Lesson 20: The Holy Ghost Helps Us know the Truth

Purpose

To help the children realize that the Holy Ghost can help them know that the teachings of Jesus Christ are true.
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Attention Activity

• Can you find the hidden Cards?

• Can you figure out what they say?
Article of Faith

• Can you Stand and repeat the First Article of Faith?

• 1. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.
• Zeniff was a righteous king of a group of Nephites.

• When he grew old, his son Noah became king.

• Noah was not a good king like his father.
• He was wicked and would not obey God’s commandments.

• He forced his people to give him part of their grain, animals, gold, and silver.
• King Noah did this because he was lazy.

• He made the Nephites give him everything he needed to live.

• He replaced the good priests his father had called with wicked priests who taught the people to sin.
• King Noah had many beautiful buildings made, including a large palace with a throne.

• The buildings were decorated with gold, silver, and expensive wood.
• King Noah loved the riches he took from his people.

• He and his priests spent their time drinking wine and being wicked.

• God sent a prophet named Abinadi to Noah’s people.
• Abinadi warned them that if they did not repent, they would become the Lamanites’ slaves.

• When King Noah heard what Abinadi had said, he was angry.
Abinadi was taken to the king. King Noah and his priests asked him many questions. They tried to trick him into saying something wrong. Abinadi was not afraid to answer their questions.
- He knew that God would help him.
- The priests were amazed at Abinadi’s answers.
- King Noah was angry and ordered his priests to kill Abinadi.
• Abinadi said if they touched him, God would kill them.

• The Holy Ghost protected Abinadi so he could finish saying what the Lord wanted him to.

• Abinadi’s face was shining.

• The priests were afraid to touch him.
• Speaking with power from God, Abinadi told the people about their wickedness.

• He read God’s commandments to them.

• He told them Jesus Christ would be born on the earth.
• Jesus would make it possible for people to repent, be resurrected, and live with God.

• Abinadi told the people to repent and believe in Jesus Christ or they would not be saved.
• King Noah and all but one of his priests refused to believe Abinadi.

• Noah told the priests to kill Abinadi.

• They tied him up and threw him in prison.
• The one priest who believed Abinadi was named Alma.

• He asked King Noah to let Abinadi go.

• The king was angry with Alma and had him thrown out.

• Then he sent his servants to kill him.
Alma ran and hid, and the servants never found him.

After spending three days in prison, Abinadi was again brought before King Noah.
• The king told Abinadi to take back what he had said against him and his people.

• King Noah told Abinadi that if he did not deny all he had said, he would be killed.
Abinadi knew he had spoken the truth. He was willing to die rather than take back what God had sent him to say.
King Noah Ordered his priests to kill Abinadi.
Alma escaped from King Noah’s servants and hid for many days.

While he was hiding, he wrote down what the prophet Abinadi had taught.
• Alma repented of his sins and went to the Nephites secretly, teaching them Abinadi’s message.

• Alma told the people to have faith in Jesus Christ and repent.
How did Alma know that Abinadi’s words were true?
Let’s Read Moroni 10:5

5 And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things.
• Let’s try to say it together.
• Then we will try removing words and see if we can still recite it.

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• The Holy Ghost gives us a good feeling when we choose the right.
• He also gives us a good feeling to help us recognize true teachings.
• Listen to the following story of a young boy who recognized the truth through the power of the Holy Ghost.
Jeff enjoyed listening to the missionaries when they came to his home.

They told wonderful stories to him and his family.

He especially liked the stories they told about Jesus Christ.

When the missionaries told him that the true Church of Jesus Christ had been restored to the earth, he thought it was the most exciting idea he had ever heard.
The missionaries told him and his family that if they would pray to Heavenly Father, they would find out if what the missionaries taught was true.

The missionaries quoted Moroni 10:5: “By the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things.”

Jeff wasn’t sure how he would know that the message the missionaries had brought was true, but he did what they asked.
As Jeff prayed to Heavenly Father to help him know the truth and as he listened to the teachings of the missionaries, a warm, comfortable feeling began to grow within him.

Soon Jeff had no more doubts.

He felt sure that what the missionaries taught was true. He had received a good feeling, a testimony, from the Holy Ghost.
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Meet the Missionaries
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• What did Jeff do to get this feeling from the Holy Ghost?
  • He prayed to know whether the missionaries’ message was true.
• You can feel the Holy Ghost during a Primary lesson, a family home evening lesson, or any other time they are being told the truth.

• Many people get this feeling when they are reading or hearing the scriptures or the words of the living prophets.
• The Holy Ghost does not usually communicate with us in words that we can hear with our ears.
• Instead, he gives us a good feeling about what is true.
• Because the Holy Ghost has only a spirit body, he is sometimes called the Spirit.
• You might hear people pray to have the Spirit of God with them.
• They are asking to have the Holy Ghost with them.
• This presence helps us feel close to Heavenly Father, understand his commandments, and choose the right.
Let’s say the following words to the first verse of “I know My Father Lives”

I know my Father lives and loves me too.
The Spirit whispers this to me and tells me it is true,
And tells me it is true.
• What does the song say that the Holy Ghost tells each of us?
• What does the song say that the Holy Ghost tells each of us? That Heavenly Father lives and loves us.
• Let’s try saying the words to the song again.

• I know my Father lives and loves me too.
  The Spirit whispers this to me and tells me it is true,
  And tells me it is true.
TESTIMONY

• Although the Holy Ghost can give anyone a good feeling when he hears the truth, following baptism, a person can receive a special gift when he is confirmed a member of the church.

• The gift is the gift of the Holy Ghost, which means that person can feel the influence of the Holy Ghost all the time if he lives righteously. You will learn more about the gift of the Holy Ghost in other lessons.

• I want to testify to you that the Holy Ghost is a member of the Godhead who will help you know the truth and what is right.
OUR CLOSING PRAYER WILL BE GIVEN BY

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THE END
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Meet the Missionaries

The two elders in this picture are Elder Jordon Hill (on left) and Elder DJ Hill (on right). They are really brothers. They are originally from Sycamore, Illinois. Currently (2012 – 2014) they are serving full time missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Elder Jordon is serving in the Arizona Tempe Mission, and Elder DJ is Serving in the Mexico, Mexico City Northwest Mission. They are both Serving the Lord by working as Spanish Speaking Missionaries. They are also two of the three sons of the Author of this Power Point.

If you happen to be in or near their missions, stop in and say hi. If you would like to send them a note, send it to dmagic1@comcast.net and I will see that they get them. They love to receive messages of encouragement and funny Jokes.