

# Zion's Advocate

*"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,  
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost;"*

I Nephi 3:187

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## The Life Deceit From The Beginning

Perplexed by sorrow, pain, and daily cares  
How oft we hear some puzzled human cry,  
"Whence came mankind, what purpose has this life,  
Oh, whither does it lead, and why am I?"

"If God be there, then why does He permit  
So many dreadful deeds; crime, bloodshed, war,  
Fear, shame, disease, pain, poverty and death,  
Quakes, floods, great storms which sweep from shore to  
shore?"

Oh hear ye! Let the Lord make answer now,  
For He is just and true with love abounding  
In mercy for weak, wicked, sinful man,  
Whose sins enmesh him in his sad surrounding.

God hath created of one flesh and blood  
The teeming billions of our human kind;  
To have dominion over all the earth,  
To serve Him with their strength, and heart, and mind.

All things are known by God from first to last  
And He hath planned for each of us a place;  
Still He has given each his own free will;  
The choice is left up to the human race.

Two paths are set for us; one right, one wrong.  
In choosing self to serve, we soon shall find  
Our service rendered to proud Lucifer  
Who first chose self, and he our wills doth bind.

Entangled by his flaxen evil snare  
We are enslaved by hate, and force, and greed;  
While all the ills of earth rule o'er our lives  
Thus snared, men cannot by themselves be freed.

Many there be who walk this downward path,  
A pleasant camouflaged, attractive lure,  
Where rosy sunset at the nether end  
Gives a false promise which shall not endure.

Pleasures of sin are but a veil of lies  
To obscure the end which waits their final breath.  
The rosy sunset changes at the last  
To skull and cross bones, which drip red blood in death

But oh! How blest are ye if thou dost choose  
To walk the straight and narrow upward way;  
Though rough the path, and rugged be the climb,  
To reach the realms of Everlasting Day.

Where God through love supreme has long prepared  
Great things, of which our minds cannot conceive.  
All this He does because He first loved us  
And longs our earthly sorrows to relieve.

If we accept and live that righteous life  
Which God first planned and by Him was decreed;  
We'll do His will and humbly bow the knee,  
In reverence walk where're God's hand shall lead.

Lovita Seibel

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Editorial...

## From The Files Of Leon Gould

I had a wonderful experience of hearing the morning stars singing together, once, and only once. It came after a night of sadness and tears. After a simple prayer that I be given power to rise above my unhappiness, I fell into a deep sleep which lasted unbroken for the rest of the night. I awakened suddenly and completely, all trace of sleep had left me. It was that quiet, mystic hour preceding the dawn, and I wondered for a moment where such wonderful music could be coming from at such an hour.

Wide awake, yet keeping very still, almost holding my breath so that I might not miss a note of the most wonderful music I had ever heard, I lay there listening, spell-bound. Listening intently to it, I knew it was not the music of one person's making, but it seemed to be a vast orchestra playing an accompaniment to a full choir of voices in the background.

I turned my head, raising it a little, trying to distinguish the direction from which it was coming. All I saw were the lovely morning stars shining in the deep blue of the sky. Then the mystery proving too much for me, I arose and walked out on the small verandah adjoining. There were no lights to be seen anywhere or in any of the neighboring houses. I returned to my bed. The silence was so profound, and I might say, so deep, that I could almost feel it. I then realized that the music I was hearing came out of that great silence, out from the star filled morning sky. I was listening to the morning stars sing together.

The melody was indescribably beautiful. I had heard nothing like it before, or since, yet, as I mentioned the silence was unbroken by any earthly sound. I lay there knowing I had been granted a lovely and unusual spiritual experience, that in spite of sorrow comes beauty and harmony if we will try and make it so. Fighting against the sleep that threatened to overpower me again, I listened to the Song of Creation, for that is the song of the morning stars, the great eternal song they are always singing, could we but hear it. Someday we shall all be so in tune and in harmony that we shall readily hear the great song of the universe.

I managed to keep awake, but the music gradually became fainter and far away. I listened, hoping it would come back again, and after some time I noticed I was hear-

ing with my physical ear the everyday sounds; the morning songs, and squabbling too, of the birds, and here and there the unromantic but necessary, sound of the milk carts.

This small testimony, in length only, was taken from the files of Leon Gould and submitted to Zion's Advocate by Sister Amy Schrader. The author, although not a member of the Church of Christ, was kind enough to share this experience with Brother Gould and now with each of us.

As I read this testimony I was taken back in thought to a time when I was privileged to experience the pure beauty of the stars. About thirty-five years ago as a Boy Scout I hiked the mountains of New Mexico leaving civilization far behind, being drawn ever closer to nature and to God. Each day was different and each path, stream and plateau held a wonderment all their own. But as night caused me to pause I could not cease to admire stars. I had seen these same stars all my life, wished upon stars, even learned some of their names. But here their intensity was heightened and I found myself feeling smaller, as the scriptures say "your own nothingness".

Reading this testimony of the morning stars and remembering my own experience I now know that these same stars have shown forth brilliantly from the dawn of creation as God created them and as God intended. It is man that pollutes in a physical and spiritual sense causing a cloud to diminish the light that man receives. It is also man that creates his own artificial light distracting from, even usurping God's own creation and this in a physical as well as spiritual sense.

I believe and have found a stars intensity (God's Spirit) to be brightest: (1) when [focused] because of sickness, death, fear, or seeking God with a broken heart and a contrite spirit (2) when [removed] from all distractions.

I pray each of us will be able to see and be blessed by the full intensity of the stars light ( God's Spirit ). And as this testimony states, "Someday we shall all be so in tune and in harmony that we shall readily hear the great song of the universe. The Song of Creation".

By Elder Michael McGhee

# IS THE BOOK OF MORMON TRUE?

Condensed from a March 1993 Sermon

By Apostle  
Roland Sarratt



The "fullness of the gospel" would be incomplete without the Book of Mormon. It makes plain what is in the Bible. I depend on using them together. A person, reading the book for the first time, picking up the story, noticing testimonies and wit-

nesses, could appreciate it more than some of us, who dwell on the teachings, which are number one in importance; but, the story, the people, and the writers stand out.

Can we read Nephi's or Moroni's testimonies, feel their concern for us, and not be moved? Part of conversion to this gospel is knowing someone prayed for us, years ago, seeing us in a vision from the Lord, and knowing it was given to them to record their experiences. Today, we are not too concerned about our own history, we are making. In Book of Mormon days, all things were recorded, by commandment of the Lord.

Ezekiel, 37: 15 - 17: "The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, . . . take thee one stick, and write upon it, for Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: and take another stick, and write upon it, for Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions: and join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand."

The "stick of Judah" is the Bible. The "stick of Joseph" is the Book of Mormon. Judah, the tribe remaining in the old country, kept a record through Christ's time. Though the majority rejected Christ, there were those who accepted him.

They recorded the New Testament. The tribe of Joseph came to this land. Lehi was of Joseph, and his lineage wrote part of the Book of Mormon and preserved all the records. They had with them the five books of Moses and other Old Testament books, called "the plates of brass." Here, they found the Jaredite records, preserved but sealed and couldn't be read, until the time of Christ.

We have Nephi's and Moroni's writings and abridgements. A "greater record" of Nephi, which we don't have, has more history details. The book speaks of Lehi's writings, but we only have his vision and teachings, recorded by Nephi. There is a promise in the Book of Mormon that the writings of the brother of Jared would come to the gentiles, but we have not seen them yet. (See Ether 1: 100, 101) Revelations given the brother of Jared, like the Bible's book of Revelation, tells the beginning to the end of time. Moroni said the words are so great, it overpowers a person to read them. All these will come forth, in the future.

Our "Articles of Faith and Practice," state:

9. We believe that in the Bible is contained the word of God, that the Book of Mormon is an added witness for Christ, and that these contain the fullness of the Gospel.

10. We believe in the principal of continuous revelation, that the canon of scripture is not full, that God inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom He may choose."

As a child, the Book of Mormon intrigued me; but, because I was too young to read it well, I wasn't interested until I was grown. There were times, when it was read to me by preachers, that impressed me. So, I had a growing testimony of it's truth. As an adult, I prayed over it and received an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The words came right off the page to make an impression on me. The Spirit has come to me repeatedly, emphasizing the importance of things I read. I am constantly renewed by this. I trust each of you have this experience. You

might not even have an interest in being part of the church, if you did not have personal confidence you could go to the scriptures to be renewed in the Spirit. That's yours, whether you're dressed to go to church, or in a congregation, or have somebody to listen to how you feel. It's for you, personally. It's a gift of God to us to value.

Jesus pointed out how important the word of God is, when the devil tempted him and told him to turn the stones to bread and eat, he said, in Matt. 4:4: "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Amos 3:7: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets." We had benefit of that, in early days of the church.

1 Cor. 2:9-10: ". Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

We would be lost, deprived of knowing of God, except God has revealed these things unto us. Go to God in thankfulness and worship, to show appreciation that He revealed these things to us, through His Spirit.

Book of Mormon, page 175, Jacob 3: 9 - 11:

"Behold great and marvelous are the works of the Lord. How unsearchable are the depths of the mysteries of Him; and it is impossible that man should find out all His ways. And no man knoweth of His way, save it be revealed unto Him; wherefore, brethren despise not the revelations of God."

Why "despise" the revelations of God? Because, He reveals our faults. We say, "No, I don't want to hear it!" Those that love the Lord love truth, and they depend on Him. We will be lost, more than the world, if we reject truth. If we give in to the devil, he will lead us to reject truth. Hold to things the Lord has revealed. Keep the channel open, so the Spirit may enlighten us more. It would be a blessing to receive all the Lord promised the Gentiles.

Page 176, Jacob 3:12-17: ". . . by the power of his word, man came upon the face of the earth; which earth was created by the power of his word. Wherefore, if God, being able to speak, and the world was; and to speak, and man was created, O then, why not able to command the earth, or the workmanship of his hands upon the face of

it, according to his will and pleasure. Wherefore, brethren, seek not to counsel the Lord, but to take counsel from his hand. For behold, ye yourselves know, that he counseleth in wisdom, and in justice, and in great mercy, over all his works; wherefore, beloved brethren, be reconciled unto him, through the atonement of Christ, his only begotten Son, that ye may obtain a resurrection, according to the power of the resurrection, which is in Christ, and be presented as the first fruits of Christ, unto God, having faith, and obtained a good hope of glory in him, before he manifesteth himself in the flesh."

This was written 500 years before Christ, to people willing to accept the revelations of God, contrary to things they had formerly known. Over 150 years ago, on this land, the fullness of the gospel was brought forth. We, a small number, hold to that fullness, to maintain the organized church and the faith, as Christ gave it to the people of the latter days.

Page xvii, at the beginning of the Book of Mormon:

"An account written by the hand of Mormon upon plates taken from the plates of Nephi. Wherefore, it is an abridgment (*smaller record of a larger record*) of the record of the people of Nephi and also of the Lamanites; written to the Lamanites, which are a remnant of the house of Israel (*American Indians*) and also to Jew and Gentile; written by way of commandment, and also by the spirit of prophecy and of revelation. Written and sealed, and hid up unto the Lord, that they might not be destroyed; to come forth by the gift and power of God unto the interpretation thereof; sealed up by the hand of Moroni, and his up unto the Lord, to come forth in due time by the way of Gentile; the interpretation thereof by the gift of God."

"An abridgment taken from the Book of Ether also, which is a record of the people of Jared, which were scattered at the time the Lord confounded the language of the people, when they were building a tower to get to heaven: which is to shew unto the remnant of the house of Israel how great things the Lord hath done for their fathers; and that they may know the covenants of the Lord, that they are not cast off forever; and also to the convincing of the Jew and Gentile that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God, manifesting himself unto all nations. Now if there be fault, it be the mistake of men; wherefore, condemn not the things of God, that ye may be found spotless as the judgment seat of Christ."

Mistakes are there: technicalities in writing. The Lord al-

lowed them. He wants us to exercise our faith in Him and not be so technical. This was the purpose of God, not of Nephi, or anyone else. Nephi and others admit they did not know the purpose of what they were doing. They were commanded to do it, and they did it, with implicit faith. Nephi wrote the things of his soul, the sermons, and spiritual events he felt important - and only a short historical account.

How close did I come to rejecting these things? It scares me to think about it. I know the weakness of man, first hand. I don't stand in my strength, but in the strength of the Lord. This testimony is in the book time and again. Nephi said, "**O wretched man that I am.**" Yet, he rejoiced in the Lord. He said the Lord would give no commandment but what he would provide the means to do it.

The first two words on page 1 are "**I, Nephi.**" Nephi was not bashful about identifying himself. One person. Nobody backing him up - he stands and says, "**I, Nephi.**" The first two verses say: "**I, Nephi, having been born of goodly parents, therefore, I was taught somewhat in all the learning of my father; and having seen many afflictions in the course of my days—nevertheless, having been highly favored of the Lord in all my days; yea, having had a great knowledge of the goodness and the mysteries of God, therefore, I make a record of my proceedings in my days; yea, I make a record in the language of my father, which consists of the learning of the Jews and the language of the Egyptians. I know that the record which I make is true; and I make it with mine own hand; and I make it according to my knowledge.**"

Nephi manifested humility. He explained the language. Where did "**the language of the Egyptians**" come in? The tribe of Joseph with Israel was in captivity in Egypt: Joseph married an Egyptian princess. They used "reformed Egyptian," a dead language, to the world -unique, because it went with the Israelites and was used here; but, those who kept the Jews' records did not use it. It was a design of the Lord. No one would translate it, except by divine means. Nephi witnessed, "**I know this record is true.**" Do we know this record is true? I hope everyone, who has read and prayed over it, knows in their hearts it is true - not just that they figured it out in their minds - but that they have a testimony. Ask. The Lord has opened the door to you to pray to Him, to gain your own testimony. Our heavenly Father, as a parent, loves us.

Nephi had an intention, in doing his work, page 16, vs 1: "**And now I, Nephi, do not give the genealogy of my fathers in this part of my record; neither at any time shall I give it after upon these plates which I am writing; for it is given in the record which has been kept by my father; wherefore, I do not write it in this work. For it sufficeth me to say that we are a descendant of Joseph. And it mattereth not to me**

**that I am particular to give a full account of all the things of my father, for they cannot be written upon these plates, for I desire the room that I may write the things of God. For the fullness of mine intent is that I may persuade men to come unto the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, and be saved. Wherefore, the things which are pleasing unto the world, I do not write, but things which are pleasing unto God and unto them which are not of the world. Wherefore, I shall give commandment unto my seed, that they shall not occupy these plates with things which are not of worth unto the children of men.**"

Nephi's priority was to write things of God. Appreciate what was done. We are witnesses to a "marvelous work and a wonder," with a special stewardship; yet, we exhibit lesser qualities than we could, if we would act in faith. God gave men weakness, that they might be humble. Humility is the number one need in the Church of Christ, beginning with the Apostles, all the ministry, and all the members, humbling ourselves before God.

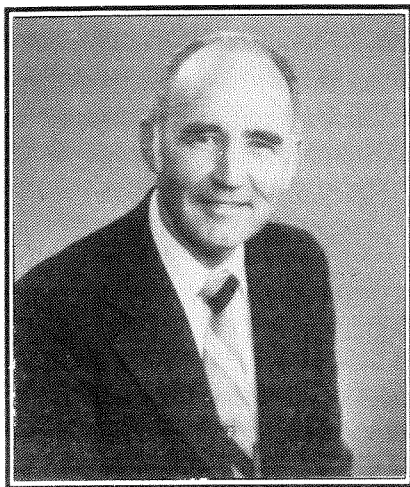
Page 142, II Nephi 11: 40: "... the Lord God promised unto me that these things which I write, shall be kept and preserved, and handed down unto my seed, from generation to generation, that the promise may be fulfilled unto Joseph that his seed should never perish as long as the earth should stand. Wherefore, . . . they shall go according to the will and pleasure of God: and the nations which shall possess them, shall be judged of them according to the words which are written. For we labor diligently to write, to persuade our children, and also our brethren, to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God. For we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all that we can do."

Perhaps in a childish way, as when I was introduced to this book, I envision ancient times: men preparing plates, melting ore, pounding them thin to be written on - and the task of writing, carving these words on the plates. I can see Moroni, saying to the Lord, **I can't write like I can speak, like the brother of Jared wrote, and I fear that the Gentiles will stumble, because of our weakness.** The Lord told him fools would mock but, if they come in faith and humility, **I will make your words strong.** (See Ether 5: 23 - 28)

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# Testify to the Truth of the Book

By Apostle Donald McIndoo



The Book of Mormon clearly states the nature of the Godhead which was taught to the peoples of pre-Columbian America: "... doctrine of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, which is one God, without end (II Nephi 13:32)."

Once again, we are interested to know

what the ancient literature and tradition of the various tribes has to say about this subject common only to Christians.

Hansen<sup>1</sup> quotes the Aztec story of the bearded, white God, Quetzalcoatl, who walked among the Indian people of ancient America. The story was translated from the Aztec by Dr. Corwyn of Mexico University:

**"All the glory of the Godhead Had the Prophet, Quetzal-Coatl;"**

Since we equate this ancient God of America with none other than Jesus Christ, whose visit to the New World is recorded in the Book of Mormon, is this description of Him possessing all the glory of the Godhead compatible with the scripture used by the Christian community? It certainly is! The Apostle Paul, speaking of Christ, writes, "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Colossians 2:9)."

Bartolomé de Las Casas came to the New World in 1502 and was the first Spanish priest ordained in America. His experiences in the New World led him to become a defender of the Indian people. In 1528 he completed his monumental book, *History of the Indies*. His work is often referenced by historians. Alexander<sup>2</sup> writes, "Las Casas, quoting a certain cleric, Padre Francisco Hernandez, tells of a Yucatec trinity: one of their

old men, when asked as to their ancient religion, said that "they recognized and believed in God who dwells in heaven, and that this God was Father and Son and Holy Spirit ..."."

Verrill<sup>3</sup> writes about the belief of another major American tribe, the Inca: "Just as we believe in a supreme God and in Christ, His Son, who suffered and died and reappeared, so the Incas believed in a Creator and a divine humanized son. And just as we worship both God and Christ, so the Incans worshipped their *Pacha-Kamak* and their sun-god *Inti* who died and was resurrected."

Nicholson<sup>4</sup> quotes from *Chilam Balam of Chumayel*, books written in the sixteenth century by literate Mayans desiring to preserve their ancient traditions and religious heritage:

"Where there was neither heaven nor earth sounded the first word of God. And all the vastness of eternity shuddered. And His word was a measure of grace, and He broke and pierced the backbone of the mountains. Who was born there? Who? Father, Thou knowest: He who was tender in Heaven came into Being.

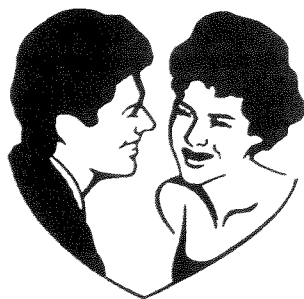
"All moons, all years, all days, all winds, reach their completion and Pass away. So does all blood reach its place of quiet, as it reaches its power and its throne. Measured was the time in which they could praise the splendour of the Trinity."

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# HUSBANDS LOVE YOUR WIVES

By Donald O. Hitt

I would like to tell of a few things I have seen that will help in your marriage. We do it at our house and it makes a difference.

I asked a friend the other day if he ever told his wife how much he appreciated what she did for him around the house. "Why if I told her that she would get to expect it." He said. I used to think like that. I don't know where I got it or why I ever thought it would be wrong for her to come to expect kindness is a mystery to me. She should expect it. I like it if someone says something nice to me. So the next time you get a chance, say or do something nice to your wife. "Thank you for that nice meal." "Thank you for washing my clothes and putting them away." "Your a good wife," Little things mean a lot.

I asked a big strong physical type friend of mine if he ever told his wife how much he loved her, and how much he appreciated her kindness to him even though he was a little cranky sometimes. "Why that would make me sick." he said. Well his wife, a small, short type woman and her two teenage children took Karate lessons, When they earned their second belt she applied for and got a divorce. About all he could do was stand back and watch while everything he cared for was taken from him.

"Husbands love your wives, and be not bitter against them." (AKJ) "Husbands be sure you give your wives much love and sympathy; don't let bitterness or resentment spoil your marriage." (Phillips) "Husbands, love your wives --be affectionate and sympathetic with-- them and do not be harsh or bitter or resentful toward them." (Amp) Sometimes women try to gain control of the marriage. It's a slow proc-

ess and it brings bitterness, Little things here and there, but after a while they take their toll. Better talk things over (if you can). Remember little by little the bitterness grows. Maybe it will take ten or twenty years, but, the resentment will turn into bitterness. Sometimes men try to gain control of the marriage. They never give their wives much money to spend with no questions asked, and there is very little freedom for her. This brings bitterness. Harshness, bitterness, resentfulness flares up quickly when either tries to correct the other, Even if it is done in kindness. Better lighten up you two! You may need the help your getting. Have a quiet time, and take time to listen. Remember your own nothingness.

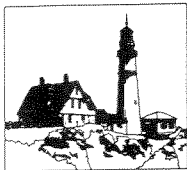
A man I know has a truck delivery business. His wife helps him out during the rush season, I asked if he ever told her thank you for the work she did, and what a nice lady she was. About a week later I asked her if she was told what a nice lady she was by that nice man she has. She said, "Well if he ever did I'd faint," What would happen if someone came along and told her how nice she was? I believe it would put a lot of pressure on that marriage. I have heard that there are people spending hours in prayer crying out to their god for the destruction of marriages, and they fast one day a week for it.

I believe that most husbands do not understand what is going on inside of a woman. The bible says "...be not bitter against them." There is reason for that. We all need to reduce the things that will be against us at the judgement. Don't let that be one. Start now to rid bitterness out of your marriage.

Psalms 101:2 a,c; 3a "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way, I will walk within my (own) house with a perfect heart," "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes,"

Emphasis ( ) D. O. H.





# PATH LIGHTS

## A CHILD'S PRAYER

For several years Jerry has worked out of state, off and on. This year he is in state, and we were drawn for an Elk, 20 miles from our house. We loaded the camper, three kids, and the dog and headed out, after prayer. The kids and I would stay from Wednesday through Sunday and Jerry would stay the following week if he had to. Opening morning, Friday, we got some shots off and missed. Saturday, we were looking for an acquaintance and met a group who hunted with telescope and walkie talkies. They told us where some big herds were. This was a blessing. Saturday afternoon, we climbed a steep knoll in the truck, walked around the top and spotted a herd at the bottom. We shot, he was hit. Jerry, Ben, and Karli went to go find him. Janna and I went and got the truck to drive back out to the highway and drive around to the other side. There was no road where I needed to go, so I made my own. As I was going, we went right past the elk, who stood up and then dropped again. We thanked the Lord, parked the truck and went and found Jerry. He could not believe the elk got that far. I don't think we ever would have found him on our own. The blood trail ended on the other side of a fence. His leg was blown off, no meat was ruined. We were able to go home Sunday. Jerry did not have to miss any more work. The kid's prayer was answered, we got an elk, no one was hurt, and the truck survived many challenging roads. My thanks for a happy moment in this fleeting life.

Kathy Cloyd  
Arizona

## IS THE BOOK OF MORMON TRUE?

(Continued from page 118)

If these words were made strong for you, then you know the power of God, first hand. I marvel how beautiful, complete, and sensible the words are, compared to what I hear spoken. The most sensible of today's reasoning lacks common sense. The cure for the ills of this nation, and all Gentile nations, is in the Book of Mormon. It gives means and invitation to come to the Lord to be guided. The Lord preserved so many beautiful truths, in the book itself, that give witness, but the greatest witness is experiencing the Spirit of God flow over you, to confirm the truth which the Lord made strong to your understanding.

Moroni prayed for you and for me. Page 749, Ether 5: 36:  
“... I prayed unto the Lord that he would give unto the Gentiles grace, that they might have charity. . . the Lord said unto me, If they have not charity, it mattereth not unto thee; thou hast been faithful, wherefore thy garments shall be made clean. And because thou hast seen thy weak-

ness, thou shalt be made strong, even unto the sitting down in the place which I have prepared in the mansions of my Father. And now I Moroni, bid farewell unto the Gentiles, yea, and also unto my brethren whom I love, until we shall meet before the judgment seat of Christ, where all men shall know that my garments are not spotted with your blood; and then shall ye know that I have seen Jesus, and that he hath talked with me face to face, and that he told me in plain humility, even as a man telleth another in mine own language, concerning these things; and only a few have I written, because of my weakness in writing. And now I would commend you to seek this Jesus of whom the prophets and apostles have written, that the grace of God the Father, and also the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, which beareth record of them, may be, and abide in you for ever. Amen.”

We have comfort that men in ancient times saw our day, prayed for us, had concern for us, wrote with the labors of their hands, and desired that we be converted to Christ. It is a comfort that stands with each one, a testimony to hold us true to this gospel to the end.



# SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHING 2-4 YEAR OLDS

(General Sunday School Association)

1. **Their attention span is short.** Try to change activities every 5-8 minutes.
2. **Stories should be short and simple.** Maintain eye contact with the children by telling the story instead of reading it.
3. **Use puppets,** large simple flannel board characters and other visual aids to tell or reinforce stories.
4. **Relate the story/lesson to the children's lives** by using examples they may have encountered.
5. **Ask simple questions** to reinforce what had been taught in the story.
6. **Do not be afraid to repeat subjects.** Along with favorite scripture stories, teach the values of obedience, prayer, thankfulness, how to treat others and how to act in church.
7. **Praise, reward** children with stickers for listening quietly.
8. **Have free time activities:** puzzles, play dough, large crayons, and simple color pages, blocks.
9. **Plan active activities** between sit down activities: marching, finger plays, role playing, visits outside.
10. **In crafts use large equipment:** large sheets of drawing paper, large coloring pictures. Avoid crafts that require cutting, tying or detailed coloring. Have simple, easily handled pieces.
11. If you have a large class **have several helpers.**
12. **The children love music:** singing simple action songs, singing short prayers, playing simple instruments. Keep a list of favorites.
13. **Have chairs and tables suitable to their size.** Be flexible. If you start on a story and your class is restless, stop and try a different activity. Allow time for them to visit with you about their home or preschool activities.
14. **Have a carpet square for each child.** It gives them a sense of security and it's their own special "space". Be sure to sit on the floor with them.
15. **Use chart and stickers for attendance.** The children look forward to putting their stickers on when they arrive.
16. **Use a Hand puppet or stuffed animal** weekly that the children can become acquainted with. It becomes their special friend and takes their minds off their parents not being present.
17. **Provide a Simple snack** (animal crackers, etc.) at the end of each lesson. The children have something to look forward to, and it can also be used for rewarding good behavior or rewarding a child's participation in class.
18. **Always start your lesson by telling the children how excited you are to see them and to be with them.**
19. Make sure all the children have a coin for collection (even if it's a penny). That way no one feels left out. Use a train, boat, special something they can pass around to put their collection in.

Speak in a kind voice and let them know with eye contact and touching that you love them.

Suggestions by Becky Rudd, Cindy Case, Darl Temple, Cathy Harris and Cynthia Fann.

## MISSOURI REUNION NOTICE

The Missouri Reunion Committee would like to invite all to attend the 1993 Missouri Reunion, which will be held August 13th, 14th and 15th, 1993. Our meetings will be held in Independence, MO., at the Temple Lot Church of Christ. Noon and evening meals will be served Friday and Saturday; with a noon meal only being served on Sunday.

For the out of town guest, we will reserve a group of motel rooms in one of the local motels. For information concerning reservations, please contact:

Isaac Brockman, Sr.  
1203 Baker Dr.,  
Independence, MO 64050  
(816) 254 8190

Roland Sarratt  
15910 E. 36th Terr.  
Independence, MO. 64055  
(816) 373 6605

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### Important Information:

- \* **When: August 8-13, 1993**
- \* **Where: Camp Far Westa**
- \* **Ages: 12-18**
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For Registration Form and more information contact Camp Director:

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Time for prayers, group discussions, question and answer periods, and good, plain fellowship, together with addresses from the pulpit and time for the sacrament together. These together with the best food to sate our physical hunger keep us well occupied and our spirits gratified.

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Merlin Eddy  
3370-203d W.  
Farmington, MN. 55024  
(612) 463 2218

## 1993 Missouri Camp for All Ages

The Missouri Camp for All Ages will be at Camp Aurora. It is a private church camp located near Wendyville, MO. We will have Exclusive use of the entire camp. The dates are September 3-6, Friday evening to Monday morning, Labor Day weekend.

The cost for cabins will be \$16.00 for Adults, \$8.00 for children three to twelve years old. There are limited tent and trailer sights at \$11.00 for adults, \$5.50 for children three to twelve years old. An additional \$9.00 charge for electrical hook-up at tent and trailer camp sights. **Tent and trailer reservations are on first call first get basis. These prices are for all three nights and can not be prorated. Plan to pay ahead of time.** For more information about what to bring and directions contact :

Rick Olson  
19100 1/2 E. 18th  
Indep., MO 64056  
(816) 796-4526

Jeff Oldham  
1247 Baker Drive  
Indep., MO 64050  
(816) 252-9705

### CHURCH OF CHRIST CONFERENCES

The 1993 Ministers' Conference (general membership) for the Church of Christ will commence Sunday, April 4. The business sessions will start at 9:00 A.M., Monday, April 5. A Solemn Assembly will be held prior to the conference, April 2 and 3. All services will be held on the Temple Lot.

The 1993 Ministers' Conference (priesthood membership) of the Church of Christ will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 18 through 20, at Independence, Missouri.

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- A Synopsis (Compares beliefs of 3 Restoration churches)
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