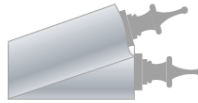




CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible
The Book of Mormon



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

LESSON TITLE

Jaredites Travel to the Promised Land

UNIT 6 - Evidence of Authority and Establishing the Church

GRADES 10 – 12 and Adult

HOLY BIBLE

John 8:12 "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

THE BOOK OF MORMON

Ether 6:3 "And thus the Lord caused stones to shine in darkness, to give light unto men, women, and children, that they might not cross the great waters in darkness."

PARALLELS IN TIME

Holy Bible: The Tower of Babel

The Book of Mormon: Gold plates; Jared and his brother were commanded to travel to a choice land; Barges are built; Jared's brother saw Jesus Christ

World History: Bronze Age; The Epic of Gilgamesh; 2492 B.C., foundation of Armenian nation; 2490 B.C., Menkaura is Pharaoh of Egypt; 2900-2334 B.C., Mesopotamian wars

OBJECTIVES

The participant will be able to:

- Interpret how the Jaredites endured the storms and dangers of traveling to the promised land
- Compare the Jaredites' journey to his/her life's journey
- Discuss the significance of praising God

MATERIALS

Holy Bible and The Book of Mormon
Board and Markers/dry-erase marker
Token Flashlights, 1/participant

TEACHER NOTES

1- 45-minute lesson

Teacher may divide into more sessions.

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

PROCEDURE.

Q = Teacher asks questions

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Motivation/Introduction (5-8 minutes)

1. Describe the period in which the story takes place.
2. Briefly rehearse how and why God guided the Jaredites to the shore called Moriancumer.
3. Briefly rehearse why the brother of Jared was commanded to build eight barges and that the Lord touched the sixteen stones to provide light in these vessels.

Q: What do you think the vessels (barges) look like? To what would you compare them?

Lesson Development (20-30 minute sessions)

Today we will interpret how the Jaredites endured the storms and dangers of traveling to the promised land. We will compare the Jaredites' journey to our life's journey

Q: Where are the Jaredites headed? What makes them confident that they will make it to the promised land? (Ether 1:42,43) Where are we headed? What is our promised land? How can we be confident that we will make it?

- ✓ Read aloud Ether 6:1-12 and engage participants in analysis and comparison. Use questions to guide discussion.

Q: What purpose does the light serve in the barges? What does the light represent? What does continuous light signify? What source of light is provided for our life's journey? Where will the light guide us?

Q: What preparations did the Jaredites make to sustain them on their journey? What supplies are available to us?

Q: God caused a furious wind to blow and propel the Jaredites to the promised land? What supply of force or power is available to us?

Q: Their journey was tumultuous, but they were kept safe in the water-tight barges. What might the water-tight barges represent? What might the waves represent?

Q: Why do the Jaredites praise the Lord day and night on their journey? What benefits come from praising the Lord? How does praising the Lord and singing hymns calm our fears? What are ways we can praise the Lord?

Q: Why could the sea monsters not harm them? What are our monsters? What protects us?

Q: What do the Jaredites do when they arrive on the promised land? Why are they joyful? What joy awaits us? Can you imagine what it will be like to enter the promised land?

Review/Assessment (5 minutes)

Q: In your opinion, why do the Jaredites get into the vessels? How do they know that they will reach the promised land? How are they prepared for the journey? What are some examples of how God provided for them?

Life Application (3-5 minutes)

Q: How are you like the Jaredites? How are you different?

Q: Why should we choose to praise God in good and bad times? What are the benefits? What are the alternatives?

Q: Where is your vessel headed? What guides your way? How are you prepared?

Think of a storm that you encountered in life. How were you prepared? What kept your vessel intact? What lit your way? Did you do your best in weathering the storm? Would you have changed anything? (Ask if anyone is willing to share aloud.)

Scripture Texts/ References/ Memory Verses (2 minute)

Holy Bible:
Genesis 11:1-9
1 Corinthians 2:9

The Book of Mormon:
Ether chapters 1-3
Ether 6:1-12

✓ Memory Verse:

Ether 6:3, "And thus the Lord caused stones to shine in darkness, to give light unto men, women, and children, that they might not cross the great waters in darkness."

Follow-Up/Take-Home Activities (1 minute)

- ✓ Send participants home with token flashlights.

Suggestions/Scriptures for Further Study/ Exploration/ Extension of Topic

Church Education Lessons

Faith (As Demonstrated by the Brother of Jared)
The Jaredites Receive the Promise of Choice Land

Key words: authority, establishing church, Jaredites