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Hope and Faith

Ether 12-15

Objectives:

- Talk about Ether's teachings to the Jaredites, and Moroni's teachings on faith. Emphasize the importance of hope and faith.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Hope and Faith

Reverence Time

Song: Faith, Children's Songbook page 96

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/faith>

Scripture: Ether 12:4

"Wherefore, whoso believeth in God might with surety hope for a better world, yea, even a place at the right hand of God, which hope cometh of faith, maketh an anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure and steadfast, always abounding in good works, being led to glorify God."

Video: Watch this week's clip from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. Find the clip at <https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-hope>

Lesson

Summary:

The Jaredites had become a wicked and ferocious people. The Lord sent Ether, a prophet to teach the people and give them a chance to repent. Ether taught the people about hope and faith and exhorted them to believe in God. He prophesied great and marvelous things, but the people wouldn't believe him. They refused to repent, and that ultimately led to their destruction.

Moroni added his lesson on faith, telling us to "dispute not because ye see not". Moroni reminded us that miracles only happen by faith. He also reminded us of his faithful ancestors who experienced great miracles because of their faith, like Alma and Amulek, Ammon, and Nephi and Lehi. Moroni encouraged us to seek Jesus of whom the prophets and apostles have written.

Quote:

"Hope is not knowledge, but rather the abiding trust that the Lord will fulfill His promise to us. It is confidence that if we live according to God's laws and the words of His prophets now, we will receive desired blessings in the future. It is believing and expecting that our prayers will be answered. It is manifest in confidence, optimism, enthusiasm, and patient perseverance." Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Questions: How does hope lead to faith?

What are some of the miracles Moroni mentioned that happened "by faith"?
(See Ether 12:10-22)

What happened when the Jaredites refused to repent?

Activity Time

Faith Charades

Description: Moroni names some of the people in the Book of Mormon who witnessed great miracles because of their faith. Have fun acting out these stories and guessing which is being acted out!

What you need: ■ A copy of "Faith Charades", scissors, a hat or bowl

Preparation: Print the "Faith charades" story strips and cut apart. Place the strips into a hat or bowl.

Activity: Explain: In Ether 12, several prophets are mentioned. Each of these prophets had an obstacle to overcome. Through their faith, the Lord was able to help them through their trials, sometimes in miraculous ways. We're going to act out some of these stories and others from the Book of Mormon.

Play the game: To play, choose someone to go first. That person will draw a story strip and act out the story without using any words. The rest of the family tries to guess which story they are acting out. Once the story is guessed, another person takes a turn to draw a story strip and act out a story. Continue playing until all stories have been acted out, or everyone has had a turn.



Alma and Amulek had faith. They were cast into prison because they were teaching the gospel, but the prison walls tumbled to the earth and they were miraculously delivered.



Nephi and Lehi had faith. They were encircled by fire while in prison, and a voice told the people to repent. Many Lamanites repented.



Ammon had faith. He wasn't afraid to preach the gospel to the Lamanites. He helped many people turn their hearts to Jesus Christ.



The Nephite disciples had faith. Jesus taught them His gospel, and they desired to stay on earth and help to share it. They did not die, but were changed so they could stay on earth.



The brother of Jared had faith. He was asked to build barges and cross the ocean. He knew Heavenly Father would help him know what to do.



What's your favorite story from the Book of Mormon about someone who had great faith?

Treat Time

Shields of Faith

Prep Time: 1 minutes
Cook Time: 4 minutes
Cool Time: 1 hour



Ingredients: 12 oz. package semi sweet chocolate chips
3/4 c. sweetened condensed milk
1/8 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla extract
Nuts and candies (for decorating tops)

Instructions: Pour chocolate chips into a two quart microwave safe bowl. Cook in microwave, on medium power, in 1 minute increments (approximately 4 minutes). Stir until smooth and melted. Add sweetened condensed milk, salt, and vanilla extract. Stir until smooth. Cool in refrigerator for approximately 1 hour.

Treat Time: Give each family member one or two spoonfuls of chocolate truffle mixture. Roll into a ball. Flatten and shape into shield shapes. Decorate tops with nuts and candies.