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## Book of Mormon Gems of Truth: Lesson Preview for 1952-1953

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**Abstract:** Preview for monthly Book of Mormon lessons, which would include a scripture from the Book of Mormon accompanied by insights from General Authorities and writers of the Church.

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repeat the instructions given by the Relief Society general board concerning the use of maps and unauthorized publications:

We advise against the use of any maps dealing with Book of Mormon locations, and against the use of books which are not authorized by the Church as approved by the Church Publications Committee.

In order to fulfill the requirements of the reading program of the theology course on The Book of Mormon, it is necessary to read The Book of Mormon itself. No credit will be given for reading any other account of Book of Mormon incidents.

The titles and objectives for the course of study for the second year are as follows:

Lesson 9. *Preparation for the Journey*

Objective: To show that "if . . . the children of men keep the commandments of God he doth nourish them, and strengthen them, and provide means whereby they can accomplish the thing which he has commanded them" (1 Nephi 17:3).

Lesson 10. *Journey to the Land of Promise*

Objective: The Lord aids those who

keep his commandments to accomplish righteous purposes.

Lesson 11. *The Value of Records*

Objective: To demonstrate the value of records to a people of God.

Lesson 12. *Lehi's Later Exhortations*

Objective: To realize the great concern of Lehi for his people and the necessity of obeying the commandments of prophets.

Lesson 13. *Separation Into Nephites and Lamanites*

Objective: To show the power of righteousness and spirituality in building a great civilization.

Lesson 14. *Nephi*

Objective: To gain an appreciation of the character and teachings of Nephi, and to realize the value to all men in emulating them.

Lesson 15. *Nephi's Predictions, Promises, and Instructions*

Objective: To study Nephi's predictions concerning the Jews, Nephites, Lamanites, and the Gentiles.

Lesson 16. *The Words of Jacob Recorded by Nephi*

Objective: To study the eternal truths taught by Jacob.

## *Visiting Teacher Messages*

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Preview of Lessons for 1952-53

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THE Visiting Teacher Messages for the year 1952-53 are a continuation of the course "Book of Mormon Gems of Truth." The

scriptural passages for these messages have been taken from the chapters of The Book of Mormon which will be studied in the the-

ology lessons this year. However, these visiting teacher messages do not necessarily tie in with the theology lessons, but are complete and separate messages within themselves.

The Relief Society has a sacred obligation to teach the gospel to the sisters of the Church, and these visiting teacher messages are designed to help in the fulfillment of this responsibility. The general board particularly desires that the visiting teacher message leaders fully sense this responsibility; and we urge them to encourage the visiting teachers to be conscientious in presenting these messages in an interesting, informal, and friendly way in Latter-day Saint homes.

The titles of the eight messages and their objectives follow:

Lesson 9. *"Wherefore, Do Not Spend Money for That Which Is of No Worth, Nor Your Labor for That Which Cannot Satisfy"* (2 Nephi 9:51).

Objective: To encourage women to seek after true values in life.

Lesson 10. *"But to Be Learned Is Good If They Hearken Unto the Counsels of God"* (2 Nephi 9:29).

Objective: To point out the meaning of true education.

Lesson 11. *"... I Work Not Among the Children of Men Save It Be According to Their Faith"* (2 Nephi 27:23).

Objective: To show that faith is necessary in order to receive blessings from God.

Lesson 12. *"Therefore, Wo Be Unto Him That Is at Ease in Zion!"* (2 Nephi 28:24)

Objective: To point out the need for being always on guard against the wiles of Satan.

Lesson 13. *"Yea, I know That God Will Give Liberally to Him That Asketh. Yea, My God Will Give Me, If I Ask Not Amiss"* (2 Nephi 4:35).

Objective: To encourage praying to the Lord for guidance, and to point out that he will answer our prayers aright.

Lesson 14. *"Wherefore, the Lord God Gave Unto Man That He Should Act for Himself. Wherefore, Man Could Not Act for Himself Save It Should Be That He Was Enticed by the One or the Other"* (2 Nephi 2:16).

Objective: To bring to our minds an awareness of the importance of free agency, and to stimulate its intelligent use.

Lesson 15. *"... For They Who Are Not for Me Are Against Me, Saith Our God"* (2 Nephi 10:16).

Objective: To stress the necessity of giving support to the work of the Lord.

Lesson 16. *"... And If It So Be That the Children of Men Keep the Commandments of God He Doth Nourish Them, and Strengthen Them, and Provide Means Whereby They Can Accomplish the Thing Which He Has Commanded them"* (1 Nephi 17:3).

Objective: To leave the comforting thought that if we keep the commandments of God he will help us to achieve the things that are required at our hands.