King Lamoni Receives Salvation-Skit

(Alma 17:19-39, Alma chapter 18, Alma 19:5,6,12-13, 35)

Narrator: King Mosiah's son, Ammon, was a missionary for Christ. He preached the Gospel of Christ in a land where non-believers lived, called Lamanites. Ammon became a servant to the King of the Lamanites, named Lamoni.

Ammon demonstrated great power over the king's enemies while caring for his sheep. King Lamoni heard about Ammon's success. The story of Ammon's faithfulness and strength in fighting for the king's sheep amazed the king and he wondered if Ammon was the Great Spirit in which his father had taught him to believe. The king had very little understanding of the Great Spirit. He was guided by his own wisdom.

King Lamoni: I learned about a Great Spirit in my youth, but I don't really know Him. Now I wonder about this Ammon, could he be the Great Spirit? Why was he so faithful in protecting my sheep? How can one man be more powerful than forty? If he is the Great Spirit, what shall I say to him about all of the servants who I've killed because they didn't protect my sheep? I want to know more about this man, but I'm afraid to ask.

Narrator: Ammon went to see the king after he had finished his chores, but the king did not speak to him for over an hour.

Ammon: King Lamoni, you have called for me because you wonder if I am the Great Spirit. I am not.

King Lamoni: How could you read my thoughts? What is the source of your power?

Ammon: Will you listen to me and believe all I will tell you if I disclose the source of my power?

King Lamoni: Yes, I will believe all that you will say.

Ammon: Do you believe in God?

King Lamoni: I don't know what that means.

Ammon: Do you believe in a Great Spirit?

King Lamoni: Yes!

Ammon: The Great Spirit is God. Do you believe the Great Spirit created all things in heaven and in the earth?

King Lamoni: Yes. I believe He created everything on the earth, but I don't know about the heavens.

Ammon: Heaven is a place where God lives with His holy angels.

King Lamoni: Is it above the earth?

Ammon: Yes, and He looks down upon all people and He know the thoughts and intents of their hearts. We were all created by Him.

King Lamoni: I believe everything that you have said. Did God send you to me?

Ammon: I am just a man. I have been called by God's Holy Spirit to teach people about Him. The Holy Spirit gives me knowledge and power according to my faith and desires in God.

Narrator: Ammon taught the King about God - beginning at the creation of the world, the creation of Adam and Eve and their fall in the garden. He taught him about the plan of salvation that comes through Christ. He showed him the scriptures and rehearsed all that occurred to bring his ancestors to the land in which they were living, and all that had happened up to the present moment. King Lamoni listened intently and after all was said He exclaimed....

King Lamoni: O Lord, have mercy, according to thy abundant mercy which you have had upon the people of Nephi, have upon me, and my people!

Narrator: When King Lamoni said these words, he fell to the ground as if dead. He was overcome with the Spirit of God for over two days. While under the power of the Spirit, Christ appeared to King Lamoni, his mind was infused with truth, his soul was filled with joy, and his heart was changed from evil to good. The King was baptized and came into the fold of the family of God.