



Book of Mormon

FELT ACTIVITY BOOK

The Prophet Lehi

(1 Nephi 1-2)

Background: Desert scene

Figures: City scene, pottery with riches, two sets of camels, and a tent with desert at bottom

Instructions: Glue city scene and riches back-to-back to make a double-sided figure

Lehi was a prophet of God, who lived in Jerusalem. Lehi loved his people so much that one day he prayed with all his heart for them. A pillar of fire came and sat upon a rock. Lehi saw many things in a vision that made him afraid for his people.

When Lehi told the people what he had seen, and warned them to repent or be destroyed, they made fun of him. Some became angry and tried to kill him. The Lord did not want Lehi to be hurt, so He told him to leave Jerusalem. Lehi and his wife Sariah had four sons. Laman and Lemuel thought their father was being foolish. They did not want to leave their fine house and all of their riches. The younger sons, Nephi and Sam, were obedient. They helped pack their tents and camels.

Lehi's family traveled in the desert for three days before they pitched their tents. They built an altar of stone and gave thanks to the Lord. It took a lot of faith for Lehi and his family to leave their wonderful home and all of their gold and silver to journey into the wilderness. Do you think you could do the same?

We know from the Bible and from the Book of Mormon that a short time later, Jerusalem was destroyed. Lehi and his family were blessed because he obeyed the commandments of the Lord.

Nephi Gets the Plates from Laban

(1 Nephi 3:2-38)

Background: Throne room

Figures: Nephi (in red), Sam (in brown), Lemuel (in dark red with gold necklace), Laman (in purple with headgear), riches, Laban standing, Laban lying down, set of plates

Lehi told his sons that they needed to go back to Jerusalem to get the plates of brass that contained the histories of the Jews and also their genealogy. They needed to go to the house of Laban and ask him for the plates.

As they reached Jerusalem, they cast lots to decide who should go to the house of Laban. The lot fell on Laman. Laman went to see Laban and asked him for the plates of brass. Laban became very angry and tried to kill him. Laman managed to run away and told his brothers what had happened. They didn't know how they were going to get the plates. Nephi told them not to be discouraged; that the Lord would help them. So they decided to go to their house and get their gold and silver and all of their precious things to exchange for the plates of brass.

They went to see Laban and told him he could have all of their precious things if he would give them the plates. Laban liked their riches and wanted them, so he threw them out and sent his servants after them to kill them.

They ran away and hid from the servants. Laman and Lemuel were angry with Nephi and Sam and started to beat them. An angel appeared and told them to listen to Nephi; he had been chosen to rule over them because of his righteousness. He also said that the Lord would deliver Laban into their hands.

So Nephi told his brothers to go back to Jerusalem and to have

faith in the Lord, but Laman and Lemuel were still complaining. They waited outside the walls of Jerusalem while Nephi crept into the city toward the house of Laban. Nephi didn't know what he was going to do but he had faith the Lord would help him get the plates. As he came near the house, he found a man on the ground. As he got closer, he realized it was Laban and that he was drunk. Nephi took Laban's sword and the spirit told him to kill Laban.

Nephi didn't want to, but realized that it was better that one man perish than a whole nation. After killing Laban, he dressed in Laban's clothing and went to his house. Laban's servant, Zoram, thinking it was Laban, gave Nephi the plates of brass. Nephi ran with the plates to meet his brothers who were waiting for him outside the city. They then returned, accompanied by Zoram, to the tent of their father Lehi. They had obtained the brass plates containing a history of their forefathers and the word of God.

Abinadi

(Mosiah 11-19)

Background: Throne room

Figures: King Noah, Abinadi, two leopards, Alma as priest, and two priests from waist up

King Noah was a wicked man. He was lazy and took money from his people. He called wicked priests to lead the church, and soon most of the people were also wicked. King Noah used much of the money to build large expensive buildings, including a palace with a throne for him to sit on. He also made a special place in the temple for the priests to sit in, and covered it with pure gold. The priests spoke lies to the people.

There was a prophet named Abinadi. He told the people to repent or the Lamanites would capture them. King Noah was angry with Abinadi and sent his soldiers to kill him, but Abinadi escaped. For two years he hid in the wilderness. Then one day Abinadi came back in disguise. Again, he tried to warn the people to repent. This time he was caught and thrown into prison.

Abinadi was brought before the wicked priests who tried to trick him by asking difficult questions. Abinadi answered all of the questions boldly. He told the priests that they should be teaching the people to keep the commandments.

The King ordered the priests to kill Abinadi, but Abinadi had not finished with God's message so they were unable to hurt him. God protected Abinadi.

Abinadi was filled with the Holy Ghost. His face became bright as he taught about the Ten Commandments. He said that men could not be saved by the commandments alone. Abinadi taught them about the Savior, and the atonement. He said that it is only by obedience and faith in Jesus Christ that men can be saved.

One of the priests named Alma believed Abinadi's words and asked the King to listen to him. King Noah sent Alma away and told his soldiers to follow him. Alma escaped. As he hid in the wilderness, he wrote down all the things that Abinadi had said.

Abinadi was tied up and beaten. The priests told him to deny the things which he had said or he would die. Abinadi would not deny Jesus Christ; he had spoken the truth. He said that if they killed him they would die the same way he did. Abinadi was burned to death.

Several years later the Lamanites came to fight King Noah's

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