

Lehi Leaves Jerusalem

Lesson intended for 5-6 years old
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Prayerfully review: I Nephi 1:1-46

Memory Verse:

He that is righteous, is favored of God. I Nephi 5:122

Collect the following items:

(Every item isn't necessary; they are just to give the idea of everything the family might have taken with them.)

- Small tent
- Backpack
- Sleeping bag
- Seeds
- Food
- Water
- Bow
- Stuffed animals to represent flocks
- Real or play money to leave in Jerusalem
- Map
- Post-it notes for memory verse activity:
 1. Write each word of the memory verse on a single post-it note.
 2. Place around the room, out of order.
 3. Have a larger version of the verse for them to match up the words.
 4. Take turns finding the next word. Have the children look for the word by letter. After each word is added, repeat the memory verse.

Introduction:

1. Read through the memory verse and have the children repeat it a few times before the story.
2. Briefly explain the Bible and the Book of Mormon contain God's word and that they are a record of the writings of His people.
3. Use a globe or map to find Jerusalem, the area where most of the Bible events happened.
4. Point out Central America, the area where the Book of Mormon events took place.
5. Show the place where they live to show them how far away those two places are.
6. Point out that the Book of Mormon people started out in Jerusalem.
7. Explain Lehi, this would have been better if using a puppet (instead I drew pictures on a white board and made a small family tree.) It consisted of Lehi, Sariah, Laman, Lemuel, Nephi and Sam.

Story:

Act out the story as Lehi. Retell the story from your point of view. In my class, we went outside when we went into the wilderness.

Points to cover:

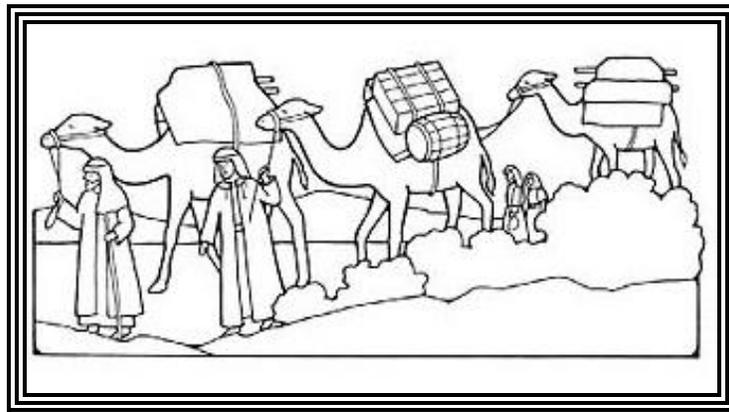
- Lehi was a good, righteous man
- Lehi had a vision in which God told him that the city of Jerusalem would be destroyed, many would perish and be carried into Babylon.
- Lehi went to the people of Jerusalem telling them to repent.
- The Jews were angry with him and sought to take his life.

- Lehi was commanded by God to take his family and depart to the wilderness.
- They left behind their gold, silver and precious things.
- They traveled through the wilderness and lived in a tent.
- Lehi built an altar and thanked God.

Review and Application Questions:

1. Why did they need to leave Jerusalem?
2. How do we know that God protected or favored Lehi and his family?
3. How do you know that Lehi was a righteous man?
4. If God told you that you needed to leave your home and go to the wilderness, what do you think you would bring with you?

Take home paper



Lehi and his family leave Jerusalem.

Some of the things we learned today were:

- Lehi lived in Jerusalem.
- His story is found in the Book of Mormon.
- Jesus Christ appeared to Lehi and showed him the wickedness of the people.
- He told the people to repent or they would be attacked and their city would be destroyed.
- God warns Lehi to gather his family and belongings because the people will try to kill him.
- Lehi trusted and obeyed God. He was righteous.
- Lehi and his family travel into the wilderness and live in a tent.

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Ask your child to retell the story to you.

