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The Brother of Jared Family Home Evening Packet

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The Brother of Jared's Banana Barges

Ingredients:

- 1 banana for each member of the family
 - Semi-sweet chocolate chips
 - miniature marshmallows

Directions

Cut each banana lengthwise through the peel. Do not cut all the way through to the other side. Have each member of the family stuff his banana with marshmallows and chocolate chips. Supervise smaller children so that they do not add too much.

Wrap each banana in aluminum foil. Cook in a 300 degree oven for five minutes or until the chocolate is melted. Eat with a spoon.

Variation

This dessert could also be served with ice cream

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Home Evening Outline

Opening Prayer

Opening Song

Scripture

Story

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Closing Song

Closing Prayer

Refreshments

Suggested Songs: "I Pray In Faith", pg. 14 (Childrens)

"A Child's Prayer", pg. 12 (Childrens)

"Be Thou Humble", pg. 130 (Hymn)

Scriptures: Alma 26:22, Ether 4:7

Story: Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics, etc.

Game: Sculpting

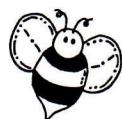
Recipe for home-made clay: Mix 1 cup water & 1/4 cup salt in a pan and boil until dissolved. Add these ingredients in order: 1 Tbsp. alum, 1 Tbsp. vegetable or baby oil, 1 cup flour. Stir quickly. Knead clay until smooth. Add desired food coloring.

Game Preparation: The words on the purple game card sheet are easier than those on the red game card sheet. If you have small children, you may want to limit play to the purple game card sheet. Scripture references are given on each card so that, as you play, you can look up the scriptures and read about the word and what it has to do with the story of "The Brother of Jared." Laminate game cards and cut out. Prepare clay before hand, and keep in an air-tight container.

Play: Divide family into teams, preferably pairs if possible. Determine a game time. Turn the pile of Sculpting cards face-down in the middle of the playing surface. Choose a team to go first. One team member draws a card and has sixty seconds to sculpt out of the clay the word on the card. When the time has expired, if the word has not been guessed by the team-mate(s), the teams turn is over, and play rotates to the left. If the word is guessed correctly, the team gets one point and another turn. Keep score on a piece of paper. When the time expires, add the scores and determine a winner.



The Brother of Jared



One of the great stories in the Bible is that of the Tower of Babel. The Lord became very angry with the people who built the tower, so He cursed them by making them all speak different languages so that they could not understand each other. One of the groups of people included Jared, his brother, their families and their friends.

The brother of Jared was a large and mighty man and highly favored of the Lord. Jared asked his brother to pray to the Lord and plead with Him not to confound them so they could understand each other. The Lord had compassion on them and didn't change their languages.

Then Jared asked his brother to again pray to God that He might also spare their friends from any language problems. The Lord answered this prayer, too, and didn't confound their friends' speaking.

For a third time, Jared showed his great respect for his brother and also his tremendous faith in his brother's relationship with the Lord. He asked him to pray again to see if the Lord wanted them out of the land. Jared needed to know where God wanted them to go. Jared's brother again prayed and was told that they should go to the valley that was north of them. From there He, the Lord, would lead them. Then God said, "And thus I will do unto thee because this long time ye have cried unto me."

Now this last sentence of the Lord speaking to the brother of Jared is very important. God is telling them that He is rewarding them for saying their prayers faithfully. Wonderful blessings and miracles can come to us if we do as these Jaredites did and pray continually.

Jared and his brother, their families and friends did as the Lord told them and made the journey into a land which was called Nimrod. They took their sheep with them and laid out traps so that they could catch birds. A vessel was prepared where they could keep fish to eat and they also took with them a little creature that they called Deseret, which we know as the honey bee. They took many bees with them, as well as seeds of every kind.

Once they arrived in the valley of Nimrod, the Lord came down and talked with the brother of Jared. The brother of Jared could not see the Lord, for he was in a cloud, but he could hear him. God commanded them that they should go further into the wilderness where no one had ever been before. The Lord then personally led them from the cloud and gave directions to where they should travel. He then commanded them to build barges (large boats) that they would be able to use to cross the many waters before them.

Being led continually by the Lord, Jared and his brother were guided to the banks of a great sea. There they set up their tents and named the land "Moriancumer." They lived there for four years. Again, the Lord came to the brother of Jared in a cloud and talked with him.

The brother of Jared conversed with the Lord for three hours. God let him know that he was angry with him because he had forgotten to pray faithfully as he had done before. The brother of Jared felt very bad. He repented and prayed to the Lord for his brethren. Our Father in Heaven is a very kind, forgiving man and He forgave the brother of Jared but He also told him not to sin any more. Then the Lord commanded the brother of Jared, saying, "Go to work and build barges after the manner of barges which he have hitherto built."

Everyone helped and they built eight barges, just like the ones they had made before, only smaller and very light on the water. Each barge resembled a dish: each was strong like a dish, curved like a dish, and when the doors were closed, they were tight like a dish. When they had finished, the brother of Jared went to the Lord in prayer.

The brother of Jared told God that he had done as he was commanded but that he was very worried. There wasn't any way to light the boats inside and there was no way to breathe. He told the Lord that he was afraid that they would all die if they couldn't get air. Again, God spoke, saying that they should make holes in the tops of the barges and also in the bottom. When they needed air, they could unplug the hole on top and let air in and then, if water started coming in, they could just plug the hole again. The brother of Jared did as he was told.

There was still the problem of air to breathe, though, so the brother of Jared prayed again. Now, the Lord did something very interesting. He told the brother of Jared that there would be times when the waters would almost swallow up the tiny boats but that He, God, would save them again and again. Then the Lord asked the brother of Jared how he thought they should light the barges. It would have been very easy for God to just explain to the brother of Jared how to light them, but He wanted the brother of Jared to figure it out for himself. Heavenly Father explained that there could be no windows in the barges because they would be crushed by the water and they certainly couldn't take fire aboard the boats.

Now, a lot of people would just sit down in frustration, trying to figure out how on earth they could light these boats! The brother of Jared went up onto the highest mountain in the area, called Shelem. There, he did molten out of the rock sixteen small, white stones, which were clear and transparent like glass. He then carried them in his hands to the top of the mountain where he cried to the Lord again, saying "O Lord, thou hast said that we must be encompassed about by the floods. Now behold, O Lord, and do not be angry with thy servant because of his weakness before thee." The brother of Jared showed his great humility to the Lord and then he continued, "And I know, O Lord, that thou hast all power, and can do whatsoever thou wilt for the benefit of man; therefore touch these stones, O Lord, with thy finger, and prepare them that they may shine forth in darkness; and they shall shine forth unto us in the vessels which we have prepared, that we may have light while we shall cross the sea. Behold, O Lord, thou canst do this. We know that thou art able to show forth great power, which looks small unto the understanding of men."

When the brother of Jared had said these things, the Lord stretched forth his hand and touched the stones one by one with His finger. Then something miraculous happened. The veil was taken off the eyes of the brother of Jared, and he saw the finger of the Lord as it touched the stones. The finger of the Lord was just like his own finger, made of flesh and blood; and the brother of Jared fell down before the Lord and he was afraid.

The Lord asked the brother of Jared why he had fallen to the earth. He answered the Lord, telling him that he had seen His finger and that he was afraid he would be smitten because he hadn't known that the Lord was made of flesh and blood like himself. Following the brother of Jared's statement, the Lord made one of the most beautiful statements in all of the scriptures. He said, "Because of thy faith thou hast seen that I shall take upon me flesh and blood; and never has man come before me with such exceeding faith as thou hast; for were it no so ye could not have seen my finger. Sawest thou any more than this? And He answered: Nay; Lord, show thyself unto me. And the Lord said unto him: Believest thou the words which I shall speak? And he answered: Yea, Lord, I know that thou speakest the truth, for thou art a God of truth, and canst not lie." Then, the Lord showed His whole self to the brother of Jared.

Jesus had never before shown himself to man. No one had ever believed in God as the brother of Jared had. Moroni goes on in the scriptures to say that because of the knowledge of the brother of Jared, he could not be kept from beholding with the veil; and he saw the finger of the Lord. Then, he had faith no longer because he knew, nothing doubting.

The story of the brother of Jared teaches us many great things. We must pray continually to the Lord for His blessings and guidance. Praying is evidence to the Lord that we have faith. Have you ever thought of it in that way? If we are praying to our Heavenly Father for those things we need and want, we are showing faith in Him and in His love for us. Our faith may not be as the brother of Jared's, but it only needs to be as big as a mustard seed. It will then grow if we nurture it and keep praying. Heavenly Father and the Savior are always with us. We can develop the same kind of faith as the brother of Jared by staying close to them and praying always.

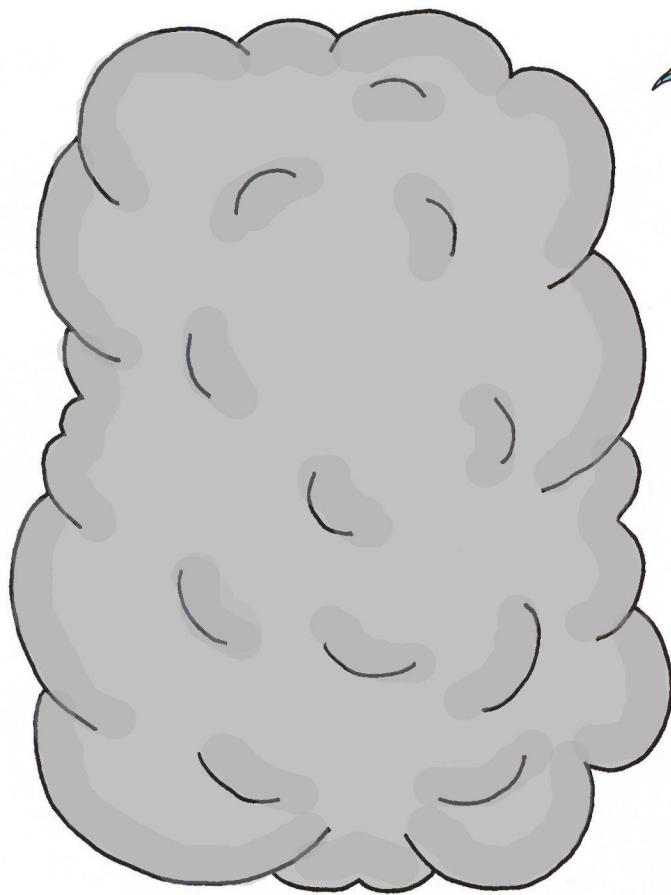
DISCUSSION

- Do you have faith enough to believe that if you asked God, He would light stones?
- Do you have the courage to ask the Lord for those things that you need and want?
- Do you think of Heavenly Father and Jesus as being loving, kind men who want to be close to you and give you those things that you desire in righteousness?

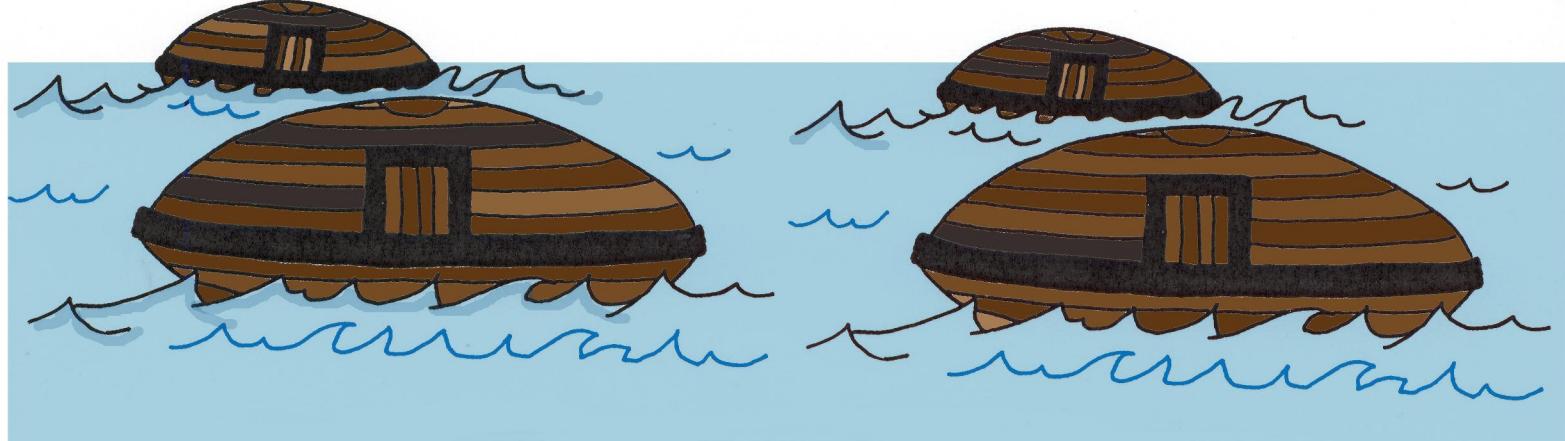
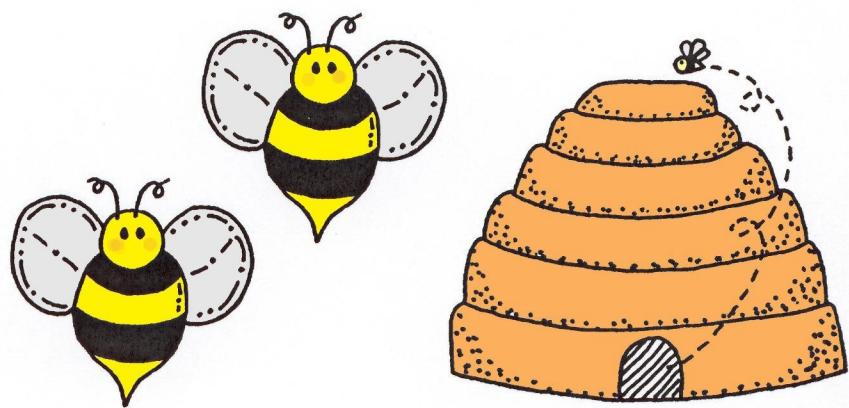
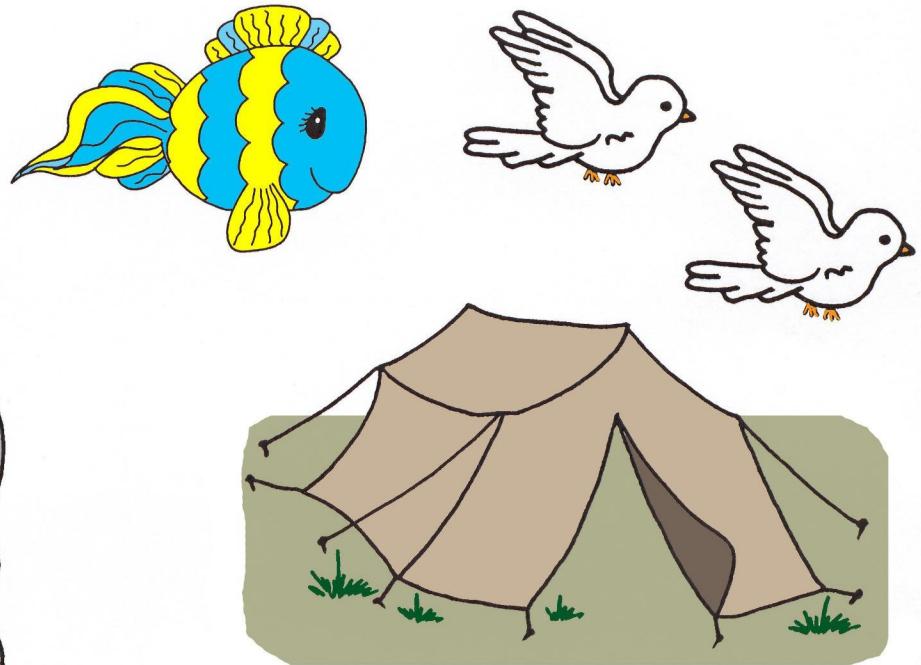
FACTOID: The brother of Jared's given name was revealed to Joseph Smith while giving a new born baby boy a blessing. The father asked the prophet to bless and name the baby. The baby was given the name of Mahonri Moriancumer. When Joseph had finished the blessing he turned to the father and said: "The name I have given your son is the name of the Brother of Jared; the Lord has just shown it to me."



Barges



The cloud that concealed
the Lord's identity

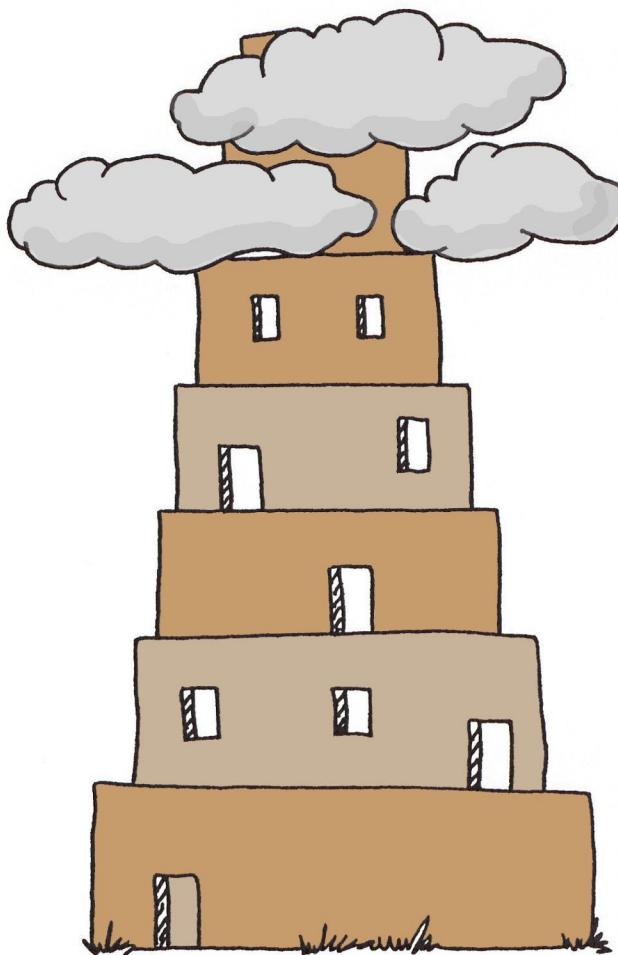




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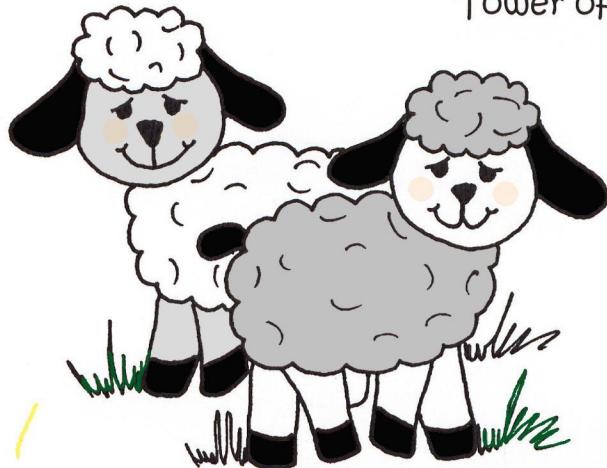
Jared



Tower of Babel



Brother
of Jared
Praying



**Tower
of Babel**
Ether 1:33

Praying
Ether 1:35

Sheep
Ether 1:41

Seeds
Ether 1:41

Cloud
Ether 2:4

Deseret
(Honey Bee)
Ether 2:3

Fish
Ether 2:2

Birds
Ether 2:2

Water
Ether 2:6

Hand
(Of the Lord)
Ether 2:6

Wilderness
Ether 2:7

Tents
Ether 2:13

Fire
Ether 2:23

Flood
Ether 2:20

Dish
Ether 2:17

Barges
Ether 2:16

Windows
Ether 2:23

Whale
Ether 2:24

Mountain
Ether 2:24

Rains
Ether 2:24

Eyes
Ether 3:6

**Finger of
the Lord**
Ether 3:6

Stones
Ether 3:1

Winds
Ether 2:25

Body
Ether 3:16

Plates
Ether 4:4

Tree
Ether 3:17

Valley
Ether 1:42

Captivity

Ether 2:12

Lord

Ether 2:5

Earth

Ether 1:43

Jared

Ether 1:36

**Brother of
Jared**

Ether 1:34

Swarm

(of Bees)
Ether 2:3

Family

Ether 1:33

Cry

Ether 1:34

Land

Ether 1:38

Mouth

Ether 1:39

Man

Ether 2:5

Sea

Ether 2:7

Build

Ether 2:16

Seashore

Ether 2:13

Heaven

Ether 2:12

Children

Ether 2:10

Small

Ether 2:16

Light

Ether 2:19

Rock

Ether 3:1

Glass

Ether 3:1

Daughter

Ether 3:14

Son

Ether 3:14

Father

Ether 3:14

Touch

Ether 3:4

Veil

Ether 3:19

Snares

Ether 2:2

Friend

Ether 1:36

Drive

Ether 1:38

“Yea, he that repenteth and exerciseth faith, and bringeth forth good works, and prayeth continually without ceasing unto such it is given to know the mysteries of God; yea, unto such it shall be given to reveal things which never have been revealed.”

Alma 26:22