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Book of Mormon Gems of Truth: Lesson 3

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Abstract: Monthly Book of Mormon lessons for adult women (Relief Society). Each month a verse of Book of Mormon scripture is presented with accompanying quotes from General Authorities and writers of the Church.

The brother of Jared was one of those great souls who do not find it difficult to exercise implicit faith in the divine Being who upholds and maintains the universe.

We are also told by Moroni of the brother of Jared's greatness in writing when he [Moroni] said to the Lord:

Behold, thou hast not made us mighty in writing like unto the brother of Jared, for thou madest him that the things which he wrote were mighty even as thou art, unto the overpowering of man to read them (Ether 12:24).

To strive to understand and comprehend the kind of faith exemplified by the brother of Jared, to project oneself into his life's activities by reading *The Book of Ether* "with a sincere heart, with real in-

tent, having faith in Christ" will increase our faith and our desire to cultivate within ourselves the qualities that made this man so great.

Suggested Readings

The Book of Genesis from the beginning to chapter 11, verse 9. These chapters relate the history of the world up to the time that the Jaredites left Babel to journey to the promised land.

Questions for Discussion

1. From what two original sources do we learn about the Jaredites?
2. What is the basic characteristic of the brother of Jared? Illustrate.
3. Were the Jaredites the only colony scattered from the tower of Babel?
4. What is one of the requirements of establishing communion with God? Illustrate in the life of the brother of Jared.

Visiting Teacher Messages

Book of Mormon Gems of Truth

Lesson 3—"Feast Upon the Words of Christ; for Behold, the Words of Christ Will Tell You All Things What Ye Should Do" (II Nephi 32:3).

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Objective: To emphasize that in the words of our Savior we have the perfect pattern of life.

THE world is indeed sick! We all sadly acknowledge this fact, but do we realize that a cure is within reach of all? Truly, the instructions of our Savior, if followed, would heal all the woes of the world.

Sometimes we see the cure take effect in individual lives. Our missionaries see it many times, and it is marvelous and inspiring to behold. When the import of Christ's

words penetrates deeply into the hearts of men and women, they remold their lives to conform, in a measure, to this pattern.

We are not left alone, in this mortal state, to search blindly for the right. There is no lack of instruction, for we have been given ample guidance by our Savior. The words of Christ are a perfect guide to the abundant life. And so it is

not for lack of counsel that man is bowed down with sorrow and misery, but rather because of his waywardness, his perverseness, and disobedience to Christ's counsel.

Typical of his words are these:

And why beholdest thou the mote in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? (Matt. 7:3).

Behold I am the law, and the light. Look unto me, and endure to the end, and ye shall live; for unto him that endureth to the end will I give eternal life. Behold I have given unto you the commandments; therefore keep my commandments (3 Nephi 15:9).

It was Nephi who said, "Feast upon the words of Christ." The word "feast" is a very expressive word. It implies that we relish his words, that we partake of them with eagerness and with joy. The attitude in which we approach and ponder his words is also very important, for it determines how deep-

ly his words will sink into our hearts, how persistently we will carry them out. If we feast upon his words we will go to them time and time again; we will digest them thoroughly; we will linger over them; we will accept them with open hearts and contrite spirits. And by the spirit of the Holy Ghost says Nephi, we may understand his words.

We have all that is necessary to bring peace and tranquility to the world. We have the knowledge out of which we can make eternal happiness. But the possession of this knowledge alone cannot give us the happiness we desire. Only when that knowledge has application in our lives does it bring the desired result.

During the approaching Christmas season and throughout the new year, we can do nothing which will more appropriately honor our Savior, than feasting upon his words and obeying them.

Work Meeting—Sewing

THE ART OF MENDING

(A Course for Optional Use by Wards and Branches at Work Meeting)

Lesson 3—Strengthening Ready-Mades

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(Textbook: *The Complete Book of Sewing*, by Constance Talbot.)

WHEN clothes are purchased ready-made from the stores, there are sometimes weak spots in their make-up. For one reason or another they are not always as care-

fully constructed as they might be.

Very often there is much that can be done very easily to add to their appearance and wearability. It is wise to check over clothes and