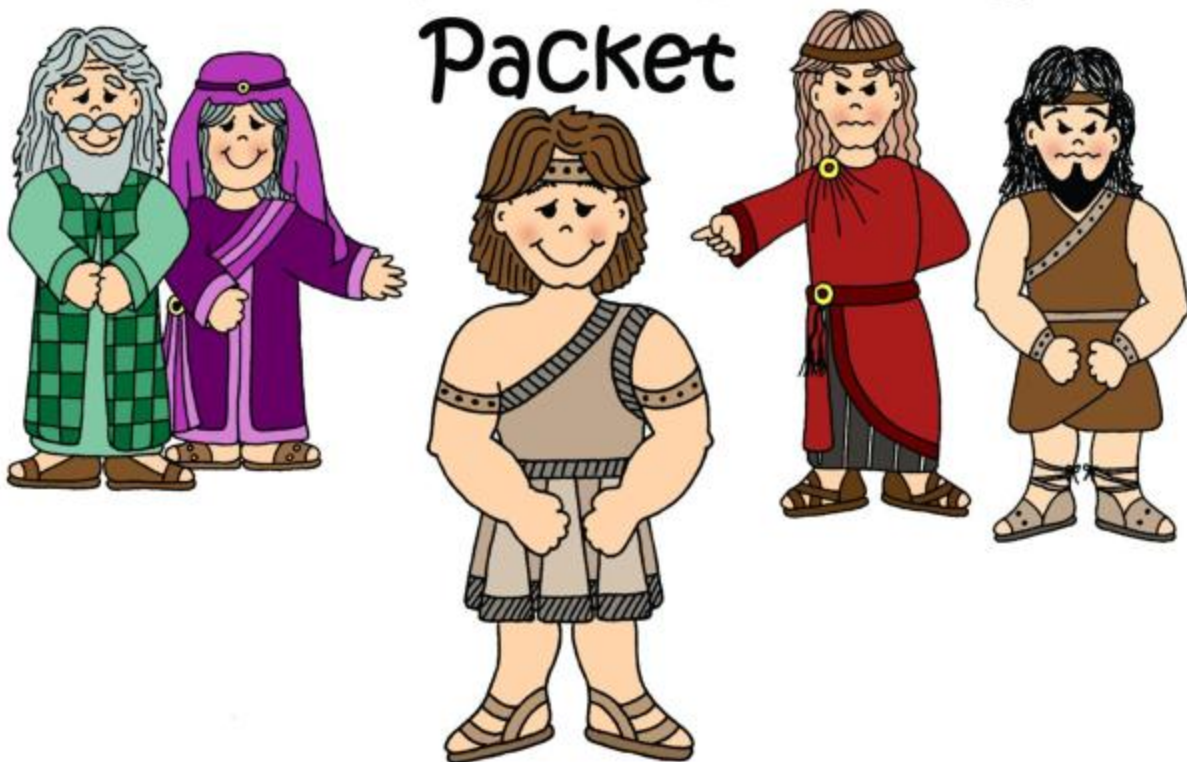


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Nephi and the Plates of Brass Family Home Evening Packet



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Suggested Songs: "Book of Mormon Stories", pg. 118 (Childrens)

"Nephi's Courage", pg. 120 (Childrens)

"As I Search The Holy Scriptures", pg. 277 (Hymn)

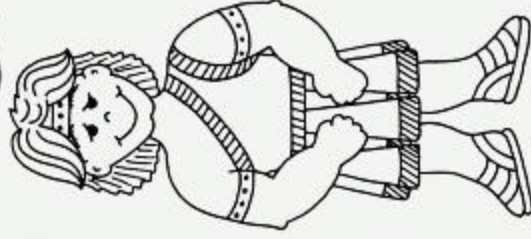
Scriptures: 1 Nephi 3:7, 1 Nephi 4:13

Story: Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics, etc. Teaching children about Nephi slaying Laban can be a difficult concept to teach. Be prepared to answer any questions the children might have concerning this topic. As an end result, let them know that our Heavenly Father knows all things, and that while it is a commandment that we "shalt not kill", the Lord knew what was needed and it is not for us to question. Go over 1 Nephi 4:13 with your children.

Game: Laminate and cut out cards. **Object:** To be the team with the most coins at the end of the game. Determine a time limit for the game to be played. Divide your family into two teams. If you have younger children who are not of reading age, put a parent on each team or someone who can read well and is familiar with how to use their scriptures. Mix the cards up and place face down in the center of the playing surface. Divide the Nephi coins out evenly between the two teams. Determine which team is to go first. If team #1 is to go first, team #2 would draw the question and read it to team #1. If team #1 is not sure what the answer is, they can purchase a hint by giving team #2 one of their coins. Team #2 would then give them the hint on the card. If team #1 answers correctly, team #2 has to give team #1 a coin. If team #1 answers incorrectly, they must give team #2 a coin. If a hint was purchased, and the question was answered correctly, the opposite team does not have to give up a coin. If you run out of cards simply mix them up again and turn them face down again on the playing surface. Play until the allotted time has been played or until a team runs out of coins.

Note: If you have younger children, use this as an opportunity to teach them how to use their scriptures. Read the scriptural passages with them slowly and explain the meanings. With older children, it can be more of a race. Set a time limit according to the ages of your children and their abilities.

Nephi's Unleavened Cinnamon Crisps



Ingredients:

8 small, soft flour tortillas

Oil

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup cinnamon

- Mix cinnamon and sugar together in a bowl and set aside. Cut each tortilla in half, and continue cutting each piece in half until you have the size wedge you want. Heat enough oil in a frying pan to be able to deep-fry the wedges. Fry the wedges. Remove from oil and drain on a paper towel. Immediately sprinkle with the cinnamon and sugar mixture.



Nephi and the Plates of Brass



In about the year 600 B.C., a very long time ago, in Jerusalem there lived a family. The father, Lehi, was a great prophet of the Lord and had many visions and dreams in which he saw wondrous things. He was even allowed to see the Savior and his Apostles.

Lehi always did as the Lord asked him to do. He went among the people telling them that they needed to repent and follow the Lord or they would be destroyed, but they would not listen to him. Finally, the Lord told Lehi in a dream to gather his family and belongings and go into the wilderness so that all the people who were angry with him would not kill him. This was a very hard thing for Lehi to do, but he did what the Lord commanded him to do.

In Lehi's family there were four sons and his wife, Sariah. His sons' names were Laman, Lemuel, Sam and Nephi. As is the case in many families, two of Lehi's sons were wicked and rebellious and two of his sons were obedient and righteous. Nephi and Sam were very concerned about following their father and doing the right thing, while Laman and Lemuel were constantly bickering and moaning about everything.

Finally, the day came to depart and they traveled into the wilderness by the Red Sea for three days. Then, they pitched tents in a valley by a river. Lehi made an altar of stones and made an offering to the Lord to show his thanks for their safety. Laman and Lemuel continually were murmuring against their father and were very angry that they had to go out into the wilderness.

When Nephi heard his brothers talking back to his father, he had a great desire to know if the things that his father were saying were true. He prayed to our Heavenly Father for an answer. The Lord softened Nephi's heart and Nephi believed all that his father had said. He ran to his father's tent to tell him that the Lord had spoken to him also.

Lehi had received another dream from the Lord, telling him to send his sons back to Jerusalem to get the history of his people. The records of Lehi's descendants had been kept on plates of brass and were guarded by a man named Laban. It would be very important to generations of people in the future to have this history. Nephi knew that what his father was telling him to do was the right thing, but Laman and Lemuel immediately began to complain. Nephi said to his father: "I will go and do the things which the Lord has 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." Lehi's heart was filled with happiness as he listened to Nephi. The four sons took their tents and left for the long journey back to Jerusalem.

Once they arrived at Laban's house, the brothers cast lots to see who would be the one to enter the house and ask for the plates. Laman was the one chosen and he entered the house to talk to Laban.

Laban was very angry when he heard Laman's request and he thrust him out from his presence. Laban began to yell loudly, calling Laman a robber and saying he would slay him. Laman ran out to where his brothers were to tell them what had happened. Laman and Lemuel wanted to return to their father in the wilderness but Nephi spoke to them, saying: "As the Lord liveth and as we liveth, we will not go down unto our father in the wilderness until we have accomplished the thing which the Lord hath commanded us." He suggested that they go to their home in Jerusalem where they had left all their precious belongings, gold and silver and bring them back to Laban. That is just what they did. Then, they returned to the house of Laban.

When Laban saw all of the gold, silver and property that the sons had brought with them to exchange for the plates, he lusted after it and then thrust them out, sending his servants after them to kill them. The brothers fled from the servants but had to leave all of their property behind. It was then that Laman and Lemuel became very angry with their younger brothers and they hit Nephi and Sam with a rod.

An angel of the Lord quickly appeared before them saying: "Why do ye smite your younger brother with a rod? Know ye not that the Lord hath chosen him to be a ruler over you, and this because of your iniquities? Behold ye shall go up to Jerusalem again, and the Lord will deliver Laban into your hands."

Now, most people at this point would believe with all their might that this was of the Lord, but Laman and Lemuel immediately began to murmur again, saying: "How is it possible that the Lord will deliver Laban into our hands? Behold, this is a mighty man, and he can command fifty, yea, even he can slay fifty; then why not us?"

Nephi spoke to his brothers again, telling them that the Lord had commanded them to get the plates. The Lord was mightier than all the earth, so he was certainly mightier than Laban, and they would be protected. The murmuring continued, but Laman and Lemuel reluctantly decided to follow Nephi and Sam back to Laban's house.

As they drew close to Laban's house, they came upon a drunken man. They soon discovered that it was Laban. The Lord had delivered Laban into their hands just as he had promised. The Spirit then told Nephi three times that he must kill Laban. It was a very hard thing for him to do, but the Spirit told him also that the Lord slays the wicked to bring about his righteous purposes. It was better that this one man die than that a whole nation should dwindle and perish in unbelief. It was important that they have the records and the testimonies of the prophets that the plates contained.

Nephi then quickly dressed himself in Laban's clothing, grabbed the sword and ran into Laban's house. He walked to the treasury where the plates were kept. Suddenly, the servant of Laban appeared with the keys to the treasury. Nephi commanded him to give him the keys, speaking just like Laban would have and the servant gave him the keys. Nephi asked the servant, whose name was Zoram, to help him carry the plates out to his brothers. Zoram, believing that it was the men of the church who were outside, went with Nephi.

When Laman, Lemuel and Sam saw Nephi wearing Laban's clothing, they ran from him. Nephi called to them and they stopped running. Suddenly, Zoram realized that he had been fooled and he began to flee toward the house. Nephi, who was very strong both physically and spiritually, fell upon him and subdued him. Nephi promised Zoram that if he would come into the wilderness with them that no harm would come to him and Zoram agreed to go. They took the plates of brass and the servant of Laban and departed into the wilderness to the tent of their father.

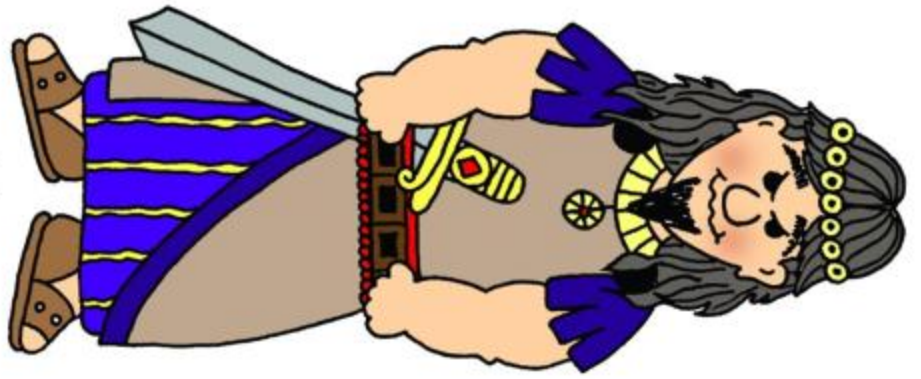
DISCUSSION:

- What do you think Lehi's reaction was when he saw his sons return with the plates? (After comments have been made, read: 1 Nephi 5:1, 7 & 9)
- What do we have to do to have faith like Nephi's?
- Are you more like Nephi and Sam or are you sometimes like Laman and Lemuel?
- Why is it so important to us today that we have the plates that Nephi retrieved from Laban?
- How do these plates relate to the Book of Mormon?

Angel of
the Lord



Laban



Lemuel



Laman



Nephi



Sam



Lehi & Sariah



Plates of Brass



Precious Things



Zoram



Nephi
questioning
whether to slay
Laban or not.

Cut out cards on dotted lines

Where in the Book of Mormon does it tell us that Laman was the oldest, and Lemuel, Sam, and Nephi were the youngest?

Hint: Page 1 of the Book of Mormon

Answer: The First Book of Nephi heading at the top of page 1.

Where is the scripture, "I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded" ?

Hint: Chapter 3

Answer: 1 Nephi 3:7

What does the scripture in 1 Nephi 2:15 tell us?

Answer: "And my father dwell in a tent."

Finish this scripture: "I Nephi, having been _____ of goodly _____" Where is this scripture found?

Hint: 1 Nephi _____:1

Answer: Born, parents 1 Nephi 1:1

What was the prophet Lehi privileged to see in 1 Nephi 1:6?

Answer: A Pillar of fire

What was Lehi commanded to do in 1 Nephi 2:2?

Answer: Take his family and depart into the wilderness.

When Lehi's family departed into the wilderness, they pitched their tents by a river of water. What did they name the river of water and where is this scripture found?

Hint: Chapter 2

Answer: The river Laman 1 Nephi 2:6-8

What was the name of the valley that Lehi and his family first pitched their tents in and where is the scripture found?

Hint: Chapter 2

Answer: The Valley of Lemuel 1 Nephi 2:14

What do the scriptures, 1 Nephi 3:2, 4 tell us that Nephi was to do?

Answer: Return to Jerusalem and get the plates from Laban

When Nephi and his brothers cast lots to see who would go unto the house of Laban to obtain the plates, who was chosen for this task and where is the scripture found?

Hint: 1 Nephi _____:11

Answer: Laban 1 Nephi 3:11

What did Laban do to Laman when he attempted to get the plates for the first time and where is the scripture found?

Hint: Chapter 3

Answer: Thrust him out from his presence. 1 Nephi 3:13

The scripture in 1 Nephi 3:22 tells us that Nephi and his brothers went back to the land of their inheritance for what things?

Answer: Their gold, silver and precious things.

Cut out cards on dotted lines

In 1 Nephi 3:24 what did Nephi and his brothers try to give Laban in exchange for the plates?

Answer: Their gold, silver and precious things.

In what scripture are we told that Nephi and his brothers fled from Laban's servants and hid themselves in the cavity of a rock?

Hint: 1 Nephi ____:27

Answer: 1 Nephi 3:27

What does the scripture in 1 Nephi 3:28 tell us that Laman and Lemuel did to Sam and Nephi?

Answer: Smote them with a rod

Where is the scripture, "Why do ye smite your younger brother with a rod? Know ye not that the Lord hath chosen him to be a ruler over you, and this because of your iniquities?"

Hint: 1 Nephi Chapter 3

Answer: 1 Nephi 3:29

Who did the Lord send to visit Laman and Lemuel because of their iniquities?

Hint: 1 Nephi ____:29

Answer: An angel of the Lord

How was Nephi led into the city, not knowing before hand the things he should do?

Hint: Look under "Spirit, Holy/Spirit of the Lord in the index

Answer: Led by the spirit.
1 Nephi 4:6

Nephi came across a drunken man. Who was this man and where is this scripture found?

Hint: Chapter 4

Answer: Laban
1 Nephi 4:8

Finish this scripture: "The hilt thereof was of pure _____, and the _____ thereof was exceedingly _____, and I saw that the blade thereof was of the most precious _____."

Hint: 1 Nephi ____:9

Answer: Gold, fine, steel
1 Nephi 4:9

Where do we find the scripture, "And it came to pass that I was constrained by the Spirit that I should kill Laban; but I said in my heart: Never at any time have I shed the blood of man. And I shrunk and would that I might not slay him."

Hint: 1 Nephi Chapter 4

Answer: 1 Nephi 4:10

How many times was Nephi constrained by the Spirit to slay Laban?

Hint: 1 Nephi ____:10-12

Answer: 3 times
1 Nephi 4:10-12

Where are we told the name of Laban's servant who held the keys to the treasury?

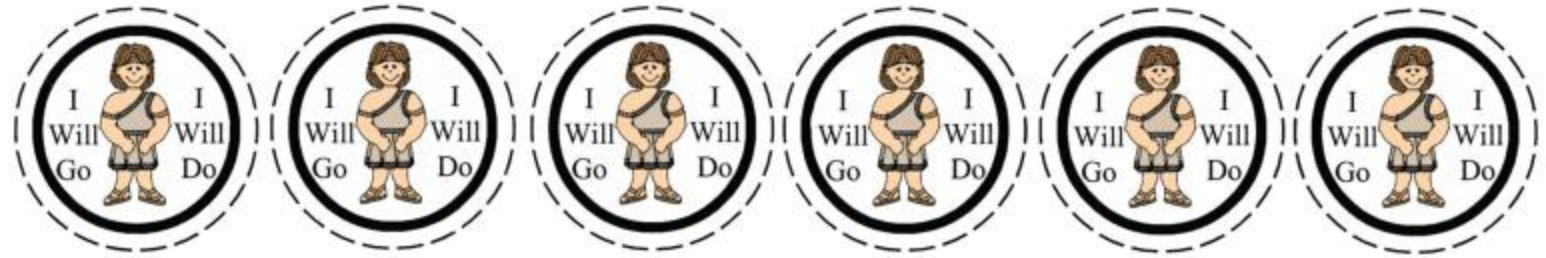
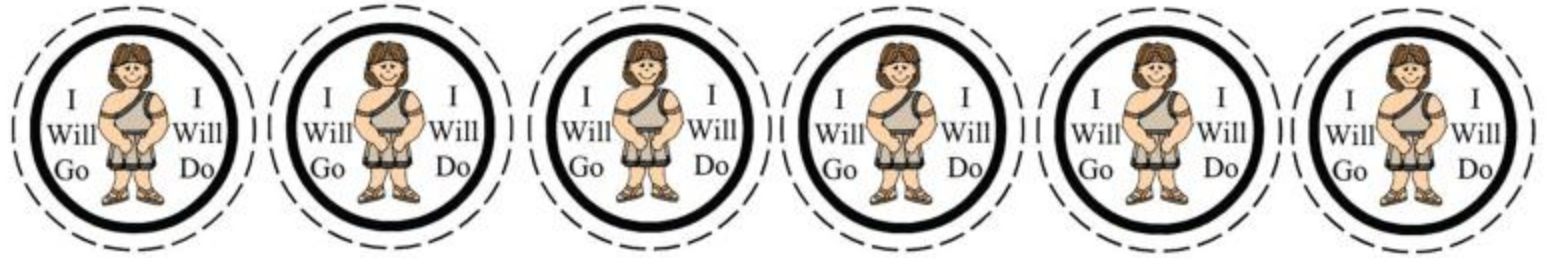
Hint: Chapter 4

Answer: 1 Nephi 4:35

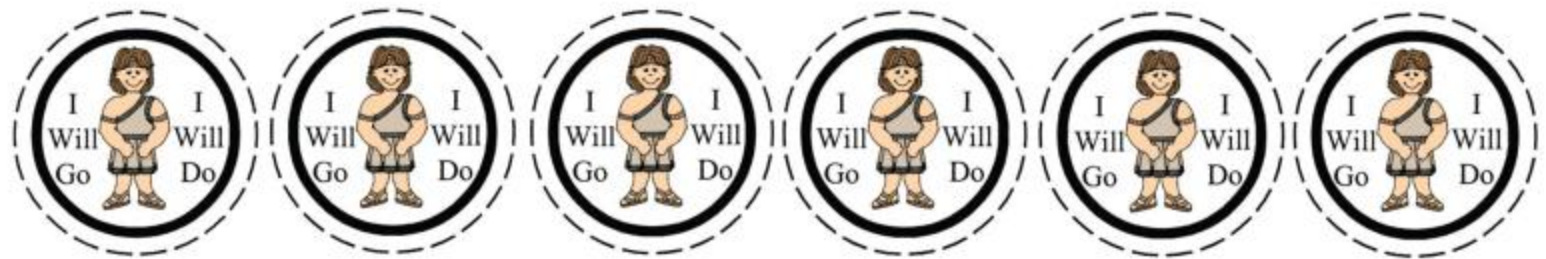
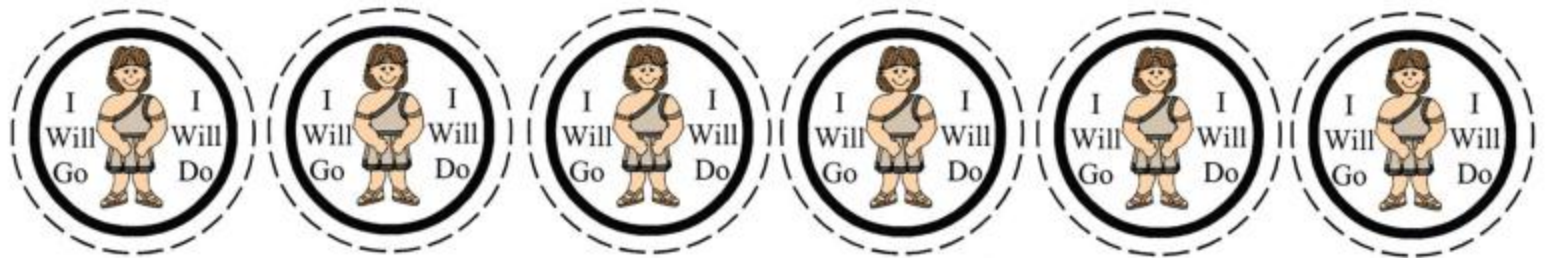
Who did Nephi and his brothers take back with them into the wilderness?

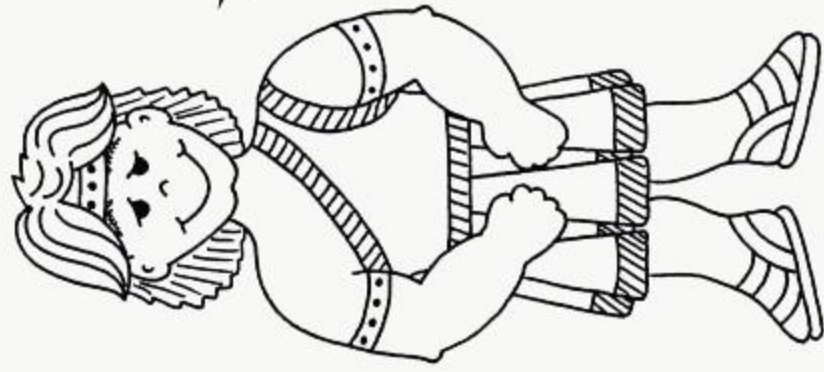
Hint: 1 Nephi ____:38

Answer: Zoram, the servant of Laban



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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.”

1 Nephi 3:7

