

# ***Lesson 21: We Receive Great Blessings As Members of Jesus Christ's Church***



# Purpose

**To help the children understand that great blessings can result from being members of the Church.**

**OUR OPENING PRAYER WILL BE GIVEN**

**BY**



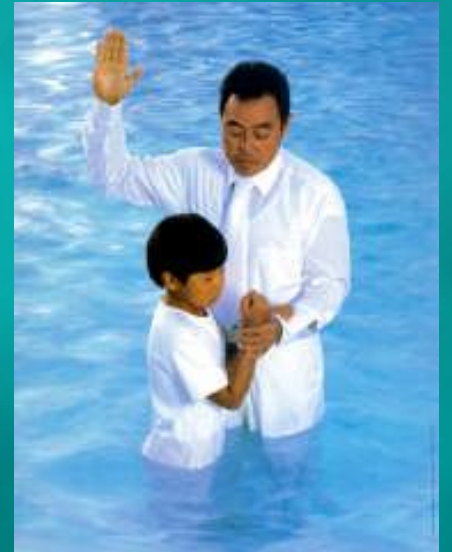
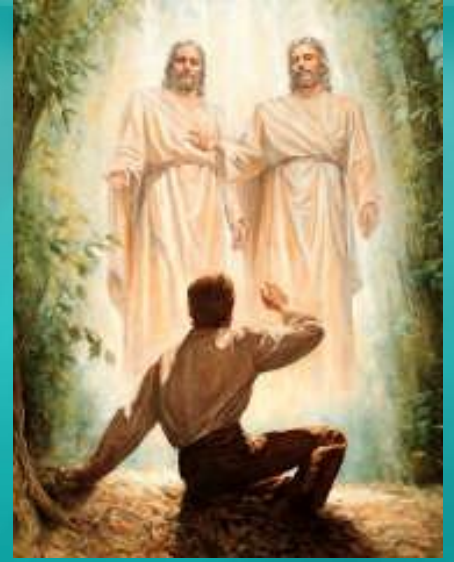
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# Memory Game!

- On the next slide are six pictures.
- You will have ten seconds to look at them.
- Try to remember as many pictures as you can.
- Ready...



# Memory Game!



# Memory Game!

- 🌐 What pictures do you remember?
- 🌐 Let's take another look to see how we did?
- 🌐 Ready...

# Memory Game!





# We Can Become Members of Jesus' Church

- Each of those pictures can remind us of blessings we receive from Heavenly Father for belonging to Jesus Christ's Church.
- One of these blessings is when we are baptized.





# We Can Become Members of Jesus' Church

- One great blessing of baptism is that we can be forgiven when we make mistakes and do wrong.
- Our Heavenly Father knew that all of his children would make mistakes.



# We Can Become Members of Jesus' Church

- He commanded everyone to repent of their wrong doings.
- If we repent, he has promised that he will forgive us and give us other blessings.
- Part of repenting is having faith in Jesus Christ.



# We Can Become Members of Jesus' Church

- Another part is living more like Jesus wants us to live, that is, obeying his commandments better.
- We can learn more about Jesus and his commandments by studying the scriptures.



# The Blessings of Baptism



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Remember at the end of last weeks lesson, Alma had escaped from the servants and the wicked King Noah.

He went and hid in the widerness.

While he was hidden, he wrote down the teaching of the prophet Abinadi.

Let's discuss what happened next.

# The Blessings of Baptism



**The Story  
of Alma  
Baptizing  
in the  
Waters of  
Mormon**

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# The Blessings of Baptism



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.**



# The Blessings of Baptism

**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.**

# The Blessings of Baptism

During the day Alma hid in a pocket of trees near a pool called the Waters of Mormon.



# The Blessings of Baptism



- Those who believed Alma's teachings went to the Waters of Mormon and were baptized.
- Alma baptized 204 people into the Church of Christ.



# The Blessings of Baptism

- **Alma ordained priests to teach the people.**



- He told the priests to teach repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.
- He also said they must not argue but be united.



# The Blessings of Baptism



- **Alma's people loved and served one another.**

- **They shared everything they had and were grateful to have learned about Jesus Christ, their Redeemer.**

# The Blessings of Baptism

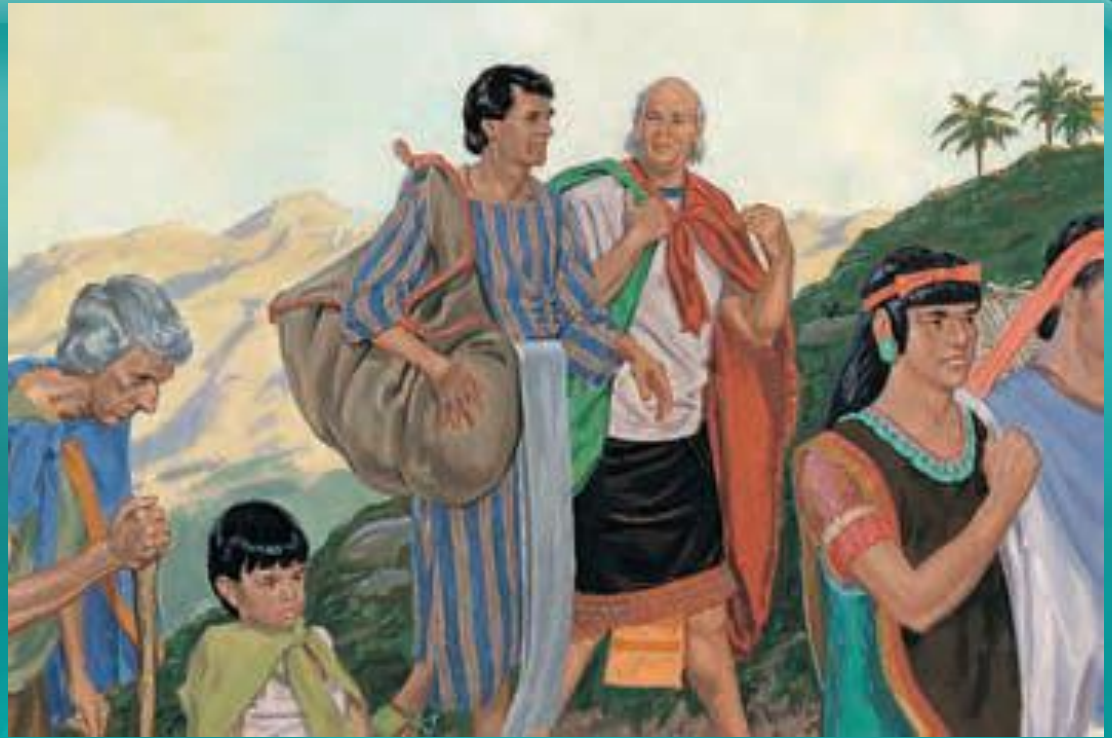
King Noah's servants saw Alma teaching the people.



The king said Alma was turning the Nephites against him, so he sent an army to kill them.

# The Blessings of Baptism

- God warned Alma that King Noah's army was coming.



- The people gathered their families, animals, and other belongings and fled into the wilderness.



# The Blessings of Baptism

God strengthened Alma's people so they could escape from King Noah's army.

The army searched but never found them.





# The Blessings of Baptism

After traveling in the wilderness for eight days, Alma's people came to a beautiful area that had pure water flowing through it.



Here they  
planted crops  
and built  
buildings.

# The Blessings of Baptism

- The people wanted Alma to be their king, but Alma said God did not want them to have a king.

- **God wanted them to be free.**



# The Blessings of Baptism

We Become Members of  
Jesus Christ's Church

- **What gift may we receive after we are baptized?**



• What gift may we receive after we are baptized?

• The gift of the Holy Ghost.

# We Can Have the Gift of the Holy Ghost



- After we are baptized, we can receive the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands.
- If we do what is right, the Holy Ghost will stay with us and tell us the right things to do.

# The Blessings of Baptism

We Become Members of  
Jesus Christ's Church

Gift of the Holy Ghost

# The Holy Ghost

When Christ was on the earth,  
He promised he would send  
The Holy Ghost to comfort us,  
Our true, eternal friend.

The Holy Spirit whispers  
With a still small voice.

He testifies of God and Christ  
And makes our hearts rejoice.

And when we are confirmed  
By sacred priesthood pow'r,  
The Holy Ghost is giv'n to us  
To guide us ev'ry hour.


Oh, may I always listen  
To that still small voice.

And with his light I'll do what's right  
Each time I make a choice.

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# The Fourth Article of Faith

 We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

 Let's practice it!

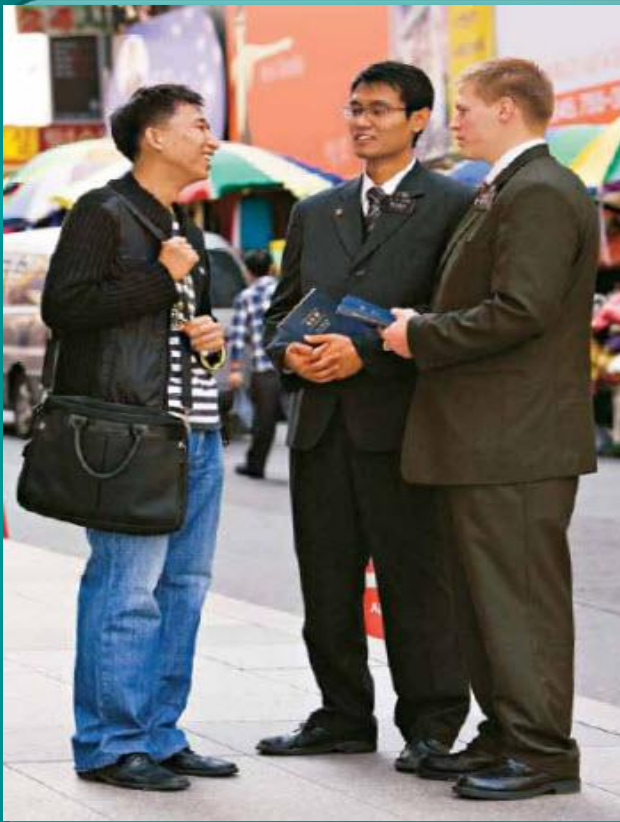
# The Fourth Article of Faith

**The gift of the Holy Ghost will be a blessing to us throughout our entire lives—if we live worthily.**

# Story

Listen to the following story about how the Holy Ghost Helped Tim.





- Tim could see that his mother was worried.
- His father looked tired and sad.
- It had been some time since they had received a letter from his brother, Wally, who was serving a mission.
- Tim sat down on the couch in the living room.
- He could hear his mother and father as they talked together in the kitchen.
- “What a terrible disaster it is to have an earthquake,” his father said, “and so close to the area where Wally has been laboring.”



- I hope we soon hear how he is.”
- Tim listened closely.
- “Earthquake ... Wally?” he thought to himself.
- He felt a lump in his throat.
- He could imagine his brother injured or buried beneath tons of rock.
- He glanced at Wally’s picture on the desk, and tears filled his eyes.
- He quickly went to his room and shut the door.



- Tim imagined all sorts of terrible things and worried all that night and all the next day.
- Every time he tried to talk to his parents about Wally, a lump came to his throat and he couldn't make the words come out.
- Tim's fears grew stronger.
- He felt that he had to talk things over with someone.
- He knew his father was working in the basement, so Tim went downstairs.

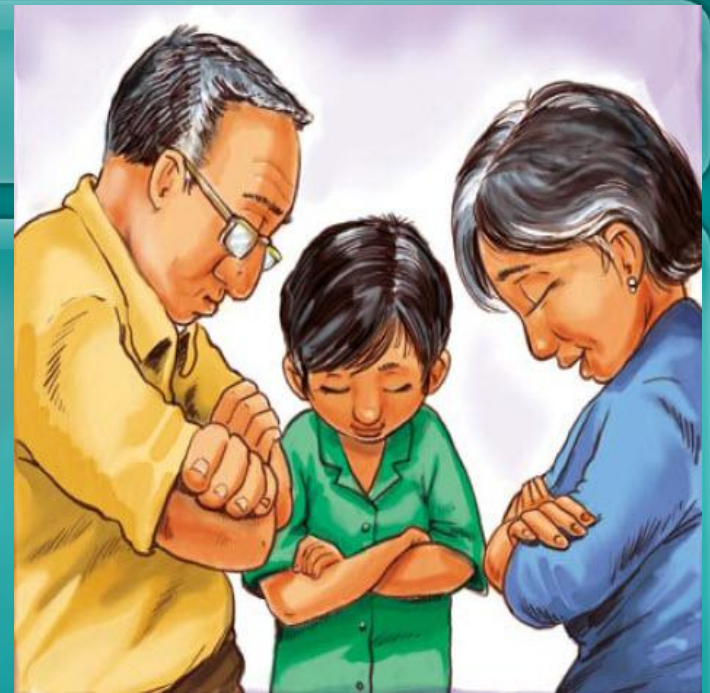




- Tim opened his mouth to begin what he had planned to say.
- But it was not easy to talk about Wally.
- He hung his head, and his eyes filled with tears.
- “You’re concerned about Wally, aren’t you, Tim?” his father asked.
- “When we heard about the earthquake, we were concerned.
- Your mother and I have prayed for Wally’s safety.



- We received comfort from the Holy Ghost that all is well and that we need not worry.
- You may have the same comfort, Tim.”
- “How?” asked Tim.
- “Pray to Heavenly Father.
- Tell him of your fears.
- Ask him to help you know if Wally is safe.
- I am sure that you will receive comfort.”
- Tim did what his father told him to do.
- He prayed for Wally’s safety.





- He asked his Heavenly Father to help him know that Wally was alive and well.
- As Tim finished his prayer, a great feeling of peace and comfort came over him.
- He was not worried about Wally anymore.
- He knew all was well.



- Finally a letter arrived assuring the family that Wally was safe.
- Tim wasn't surprised at all.
- He already knew that Wally was safe.
- Tim had been comforted by the Holy Ghost.

- How did the Holy Ghost help Tim?



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- He gave him a calm feeling—a feeling that Wally was safe.



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- **The gift of the Holy Ghost was a great blessing to Tim and his family.**
- **It can be a great blessing to us, too.**

# The Blessings of Baptism

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Jesus Christ's Church

Gift of the Holy Ghost

Heavenly Father  
Forgives Us

# After We Are Baptized, Heavenly Father Will Forgive Us



- Another great blessing of baptism is that we can be forgiven when we make mistakes and do wrong.
- Our Heavenly Father knew that all of his children would make mistakes.
- He commanded everyone to repent of their wrong doings.
- If we repent, he has promised that he will forgive us and give us other blessings.

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# The Story Of Enos



- **Enos was Jacob's son. He kept the plates and wrote on them after his father died.**

# The Story Of Enos

- One day Enos was hunting in the forest.
- He thought about his father's teachings & wanted to be forgiven of his sins.





# The Story Of Enos

- **Enos knelt and prayed to God.**



- He prayed all day and was still praying when night came.

# The Story Of Enos

**God told Enos that because of his faith in Jesus Christ, his sins were forgiven.**



# The Story Of Enos



- Enos then wanted the Lord to bless the Nephites.
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- He prayed for them, and the Lord said he would bless them if they obeyed his commandments.
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# The Story Of Enos

- Enos also wanted the Lord to bless the Lamanites.



- He prayed with great faith, and the Lord promised to do what Enos asked him.

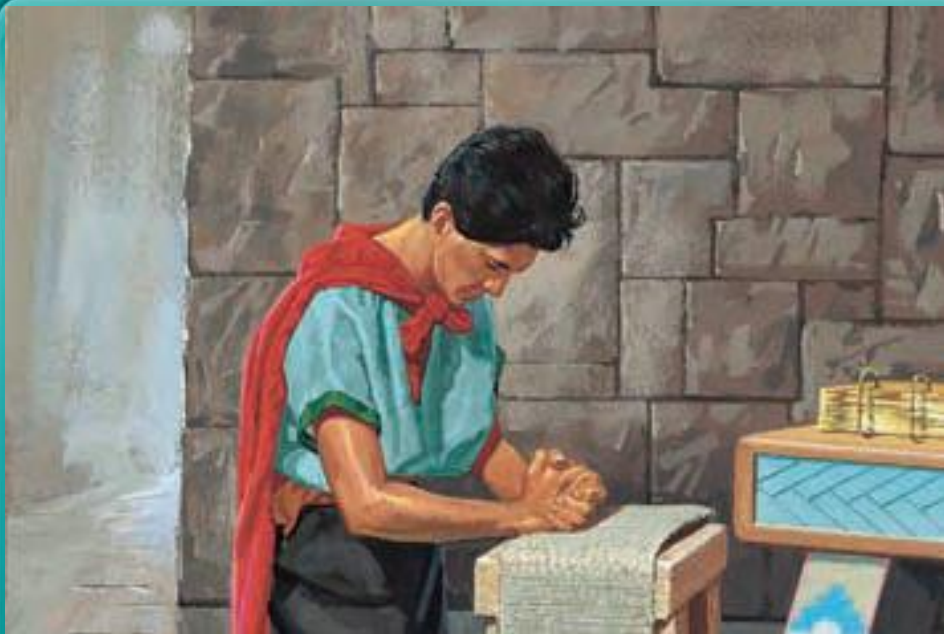


# The Story Of Enos

Even though the Lamanites fought the Nephites and tried to destroy their records, Enos prayed that they would become a righteous people.

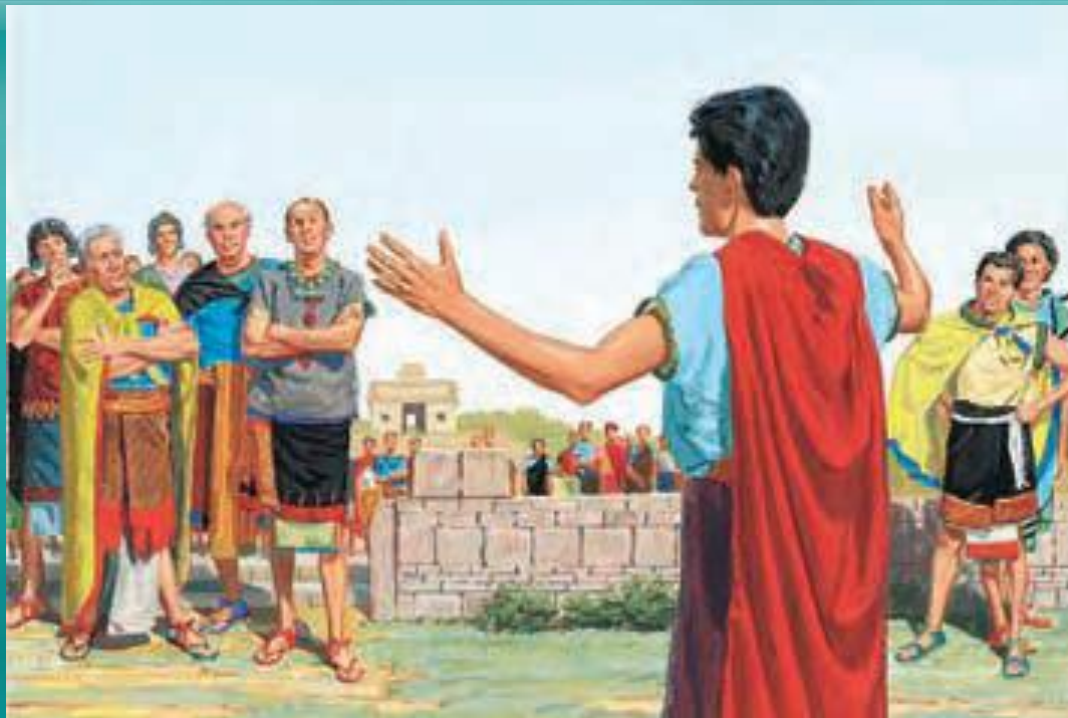


# The Story Of Enos



- Enos prayed that the records he had kept would be safe
- The Lord promised that someday he would give the Lamanites the teachings that were on the records.

# The Story Of Enos



- **Enos preached to the Nephites.**
- He wanted them to believe in God and keep the commandments.



# The Story Of Enos

- The Nephites tried to teach the gospel to the Lamanites, but they would not listen.
- The Lamanites hated the Nephites.





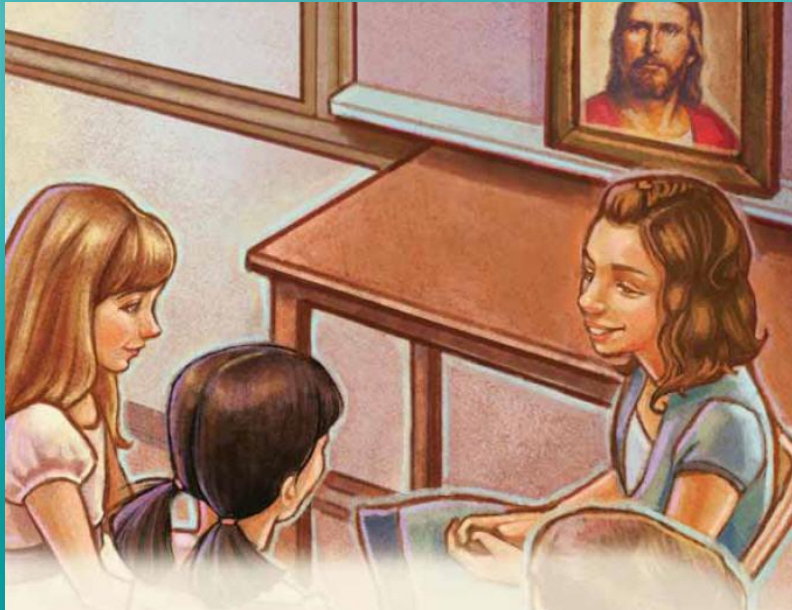
# The Story Of Enos

- **Enos spent his life teaching people about Jesus and the gospel.**



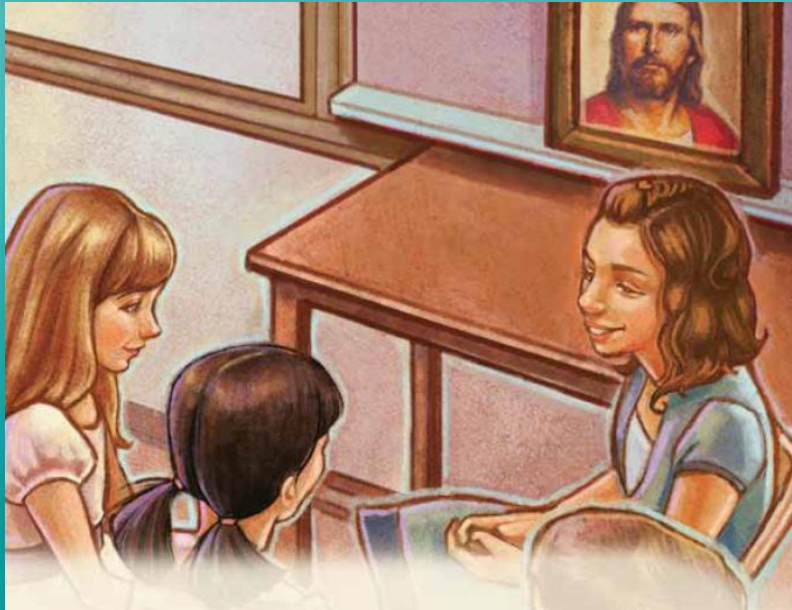
- **He served God and loved him all his days.**

# The Blessings of Baptism



- **We know Heavenly Father kept his promise to Enos because we can read in the Book of Mormon the things that were written on the plates.**
- **What blessing did Enos receive when he repented?**

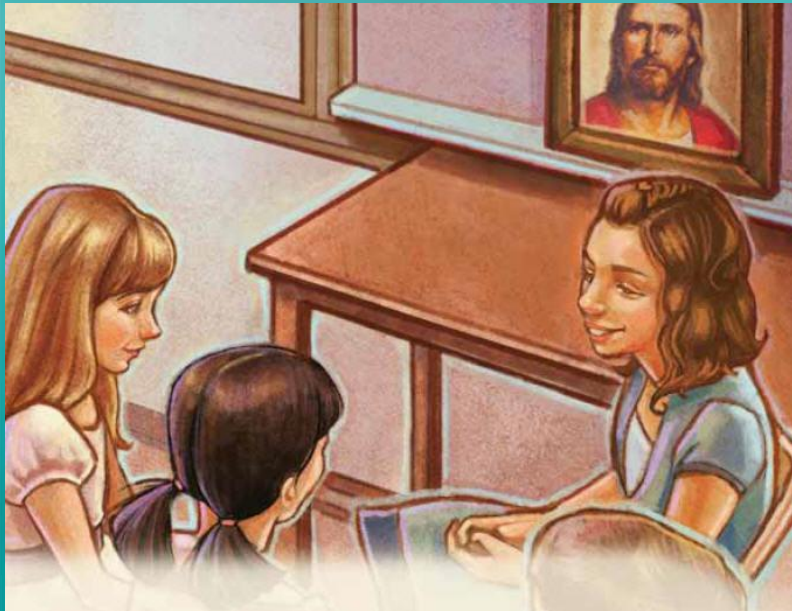
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- What blessing did Enos receive when he repented?
  - Heavenly Father forgave him.



# The Blessings of Baptism



- I am grateful for the knowledge that everyone who truly repents will be forgiven.
- The scriptures can be a great blessing in helping us to develop faith in Jesus Christ and learn of his teachings.




# **“Help Me, Dear Father”**


**Help me, dear Father, to freely forgive  
All who may seem unkind to me.  
Help me each day, Father, I pray;  
Help me live nearer, nearer to thee.**


**Help me, dear Father, to truly repent,  
Making things right, and changing my ways.  
Help me each day, Father, I pray;  
Help me live nearer, nearer to thee.**

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 Heavenly Father has promised to give us great blessings if we are baptized and keep the commandments.

 The next time you take the sacrament, think of the blessings that Heavenly Father has given you.

 Pay special attention to the sacrament prayers and think of the promises you will make when you are baptized. If you have already been baptized, think of the promises you made at baptism.

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# Testimony Time



Heavenly Father has promised us great blessings if we follow Jesus Christ by:

- having faith in Him
- being baptized
- getting the Holy Ghost
- repenting of our sins
- obeying His commandments



**OUR CLOSING PRAYER WILL BE GIVEN**

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