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1 Nephi 3:7

Historical Setting

The Lord told Lehi to send his sons back to Jerusalem to get the brass plates from Laban.

Doctrinal Teaching

The Lord prepares a way for all of us to keep His commandments.

Missionary Application

Help a nonmember friend realize that God will help him obey the commandments to prepare him for baptism.

Personal Application

When the Lord, maybe through the bishop, asks you to do something, have faith that the Lord will open the way to help you do it.

1 Nephi 3:7

7 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, said unto my father: I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them.



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1 Nephi 19:23

Historical Setting

After obtaining the brass plates, Nephi read the scriptures to his family.

Doctrinal Teaching

The scriptures persuade us to believe in Christ and are “for our profit and learning.”

Missionary Application

Teach an investigator that scriptures have application to us yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Personal Application

Select some problem in your life and sincerely try to solve it by applying a principle from a scripture.

1 Nephi 19:23

23 And I did read many things unto them which were written in the books of Moses; but that I might more fully persuade them to believe in the Lord their Redeemer I did read unto them that which was written by the prophet Isaiah; for I did liken all scriptures unto us, that it might be for our profit and learning.



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2 Nephi 2:25

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Historical Setting

Lehi gave farewell counsel to his son Jacob and taught him about Adam's Fall.

Doctrinal Teaching

Mortality was made possible by Adam's Fall; we exist so that we might experience joy.

Missionary Application

Explain to a new convert that birth on this earth was a result of Adam's Fall.

Personal Application

In your thoughts, your Church discussions, in teaching, and on occasion in your prayers, express appreciation for Adam and Eve.

25 Adam fell that men might be;
and men are, that they might have
joy.



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2 Nephi 2:27

Historical Setting

Before he died, Lehi gave farewell counsel to his son Jacob and taught him about agency.

Doctrinal Teaching

Men are free to choose freedom and eternal life or captivity and death.

Missionary Application

Explain to someone outside the Church that there are consequences to using agency.

Personal Application

Analyze the consequences of the choices you made today and the ways your choices affect your freedom.

2 Nephi 2:27

27 Wherefore, men are free according to the flesh; and all things are given them which are expedient unto man. And they are free to choose liberty and eternal life, through the great Mediator of all men, or to choose captivity and death, according to the captivity and power of the devil; for he seeketh that all men might be miserable like unto himself.



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2 Nephi 9:28–29

Historical Setting

After having been called of God and ordained by Nephi, Jacob taught the Nephite people.

Doctrinal Teaching

To obtain knowledge is good if you follow the counsel of God.

Missionary Application

Bear testimony that God's counsel is greater than man's wisdom.

Personal Application

Measure the things you learn in school by what you learn from the scriptures.

2 Nephi 9:28–29

28 O that cunning plan of the evil one! O the vainness, and the frailties, and the foolishness of men! When they are learned they think they are wise, and they hearken not unto the counsel of God, for they set it aside, supposing they know of themselves, wherefore, their wisdom is foolishness and it profiteth them not. And they shall perish.

29 But to be learned is good if they hearken unto the counsels of God.



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2 Nephi 28:7–9

Historical Setting

Nephi prophesied about the worldly philosophies that would be taught in the latter days.

Doctrinal Teaching

In the last days many people will say that it is all right to commit a little sin.

Missionary Application

Teach a nonmember that little sins can keep us out of God's kingdom.

Personal Application

Beginning today, stop committing some so-called little sin.

2 Nephi 28:7–9

7 Yea, and there shall be many which shall say: Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die; and it shall be well with us.

8 And there shall also be many which shall say: Eat, drink, and be merry; nevertheless, fear God—he will justify in committing a little sin; yea, lie a little, take the advantage of one because of his words, dig a pit for thy neighbor; there is no harm in this; and do all these things, for tomorrow we die; and if it so be that we are guilty, God will beat us with a few stripes, and at last we shall be saved in the kingdom of God.

9 Yea, and there shall be many which shall teach after this manner, false and vain and foolish doctrines, and shall be puffed up in their hearts, and shall seek deep to hide their counsels from the Lord; and their works shall be in the dark.



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2 Nephi 32:3

Historical Setting

Nephi concluded his prophecy by expressing concern that people did not fully understand the doctrine of Christ.

Doctrinal Teaching

Angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost, and if we will “feast upon the words of Christ,” the words of Christ will tell us what we should do.

Missionary Application

Help a nonmember understand that sincerely studying the Book of Mormon can lead to a testimony of its truthfulness.

Personal Application

Approach your study of the Book of Mormon as a spiritual feast. Read, study, visualize, and ponder this great scripture, and you will find solutions to many problems you are experiencing.

2 Nephi 32:3

3 Angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore, they speak the words of Christ. Wherefore, I said unto you, feast upon the words of Christ; for behold, the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do.



2 Nephi 32:8–9

Historical Setting

Near the end of his life, Nephi was grieved by man's tendency to misunderstand the things of God.

Doctrinal Teaching

The Holy Ghost teaches us to pray. The devil teaches us not to pray. We should pray always so that all we do may be acceptable unto the Lord.

Missionary Application

Help an investigator realize that Satan does not want him or her to pray to know that Joseph Smith is a prophet.

Personal Application

Pray every day even if you are strongly tempted not to.

2 Nephi 32:8–9

8 And now, my beloved brethren, I perceive that ye ponder still in your hearts; and it grieveth me that I must speak concerning this thing. For if ye would hearken unto the Spirit which teacheth a man to pray ye would know that ye must pray; for the evil spirit teacheth not a man to pray, but teacheth him that he must not pray.

9 But behold, I say unto you that ye must pray always, and not faint; that ye must not perform any thing unto the Lord save in the first place ye shall pray unto the Father in the name of Christ, that he will consecrate thy performance unto thee, that thy performance may be for the welfare of thy soul.



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Jacob 2:18–19

Historical Setting

After the death of Nephi, the Lord instructed the prophet Jacob to go to the temple and warn the people of the consequences of their wickedness.

Doctrinal Teaching

Seek first for the things of God, and then use the riches of the world for doing good.

Missionary Application

Help a nonmember appreciate the importance of the gospel in comparison to worldly riches.

Personal Application

Put your greatest effort into gaining a testimony of Christ; when you put Christ first, you will use whatever riches you may obtain to do good.

Jacob 2:18–19

18 But before ye seek for riches, seek ye for the kingdom of God.

19 And after ye have obtained a hope in Christ ye shall obtain riches, if ye seek them; and ye will seek them for the intent to do good—to clothe the naked, and to feed the hungry, and to liberate the captive, and administer relief to the sick and the afflicted.



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Mosiah 2:17

Historical Setting

Before giving up the kingdom to his son Mosiah, King Benjamin talked to his people about service.

Doctrinal Teaching

You serve God when you serve your fellow beings.

Missionary Application

Help your friends realize that service to others is how we serve God.

Personal Application

Serve God by serving others in volunteer neighborhood or community service.

Mosiah 2:17

17 And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.



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Mosiah 3:19

Historical Setting

King Benjamin taught his people what an angel had taught him the night before.

Doctrinal Teaching

The natural, or fallen, man is an enemy to God. By yielding to the Spirit and becoming like a child, we can overcome the natural man.

Missionary Application

Show your nonmember friends that without the Holy Spirit we are in a fallen, or natural, state and are not close to God.

Personal Application

Listen to the Spirit and be more submissive, patient, and full of love, even when you may be tempted to argue with or rebel against family members.

Mosiah 3:19

19 For the natural man is an enemy to God, and has been from the fall of Adam, and will be, forever and ever, unless he yields to the enticings of the Holy Spirit, and putteth off the natural man and becometh a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord, and becometh as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father.



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Mosiah 4:30

Historical Setting

King Benjamin concluded his address from the tower.

Doctrinal Teaching

We are responsible for our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Missionary Application

Teach an investigator that he or she must repent of and gain control over bad thoughts, words, and deeds in order to gain eternal life.

Personal Application

Be aware that what you read, see, and hear influences your thoughts and may also influence your words and actions.

Mosiah 4:30

30 But this much I can tell you, that if ye do not watch yourselves, and your thoughts, and your words, and your deeds, and observe the commandments of God, and continue in the faith of what ye have heard concerning the coming of our Lord, even unto the end of your lives, ye must perish. And now, O man, remember, and perish not.



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Alma 32:21

Historical Setting

The poor Zoramites had been denied the right to worship in their synagogues, so Alma preached to them.

Doctrinal Teaching

Faith is not a perfect knowledge. It is hope for things you do not see, but which are true.

Missionary Application

Help a new convert realize that faith comes as he or she studies about the Church.

Personal Application

Develop your faith as you read and ponder the Book of Mormon this year.

Alma 32:21

21 And now as I said concerning faith—faith is not to have a perfect knowledge of things; therefore if ye have faith ye hope for things which are not seen, which are true.



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Alma 34:32–34

Historical Setting

While he was on his mission, Amulek taught the Zoramites.

Doctrinal Teaching

Mortal probation—this life—is given to us to prepare to live in the presence of God; therefore, we must not procrastinate repentance.

Missionary Application

Bear testimony that this life is the time to repent and obey Jesus Christ.

Personal Application

Do not put off changing the things in your life that you know you should change.

Alma 34:32–34

32 For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labors.

33 And now, as I said unto you before, as ye have had so many witnesses, therefore, I beseech of you that ye do not procrastinate the day of your repentance until the end; for after this day of life, which is given us to prepare for eternity, behold, if we do not improve our time while in this life, then cometh the night of darkness wherein there can be no labor performed.

34 Ye cannot say, when ye are brought to that awful crisis, that I will repent, that I will return to my God. Nay, ye cannot say this; for that same spirit which doth possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world.



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Alma 37:6–7

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Historical Setting

Alma explained the importance of the sacred records and commanded his son Helaman to take charge of them.

Doctrinal Teaching

Through simple means the Lord confounds the wise and brings to pass great things.

Missionary Application

Help investigators appreciate that the Book of Mormon, one small book among millions, can change the course of the world.

Personal Application

Realize that whether or not you are rich or famous, you can have a great and positive influence on the people around you.

6 Now ye may suppose that this is foolishness in me; but behold I say unto you, that by small and simple things are great things brought to pass; and small means in many instances doth confound the wise.

7 And the Lord God doth work by means to bring about his great and eternal purposes; and by very small means the Lord doth confound the wise and bringeth about the salvation of many souls.



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Alma 37:35

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Historical Setting

Alma counseled his son Helaman about his responsibility to teach the people.

Doctrinal Teaching

While you are young, learn to keep the commandments.

Missionary Application

Explain to nonmember friends why we emphasize teaching the gospel to our children.

Personal Application

Learn now to keep the commandments so that they will be part of your nature as you mature in the gospel.

35 O, remember, my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God.



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Alma 41:10

Historical Setting

Alma encouraged his disobedient son Corianton by explaining the principle of restoration.

Doctrinal Teaching

Resurrection does not change a person's disposition. A wicked person cannot experience lasting happiness.

Missionary Application

Teach a new member that wickedness can never result in true happiness.

Personal Application

Next time you are tempted to do something you know is wrong, remember that wickedness never leads to lasting happiness.

Alma 41:10

10 Do not suppose, because it has been spoken concerning restoration, that ye shall be restored from sin to happiness. Behold, I say unto you, wickedness never was happiness.



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Helaman 5:12

Historical Setting

Nephi recounted for his own sons some of the teachings of his father, Helaman.

Doctrinal Teaching

Satan cannot exercise control over those who are built on the Rock—Jesus Christ.

Missionary Application

Guide a friend to make the teachings of Christ his or her foundation.

Personal Application

Determine to build your life on Jesus Christ, the only sure foundation.

Helaman 5:12

12 And now, my sons, remember, remember that it is upon the rock of our Redeemer, who is Christ, the Son of God, that ye must build your foundation; that when the devil shall send forth his mighty winds, yea, his shafts in the whirlwind, yea, when all his hail and his mighty storm shall beat upon you, it shall have no power over you to drag you down to the gulf of misery and endless wo, because of the rock upon which ye are built, which is a sure foundation, a foundation whereon if men build they cannot fall.



3 Nephi 11:29

Historical Setting

The resurrected Savior explained why we should avoid disputations about points of doctrine.

Doctrinal Teaching

A person who has the spirit of contention is not of the Savior but is of the devil.

Missionary Application

When you discuss the gospel with an investigator, do not argue or contend.

Personal Application

By controlling your tongue and your feelings, you can cease to be contentious with friends and family.

3 Nephi 11:29

29 For verily, verily I say unto you, he that hath the spirit of contention is not of me, but is of the devil, who is the father of contention, and he stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger, one with another.



3 Nephi 27:27

Historical Setting

In His final instructions to the Nephite Twelve, Jesus commanded them to pattern their lives after His life.

Doctrinal Teaching

The Nephite Twelve were called to judge the Nephites. In order to make just judgments, they had to seek to live as Jesus lived.

Missionary Application

Help an investigator realize that Jesus is our model and that with His help we can pattern our lives after Him.

Personal Application

Study the life of Christ and pick out one of His characteristics to develop this week.

27 And know ye that ye shall be judges of this people, according to the judgment which I shall give unto you, which shall be just. Therefore, what manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am.



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Ether 12:6

Historical Setting

While abridging the prophet Ether's words on faith, Moroni included some of his own testimony, counsel, and understanding about the subject.

Doctrinal Teaching

A trial of faith precedes a witness of truth.

Missionary Application

Teach a nonmember that a trial of faith is essential to a testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Personal Application

Continue in faith, knowing that a testimony will come or that your testimony will increase as you exercise your faith.

Ether 12:6

6 And now, I, Moroni, would speak somewhat concerning these things; I would show unto the world that faith is things which are hoped for and not seen; wherefore, dispute not because ye see not, for ye receive no witness until after the trial of your faith.



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Ether 12:27

Historical Setting

In response to Moroni's concern that his readers would mock the weaknesses of his writing, the Lord taught him about personal weaknesses.

Doctrinal Teaching

Our weaknesses can become strengths if we are humble and have faith in Jesus Christ.

Missionary Application

Encourage a friend who is having trouble living the Word of Wisdom to realize that our weaknesses can become strengths.

Personal Application

Strive to overcome a weakness and make it a strength by obeying the Savior.

Ether 12:27

27 And if men come unto me I will show unto them their weakness. I give unto men weakness that they may be humble; and my grace is sufficient for all men that humble themselves before me; for if they humble themselves before me, and have faith in me, then will I make weak things become strong unto them.



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Moroni 7:16–17

Historical Setting

As he neared the end of the record, Moroni included his father Mormon's teachings on the sources of good and evil.

Doctrinal Teaching

Everything that leads us to do good comes from God. Everything that leads us to do evil comes from the devil.

Missionary Application

Bear testimony to someone outside the Church that Jesus is the source of good and that Satan is the source of evil.

Personal Application

Recognize that all good comes of Christ and all evil comes of the devil. Seek to avoid rationalization in your life.

Moroni 7:16–17

16 For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that he may know good from evil; wherefore, I show unto you the way to judge; for every thing which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ; wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God.

17 But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil, and believe not in Christ, and deny him, and serve not God, then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil; for after this manner doth the devil work, for he persuadeth no man to do good, no, not one; neither do his angels; neither do they who subject themselves unto him.



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Moroni 7:45

Historical Setting

After the Nephite nation was destroyed, Moroni recorded some important teachings of his father, Mormon.

Doctrinal Teaching

Charity is an attribute essential to salvation. It is composed of patience, kindness, thoughtfulness, unselfishness, love for fellowmen, cleanliness, and endurance.

Missionary Application

Help a new convert learn the importance of charity and ways to develop charitable attributes.

Personal Application

Pick one of the attributes of charity as a personal goal for this week. As you learn to live a charitable life, you will find eternal happiness.

Moroni 7:45

45 And charity suffereth long, and is kind, and envieth not, and is not puffed up, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, and rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.



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Moroni 10:4–5

Historical Setting

Moroni closed his record with a promise to all sincere readers.

Doctrinal Teaching

You can know the Book of Mormon is true by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Missionary Application

Challenge nonmember friends to read the Book of Mormon and pray about it.

Personal Application

Read the Book of Mormon, pray sincerely, and have faith in Christ to know it is of God.

Moroni 10:4–5

4 And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost.

5 And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things.

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