



Come, Follow Me
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Living Scriptures
STREAMING

The Scattering of Israel

2 Kings 17-25

Objectives:

- Talk about how Israel was scattered because they no longer trusted in God. Discuss ways we can gather scattered Israel.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Trust in God, Scriptures, Gathering Israel

Reverence Time

Song: Search, Ponder, and Pray, Children's Songbook page 109

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/search-ponder-and-pray>

Scripture: 2 Kings 18:5-7

"He trusted in the Lord God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him. For he clave unto the Lord and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses."

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

Lesson Time

The Scattering of Israel

Lesson

Summary:

During the reign of Solomon's son, Rehoboam, the Northern tribes of Israel broke off and selected their own king. The children of Israel were now divided. The Northern Kingdom became wicked, and they were soon conquered by Assyria and scattered. The Southern Kingdom (or Kingdom of Judah) was later led by the righteous king Hezekiah. Hezekiah listened to the prophet Isaiah and prayed to the Lord for help when Assyria came to conquer them. The Lord promised to defend the city because of the faith of the people. Years later when Hezekiah died his son Manasseh became king. Manasseh was a wicked king, and his son Amon was also wicked. Amon's son Josiah was a righteous king. Josiah repaired the temple and read the scriptures to the people. Josiah and his people covenanted to keep the commandments and follow God. Sadly, the kings after Josiah were wicked, and eventually the Southern Kingdom was also conquered and the people were scattered.

Quote:

"It is challenging but vital to remain firm and steadfast when we find ourselves being refined 'in the furnace of affliction,' something that comes soon or late to all of us in mortality. Without God, these dark experiences tend to despondency, despair, and even bitterness. With God, comfort replaces pain, peace replaces turmoil, and hope replaces sorrow. Remaining firm in the faith of Christ will bring His sustaining grace and support."
D. Todd Christofferson

Questions:

What happened to the children of Israel?
How was Hezekiah able to remain faithful when challenges came?
How can the scriptures inspire us to follow God?

Description: In this activity, your family will learn how they can help the gospel grow and fill the earth to gather scattered Israel, just like the chain of children from around the world grows when unfolded.

What you need: ■ A copy of “Filling the Earth” activity (artwork included with this lesson) for each child and scissors.

Preparation:

1. Print out the artwork.
2. Cut along dotted lines.
3. Fold each group of children, accordion style, along solid black lines.
4. Cut around the figure, careful not to cut along the folds where the hands touch (this can be done before or after the activity).

Activity: (Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.)

Since the early days of the Restoration, church leaders have worked at the task of sharing the Gospel and gathering Israel. As early as 1837, missionaries served in foreign missions. The work continues today with over 53,000 full time missionaries throughout the world.

How many members were there when the Church was organized in 1830? (Six.)

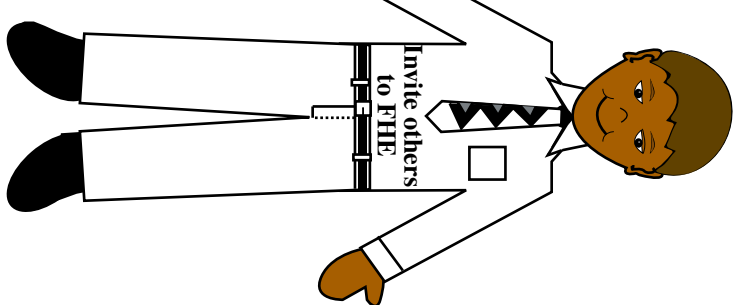
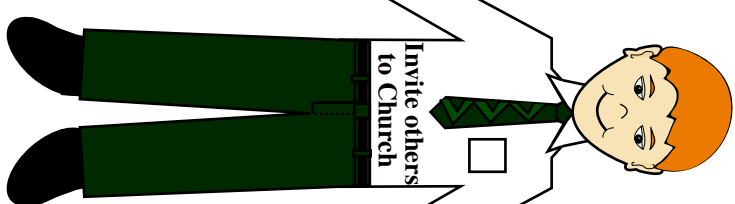
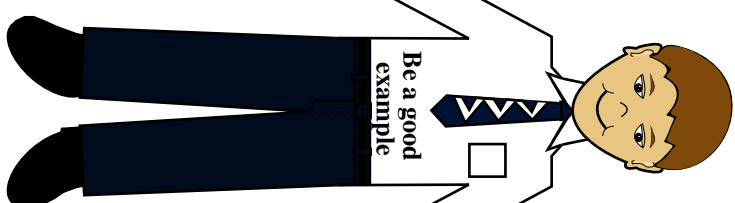
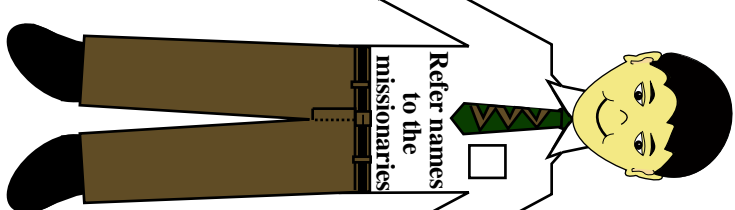
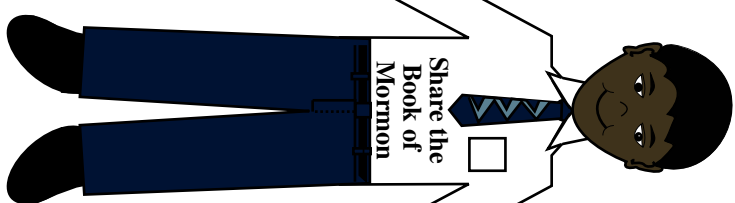
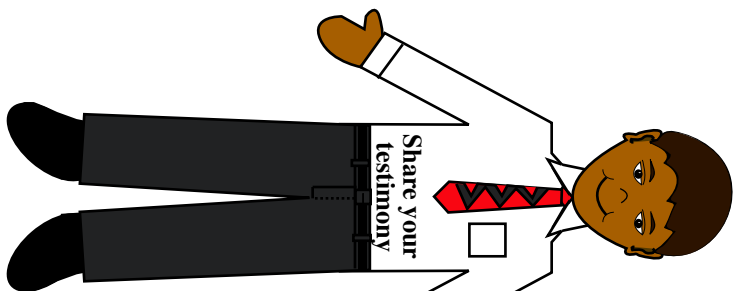
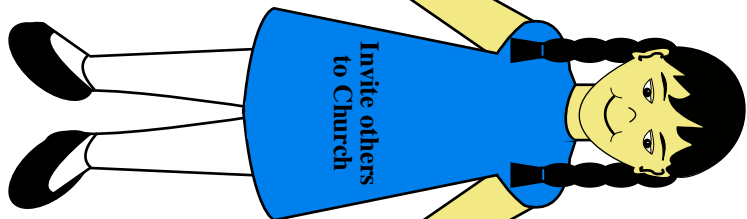
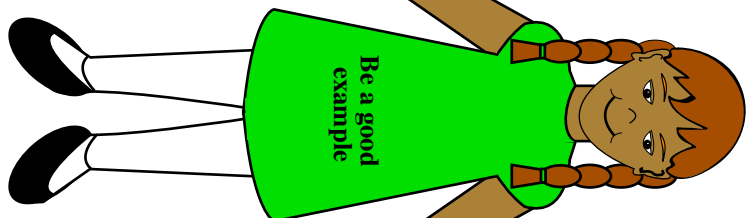
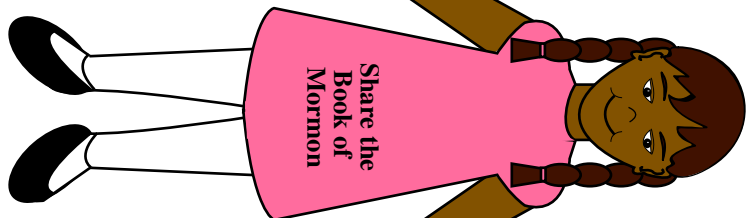
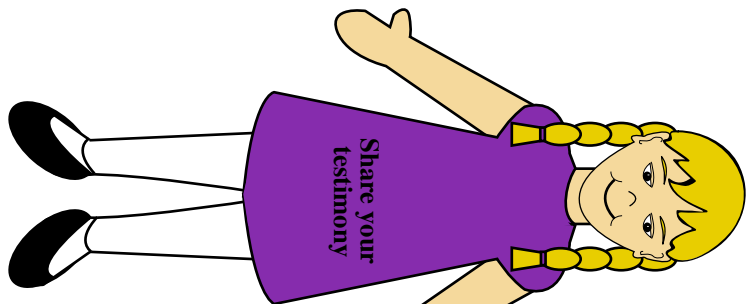
How many members are there today? (Over 16 million.)

Heavenly Father loves all his children and wants them all to have the opportunity to accept the Gospel and return to live with Him someday.

Give each family member a folded children chain (unfold as you discuss each topic).

- a. Sharing our testimonies will help others gain and strengthen their testimonies.
- b. Sharing copies of the Book of Mormon with people not of our faith will help the Gospel grow by giving more people the opportunity to read it and gain a testimony of it.
- c. The missionaries have a greater chance of being invited into homes to teach the Gospel when members refer names of interested people to them.
- d. Setting a good example for family members, neighbors, and friends is a reflection of the church to people not of our faith. Your example can influence others to join the church.
- e. Inviting others to Church activities, meetings, and firesides, where they can feel of the spirit and love of our Heavenly Father can help them want the Gospel in their lives.
- f. Inviting others to family home evening can help them learn Gospel principles in a loving family atmosphere.

Just like this chain of children grew, each of us can help the gospel grow and fill the earth.



Treat Time

Scripture Ice Cream Sandwiches

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Bake Time: 14 minutes



Ingredients: 8 oz. semi-sweet baking chocolate
3/4 c. firmly packed brown sugar
1/3 stick butter or margarine
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 c. flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 c. chocolate chips (optional)
1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream

Instructions: Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly coat a 13" x 18" jelly roll pan with cooking spray. Melt baking chocolate on high in microwave for 2 minutes. Cream together brown sugar, butter, eggs, and vanilla. Slowly add melted chocolate. Fold in flour, baking powder and salt and mix until smooth. Spread into pan (it will be a very thin layer). Bake for 14 minutes. Chill in refrigerator until completely cooled. Cut into twenty 3" x 3" squares and ten 1/2" x 3" rectangles (see diagram). Cut the ice cream with a hot knife into 3" squares.



Treat Time: Let children help assemble their ice cream scriptures by placing an ice cream square (the book pages) on top of a cookie square (book back cover). Place another cookie square (the book cover) on top of the ice cream. Place a 1/2" rectangle (the book spine) on one side, between the two cookies. (Optional: Use decorator frosting to write Holy Bible on cover.)