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## Book of Mormon Sunday School Lessons, April 1932

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# BOOK OF MORMON



*General Board Committee: Alfred C. Rees, Chairman; James L. Barker, Vice Chairman; and Horace H. Cummings*

Ages 15, 16 and 17.

Concert Recitation for April

"The Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them." (I Nephi, 3:7.)

First Sunday, April 3, 1932

Lesson 11. What Nephi Taught.

Texts: II Nephi, Chapters 29 and 30; Sunday School Lessons, No. 11.

Objective: To teach that we shall be judged from the written word which the Lord has given to us.

To Teachers: Today, have the Standard Works of the Church on your desk. Have the class tell something of the history of each book of the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Book of Mormon, the Pearl of Great Price, the Doctrine and Covenants. After the class has discussed the lesson, talk about the present day situation to show what teachings have been placed in our hands by the Lord, by which we shall be judged. Why does the Lord want the whole world today to have access to all these revealed, written teachings? The class should be brought to understand how we should grow more rapidly, spiritually, than any other people. The big point of the lesson is to show the responsibility upon us to find out by study what is in all these sacred books, and then put forth all our energies to obey the commandments therein. Be prepared to meet the contention that a great deal is given by way of mere advice and not strict commandment. In that case, may we obey, or disobey, just as we please? Will the results be the same? See if you can get this thought implanted that to obey advice, or recommendations from the Lord and His servants is to grow spiritually. It shouldn't be necessary for the Lord to say "must" to Latter-day Saint boys and girls. If we are told that it is dangerous to touch electrical machinery, we should heed that hint as readily as if we are told we must not touch it. This will bring up discussion of prayer, word of wisdom, card playing, sabbath observance, etc., etc. A healthy, stimulating, definite determination to obey the word of the Lord should result in your class today.

Second Sunday, April 10, 1932

Uniform Lesson. Subject: "Temple Marriages."

(See Superintendent's Department for outline.)

Third Sunday, April 17, 1932

Lesson 12. What Nephi Taught.

Texts: II Nephi, Chapters 32-33; Sunday School Lessons, No. 12.

Objective: To teach that we must enjoy the Spirit of the Holy Ghost in order to understand the things of the Lord.

To Teachers: It will not be profitable to enter into any abstract discussion of who or what the Holy Ghost is. But it is essential for your class to understand that it is the power of God.

Come prepared to recite instances in ancient or modern history to show how men's eyes have been opened, their minds made clear, their tongues loosened, through the Holy Ghost. But when are we in a position to invite that influence to guide us? Let the class tell some of the things we must do in order to enjoy that guidance. Why does that Holy Ghost depart from us? What should be the desire of every Latter-day Saint boy or girl respecting the possession of the Holy Ghost.

What do we mean by "inspired" men? Why should our leaders be inspired? Let the class discuss how this same holy influence can assist, guide and direct us in our daily affairs. Karl G. Maeser once said that a teacher in our Church schools who instructs in mathematics should seek the Spirit of the Lord. Why? If that is true can we be better clerks or accountants, or salesmen, housewives or what not, if we so live as to enjoy the Spirit of the Lord? This discussion should bring out the thought that the Lord is interested in our daily affairs as well as our Sunday worship, and stands ready to bestow upon us that great gift of the Holy Ghost—if and when we deserve it.

Fourth Sunday, April 24, 1932

Lesson 13. What King Benjamin Taught.

Texts: Mosiah Chapters 1-4; Sunday School Lessons, No. 13.

Objective: To teach that we shall be blessed according to our actions, and not our beliefs.

To Teachers: This lesson is full of choice morsels of advice and admonitions. Let the class select the ones that appeal to them, and tell what value they place upon each such quotation. Open for discussion the question of how young people today



have opportunities to exhibit their genuine belief in the commandments of the Lord. Let them cite instances where they are confronted with the necessity to choose between obedience and disobedience.

How can a reading of King Benjamin help us decide what to do when we are asked to do things against the counsel and advice of our leaders? What does your class think of the claim made by some that we are always harping about word

of wisdom, smoking, drinking, card playing and Sunday amusements; should our leaders stop talking and warning us about these things? Are we able to judge the relative importance of these commandments, respecting our daily practices? What should our attitude be toward all the commandments, the large as well as the small? Get the reaction of your class to these suggestions. Are we ever safe in disobeying?

# NEW TESTAMENT

*General Board Committee: Milton Bennion, Chairman; T. Albert Hooper, Vice Chairman*

## LESSONS FOR APRIL

Concert Recitation for Month  
(John 4:13, 14)

"Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

First Sunday, April 3, 1932

### Lesson 11. At the Well of Sychar.

Texts: John IV, 1-42; Weed, "A Life of Christ for the Young," Chapter 18.

Objective: A testimony of the divinity of Christ's mission and the Father's approval are obtained by those who worship in spirit and in truth.

Supplementary Materials: Talmage, "Jesus the Christ," Chapter 13; Farrar, "Life of Christ," Chapter 15; Dummelow, "The One Volume Commentary of the Bible," Page 781; Any Bible under the headings "Samaria" and "Samaritans."

#### Suggestive Outline:

- I. At the Well of Sychar.
- II. The Woman of Samaria.  
Attitude of Jews and Samaritans toward each other.
- III. Jesus' request.
  - a. The woman's answer.
  - b. Jesus teaches woman.
  - c. Her testimony and her declaration to her neighbors.

In part the International Bible Dictionary says on page 585: "At the final captivity of Israel by Shalmaneser, we may conclude that the cities of Samaria were not merely partially but wholly depopulated of their inhabitants in B. C. 722, and that they remained in this desolate state until, in the words of 2 Kings



17:24, 'the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Avva, and from Hamah, and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.' Thus the new Samaritans were Assyrians by birth or subjugation. \* \* \* They then desire to be allowed to participate in the rebuilding of the temple at Jerusalem; but on being refused, become open enemies, frustrate the operations of the Jews through the reigns of two Persian kings."

The tolerance of Jesus is shown in His teaching a woman at all. Note the following from Dummelow, page 782: "In His high estimate of womanhood Jesus rose