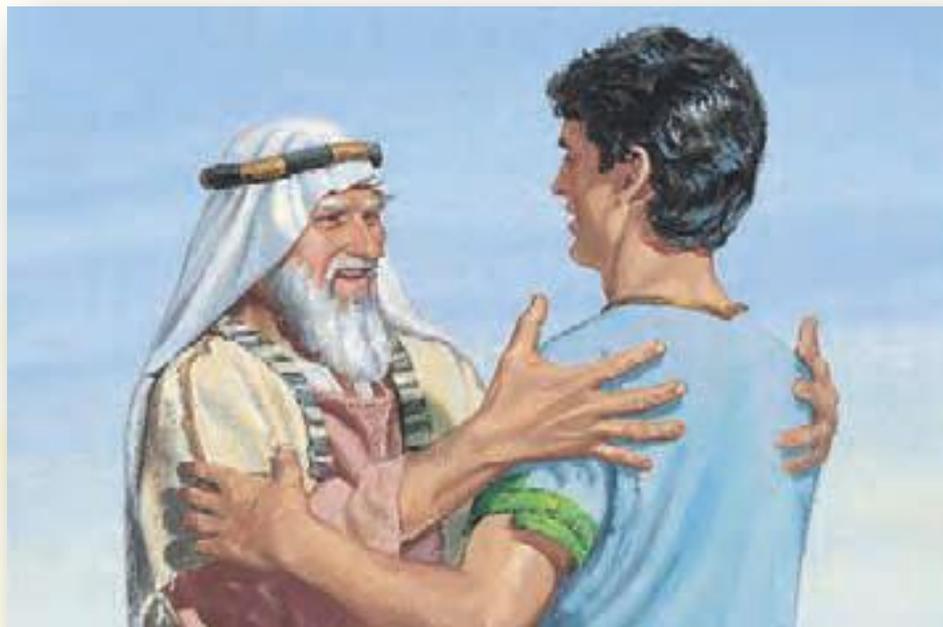
**\*They all rejoiced and thanked God.**

**\*Lehi read the brass plates.  
They told about Adam and Eve  
and the Creation of the world.**

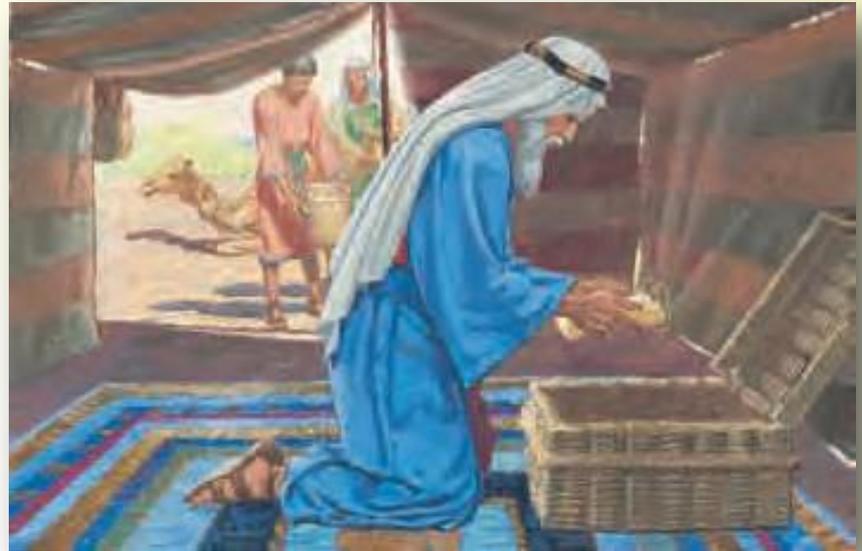
**\*The brass  
plates  
contained  
the words  
of many  
prophets.**



**\*Lehi and Nephi were happy because they had obeyed the Lord and had been able to get the brass plates.**



**\*Lehi's family packed the brass plates.**



**\*They wanted to take the plates with them on their journey so they could teach their children the commandments recorded on the plates.**

**\*Lehi read the brass plates.**

**\*The plates contained the commandments and some stories about Moses and other prophets.**

**\*They also contained the genealogy of Lehi's family.**



**\*Lehi was  
commanded to take  
the brass plates with  
him to the promised  
land.**



**\*Whose writings were on the brass plates?**

**\*What was written on the brass plates?**

**\*Why do you think Lehi and his family needed the brass plates?**



# \* A Lesson in Communications

- \* I'm going to tell the first student a message.
- \* They will pass it to the second student, and so on.



# \* A Lesson in Communications



\* Will the last student tell the class the message they heard.

**\*Can you see the importance of writing important messages down?**



**\*It is easy to forget or confuse stories or messages that are not written down.**

**\*The prophets wrote down Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ's teachings so they would not be forgotten.**



**\*These teachings are in our scriptures.**



**\*Lehi's family  
needed the brass  
plates so they  
would remember  
the  
commandments  
and obey them.**

**\*We need to know the commandments just as much as Lehi's family.**

**\*The scriptures can help us obey Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ because they contain many of their commandments.**

**\* Listen carefully to the following scriptures.**

**\* Raise your hands when you know what commandment the scripture is teaching.**

**\*This is from 3 Nephi 18:19**

**\* 19 Therefore ye must always  
pray unto the Father in my name;**

**\*This is from Mosiah 23:15**

**\*15 Thus did Alma teach his people, that every man should love his neighbor as himself, that there should be no contention among them.**

**\*If we did not have the scriptures,  
we might forget the  
commandments and not obey  
them.**

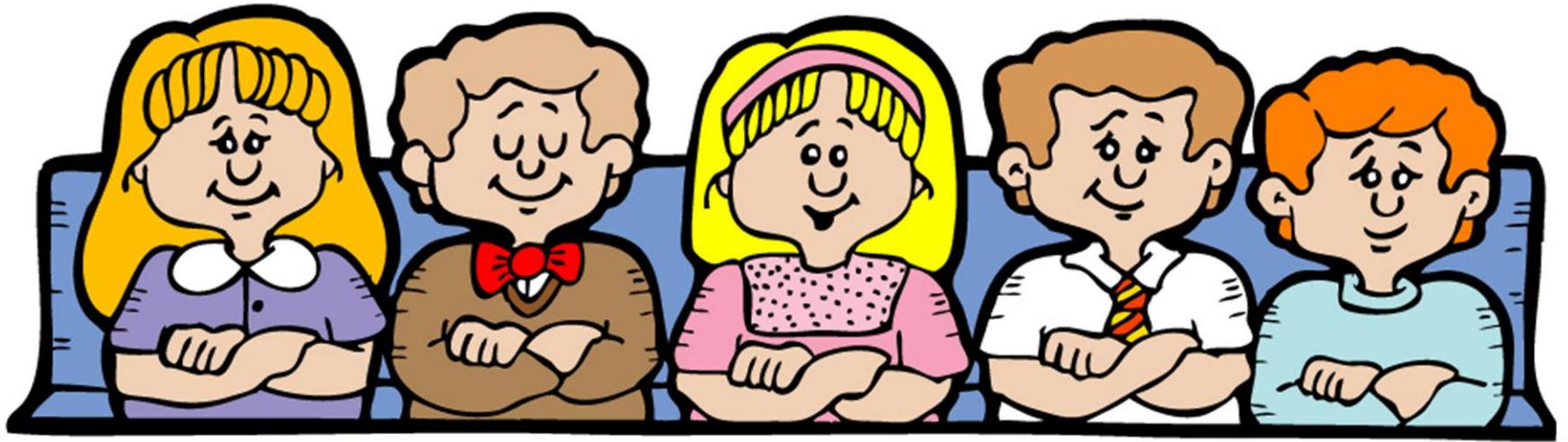
**\*Then we would not receive the  
blessings that come from living  
the commandments.**



Memorize & Discuss...

## The Eighth Article of Faith

\* We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.



**\*What should we thank our Heavenly Father for in our prayers?**

**\*What should we ask him for in our prayers?**



**I bear testimony that Heavenly Father will help us obey His commandments.**

**I am thankful that the prophets of the past, wrote down and kept the Brass plates so we could learn in these latter days.**



**Our Closing  
Prayer will be  
given by**

**(Enter Name Here)**

***THE END***

***THE END***

- \*Images and clipart are from [lds.org](http://lds.org), [ldsclipart.com](http://ldsclipart.com), Microsoft Office, and other websites indicating the images were in the public domain or permitted for church and home use.**
- \*The hymns, lesson and scripture story are from [lds.org](http://lds.org). This power point was created from the power point by Ericka Covalt titled “Obtaining the Brass Plates” (Primary 4 lesson 3).**
- \*Please do not use this presentation for commercial use. Feel free to alter the presentation for use in church or home to suit personal preference.**
- \*This presentation is intended to supplement, not replace, the lesson manual and scriptures. Teachers should refer to the manual, scriptures and other resources when preparing and conducting the lesson.**