1

There were prophets in Jerusalem, telling the people of what they were doing wrong. They also said Jerusalem would be invaded by Babylon if the people did not repent.
Lehi prayed about these things.
He saw a pillar of fire come to a rock, & had a vision.
Later Lehi had a dream telling how awful it would be when Babylon invaded.
Lehi thanked the Lord for warning him.
Lehi told his neighbors what would happen.
His neighbors made fun of him.

2

After a time, his neighbors got mad at him & wanted to kill Lehi.
So Lehi went away from the city.
He took all his family, and food, and tents, & sleeping bags.
They walked for 3 days (70 miles)
They camped in a valley near the sea.
Laman & Lemuel were always cross, & lazy.
Nephi prayed (for days) to the Lord & learned what was right, & did it.
His father Lehi knew what was right
Nephi told Sam what was right & Sam did those things also.

3

return to Jerusalem for brass plates
I will go & do the things . . . .
Travel back.
Laman chosen to see Laban
Laban called him a robber, Laman ran back to camp.
All discouraged
Nephi persuades them to try again
They made a plan: buy the plates
They went home & got their riches to take to Laban
Laban chases them & gets their riches; they run & hide in a cave.
Nephi's brothers angry; they beat him with a stick
Angel appears & rebukes them, tells them to try again
& the Lord will help them.

4

Nephi says "don't be afraid" the Lord is with us.
They go to the city walls, at night.
Nephi climbed into the city, alone.
Nephi found Laban drunk, or asleep, in the street.
Nephi was told to take Laban's sword & kill him,
then dress in Laban's clothes.
Nephi goes to Laban's house, has the servant get him the plates.
Nephi has the servant help him carry the plates out to his brothers.
His brothers think it is Laban, & start to run.
Nephi calls & stops them.
The servant is afraid now & runs, but Nephi Tackles him. (Zoram)
Nephi convinces Zoram to come with them

5

Meanwhile, Sarah had worried about her 4 sons & complained to Lehi
Lehi looks over the brass plates.

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1 Long ago there lived a boy named Nephi.
His father and mother were good to him;
they taught him things they had learned.
His big brothers sometimes teased him because
he was a good boy. He liked to pray.
He also liked to write about things that happened.
He wrote in a language different from the one he spoke,
in order to take less room, because he wrote on gold plates.
Here is what he wrote:

When I was about 16 years old, we lived at Jerusalem.
That year, prophets came and said that the people there
should stop doing bad things, or the city would get
torn apart & ruined. My father, Lehi, wondered at this,
so he prayed to know if the prophets were right, and
to know how to help the people do better, because they
were his friends. Heavenly Father showed him a
vision of the ruins of the city. After Father Lehi had
walked home, thinking as he went, he cried at his bedside.
Heavenly Father made another vision there, for him. He
showed him Jesus Christ and 12 apostles. Jesus had a
book for Father Lehi to read. It told how terrible the bad
things were that the people were doing. Father Lehi then
said, "Now I see that Heavenly Father is really fair with people.
It's right that the people here should be punished."

So Father Lehi, in his spare time the next few weeks,
gave talks to the people, telling them that the prophets
were right, and the bad things should stop. The people
didn't think they were bad at all. At first, they called
Father Lehi a sissy, but when he wouldn't let them alone,
they said they would kill him.

2 Then one night, in a dream, Jesus Christ told Father Lehi
that He was pleased that he had given talks to the
people. And He told him to take his family
on a trip into the desert. Then Father Lehi would

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be safe from those who wanted to kill him.

That's just what Father Lehi did. It seemed like a camping trip, because they left all their favorite things at home, and only took food, tents, & sleeping bags with them.

Those who went were Father Lehi, Mother Sariah, and Nephi, along with his big brothers Laman, Lemuel, & Sam.

They hiked for 3 days, and came to a fine river in a valley, not too far from the ocean. Father Lehi liked these things. He told Laman & Lemuel that they should try more to be pure like the water, & to stand tall, like the hills around the valley. You see, they had not liked Father Lehi's talks to the people. They didn't see what was bad in the things the people did. And they didn't like to have to go camping and leave their favorite things at home. They were almost grown men, and didn't like being told what to do. Sometimes, they wouldn't do what Father Lehi wanted, unless Heavenly Father sent the Holy Ghost to help him tell them. Then they obeyed.

But Nephi liked to obey. After seeing all these things happen, Nephi prayed to know for himself whether the people were really bad in what they did, and if the things his Father said about visions and dreams were right. Heavenly Father sent Nephi peaceful, warm feelings when he prayed, so Nephi knew that his Father was right. Nephi told Sam about his feelings, in connection with what their Father had told them. Sam believed that Nephi's feelings were right, and that their Father told correct things.

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Nephi also told his feelings to Laman & Lemuel.
They only thought he was a silly little brother.

Nephi felt sad. He prayed for them.
Jesus spoke, & told Nephi: You've got faith;
I like you for that. If you keep on being good,
I'll lead you to a land of promise, a nice land.
And you'll lead your older brothers to it. Their
families, after they get married will make trouble
for your family, but I'll help yours.

3 After this, Father Lehi told Nephi of another dream he'd had.
He said, "The Lord wants you and your 3 brothers
to hike back up to Jerusalem, and go see
Uncle Laban. He has the "Bible" for our family.
It's the brass plates. The Lords wants you boys
to bring them here, so we can take them with us.
I've told your brothers already, but they won't go.
They say it can't be done. But I've seen your
faith, Nephi. I know you can do it."

Nephi said "Yes, I'll go do what the Lord says.
I know he helps those who do jobs for him.
It's like having Jesus as a partner."

So the 4 brothers hiked back to Jerusalem.
It took 3 days. Then we chose Laman to be
the one to ask for the brass plates. But when
he did, Uncle Laban said, "No. Those brass plates
are expensive. You want to rob me, don't you?"
He chased Laman away.

Laman went to his brothers & told them all this.
They were sad. They said, "We have done our best.
Let's go back to our Father." But Nephi said,
"It's very important to get those brass plates.
Do you realize that we have no books at all with
us in our camping trip?"

Nephi then said, "Maybe we can use the gold & money that we left in our old house to buy the brass plates from Uncle Laban."

So together, they went & got the gold & money, & went & offered it all to Uncle Laban, for the brass plates. But Uncle Laban thought only of keeping the brass plates and getting their gold & money. So, to get his henchmen excited, he called Nephi & his brothers "robbers", and threatened to kill them as robbers, which was what you could do to robbers in those days. (and no one would care.)

Nephi and his brothers were able to run fast and get away from Uncle Laban & his henchmen. They kept running until they were outside the city. They found a cave where they could hide. No one found them.

But Laman grew angry. The brass plates were very dangerous to get, and he felt sure Nephi was silly in thinking they could ever get them. He wanted to punish Nephi for being so foolish & getting them into so much trouble. He found a big stick & hit Nephi with it. Lemuel helped him. Nephi was hurting.

But just then an angel came and stood between them & Nephi. He told them it was not good to hit their younger brother, especially when the Lord has in mind for him to guide your whole family after father Lehi dies. He said, "Now, pay attention. Try one more time to get the brass plates. The Lord has arranged for it to work, this time." And he left.

But Laman said, "One more chance? Uncle Laban has 50 henchmen. You'd need 50 more chances!"

4 But Nephi said, "Don't you see that the Lord is in control of all this? With just one try, He could kill all 50. Didn't He take care of a couple of thousand wicked soldiers one time when He divided the Red Sea & let it fall in upon them? You know the story. You know it's true. So let's go get the brass plates."
Laman & Lemuel still didn't believe it could be done, but they followed Nephi back to the city wall. Nephi showed them a place to hide & wait. Then he went & got into the city quietly. It was about bedtime, & dark, & hardly anyone was up & about. He walked toward the street where Uncle Laban lived. He didn't know just what he'd do there, but he figured the Holy Ghost would give him the right idea.

Halfway down the block to Uncle Laban's house, he found a man laying at the side of the street, seeming to be drunk. When he got to the man, he realized that it was Uncle Laban, who was dressed in his uniform, with his sword on. He unsheathed the sword and admired it. Right then, the Holy Ghost whispered to Nephi "Kill him." Nephi understood, but he thought, "Never in all my life have I killed any human being. I'd have to be a mean man, or become wicked, to do that. Don't you want someone wicked to come by & do it for me?" But the Holy Ghost only whispered, "You're the one standing here. I've done half the job in making him so he'll hold still." Nephi remembered that if Uncle Laban could, he'd kill him, and he had taken the family's silver & jewels. But the Holy Ghost wanted Nephi to hurry. He said, "Get on with it; This is your chance. If you don't, how will you educate your children & grandchildren. The brass plates are the only book you'll have to take with you to the promised land." After thinking about this once more, Nephi held Uncle Laban's head up off the ground by holding his hair. Then with his other hand, he cut off Uncle Laban's head. After that, he changed clothes with Uncle Laban. Now he looked like Uncle Laban had.

Next, he went to Uncle Laban's house. As he neared the place where Laban kept his valuable things, he saw the servant who kept the keys to the place. He talked like Uncle Laban, & had the servant help get the brass plates. The servant talked with Nephi about the meeting he had gone to where the important men of Jerusalem talked. Nephi responded as if he knew of the meeting & the men. He then asked the servant to come with him as he carried the brass plates out of the city, to where his older brothers would be. (The Holy Ghost was still helping Nephi know what to say.) The servant followed, for servants do what they're told. He was nervous about it, though, for the meeting wasn't supposed to be outside the city. He talked nervously about the meeting, & about important men.

Laman & Lemuel & Sam were watching for danger, from their hiding place. They saw 2 men coming — Uncle Laban & a servant!! Nephi was no more, & he had told him of their hiding place! So they didn't hide any more; they ran. But then they heard Nephi's voice saying, "Stop! It's me!"

Now the servant wasn't only nervous, but scared. He ran back toward the city gate. Nephi was big for his age, & the Holy Ghost told him what to do. He put the plates down, & tackled that servant, & held on to him. Next he explained just who they were and what they were doing, & that it was very important that no one in Jerusalem know they were here. He promised the servant that they'd not hurt him if he would promise in return to stay with them & go and live with their family from then on. And he wouldn't be the family's servant, like he had been for Uncle Laban. He would be like a brother. So he promised, & they promised. The servant's name was Zoram. People always kept promises. They never after worried about Zoram running away.

Together they returned, with the brass plates, to Father Lehi's camp.

7

The Lord told Lehi to get girl friends for Laman, Lemuel, Nephi, & Sam.
Nephi & his brothers went back to Jerusalem and talked to Ishmael, who had a family of girls.
Ishmael and his family agreed to go away with Nephi.
Halfway back to the tents, Laman & Lemuel and their two girl friends start to go back to Jerusalem.
Nephi tells them not to go back.
They tie up Nephi, and want to kill him.
Nephi prays to the Lord for help, and suddenly the ropes fall away from his hands & feet.
They were still angry with Nephi, but his girl friend pleaded with Laman & Lemuel to not be angry.
They were no longer angry, and said they were sorry, bowing down to Nephi
Nephi forgave them.
They all went to their father's campground.

8

They gathered seeds & camped a long time.
Lehi told everyone of a dream that he had seen, where he was worried about Laman & Lemuel.
Lehi's dream:
He was in a dark forest
He walked & walked, but couldn't get out.
He prayed to the Lord to help him find a way out.
He soon came to a large and open field.
There was a tree in the field, with beautiful white fruit on it
He tasted the fruit; it was very good.
He looked about for his family.
He saw a river flowing by the tree.
In the distance, where the river came from, he saw Nephi and Sam, & their mother, lost.
He called to them, and they came and tasted the fruit, too.
He looked away and saw Laman and Lemuel lost.
He called to them, but they refused to come to where the others were.

He saw an iron rod leading along the river
to the tree where he was.
The iron rod had a narrow path by it, to
walk on while holding onto the iron rod.
He saw many people wanting to come to his tree.
They walked on the narrow path.
A fog came, and many got lost, and
wandered off the path.
Others reached out & held onto the iron rod,
and were not lost in the fog,
and came and tasted the nice fruit.
But those others were ashamed when some people
in a big building across the river
made fun of them for tasting the fruit.
Those others felt ashamed and wandered away
from the tree into the fog.
Many of them went to the big building.
But Jehi worried for Jaman and Jemuel because they
had refused to (even) come to the tree.

16 Nephi married his girl friend.
His brothers also married their girl friends.

Lehi had a dream, where the Lord told him to travel on.
He got up in the morning and found a Liahona at his door
It was a round, brass ball, with a pointer,
which pointed the way to go.
They took their tents, sleeping bags, & toys with them.
They also took seeds to grow food.
They walked for four days
They camped at a place called Shazer.
Nephi and his brothers hunted deer.
They travelled on again for many days.
Now they hunted deer as they travelled, not stopping to cam
Finally they stopped to camp.
Nephi went hunting with his fine steel bow.
His bow broke.
The deer ran too fast to be shot by his brothers,
with their wooden bows.
They could not shoot any deer for food.
Everyone was hungry for travelling so far.
They wondered why God had led them here, and
they thought they would soon starve and die.
Nephi didn't wonder;
He made a new bow of wood
He asked his father to pray to the Lord
so he could tell Nephi where to find deer.
The Lord scolded Lehi for thinking they would starve.
The Lord made the Liahona point the way for Nephi
to hunt deer.
It pointed to the top of a mountain.
Nephi took his new bow and went to the mountain
and killed plenty of deer for food.
Everyone was happy when Nephi returned to camp
with all the food.

They travelled on again for many days, with the Liahona pointing the way.
Ishmael, the father of Nephi's wife (& his brothers' wives) died, and was buried in Nahom.
The wives were unhappy because their father died.
Laman & Lemuel join them, and they all wonder why they had come way out here with Nephi & his father Lehi.
They made fun of Nephi, and wanted to go back home.
The Lord scolded them by his voice, and they were sorry, & apologized to Nephi.

17

Father Lehi and his large group spent years camping out.
Babies were born to Nephi's & Laman's wives, etc.
Everybody, at one time, at raw meat.
Raw meat is bitter, but our Heavenly Father blessed it and it tasted sweet. (They had no fires, even at night; the Lord lit their [illegible])
They came to the sea shore, or beach.
The Lord told Nephi to go up on a mountain.
There, He told Nephi to build a ship.
He told Nephi just how to do it.
Nephi did not have a hammer, or saw, or nails.
The Lord told Nephi where to find dirt & rocks that would make iron when heated.
Nephi got the rocks & made iron.
Then he made his hammer, saw, & nails.
Laman & Lemuel thought Nephi was silly to try building a ship.
"He thinks he can cross the sea. Ha Ha."
Laman & Lemuel argued with Nephi, and began to throw Nephi into the sea.
Nephi put out his arm, and said,
"Touch me not, for I am filled with the power of God, and if anyone touches me, he will be like brown, dry grass."
Laman & Lemuel were afraid for many days.
After that, Nephi was told by the Lord to put out his arm again, and the Lord shocked Laman & Lemuel.
Laman & Lemuel were friends with Nephi.

18

Nephi and his brothers built a boat.
The Lord told Nephi how to build it.
It looked different from any boat they had seen,
yet it was better. (It had sails).
The Lord told Nephi to have everyone get into the boat.
They took fruit, meat, and honey to eat.
They took their tents, sleeping bags, and seeds.
They began to sail to the Promised Land.

After a few weeks of sailing on the ocean,
Laman and Lemuel and others began to be rude.
Nephi told them not to be rude.
They did not stop, but instead tied Nephi up.
Now the Liahona stopped pointing the way.
They got lost.
a storm came up, and blew them away from
the Promised Land for four days.
Nephi's father and mother pleaded with Laman and Lemuel
to un-tie Nephi. They were worried.
Nephi's wife and children pleaded with Laman and Lemuel al
Laman and Lemuel would not un-tie Nephi.
The storm rocked the boat so bad that
Laman and Lemuel were afraid.
They realized that they had disobeyed God.
They un-tied Nephi.
Nephi's wrists and ankles were swollen and sore,
but he did not complain to the Lord.
Nephi prayed for the storm to go away.
The storm stopped.
Nephi used the Liahona, and guided the boat
toward the Promised Land again.
They sailed on the ocean for a long time.
They arrived at the Promised Land.
They put up their tents.
They planted their seeds, and they grew.
They found horses there to ride; and cows to milk.

2 Nephi

5 Nephi's brothers, Laman & Lemuel, were always angry with him.
Our baby brother wants to be our king!
The Lord told Nephi to leave Laman & Lemuel.
Zoram, Sam, Jacob, & Joseph & their families went also.
They went away into the forest, walking for many days.
They found a field on the other side of the forest.
They planted their seeds.
They tended their flocks of sheep & cows.
They made chairs & tables out of wood from the forest.
They built houses of brick & wood.
They put away their tents.
They made schools & churches, and
Nephi's brothers Jacob & Joseph were the teachers.

Laman & Lemuel liked Nephi being away.
Without Nephi's help, Laman & Lemuel became lazy.
Their families also became lazy.
They liked to fight and quarrel.
The Lord made their skins be dark red.
These were the first Indians.
They were called Lamanites.
They often fought against Nephi and his people,
who were called Nephites.
Nephi helped his people make swords to protect themselves.

Enos

Enos went into the forest to hunt deer.
He began to think very hard about
things such as a Sunday School lesson,
and eternal life.
He became worried that he had done some
wrong things, and that his Father in
Heaven did not like him.
He prayed to his Father in Heaven to forgive him.
He still felt worried, so
he prayed again.
He prayed again and again.
He prayed all day, and didn't hunt deer at all.
The sun went down; it got dark.
Enos still prayed.
Then he heard a voice, saying, "I forgive you."
The voice also told him about Jesus Christ
being born after many years, and about
what would happen to the Nephites and to
the Lamanites.
He went back to the city of Nephites he had
come from, and told everyone about
the answer to his prayer.

Jacob 7 A long time ago, long before Jesus Christ was born,
there was a man named Sherem
He lived with the Nephites.
He told everyone good things about themselves.
They liked him.
He told everyone that Jesus Christ would not
come to the earth and be born.
It was wrong to tell people that, because it
was a lie.
But many people believed what he said.

There was a man of the church named Jacob.
He argued with Sherem, to tell him that
Jesus Christ would come.
Sherem said that no one could know about
something that had not yet happened.
Jacob told him that prophets could tell,
ahead of time, that certain things
would surely happen.
Prophets in the Bible had told that
Jesus Christ would come.

Sherem would not believe Jacob.
He told Jacob he would believe, only if
Jacob were to wave his arms & call
on the Lord, and have fire come down from heaven.
Jacob did not do so, for it is wrong to ask for
a sign, like that.
Jacob prayed to his Heavenly Father, that He
would help him convince Sherem.
Right then, Sherem became sick, and paralyzed,
and fell over onto the ground.
Everyone helped care for Sherem, but he did not get better.
Just before Sherem died, he told everyone
that the devil had told him to lie
about Jesus Christ's coming.
He was afraid Heavenly Father was angry at him for lying.
He said he was sorry.
He died.

Mosiah 9 Zeniff was a Nephite.
Zeniff went to spy on the Lamanites, so he could find where the Lamanites were weak.
Instead he saw their good attributes.
He went back to the Nephite army & said, "Let's not fight those nice people!"
The Nephite leader said that they should fight Lamanites.
The leader wanted to hit Zeniff.
Zeniff and his friends had to fight the leader & the army
They escaped, and returned to their homes in the city, Zarahemla.
Zeniff and his friends took their families on a trip.
They hiked & camped alot.
They came near a Lamanite city.
Zeniff went in to see the king of the Lamanites.
He asked if the people he brought could live in the land.
The king gave them some large ranches to live on.
The king made the people living on those ranches leave, so that Zeniff's people could live on them.
So Zeniff & his people lived on those ranches.
They built 2 cities on those ranches.
They planted seeds, & had plenty of food to eat.

The king of the Lamanites let them live there, so that he could make slaves of them, later.
He did this little by little.

First, he let the Lamanites tease Zeniff's people.
Next, he told them to take some of their belongings.
Then, the Lamanites made war, and the people of Zeniff had to fight back. Zeniff made some swords & shields.
Zeniff & his people prayed, asking our Heavenly Father to help them as they fought.
Heavenly Father helped them, and they won.

Mosiah 10 From that time, they made plenty of swords & shields, and had someone be a guard, to warn them if the Lamanites should come again.
A new Lamanite king made war on the people of Zeniff.
Zeniff's people were ready for them.
They prayed for help from Heavenly Father, also.
Even granfathers and little boys had to help fight.
Zeniff's people won, & chased the Lamanites home, because Heavenly Father helped them.

11 Zeniff's people soon had a new leader, king Noah.
(Zeniff got old & died; He had made his son, Noah, the king.)

Noah didn't like to pray.
Noah liked to have more than his share of toys.
He didn't love his wife, and looked for other ladies.
Noah had the people pay him more & more, just because he was king.
Everyone had to pay the king one apple if they had five.
King Noah made his own church & had everyone go to it on Sundays
It was not Heavenly Father's church.
King Noah built many tall buildings with the money the people had to pay him.
He liked the money.
King Noah helped the people all be lazy & naughty.

Now, the Lamanites began to steal from King Noah's people.
Since the people were lazy, they found it hard to fight the Lamanites.
But one time, they won a fight, and they boasted about winning, & were proud.

Heavenly Father saw that this was wrong, & He sent a prophet, called Abinadi, to them.

Abinadi told them that Heavenly Father was watching them, and was angry because of their pride. Their not praying to Him, & their fathers not loving their mothers.
Abinadi told them that if they did not do better, Heavenly Father would let the Lamanites be their kings, and they would be slaves.
The people didn't like what Abinadi said, and they wanted to fight Abinadi.
Heavenly Father protected Abinadi, & he walked home.
The people told King Noah what Abinadi had said, and King Noah was angry, and told the police to arrest Abinadi & bring him to King Noah.
Abinadi hid from them, and they never found him.

12 After a long time (2 years), Heavenly Father had Abinadi go out & tell the people that soon they would be slaves to the Lamanites.
The Lamanites would hit them, & make them do their work.
The people would be hungry, & get sick.
King Noah would be killed.
The people did not believe Abinadi.
They held on to him, & took him to King Noah.
King Noah put Abinadi in jail, until he could decide on a good reason to kill Abinadi.
King Noah called a meeting with his priests to decide what to do
They decided to ask Abinadi questions.
Abinadi said "It's silly to ask questions that you think you already know the answers to."
Abinadi told the king & his priests that they had taught the people many wrong things, and that Heavenly Father was angry.

13 King Noah wanted to kill Abinadi right then.
Heavenly Father protected Abinadi, and Abinadi kept telling them what they'd done wron
Abinadi told King Noah the 10 Commandments.

Love your Heavenly Father.
Don't worship idols; Don't swear;
Go to church on Sundays.
Fathers should always love mothers;
Children should respect their fathers & their mothers.
Don't want anything for yourself that belongs to someone else,
Don't steal; Don't lie; Don't kill.
Abinadi also told King Noah that he & his priests had not followed these commandments.
Abinadi told King Noah that Jesus Christ would be born
It would be after a long while, but He would be born.

17 King Noah was very angry with Abinadi.
He said "Lets kill him!"
Alma, one of the priests, said, "NO."
King Noah tried to kill Alma for that,
but Alma ran away into the forest.
Alma hid in the forest for many days, and
wrote down all that Abinadi had said.

King Noah kept Abinadi in jail 3 more days.
King Noah then told Abinadi that he would kill him
for saying that Jesus Christ would come.
King Noah would let Abinadi go if he would deny it.
Abinadi did not deny it, and said King Noah was wrong
in killing him.
King Noah was scared, but all the priests said, "Go ahead".
The priests were wicked.
They burned Abinadi.
As Abinadi died, he said that King Noah & his priests
would later die by fire.

Mosiah 18 Alma was hiding away in the forest to escape King Noah.
He had likes what the prophet Abinadi had said.
He repented of his sins, & was no longer proud.
After a while, Alma went back to the city, and
quietly taught a few people what Abinadi had said:
That they should not be proud,
That fathers should love mothers,
That they should help each other.
He did this secretly, so King Noah wouldn't find out.
One day Alma & his friends met together in the forest.
They decided to make a promise to Jesus Christ,
that they would always help each other,
and remember to do what Abinadi had said.
They made the promise by being baptized by
Alma, who held the priesthood, and
had permission from Jesus Christ to baptize.
Alma baptized them in a lake of water, called
The Waters of Mormon.
204 people were baptized.
Alma organized them to be a church.
He ordained priests to teach the people.
They had meetings on Sunday, there in the forest.
More people came to be baptized.
By then, there were 450 people in the church.
King Noah noticed that many people were starting to leave
his city on Sundays, to visit the forest.
He sent spies; the spies followed the people &
watched them have their Sunday meetings.
The spies told King Noah about the church,
and said they saw Alma there.
King Noah sent the army to do away with
Alma & his people.
Heavenly Father helped Alma find out that the army
was coming.
Alma & his people took their tents & sleeping
bags & ran away.

Mosiah 19 King Noah's army couldn't find Alma's people.
Some of the army wanted to fight King Noah, now.
Gideon chased King Noah in a castle.
King Noah climbed up a castle tower to get away.
Gideon started to climb up after him, so he
couldn't get away.
King Noah could not escape. He was afraid.
Just then, from the top of the tower, he saw that
the Lamanites were coming, and were about
to take over the land.
King Noah yelled to Gideon that the Lamanites were
coming, & to fight the Lamanites, & leave
him alone.
Gideon chose to go fight the Lamanites.
King Noah was afraid, & ran away.
He didn't help fight the Lamanites.

The people saw that they could not win the fight, so
they gave up, sending the big sisters to the
Lamanites to pay tribute.
The Lamanites stopped fighting, but demanded
one half of all money & food the people had.
The people chose Noah's son, Limhi, to be their king.
The Lamanites made everyone work hard.
They put guards so that no one could run away.

20 King Noah died.
His priests came & kidnapped some Lamanite girls.
The Lamanites did not know about King Noahs priests.
They thought Limhi's people had done it.
They went with their army to fight Limhi's people.
King Limhi saw the Lamanites coming, as he was on a tower.
He made the people get ready to fight.
He had them hide, so as to surprize the Lamanites.
The fight began, & Limhi's people surprized the Lamanites
& fought them.
The Lamanites ran away.

The Lamanite king had been hurt and could not get away, so the people caught him, and took him to King Limhi.
King Limhi asked the Lamanite king why he had brought his army to fight, when Limhi's people had done nothing wrong.
The Lamanite king said, "Yes, you have; you kidnapped some Lamanite girls."
King Limhi soon found out from the people that they had not done it, but that probably the wicked priests of Noah had.
King Limhi told this to the Lamanite king, who then said, "I believe you. It was not your fault. We will not fight you any more."
They carried the Lamanite king back to his army, and made peace with the army.
Everyone went back home.

21 The Lamanites liked to tease & hit Limhi's people.
King Limhi's people couldn't hit back because they were the Lamanite's slaves.
They talked to King Limhi, & he let them make an army to fight the Lamanites.
The Lamanites brought their own army, & fought them.
The Lamanites fought better than Limhi's people.
They killed many of Limhi's people.
Limhi's people had to run away.
Limhi's people tried fighting again.
Again, many were killed, & the rest had to run.
Limhi's people tried fighting a third time.
They lost again.
They didn't try to fight any more.
The Lamanites teased them & hit them still, but Limhi's people didn't fight them because they knew they would lose.
All this happened because of their being naughty at the time that the prophet Abinadi had spoken to them.

They knew better now.
They began to remember to say their prayers.
They prayed that Heavenly Father would help the Lamanites to hit them more softly.
Heavenly Father was slow to answer their prayers because of how naughty they had been.
After a while, Heavenly Father helped them by making their work easier and helping the plants grow better, so that they had more food, and weren't so hungry.

Mosiah 7

Now, the Nephites were wondering what had happened to Zeniff, & the people he had taken with him to live with the Lamanites.
It had been over 20 years since they had left the Nephites, and they had not written the Nephites any letters.
The Nephites did not know that Zeniff had died, or about his son, the wicked King Noah, or about King Limhi now, and he & his people being slaves to the Lamanites.
The Nephite king, Mosiah, told a man called Ammon to take some friends and go find out about Zeniff's people.
They didn't know which way to go to find them.
After 40 days, they came near the land of Shilom, where King Limhi & his people lived.
Ammon took 3 of his best friends, and went near the city there.
King Limhi was just outside of the city, and saw them.
He told his guards to surround them, & put them in jail, because he didn't know them, and thought they were Lamanites, who would have hurt him.
He kept them in jail for 2 days.
Then he had them brought to him.
King Limhi asked, "What were you doing so near my city? Were you coming near in order to hurt me, or my people?"
Ammon answered, "If you knew who we were, you would not have put us in jail, but you would have hugged us and kissed us. We are Nephites, friends of your grandfather, Zeniff. We came to see how you are doing."

King Limhi was very happy. He said, "We had lost hope of ever hearing from the Nephites, our friends. We are happy you have come." They had a party.
He told Ammon how they had to give the Lamanites one-half of all they had, and that many times he & his people had gone hungry.
King Limhi hoped that Ammon could free them from the Lamanites. He had Ammon's other friends, still a ways out from the city, brought in for dinner with Ammon & his 3 best friends.
He called a meeting of the people on the very next day, and told them that Ammon & his friends could lead them back to the Nephites, where they would be safe from the Lamanites, & not have to pay them one-half of all they had, any more.
He also told Ammon that a group of explorers which they had sent out to find their friends, the Nephites, had discovered a land covered with bones. Among the bones, they found a record, made of 24 gold plates with strange writing on them.
Ammon said that King Mosiah, where he had come from, had a gift of God to translate the 24 gold plates.
He also said that he & his friends would find a way for Limhi & his people to escape from the Lamanites.
Limhi and his people were not wicked now. They wanted to do good.
Because of this, Heavenly Father would listen when they prayed. They thought and they prayed to find a way to escape from the Lamanites.

22 They held meetings to find a way to escape from the Lamanites. They could not fight them, because there were too many Lamanites.
Gideon, one of the king's friends, told of a new plan. All liked it. Here is how it worked:
There was a gate on the back side of the city, which was hardly ever used.
The Lamanite guards were fed beer (wine) each day.
Gideon gave them extra beer one evening.
The guards drank it all, got drunk, & went to sleep.

Guards are not supposed to sleep.
Now Limhi & Gideon led their people out through that gate at the back of the city, during that night, when it was dark.
The guards did not stop them, because they were asleep.
Limhi's people went a long ways from the city in the dark. Then they turned and hiked toward the land of the Nephites.
They had all their cows & sheep with them.
They took their money, and their food, also.
The next morning, the Lamanites woke up and discovered that the city was empty. What a surprise!
The guards were ashamed that they had drunk the beer, and fallen asleep.
The Lamanites searched for Limhi's people, but could not find them.
Limhi & his people had hiked to the land of the Nephites.
King Mosiah was happy to see Ammon & his friends leading Limhi's people to them.
The Lamanites got lost in the forest.
They found where King Noah's priests were hiding, along with their wives, who were really the Lamanite girls who had been kidnapped.
King Noah's priests joined with the Lamanites.
Together they happened to find the city of Helam, which Alma & his people had built, after running away from the Lamanite army about a year before.
They were about to fight Alma & his people.
Alma's people were scared.
Alma told them: "Pray that the Lamanites will be kind, then you need not be scared."
They prayed.
The Lamanites came, and Alma surrendered.
They wanted Alma to tell them the way to the Nephites.
They said if Alma told them, they would leave his people alone.
Alma told them.
The Lamanites did not keep their promise to leave Alma's people alone, but kept them prisoners.

24 Now, the wicked priests of king Noah had joined the Lamanites.
The Lamanites let the chief wicked priest rule over Alma's people.
Amulon, the chief wicked priest, hated Alma because Alma had believed Abinadi, the prophet.
Amulon made Alma & his people do hard work.
He punished them until they did it.
Alma & his people prayed out loud to Heavenly Father to help them.
Amulon heard them praying.
Amulon forced them to stop praying.
Alma & his people did not stop praying; only now, they prayed, but not out loud.
They prayed in their thoughts, & in their hearts.
Then, one day, they all heard the Lord answer them in their hearts.
He said, "I will make your hard work seem easy to you."
They soon found all their work easy.
They were happy, even though they were still prisoners.
Then, one day, they all heard the Lord tell them in their hearts,
"Tomorrow, I will set you free."
That night, Alma & his people gathered their flocks & their food.
It took all night.
The next morning, the Lamanites did not get out of bed to watch Alma & his people.
The Lord made the Lamanites sleep all that day.
Alma & his people walked away from the Lamanites, and from the city, Helam.
They walked all that day, and did not get tired.
They camped in the valley of Alma, & prayed thanks to God for helping them escape.
The Lord spoke to Alma, & said,
"The Lamanites are awake now, & are coming; you must go."
Alma & his people travelled on.
The Lord stopped the Lamanites when they got to the valley of Alma.
Alma & his people reached the Nephites after walking for 12 days.

Mosiah 27

There was a king called Mosiah, who ruled the Nephites.
He was a good king.
He had 4 sons.
He worried about them, because they didn't like church.
They wanted to wreck the church.
Alma was the high priest of the church.
He had sons. Some made him happy.
He worried about his other son, called Alma.
His son, Alma, wanted to wreck the church.
This son, Alma, and the 4 sons of Mosiah liked each other.
They all tried to wreck the church.

Alma, the father, and the people who liked to go to church
prayed to Heavenly Father to help the son, Alma,
& his friends stop trying to wreck the church.

One day, as Alma & the 4 sons of Mosiah were walking along,
An angel came down in a bright cloud.
The angel spoke like thunder.
The ground shook.
The angel told Alma to stop wrecking the church,
because his father had prayed to have him stop.
The 4 sons of Mosiah watched.
After telling Alma this, the angel went away.

Alma was so astonished that he could not speak
or move his hands.
His friends had to carry him.
They carried him to his father, Alma, the high priest.
His father was happy when he saw his son helpless,
because he knew that the Lord had answered his prayers
about his son's doing wrong.
He knew that his son was being convinced that
what he had been doing was wrong.
He called the people together so they could see
that the Lord had answered his prayers.

The people went home, and prayed and fasted, like Alma the high priest prayed and fasted, so that his son would soon be able to talk & walk.
They prayed and fasted for 2 days.
Then Alma, the son of Alma, the high priest, got up & could talk.
Alma, the son, told how he had had visions & learned what was right to do during the time he could not walk or talk.
From that time forth, Alma, the son, was a friend to the church.
The 4 sons of Mosiah helped the church also.
They un-did all the wrongs they had caused.

Alma 17 The 4 sons of Mosiah were:
Ammon, Aaron, Omner, & Himni.
They wanted so much to help the church (after their conversion) that they wanted to go on a mission to the Lamanites, who were mean.
They asked their father, King Mosiah, "Could they please go?"
He said it was nice to go on a mission to the Lamanites, but it was dangerous, because they were mean.
King Mosiah prayed, asking the Lord if his sons should go.
The Lord said, "Yes" & "I will protect them."
& "They will bring many Lamanites into the church."
Mosiah's 4 sons started off to Lamanite country.
They took their bows & arrows, their swords, & slings — not to fight with, but to kill animals for food, on the way.
They prayed to know the best way to help the Lamanites to know the church.
The Lord answered their prayers, & said "Be Good Examples to them."
Then they each went to a different part of the Lamanite country.

Ammon went to the Land of Ishmael.
The Lamanites caught him, tied him up, & took him to their king, Lamoni.
King Lamoni asked Ammon if he wanted to live among the Lamanite people.

Ammon answered, "yes".
King Lamoni liked Ammon for this.
He was about to give Ammon some gifts,
but Ammon said, "No, but I will be your servant."
So Ammon helped the other servants tend the king's sheep.

It was a happy job, for Ammon.
He helped tend the sheep for 3 days.
Then they took their sheep to get a drink at a pond called Sebus.
Other shepherds & other sheep came there for water also.
These other shepherds wanted to tease the king's shepherds.
Lamanites always wanted to make trouble for people,
even other Lamanites.
The bad shepherds stood & scared away the king's sheep, so
that they ran off & were about to get lost.
The shepherds with Ammon began to be afraid, saying,
"Our flock has run off, & the king will kill us
for losing his sheep."
They sat down & cried.
But Ammon told them,
"Stop crying. Let's go round up the sheep.
Then the king won't kill us."
They got up & followed Ammon
They ran fast & caught up with the sheep.
They brought all the sheep back to the pond.
The bad shepherds started to scare the sheep again,
so that they would run off & be lost.
But Ammon told his shepherds to stand in a circle around
the flock of sheep, so they couldn't run away.
After they made the circle, the bad shepherds
still tried to scare the sheep.
So Ammon left his shepherds to guard the sheep,
while he went alone to fight the bad shepherds.
There were about 20 of the bad shepherds.
They called Ammon names, and said they could kill him
with one blow.
They did not know about our Heavenly Father, nor
that Heavenly Father had promised Ammon's father,
Mosiah, that Ammon would never be hurt.

But Ammon knew Heavenly Father, and he knew that Heavenly Father would protect him.
When Ammon was still a ways from the bad shepherds, he used his sling to sling stones at them. They did, too. His stones hit the bad shepherds, & six fell dead. None of their stones hit Ammon.
So the bad shepherds came at Ammon with clubs & sticks, to hit him. But as each lifted his club to hit Ammon, Ammon cut off their arms with his sword.
The bad shepherds were very scared, & began to run away. Ammon chased after them, until they were far away.
Ammon & his shepherds had their sheep drink, & then took them back to the king's pasture.
Then Ammon's shepherds carried the arms that Ammon had cut off of the bad shepherds, to the king, to show what Ammon had done.

Alma 18
King Lamoni was the Lamanite king.
When King Lamoni saw the arms & heard the story of his shepherds about Ammon he said, "Ammon must be the Great Spirit," which was their name for God.
King Lamoni thought that the Great Spirit had come to chastize him for killing other of his shepherds after the bad shepherds had made their sheep run away.
He was afraid of what Ammon might do to him.
He asked his shepherds where Ammon was, because Ammon did not come with them to tell what he had done.
They said, "He is getting your horses ready for the trip you wanted to take to see your father."
King Lamoni knew then that Ammon had done what he had told him to do, & even though Ammon would have liked to have come in to the king & tell how he cut off the bad shepherds' arms, but he hadn't.
King Lamoni saw that Ammon was good, & that Ammon did what he was told.

When Ammon had the horses ready, he went in to the king.
But King Lamoni thought that Ammon was the Great Spirit,
& did not know what to say to Ammon.
Ammon wondered why the king said nothing.
Then Heavenly Father helped Ammon know that King Lamoni
thought that he was the Great Spirit.
Ammon explained to the king that he was not a Great Spirit.
Ammon said he was only a man.
King Lamoni then wanted to know how Ammon was so strong.
Ammon told the king how Heavenly Father had helped him
to defend the king's sheep.
King Lamoni believed all that Ammon told him.
Ammon also told the king & his servants about how to
help each other & be good.
King Lamoni knew that he & his people had not been helping each other,
& had been bad.
He began to pray for Heavenly Father to help him & his people
become good.
Suddenly King Lamoni fell down, as if he were dead.
His servants carried him to his bed.
His wife & his sons & his daughters were sorry he was dead.

Alma 19

After 2 days & 2 nights, King Lamoni's wife asked Ammon
if King Lamoni was really dead.
Ammon told her "no", & that she should not have him buried.
Ammon told her that King Lamoni would get up the next morning.
King Lamoni's wife waited by his bed until the next morning.
That next morning, King Lamoni got up, & told his wife
that he had seen Jesus Christ in a vision, & how he
would be born.
He & his wife were so happy, they both seemingly fainted with joy.
Ammon watched them; he knelt down very low in prayer
to thank the Lord.
The king's servants thought Ammon had fainted also, so they
also knelt in prayer for Ammon.
One servant went to show other people how prayerful it all was
in the king's house.

Many people went to the king's house to see what had happen
They saw everyone there on the floor.
But when they also saw Ammon there, they said
"He is a Nephite, not a Lamanite like we are."
They thought Ammon had caused the trouble.
One of the bad shepherds was there.
Seeing Ammon, who had fought them, the bad shepherd
stepped over to Ammon & raised his sword
to cut off Ammon's head.
Just as he did that, the bad shepherd fell dead.
This was because the Lord had promised Ammon's father,
King Mosiah, that Ammon would be protected.
All the people who were watching didn't know what to think,
because they did not know God, nor that God makes promises
to protect his friends.
All the people watching began to argue about what made the
king lie down.
The one servant who had called the people to come & watch
was sad because they argued. She cried.
She then went over to the queen, and touched her hand,
as if to help her get up.
The queen got up.
The queen told how much she loved Jesus.
The queen walked over & touched the king's hand
as if to help him get up.
The king, Lamoni got up.
He talked to the people around him, watching, & many believed hi
The king said his heart had been changed, and he did
not want to do bad things any more.
King Lamoni, his queen, the servants, & most of the people
learned about Jesus Christ, wanted to do good, &
were baptized by Ammon.
They made a church, and had meetings.

Alma 20

The Holy Ghost whispered to Ammon,
"Your brother, Aaron, & 2 friends, are in jail in Middoni."
They had been put in jail for being missionaries.
The people in Middoni did not like missionaries.
Ammon told King Lamoni he was going to Middoni
to get his brother & friends out of jail.
King Lamoni said, "Let me go, too; maybe I can help."

On the way, they met King Lamoni's father.
His father asked Lamoni why he had a Nephite friend. (Ammon,)
He got angry at Lamoni for having a Nephite friend.
He told Lamoni to kill his friend, Ammon.
Lamoni said, "NO, I won't."
Lamoni's father took a sword to kill his son, Lamoni, with.
Ammon stood between Lamoni & his father, so
that he could not hurt Lamoni.
Lamoni's father decided to kill Ammon, instead.
Ammon drew his own sword & hurt Lamoni's father
so that he could not hit anyone.
Lamoni's father said he would do anything Ammon wanted
if Ammon would not hurt him any more.
Ammon did not want to hurt Lamoni's father, anyway,
so he asked him to let his brother, Aaron & his 2 friends
out of jail.
Lamoni's father said, "YES, of course."
Lamoni's father further said he wanted to have
Ammon come to his house & tell him
more about Jesus Christ, and about
how we should be good to each other.

Ammon & King Lamoni continued on to Middoni
King Lamoni talked Middoni's king into letting
Ammon's brother & his friends out of jail.
After Aaron, Ammon's brothers, & his friends were out of jail,
they told Ammon all that had happened to them.

Alma 21 Aaron's story:

Aaron had gone to the Lamanite city called Jerusalem;
he went to a church & gave a talk.
The people there were not nice; they mocked him.
They made fun of what he said about Jesus.
So Aaron left, and went to the city called Anti.
His friends Muloki & Ammah were preaching there.
But the people in Anti would not listen, either.
So they all went to the city of Middoni, & preached, or gave Ta
A few people in Middoni believed Aaron about Jesus Chris
But other people were angry with Aaron & his friends.
They had them put in jail.
They were cold & hungry in jail.
Then Ammon & King Lamoni came & got them out of jail.
Aaron gave more talks in the Lamanite churches, while
Ammon & King Lamoni went back to their city.

Alma 22

The Holy Ghost told Aaron to go to a new city.
The Holy Ghost led him to Lamoni's fathers' house.
Lamoni's father was king of all the Lamanites.
Aaron & his friends told the king they wanted to be his servants
The king said "NO, but please tell me more about
Jesus Christ, & how we should be kind to each other."
Aaron told him all he desired.
The king wanted to believe all that Aaron said.
He began to pray, to have Heavenly Father help him believe
Suddenly the king fell on the floor, as if he were dead.
When the queen came & saw the king on the floor,
she was angry at Aaron & wanted her servants to
kill Aaron.
Her servants would not do so, because they respected Aaron.
The queen was about to call others to come against Aaron,
but Aaron helped the King get up.
The king got up, and by the things that he said,
everyone in the room believed about Jesus Christ.

Alma 23 The king of the Lamanites let all the sons of Mosiah (Ammon, Aaron, Omner, & Himni) & their friends preach all over the Lamanite land.
No one was allowed to put them in jail.
The 4 sons of Mosiah helped nearly all the Lamanites to believe in Jesus Christ, & be kind to each other.
The skin of those that believed became white, whereas it had been red.
However, a small part of the Lamanites would not believe. They stayed just as mean as ever.

Alma 24
The good Lamanites called themselves Anti Nephi Lehites.
The mean Lamanites hated the good Lamanites.
They prepared to have a big fight with the Anti Nephi Lehites.
Ammon saw the mean Lamanites getting ready to fight.
He held a meeting with the good Lamanites, to tell them that the mean Lamanites were coming.
He asked them if they had an army that could fight.
They answered that they had promised God that they would never fight.
They had buried their swords in the ground, also.

When the mean Lamanites came to fight these people, they did not yell, they did not run away, but they knelt down as if praying.
The mean Lamanites liked this; they could kill the good Lamanites easily as they knelt there.
They killed over 1000 of the good Lamanites.
As they watched them die, they felt sorry.
They felt so sorry, that they stopped killing the good Lamanites.
They felt bad inside for having killed people.
More than 1000 of the mean Lamanites threw away their swords, & prayed like the good Lamanites did.
The rest of the mean Lamanites thought that killing people who were praying was no fun, & they went home.

Alma 1 At the time that King Mosiah's 4 sons went on their missions, their friend, Alma, stayed behind and became the president of the church among the Nephites, and also became the chief judge for the Nephites.

About that time, there was a big, strong man named Nehor.
He told the people (the Nephites) that their church was not of God, when really it was of God.
He said the teachers & priests should be proud (really they should not)
He said you didn't have to be kind to each other.
He was wrong,
but many people believed him, & left the church.
Many people gave Nehor money.
He bought extra shiny clothes, & he was proud.
This was wrong.
One day Nehor met Gideon.
Gideon was an old man who was faithful in God's church
Gideon told Nehor that he was teaching the people wrong things
Nehor argued with Gideon, but could not win.
Nehor drew his sword and began to fight Gideon.
Gideon was too old to fight well, &
soon Nehor had killed Gideon.
The Nephite police took Nehor to Alma to be judged for killing Gideon.
Alma told Nehor that the punishment for killing a person is to be killed yourself.
The Nephite police took Nehor to the top of a hill.
Nehor admitted that what he had taught the people against God's church, was wrong.
Nehor was killed.

Alma 2 While Alma was chief judge for the Nephites,

a man called Amlici gained favor with the people.
Many people liked him, & wanted him to be king.
But the law said there should be no king, but only
a chief judge, who was Alma, then.
Amlici wanted to destroy God's church if he were king.

Amlici knew that to change the law, the people had to vote.
If they voted for him, he would become king,
and do away with the church.
If they voted not to change the laws, the church was safe.
The Nephites voted.
Most of the votes were to not change the laws.
Amlici would not get to be king.
Amlici & the people who liked him were angry.
They made Amlici king over only themselves.
Amlici told them to fight the rest of the people, and
make them let Amlici be their king, too.
They called themselves Amlicites; they went to fight the Nephites.

Their armies met on the east of the River Sidon, on the hill Amnihu.
They fought each other hard.
12000 Amlicites were killed; but only 6000 Nephites were killed.
The Amlicites were scared, & ran away.
Alma & the Nephite army chased them.
He chased them all that day.
When they all stopped to sleep in the night,
Alma sent spies to the Amlicites, to learn their plans
secretly.

In the morning the spies came running back.
They told Alma that the Amlicites had joined the Lamanites.
Together they were marching to Zarahemla, Alma's city.
If Alma & his army did not get back to Zarahemla
in a hurry, the city would be in danger.
Alma & his army hurried back to Zarahemla.

Just as they crossed the River Sidon, they met the Amlicite & Lamanite armies.
They began to fight.
The Amlicites & Lamanites were numerous, like the sands on the be
There were too many for the Nephites to fight.
But the Nephites prayed to Heavenly Father to help them.
The Lord helped them, & the other army started to fall back.
Alma fought, using his sword.
Alma fought with Amlici, himself.
Amlici almost won.
Alma prayed for help. He wanted to slay Amlic
so he would not take over the Nephites.
Alma again fought Amlici, and slew him.
Alma next fought with the Lamanite king.
The Lamanite king ran away, & sent his guards to fight Al
Alma called his guards to fight with him, &
together they won.
Then Alma & his army crossed the River Sidon,
& chased the Amlicites & Lamanites.
Being scared, they ran away as the Nephites chased them.

3

Lamanites had no hair on their head, & a dark red skin.
Lamanites fought with only a loincloth on.
(like a bathing suit).
They also used armor & shields.
Amlicites looked like Nephites, except for a red mark
on their foreheads.

4

The Nephites felt a need to build up God's church.
They felt good inside.
3500 other Nephites were baptized & joined the church
in 1 year.
Then, the Nephites began to be proud of the clothes they wore.
This made those with plain clothes feel sad.
Not very many people joined the church, then.

Alma wanted to spend all his time teaching the people to not be proud,
so he had Nephihah be the chief judge, and
Alma, as high priest, went among the people & taught them.

5 He told them that when they were proud, it was hard
for them to be kind & helpful, as they should.
So they must not be proud.

6 He told this in the main city, Zarahemla, & in the cities
& 7 of Gideon & Melek, also.
They liked what he said, & the church began to grow
with more members.

8 Alma walked north from Melek for 3 days.
He came to the city Ammonihah.
He found the people there were very proud.
They did not want to be baptized.
Alma preached to them, but they took him, made
fun of him, & threw him out of their city.
Alma started to walk away.
He had not gone far when an angel appeared to him,
& told him to go back & preach once more.
This time Alma was to tell the people of Ammonihah that
their city would be destroyed, if they weren't baptized.
This was because the angel knew they were planning
to overthrow their country, which was bad.

Alma walked back to Ammonihah, & snuck in the city
through a back gate.
Alma was hungry, and when he saw a man who
looked friendly, he asked him for something to eat.

The man was Amulek.
An angel had appeared to Amulek, & had told him
that Alma would come to him and ask for food.
So Amulek was ready for Alma, & took him home to
have supper with him.

They had bread and meat for supper.

After a few days, they found a good time to preach agai
Alma took Amulek with him. Amulek preached, too.
The people of Ammonihah took Alma & Amulek & put them
in a deep hole, where they could not get out.
But an angel came and helped them get out.

Then, the people put Alma & Amulek in jail.
But Alma & Amulek prayed for help, and an angel cam
& let them out.

9 Alma & Amulek went preaching again.
They told the people that Heavenly Father knew
how they were planning to overthrow their country.
They told the people that, if they did not stop this,
the Lamanites would come & destroy them.
They told the people that it was worse to turn bad
after being good, than to have always been bad.
The people got angry because Alma had said they were
turning bad.
But Heavenly Father kept them from putting Alma &
Amulek in jail just then.

10 Amulek told the people how an angel had appeared
to him before Alma came, & that after Alma
had eaten supper, he had blessed Amulek.
Amulek told the people that he knew what Alma said
was true.
Some of the people asked questions to confuse Amulek,
but he was not confused by their questions
because Heavenly Father helped him answer.
Amulek again told them that they & their city would be
destroyed, if they did not change their ways.
The people still did not want to change their ways.

11 Zeezrom, who was a smart man, questioned Amulek.
He offered Amulek 6 onties if he would say there was no Heavenly Father.
He really didn't intend to let Amulek have the 6 onties anyway.
Amulek told Zeezrom that there surely was a Father in Heaven, and that with His help, he knew that Zeezrom intended to keep the 6 onties.
Zeezrom was confounded.

12 Alma got up & told the people about the first & second deaths, & about the judgement.

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14 Zeezrom and some others believed what Alma & Amulek said.
But the rest of the people of Ammonihah did not.
They put Alma & Amulek in jail.
Zeezrom & his friends told the people to let them go.
The people chased Zeezrom & his friends away.
The people took Zeezrom's family & his friends' families and destroyed them by fire.
They made Alma & Amulek watch.
Then they put Alma & Amulek back in jail, & made fun of them.
They slapped them.
They didn't give them any food.
They didn't let them drink any water.
They made them sleep without any blankets.
The people made fun of them for 3 days, saying,
"If your Heavenly Father is so powerful, why doesn't He come & let you out of jail?"
Alma & Amulek didn't say anything, but they knew that Heavenly Father loved them, and only wanted them to be patient, & wait for the time that Heavenly Father thought was right to help them get out of jail.
The next day each of the leaders of the people came & made fun of them, & slapped them.
Then Alma felt like praying out loud for help, & he did.

Suddenly their chains were made weak, & Alma & Amulek broke them.
The people saw this, & were scared.
They all started to run away at once, & tripped over each other.
While they were scrambling to get up,
Heavenly Father caused an earthquake,
and the jail house fell down & crushed those people
Alma & Amulek were protected & did not get hurt.
They walked to the center of the city.
The people of Ammonihah, who were at work, had heard the earthqu
& they ran to see what had happened.
When they saw Alma & Amulek out of jail, they were scared,
& ran the other way.
Alma & Amulek left the city of Ammonihah.

15 They went to the Land of Sidom.
There they found Zeezrom & his friends, who had run awa
from Ammonihah.
Zeezrom was sick with a fever because he worried
about Alma & Amulek after he had run away.
He was glad to see that Alma & Amulek were all right.
He asked them to bless him that he could get better.
Alma asked Zeezrom if he truly believed that Jesus Christ would c
Zeezrom said yes.
Alma blessed Zeezrom;
immediately Zeezrom jumped out of bed & was well.
Alma baptized Zeezrom.
Many more people got baptized also.
All over the land of the Nephites, the church began to gr
again.
But Amulek had come preaching with Alma, &
had left his father & mother, & his house in Ammonihah
He could not go see them because of the mean, proud people the
So Alma let Amulek live in his house with him,
and Alma comforted Amulek.

About 3 months after Alma & Amulek had preached
and had warned the people of Ammonihah,
the Lamanites attacked Ammonihah by surprise
and destroyed the city,
just like Alma had said they would.
The Lamanites took some of the people from Melek as prisoners.

The Nephite army from Zarahemla got there too late to help.
Zoram, the Nephite captain, knew Alma could ask Heavenly Father
how they could free the prisoners & bring them home.
Zoram asked Alma.
Alma went away to ask Heavenly Father.
When Alma returned, he told Zoram that
the Lamanites would cross the river Sidon in the land Manti,
& that there Heavenly Father would help them.
Zoram marched his army to the land Manti & surprised the Lamanites,
so that they ran away, &
Zoram & his army freed the prisoners & took them home.

There were no more attacks by the Lamanites for 3 years.
The church grew.
Alma & Amulek taught the people to be kind & helpful.
The people were kind & helpful to each other.

Alma 30

A man named Korihor came to the land of Zarahemla;
he told everyone that Jesus Christ would not be born.
That was a lie.
He also said that you should not be kind & helpful.
That was wrong.
But some of the Nephites in Zarahemla believed him.
Korihor also went to the land of Jershon, where the
people of Ammon (Lamanites converted to the church) lived.
The people of Ammon knew that he was telling lies.
They carried him out of their land.
Korihor went to the land of Gideon.
But the people there were righteous, also.
They took Korihor to their high priest.
Korihor tried to tell the high priest some lies about Jesus Chr
but he would not believe Korihors lies.
They sent Korihor to Zarahemla, where Alma,
the chief judge, lived.
Korihor told the same lies to Alma.
Alma told Korihor that he was lying.
Korihor argued with Alma; he did not think he was lying,
when he said that Jesus Christ would not be born.
Alma knew that Jesus Christ would be born.
Korihor told Alma to have Heavenly Father prove it by doing
a miracle.
Alma would not do it, but prayed about Korihor.
He told Korihor that he would be struck dumb if he lied again.
Korihor again told Alma that he did not believe Jesus Christ would
be born.
Alma told Korihor that he was dumb, that is, that
Korihor could not speak.
Korihor tried to speak, but he couldn't.

Alma wrote down a question to Korihor.
Korihor answered by writing: "I know that the
power of God has made me dumb.
You see, the devil appeared to me & told me
that I should tell all these lies, and I did.

I taught the devil's words."
Korihor wrote a question to Alma: "Will you pray for me? I don't want to be dumb anymore."
Alma told Korihor; "No, if you were to speak again, you would again start telling lies."

Korihor could not work, since he could not talk, & he had to beg for his food.

All the people who had believed Korihor saw what had happened, & left off believing what he had taught.

Korihor was finally trampled to death by some people who had their noses in the air & would not look down to walk around him. (They were too proud).

Alma 31

Alma heard about the people who were proud, who had trampled Korihor to death.
Alma knew it was wrong to be proud, so he went to tell them to stop being proud.
Alma took 2 of his 3 sons with him: Shiblon & Corianton. He also took his friends, Ammon, Aaron, Omner, Amulek & Zeezrom.
When they arrived in Antionum, where the proud people called Zoramites were, they watched what they did.
When the Zoramites went to church, one at a time they would climb onto a high stand, and pray out loud, using words to show that they were proud.
They did not say, "in the name of Jesus Christ," like we do; they did not think there was a Jesus Christ.
And when they went home, they were not kind & helpful.
Alma saw that this was wrong.
He saw that they were proud of their shiny clothes, too.

Alma & his friends all knelt down & prayed for strength and for help in telling these people not to be proud. After Alma blessed his friends, each went to a different part of the land to see the people, & told them.

Alma 32

Alma soon found that the poorer people among the Zoramites would listen to him, because the Zoramites wouldn't let them go to church, because their clothes weren't so shiny.

Some of the poor Zoramites came to Alma and asked, "Where can we go to church? The rich Zoramites won't let us in the church."

Alma was happy that they had come to him.

He told them that they could be kind & helpful at home every day, & not just on Sundays at church.

Alma told them about faith. He said:

Faith is what you have when you plant a seed, hoping that it will grow.

First you cover it with just the right amount of dirt.

Then you water it, and let the sunshine warm it.

You don't see anything happen for a few days, but you keep watering it.

Then you see part of a baby plant one day.

It makes you feel good.

You water the dirt more.

The baby plant gets bigger day by day.

But if you don't water it, it begins to wither & die.

But you look forward to seeing the flowers the plant will make, so you water it every day.

After many days, the flowers appear, and your faithfulness is rewarded.

Alma 33

Next, Alma told them about prayer.

He said you can pray in a forest

you can pray in a field

you can pray in your house
and by yourself, at bedtime, too.
Alma said that Heavenly Father hears our prayers
when we really mean what we say.
He answers prayers because
Jesus Christ asks him to for us.
That's why we say, "in the name of Jesus Christ."
The Zoramites did not believe in Jesus Christ, so
Alma told them that they should.

Alma 34
Amulek talked & told the Zoramites that
he loved Jesus Christ.
He told them that Jesus Christ loved them so much,
that he gave up his life for those who
would be kind & helpful.
He told them to pray to Heavenly Father
to keep them safe at night,
& to have more friends during the day.
He told them to start being kind & helpful right then,
not in a minute, but right then.

Alma 35
When the Zoramite leaders found that some
of the Zoramites liked what Alma & Amulek said,
they made them go away with Alma & Amulek
& their friends.
They went to the land of Jershon, where
the people of Ammon lived.
The Ammonites loved the poor Zoramites.
They fed them.
They let them sleep in their houses with them,
because the poor Zoramites had no homes.
The Zoramite leaders told the people of Ammon:
"Don't feed them, & don't let them in your houses."
But the Ammonites were kind, & kept feeding them.
They treated the poor Zoramites like friends.

1 Lehi leaves Jerusalem
2 Getting the Brass Plates
3 Getting Ishmael's family
3 Lehi's Dream
5 Liahona
5 Broken Bow
6 Building the Boat
7 Sailing
8 Nephites & Lamanites
9 Enos
10 Sherem
11 Zeniff
12 Noah
13 Abinadi
15 Alma hides; church
16 Lamanites take over Limhi.
16 Girls Kidnapped; War
17 Limhi's Bondage
18 Rescue by Ammon; escape
20 Lamanites take over Alma
21 - Escape
22 Alma's Son Converted
23 Ammon's Lamanite Mission
26 King Lamoni Converted
29 Aaron's Lamanite Mission
28 Ammon rescues Aaron
29 Aaron Converts King Laman
31 Nehor & Alma
30 Beginning of Ammonites
32 Amlici
34 Alma on Mission
35 Alma & Amulek
36 Zeezrom
37 Jailhouse Earthquake
38 Ammonihah destroyed
39 Korihor & Alma
40 Mission to Zoramites
41 Faith & prayer
42 Poor Zoramites cast Out

Alma 35

When the Zoramite leaders saw that the people of Ammon still fed & helped the poor Zoramites, they visited the Lamanites and talked them into fighting the people of Ammon & the poor Zoramites.
The Lamanites liked to fight Nephites.
They said they would go with the Zoramites to fight.
The people of Ammon heard about this, and they left their homes to let the Nephite army use them.
The Ammonites had promised never to fight, so the Nephite army had to come & fight in their place.

Alma 43

The Lamanites joined the Zoramites in the Zoramites land, called Antionum.
It was next to the land of Jershon where the Nephites army was.
Zarahemnah was the leader for the Lamanite army.
Zarahemnah was mean, and he appointed mean chief captains in his army
The Lamanites wanted to fight and win, so they could have the Nephites as slaves.
The Nephites would fight back only to protect their families & their homes.
Moroni was the leader of the Nephite army.
Moroni was a young man.
Moroni gave everyone in his army strong clothing, & shields, & armor, besides their swords & spears.
The Lamanites only dressed like Indians.
They were mostly uncovered.
When they saw how well protected the Nephites were, with their shields & armor, they were scared to fight.
So the Lamanites went away.
Captain Moroni wondered where they were going. He sent spies.
He also asked Alma to ask Heavenly Father what those Lamanites were about to do.
Alma prayed.

When Alma came back to Captain Moroni, he told him that the Lamanites had gone to attack a different part of the Nephites' land.
Captain Moroni took a part of his army over to that place, called the Land of Manti.
They got there before the Lamanites did.
He sent spies to find which way they were coming.
He had Captain Lehi hide behind a hill called Riplah, with part of the army.
Captain Moroni hid with the other part of the army across a river, called Sidon.
Then they all waited for the Lamanite army to come.
The Lamanite army came over the hill where Captain Lehi & his army were hiding.
Captain Lehi stayed very still.
The Lamanites did not see his army.
The Lamanite army went down the hill & started to cross the river Sidon.
Just then Captain Lehi's army started to fight the Lamanites.
It was easy for Captain Lehi's army to win, because the Lamanites did not have armor like they had.
The Lamanites fought, but got scared & ran into the river Sidon, & crossed it.
Captain Lehi's army stayed by the river so the Lamanites could not cross back.
Then Captain Moroni's army started to fight the Lamanites.
The Lamanites were really scared, but could not run away
The Lamanites fought harder.
Some of Moroni's men got scared.
Captain Moroni reminded them to fight to protect their families.
They prayed for strength as they fought.
The Lamanites went to run back across the river, but they could not, for Captain Lehi's army was there.
They could not escape.
So Captain Moroni had everybody stop fighting so he could end the war without killing any more Lamanites.

Alma 44

Captain Moroni spoke to Zarahemnah: he said,
"See how Heavenly Father has helped us win the fight!"
"If you'll promise not to fight us anymore, we'll
let you go home."
"If you won't promise, we'll have to hunt you some m
Zarahemnah came to Captain Moroni & gave him his sword,
saying, "Here's my sword; now let me go home,
but I won't promise not to fight you again.
Captain Moroni did not intend to let the Lamanites
go home without promising not to fight again,
so he gave Zarahemnah back his sword,
& said, "Let's continue the battle, since
you won't promise!"
Zarahemnah was angry, and lifted his sword to hurt Moroni,
but one of Moroni's soldiers hit Zarahemnah's hand,
so that his sword fell to the ground.
The soldier then scalped Zarahemnah with one swoop
of his sword.
Zarahemnah ran away.
The soldier put the scalp on the tip of his sword &
held it up high, for everyone to see;
He said, "We'll scalp everyone of you Lamanites
unless you promise not to fight us anymor
Seeing this scared the Lamanites so bad, that
many of them came to Moroni & promised
not to fight anymore.
Moroni let those Lamanites go home.
Then Captain Moroni ordered the battle to continue.
Again the Nephites found it easy to win.
Zarahemnah saw that there was no hope for him
and his Lamanites,
so he told Captain Moroni that they
would all promise to never fight again,
like Moroni wanted.
After Zarahemnah & the Lamanites that were left
had promised to not fight the Nephites anymore,
Captain Moroni let them all go home.

Alma 36

Alma was sorry that there had to be fights.
He wanted to Tell his 3 sons how to be missionaries.
to teach people not to fight.

The first son he talked to was Helaman.
He told him of how an angel had appeared to him,
to stop him from fighting the church.
He told him how he was dumb for 3 days after that.
He had worried these 3 days about all the bad things he had done
He was sure Heavenly Father did not like him for those things.
Then he thought about asking Jesus to help Heavenly Father forgive him.
Suddenly he had no more worrying.
Jesus helps people return to Heavenly Father.

Alma 37

Alma also told Helaman that he would give him the
gold plates.
Helaman was to write stories on them, like his fathers,
Alma had done.
(The Nephites used to tell these stories from the gold plates,
& it made them feel good inside.)
He said there were 24 other plates, which had mean stories on,
& they must not be read as often.
He reminded Helaman about the Liahona that Lehi had
so long ago.

Alma 38

Alma 38

Alma talked to his next son, Shiblon.
He told Shiblon that he loved him.
Shiblon had been good.
Alma told Shiblon how he had once seen an angel.
Alma said that he knew Jesus Christ would be born.

Alma 39

Alma talked to his next son, Corianton.
Corianton had not been good.
He had not done what his father, Alma had told him while on their mission to the Zoramites.
Many Zoramites had not stopped being bad when Alma preached.
They said, "Your son Corianton is bad, so we can be bad, too."
So Alma was sad.
Corianton had not realized that his being bad made others be bad, too.
Alma wanted Corianton to be good so the Zoramites would be good, too.

Alma 40

Alma told Corianton what happens to us after we die.
He told him about the spirit world,
where our spirits wait until they can get their bodies back.
Those who have been good are happy while they wait.
Those who have been bad are sad while they wait.
Then, when Jesus Christ comes, those who are good get their bodies.
Those who are bad have to wait longer.

Alma 41

But everyone will have his body back some time.
If anyone ever had a toe chopped off, he will get his toe back, too.
If you were bad, you will tend to be bad when you get your body back.
" " " good, " " " " good " " " body back.

Alma 42

So Alma told his son, Corianton, that
it was important to be good (& kind & helpful) now
so that when we get our bodies back as Jesus Christ comes
They will be bodies that are used to being good
(doing what your father wants) (kind & helpful).
This is because we will want to live with Jesus Christ.
and He can't let anyone who is bad live near Him.
Alma was Corianton's father & he wanted Corianton
to be kind & helpful.

Alma 45

Alma was by now, an old man, & he wanted his
son, Helaman, to take over the gold plates
and write on them things that would happen
after he (Alma) died.
Alma asked Helaman questions, & Helaman answered.
He asked, "Do you believe all I have told you about the gold plates?"
Helaman said, "Yes"
He asked, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ will be born?"
Helaman said, "Yes."
Alma said "Will you do everything that I tell you to do?"
Helaman promised that he would.
Alma was happy, and he blessed Helaman & gave him
the gold plates.
Next, Alma blessed his other sons, and the earth,
and the church.
Then Alma started on a trip toward the land of Melek.
And that was all anyone ever heard of Alma again.
They supposed that Jesus Christ had him brought to
live with Him.

Alma 45 continued

The Nephites began to fight a little with the Lamanites.
The Nephites also began to fight among themselves.

Helaman took his brothers, & they gave talks in the Nephite churches, to tell the people not to fight.
They called some of the men to help them in watching over the church.
They ordained them priests and teachers.
But those who they ordained would not watch over the church like Helaman wanted.
This was because they became proud.

Alma 46

Many of the judges in the land wanted to be chief judge.
They met with a man named Amalickiah.
Amalickiah told them that if he got to be king, he would let them be chief judges.
They liked what Amalickiah said.
Helaman told them that Heavenly Father did not want there to be any kings over the Nephites.
But Amalickiah & the judges would not listen to Helaman.
Even some people who belonged to the church would not believe Helaman.
They stopped going to church.
Amalickiah & the judges did not go to church.
They teased the people who went to church.
Sometimes they hit them.
Captain Moroni was angry with Amalickiah because of this.
He took a piece of cloth and made it into a flag.
On the flag it said:
"Remember our church and our families."
and "Remember our freedom."
Captain Moroni knelt down and prayed to Heavenly Father for help in keeping these families safe from Amalickiah.

Then Captain Moroni went all around the land where the Nephites lived, waving his flag, & saying,

"all who will help fight Amalickiah & his followers, come with me!"
(Amalickiah had a big army of followers.)
The people who saw Captain Moroni & liked his flag, came to him, and made little flags like his for themselves.
The flags meant that they promised to be kind and helpful, so that Heavenly Father would help them defend their church & families & freedom from Amalickiah.
More people came to help Captain Moroni than had gone to Amalickiah.
Amalickiah knew this, and did not want to fight with Captain Moroni's people.
He took his followers and started on a trip to see the Lamanites.
He thought that the Lamanites could help them fight.
Captain Moroni did not want Amalickiah to get help from the Lamanites.
He hurried to catch Amalickiah.
When Amalickiah saw Captain Moroni & his people coming, he and a few of his followers ran away.
Captain Moroni took the rest of the followers back to Zarahemla.
He made them all promise to help him in defending the church & their families.
After this, there was no more trouble in the land of the Nephites for 4 years.

Alma 47

But Amalickiah and his few followers went to the Lamanites, and talked to their king.
The Lamanite king liked to fight Nephites, so he agreed with Amalickiah.
The Lamanite king called all the Lamanites to come & fight, but most would not come.

(Alma 47)

They were afraid to fight Nephites,
because of the shields the Nephites had.
When the Lamanite king heard this, he was angry.
He let Amalickiah go out & make them
want to fight Nephites.
Amalickiah got an army from the king and went out
to see the Lamanite people.
The people ran away to the hill called Antipas.
They climbed to the round top of the hill.
Amalickiah had his army camp near the bottom of the hill.
He didn't really want to hurt the people.
He planned to hurt the Lamanite king, though
and he had a plan.
This is what Amalickiah did: (when it was night)
He sent a message to the people's leader, on the hill,
to come down & talk with him.
The people's leader was called Lehonti.
Lehonti was afraid Amalickiah would hurt him.
He did not go down.
Amalickiah sent 2 more messages up to Lehonti.
2 more times Lehonti refused.
Amalickiah then went halfway up the hill & sent a mess.
Lehonti came halfway down the hill.
He brought his guards, because he was still afraid.
Amalickiah made a deal with Lehonti:
Lehonti could take his people & surround Amalickiah's
army, so they could not get away.
(The army was asleep, because it was night.)
This way, Lehonti's people would win without having to fig
If Amalickiah let Lehonti do this, Amalickiah wanted
Lehonti to let him be the next chief, or leade
Lehonti liked that.

So when daylight came, the king's army found itself
surrounded by Lehonti's people, & they couldn't get awa
Amalickiah yelled to them that he wanted them to
join Lehonti's people, & Amalickiah
would be next-to-the-chief.

(Alma 47)

Everyone in the army liked that.

Amalickiah wanted to be chief in place of Lehonti.
So he fed Lehonti some bad things, & Lehonti died.
Now Amalickiah was chief, but this was bad,
because of what Amalickiah did to Lehonti

Next Amalickiah took his great army to see the king
of the Lamanites.
By now, Amalickiah wanted the king to not be king
anymore.
Amalickiah wanted to be king himself.
He had one of his friends go bow down
before the king.
When his friend got up from bowing
he hurt the king, so that he died.
The king's servants saw this, & ran away, afraid.
Amalickiah lied, by telling everyone that the
king's servants had hurt him & then ran away.
Amalickiah pretended that he loved the king, & he cried.
He did this so everyone would see him,
and think that he had been the king's friend
This, too, was bad.
Amalickiah had his army run after the king's servants,
but they could not catch them.
The army came back to Amalickiah.

Together, they went to the city where the queen
of the Lamanites lived.
They told the queen how the king had died.
The queen was sad.
After some days, the queen began to like Amalickiah,
and they got married.
This meant that Amalickiah was now king
of the Lamanites.
Amalickiah had lied and killed in order to become king.
This was bad.

Alma 48

Once Amalickiah had made himself king of the Lamanites
he talked to them about going to fight Nephites.

Meanwhile, Captain Moroni was helping the Nephites to
put up walls around their cities,
so the Lamanites couldn't get in.
They dug deep holes in front of the walls, so that
they would be harder to climb.
And the Lamanites could not shoot their arrows over the walls.
They made forts — places where the army could live,
and where they could fight well
when the Lamanites would come.

Captain Moroni did not like fighting.
For this reason, he had those walls built around
the Nephite cities.
This way, the Lamanites couldn't get to the Nephites,
and they wouldn't need to fight.
Captain Moroni did not want to have anybody get hurt.
Captain Moroni was kind and helpful, so Heavenly Father helped
him when he really had to fight.
Sometimes He helped Captain Moroni run from the Lamanites.
Sometimes He told Captain Moroni to build walls,
other times, to make shields.
Sometimes, Captain Moroni and the Nephites had to take their
swords and fight and hit the Lamanites,
but that was when they had to do it,
in order to keep their homes & families safe
from the Lamanites.
When they had to keep their homes & families safe,
Heavenly Father helped them wis

Alma 49

One cold day in February, Amalickiah sent his army to fight the Nephites.
He sent the biggest army they had ever seen.
They wanted to walk into the city of Ammonihah and make everyone there to be slaves.
They were not afraid.
They had made themselves metal plates to cover their legs
They had metal plates for their arms, & helmets for their heads, just like the Nephites had.

The leaders were very surprised to find a big wall of dirt all around the city of Ammonihah.
The people in his army were very surprised, too.
So they did not fight the Nephites.
The Lamanites marched away from Ammonihah.
They went around towards the land of Noah.
The chiefs of the Lamanites swore, and promised their men they could destroy the land of Noah.
They did not know that Captain Moroni had also built high walls around the land of Noah.
The walls were surprised the Lamanites when they came within sight of the land of Noah.
Next, the Lamanites were scared even more.
They saw that the leader of the Nephite army in the land of Noah, was Captain Lehi.
They remembered how Captain Lehi had fought them before.
They were afraid.
But because their leaders had promised them, the Lamanites had to fight there.
So here's what happened —

The Lamanites tried fighting by shooting arrows while they stood near the wall.
But the Nephites were inside the city, near the top of the wall, and they could shoot arrows down at the Lamanites.
It's much easier to shoot arrows down, so the Nephites won.
So the Lamanites started to dig a hole under the wall.
But the Nephites shot more arrows, and stopped them.
So the Lamanites didn't know what to do, and went home to tell King Amalickiah what happened.
When King Amalickiah heard it, he was angry at Captain Moroni.
He wished Captain Moroni was there so he could hit him.
But he couldn't.
In fact, even he was afraid of Captain Moroni, because Captain Moroni did so many things right.
Captain Moroni always did what Heavenly Father wanted.
The Nephites were happy.
They went to church on Sundays.
They were kind & helpful when Helaman told them to.
The Lamanites stayed home & did not come to fight.

Alma 50

Captain Moroni had the Nephites build their walls higher even though no Lamanites ever came to fight.
On top of each wall he put a high fence, with stickers on the top, so no Lamanite could climb over.
He also had tiny houses built at the ends of the fences, where Nephite soldiers could stand & shoot arrows through the little windows, while the houses would keep them safe from the Lamanites' arrows.
Next, Captain Moroni took a part of his army, & drove out the Lamanites who lived on the land east of Zarahemla.
(That land did not belong to the Lamanites, anyway).

Then he built a city in that land.
The city was named, Moroni, after Captain Moroni.
The Nephites built another city near the city of Moroni.
They called that city, Nephihah.
The Nephites were happy.
There was work for everybody.
Heavenley Father wanted them to be happy.
He helped them be happy because they did what he said.

The Nephites were never happier.

This was so for 3 more years.

Then, in the spring of the 4th year, the people who lived in the land of Morianton thought that the land of Lehi ought to belong to them, also.
But there were people living in the land of Lehi, already.

The people from Morianton tried to make them move out.
The people living in Lehi ran to Captain Moroni for help.

The people from Morianton were afraid Captain Moroni would come & punish them.
So they planned to run away, to a land in the north.

The leader of the people from Morianton, one day, was angry with a servant.
He hit her.
She ran away, & went to Captain Moroni, to be safe.
She told Captain Moroni where the people from Morianton planned to run away to.

Captain Moroni knew that it was not good for them to run away.
He told Captain Teancum to take part of his army and go catch the people.
Captain Teancum & his army were just barely able to catch them.

Alma 50 (continued)

He asked them to come back.
They said "NO", and started fighting Teancum & his army.
Teancum & his army fought back and won.
They brought the people (from Morianton) back to Captain Moroni.
Captain Moroni made each one of them promise never to fight their neighbors, again.
Each one made that promise.
Captain Moroni let them all go to their homes in Moriantom

Nephihah was the chief judge among the Nephites.
He had been chief judge for a long time. (16 yrs).
He got old, and died.

The Nephites voted for a new chief judge.
The person with the most votes was Nephihah's son, Pahoran.
Pahoran became the new chief judge.

Alma 51

Now some people of the Nephites wanted a king instead of a chief judge.
Pahoran reminded them that Heavenly Father did not want the Nephites to have a king.
Those people who wanted a king told Pahoran to have the Nephites vote on having a king
That summer the Nephites voted, and it turned out that most of the Nephites did not want a ki
Most of the Nephites wanted Pahoran to keep being chief judge.
They were called the free men.

Those who wanted a king were called king men.

The king men were mad because they had lost in the voting.
Now they couldn't have a king.

Now, Amalickiah was still chief of the Lamanites.
He was still mad at Captain Moroni.

Just when the king-men were angry with the free-men,
Amalickiah came with his army to fight the Nephites.

When the Nephites saw Amalickiah coming, most of them
got ready to fight.
These were the free-men.
The king-men would not get ready to fight
because they were angry with the free men,
and wanted to cause them trouble.
Captain Moroni was the leader of the Nephite Army.
He was a free-man.

When the king-men would not get ready to fight,
he was worried.
The Nephites needed everyone's help to fight
Amalickiah, and he needed the king-men to help.

So Captain Moroni went to Pahoran, the chief judge,
and told him how badly they needed the
king-mens' help.
They asked if they could punish the king-men
who would not fight.
Pahoran said, "yes", and Captain Moroni went and
put the leaders of the king-men in jail.

Then Captain Moroni persuaded the king-men to help
fight the Lamanites.

Now by this time, Amalickiah had fought with the
Nephites in the City of Moroni, and had
made them all run away, while
he & his army went into the city.
The city had high walls.
Now the high walls would protect Amalickiah & his army

1

There were prophets in Jerusalem, telling the people of what they were doing wrong. They also said Jerusalem would be invaded by Babylon if the people did not repent.
Lehi prayed about these things.
He saw a pillar of fire come to a rock, & had a vision.
Later Lehi had a dream telling how awful it would be when Babylon invaded.
Lehi thanked the Lord for warning him.
Lehi told his neighbors what would happen.
His neighbors made fun of him.

2

After a time, his neighbors got mad at him & wanted to kill Lehi.
So Lehi went away from the city.
He took all his family, and food, and tents, & sleeping bags.
They walked for 3 days (70 miles)
They camped in a valley near the sea.
Laman & Lemuel were always cross, & lazy.
Nephi prayed often to the Lord & learned what was right, & did it.
His father Lehi knew what was right
Nephi told Sam what was right & Sam did those things also.

3

return to Jerusalem for brass plates
I will go & do the things ...
travel back.
Laman chosen to see Laban
Laban called him a robber, Laman ran back to camp.
All discouraged
Nephi persuades them to try again
They made a plan: buy the plates
They went home & got their riches to take to Laban
Laban chases them & gets their riches; they run & hide in a cave.
Nephi's brothers angry; they beat him with a stick.
Angel appears & rebukes them, tells them to try again
& the Lord will help them.

4

Nephi says "don't be afraid" the Lord is with us.
They go to the city walls, at night.
Nephi climbed into the city, alone.
Nephi found Laban drunk, or asleep, in the street.
Nephi was told to take Laban's sword & kill him,
then dress in Laban's clothes.
Nephi goes to Laban's house, has the servant get him the plates.
Nephi has the servant help him carry the plates out to his brothers.
His brothers think it is Laban, & start to run.
Nephi calls & stops them.
The servant is afraid now & runs, but Nephi tackles him. (Zoram)
Nephi convinces Zoram to come with them

5

Meanwhile, Sarah had worried about her 4 sons & complained to Lehi
Lehi looks over the brass plates.

6

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1 Long ago there lived a boy named Nephi.
His father and mother were good to him;
they taught him things they had learned.
His big brothers sometimes teased him because
he was a good boy. He liked to pray.
He also liked to write about things that happened.
He wrote in a language different from the one he spoke,
in order to take less room, because he wrote on gold plates.
Here is what he wrote:

When I was about 16 years old, we lived at Jerusalem.
That year, prophets came and said that the people there
should stop doing bad things, or the city would get
torn apart & ruined. My father, Lehi, wondered at this,
so he prayed to know if the prophets were right, and
to know how to help the people do better, because they
were his friends. Heavenly Father showed him a
vision of the ruins of the city. After Father Lehi had
walked home, thinking as he went, he cried at his bedside.
Heavenly Father made another vision there, for him. He
showed him Jesus Christ and 12 apostles. Jesus had a
book for Father Lehi to read. It told how terrible the bad
things were that the people were doing. Father Lehi then
said, "Now I see that Heavenly Father is really fair with people.
It's right that the people here should be punished."

So Father Lehi, in his spare time the next few weeks,
gave talks to the people, telling them that the prophets
were right, and the bad things should stop. The people
didn't think they were bad at all. At first, they called
Father Lehi a sissy, but when he wouldn't let them alone,
they said they would kill him.

2 Then one night, in a dream, Jesus Christ told Father Lehi
that He was pleased that he had given talks to the
people. And He told him to take his family
on a trip into the desert. Then Father Lehi would

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be safe from those who wanted to kill him.

That's just what Father Lehi did. It seemed like a camping trip, because they left all their favorite things at home, and only took food, tents, & sleeping bags with them.

Those who went were Father Lehi, Mother Sariah, and Nephi, along with their big brothers Laman, Lemuel, & Sam.

They hiked for 3 days, and came to a fine river in a valley, not too far from the ocean. Father Lehi liked these things. He told Laman & Lemuel that they should try more to be pure like the water, & to stand tall, like the hills around the valley. You see, they had not liked Father Lehi's talks to the people. They didn't see what was bad in the things the people did. And they didn't like to have to go camping and leave their favorite things at home. They were almost grown men, and didn't like being told what to do. Sometimes, they wouldn't do what Father Lehi wanted, unless Heavenly Father sent the Holy Ghost to help him tell them. Then they obeyed.

But Nephi liked to obey. After seeing all these things happen, Nephi prayed to know for himself whether the people were really bad in what they did, and if the things his Father said about visions and dreams were right. Heavenly Father sent Nephi peaceful, warm feelings when he prayed, so Nephi knew that his Father was right. Nephi told Sam about his feelings, in connection with what their Father had told them. Sam believed that Nephi's feelings were right, and that their Father told correct things.

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Nephi also told his feelings to Laman & Lemuel.
They only thought he was a silly little brother.

Nephi felt sad. He prayed for them.
Jesus spoke, & told Nephi = You've got faith;
I like you for that. If you keep on being good,
I'll lead you to a land of promise, a nice land.
And you'll lead your older brothers to it. Their
families, after they get married will make trouble
for your family, but I'll help yours.

3 After this, Father Lehi told Nephi of another dream he'd had.
He said, "The Lord wants you and your 3 brothers
to hike back up to Jerusalem, and go see
Uncle Laban. He has the "Bible" for our family.
It's the brass plates. The Lords wants you boys
to bring them here, so we can take them with us.
I've told your brothers already, but they won't go.
They say it can't be done. But I've seen your
faith, Nephi. I know you can do it."

Nephi said "Yes, I'll go do what the Lord says.
I know he helps those who do jobs for Him.
It's like having Jesus as a partner."

So the 4 brothers hiked back to Jerusalem.
It took 3 days. Then we chose Laman to be
the one to ask for the brass plates. But when
he did, Uncle Laban said, "No. Those brass plates
are expensive. You want to rob me, don't you?"
He chased Laman away.

Laman went to his brothers & told them all this.
They were sad. They said, "We have done our best.
Let's go back to our Father." But Nephi said,
"It's very important to get those brass plates.
Do you realize that we have no books at all with
us in our camping trip?"

Nephi then said, "Maybe we can use the gold & money that we left in our old house to buy the brass plates from Uncle Laban."

So together, they went & got the gold & money, & went & offered it all to Uncle Laban, for the brass plates. But Uncle Laban thought only of keeping the brass plates and getting their gold & money. So, to get his henchmen excited, he called Nephi & his brothers "robbers", and threatened to kill them as robbers, which was what you could do to robbers in those days. (and no one would care.)

Nephi and his brothers were able to run fast and get away from Uncle Laban & his henchmen. They kept running until they were outside the city. They found a cave where they could hide. No one found them.

But Laman grew angry. The brass plates were very dangerous to get, and he felt sure Nephi was silly in thinking they could ever get them. He wanted to punish Nephi for being so foolish & getting them into so much trouble. He found a big stick, & hit Nephi with it. Lemuel helped him. Nephi was hurting.

But just then an angel came and stood between them & Nephi. He told them it was not good to hit their younger brother, especially when the Lord has in mind for him to guide your whole family after father Lehi dies. He said, "Now, pay attention. Try one more time to get the brass plates. The Lord has arranged for it to work, this time." And he left.

But Laman said, "One more chance? Uncle Laban has 50 henchmen. You'd need 50 more chances!"

4 But Nephi said, "Don't you see that the Lord is in control of all this? With just one try, He could kill all 50. Didn't He take care of a couple of thousand wicked soldiers one time when He divided the Red Sea & let it fall in upon them? You know the story. You know it's true. So let's go get the brass plates."
Laman & Lemuel still didn't believe it could be done, but they followed Nephi back to the city wall. Nephi showed them a place to hide & wait. Then he went & got into the city quietly. It was about bedtime, & dark, & hardly anyone was up & about. He walked toward the street where Uncle Laban lived. He didn't know just what he'd do there, but he figured the Holy Ghost would give him the right ideas.

Halfway down the block to Uncle Laban's house, he found a man laying at the side of the street, seeming to be drunk. When he got to the man, he realized that it was Uncle Laban, who was dressed in his uniform, with his sword on. He unsheathed the sword and admired it. Right then, the Holy Ghost whispered to Nephi "Kill him." Nephi understood, but he thought, "Never in all my life have I killed any human being. I'd have to be a mean man, or become wicked, to do that. Don't you want someone wicked to come by & do it for me?"
But the Holy Ghost only whispered, "You're the one standing here. I've done half the job in making him so he'll hold still."
Nephi remembered that if Uncle Laban could, he'd kill him, and he had taken the family's silver & jewels. But the Holy Ghost wanted Nephi to hurry. He said, "Get on with it; This is your chance. If you don't, how will you educate your children & grandchildren. The brass plates are the only book you'll have to take with you to the promised land."
After thinking about this once more, Nephi held Uncle Laban's head up off the ground by holding his hair. Then with his other hand, he cut off Uncle Laban's head. After that, he changed clothes with Uncle Laban. Now he looked like Uncle Laban had.

Next, he went to Uncle Laban's house. As he neared the place where Laban kept his valuable things, he saw the servant who kept the keys to the place. He talked like Uncle Laban, & had the servant help get the brass plates. The servant talked with Nephi about the meeting he had gone to where the important men of Jerusalem talked. Nephi responded as if he knew of the meeting & the men. He then asked the servant to come with him as he carried the brass plates out of the city, to where his older brothers would be. (The Holy Ghost was still helping Nephi know what to say.) The servant followed, for servants do what they're told. He was nervous about it, though, for the meeting wasn't supposed to be outside the city. He talked nervously about the meeting, & about important men.

Laman & Lemuel & Sam were watching for danger, from their hiding place. They saw 2 men coming — Uncle Laban & a servant!! Nephi was no more, & he had told him of their hiding place! So they didn't hide any more; they ran. But then they heard Nephi's voice saying, "Stop! Hear me!"

Now the servant wasn't only nervous, but scared. He ran back toward the city gate. Nephi was big for his age, & the Holy Ghost told him what to do. He put the plates down, & tackled that servant, & held on to him. Next he explained just who they were and what they were doing, & that it was very important that no one in Jerusalem know they were here. He promised the servant that they'd not hurt him if he would promise in return to stay with them & go and live with their family from then on. And he wouldn't be the family's servant, like he had been for Uncle Laban. He would be like a brother. So he promised, & they promised. The servant's name was Zoram. People always kept promises. They never after worried about Zoram running away.

Together they returned, with the brass plates, to Father Lehi's camp.

7

The Lord told Lehi to get girl friends for Laman, Lemuel, Nephi, & Sam.
Nephi & his brothers went back to Jerusalem and talked to Ishmael, who had a family of girls.
Ishmael and his family agreed to go away with Nephi.
Halfway back to the tents, Laman & Lemuel and their two girl friends start to go back to Jerusalem.
Nephi tells them not to go back.
They tie up Nephi, and want to kill him.
Nephi prays to the Lord for help, and suddenly the ropes fall away from his hands & feet.
They were still angry with Nephi, but his girl friend pleaded with Laman & Lemuel to not be angry.
They were no longer angry, and said they were sorry, bowing down to Nephi.
Nephi forgave them.
They all went to their father's campground.

8

They gathered seeds & camped a long time.
Lehi told everyone of a dream that he had seen, where he was worried about Laman & Lemuel.
Lehi's dream:
He was in a dark forest
He walked & walked, but couldn't get out.
He prayed to the Lord to help him find a way out.
He soon came to a large and open field.
There was a tree in the field, with beautiful white fruit on it.
He tasted the fruit; it was very good.
He looked about for his family.
He saw a river flowing by the tree.
In the distance, where the river came from, he saw Nephi and Sam, & their mother, Sariah.
He called to them, and they came and tasted the fruit, too.
He looked away and saw Laman and Lemuel lost.
He called to them, but they refused to come to where the others were.

He saw an iron rod leading along the river
to the tree where he was.
The iron rod had a narrow path by it, to
walk on while holding onto the iron rod.
He saw many people wanting to come to his tree.
They walked on the narrow path.
A fog came, and many got lost, and
wandered off the path.
Others reached out & held onto the iron rod,
and were not lost in the fog,
and came and tasted the nice fruit.
But those others were ashamed when some people
in a big building across the river
made fun of them for Tasting the fruit.
Those others felt ashamed and wandered away
from the tree into the fog.
Many of them went to the big building.
But Lehi worried for Laman and Lemuel because they
had refused to (even) come to the tree.

16 Nephi married his girl friend.
His brothers also married their girl friends.

Lehi had a dream, where the Lord told him to travel on.
He got up in the morning and found a Liahona at his door.
It was a round, brass ball, with a pointer,
which pointed the way to go.
They took their tents, sleeping bags, & toys with them.
They also took seeds to grow food.
They walked for four days
They camped at a place called Shazer.
Nephi and his brothers hunted deer.
They travelled on again for many days.
Now they hunted deer as they travelled, not stopping to camp
Finally they stopped to camp.
Nephi went hunting with his fine steel bow.
His bow broke.
The deer ran too fast to be shot by his brothers,
with their wooden bows.
They could not shoot any deer for food.
Everyone was hungry for travelling so far.
They wondered why God had led them here, and
they thought they would soon starve and die.
Nephi didn't wonder;
He made a new bow of wood
He asked his father to pray to the Lord
so he could tell Nephi where to find deer.
The Lord scolded Lehi for thinking they would starve.
The Lord made the Liahona point the way for Nephi
to hunt deer.
It pointed to the top of a mountain.
Nephi took his new bow and went to the mountain
and killed plenty of deer for food.
Everyone was happy when Nephi returned to camp
with all the food.

They Travelled on again for many days, with the Liahona pointing the way.
Ishmael, the father of Nephi's wife (& his brothers' wives) died, and was buried in Nahom.
The wives were unhappy because their father died.
Laman & Lemuel join them, and they all wonder why they had come way out here with Nephi & his father Lehi.
They made fun of Nephi, and wanted to go back home.
The Lord scolded them by his voice, and they were sorry, & apologized to Nephi.

17

Father Lehi and his large group spent years camping out.
Babies were born to Nephi's & Laman's wives, etc.
Everybody, at one time, ate raw meat.
Raw meat is bitter, but our Heavenly Father blessed it and it tasted sweet. (They had no fires, even at night; the Lord lit them.)
They came to the sea shore, or beach.
The Lord told Nephi to go up on a mountain.
There, He told Nephi to build a ship.
He told Nephi just how to do it.
Nephi did not have a hammer, or saw, or nails.
The Lord told Nephi where to find dirt & rocks that would make iron when heated.
Nephi got the rocks & made iron.
Then he made his hammer, saw, & nails.
Laman & Lemuel thought Nephi was silly to try building a ship.
"He thinks he can cross the sea. Ha Ha."
Laman & Lemuel argued with Nephi, and began to throw Nephi into the sea.
Nephi put out his arm, and said
"Touch me not, for I am filled with the power of God, and if anyone touches me, he will be like brown, dry grass."
Laman & Lemuel were afraid for many days.
After that, Nephi was told by the Lord to put out his arm again, and the Lord shocked Laman & Lemuel.
Laman & Lemuel were friends with Nephi.

18

Nephi and his brothers built a boat.
The Lord told Nephi how to build it.
It looked different from any boat they had seen,
yet it was better. (It had sails).
The Lord told Nephi to have everyone get into the boat.
They took fruit, meat, and honey to eat.
They took their tents, sleeping bags, and seeds.
They began to sail to the Promised Land.

After a few weeks of sailing on the ocean,
Laman and Lemuel and others began to be rude.
Nephi told them not to be rude.
They did not stop, but instead tied Nephi up.
Now the Liahona stopped pointing the way.
They got lost.
A storm came up, and blew them away from
the Promised Land for four days.
Nephi's father and mother pleaded with Laman and Lemuel
to un-tie Nephi. They were worried.
Nephi's wife and children pleaded with Laman and Lemuel also.
Laman and Lemuel would not un-tie Nephi.
The storm rocked the boat so bad that
Laman and Lemuel were afraid.
They realized that they had disobeyed God.
They un-tied Nephi.
Nephi's wrists and ankles were swollen and sore,
but he did not complain to the Lord.
Nephi prayed for the storm to go away.
The storm stopped.
Nephi used the Liahona, and guided the boat
toward the Promised Land again.
They sailed on the ocean for a long time.
They arrived at the Promised Land.
They put up their tents.
They planted their seeds, and they grew.
They found horses there to ride; and cows to milk.

2 Nephi

5 Nephi's brothers, Laman & Lemuel, were always angry with him.
Our baby brother wants to be our king!
The Lord told Nephi to leave Laman & Lemuel.
Zoram, Sam, Jacob, & Joseph & their families went also.
They went away into the forest, walking for many days.
They found a field on the other side of the forest.
They planted their seeds.
They tended their flocks of sheep & cows.
They made chairs & tables out of wood from the forest.
They built houses of brick & wood.
They put away their tents.
They made schools & churches, and
Nephi's brothers Jacob & Joseph were the teachers.

Laman & Lemuel liked Nephi being away.
Without Nephi's help, Laman & Lemuel became lazy.
Their families also became lazy.
They liked to fight and quarrel.
The Lord made their skins be dark red.
These were the first Indians.
They were called Lamanites.
They often fought against Nephi and his people,
who were called Nephites.
Nephi helped his people make swords to protect themselves.

Enos

Enos went into the forest to hunt deer.
He began to think very hard about
things such as a Sunday School lesson,
and eternal life.
He became worried that he had done some
wrong things, and that his Father in
Heaven did not like him.
He prayed to his Father in Heaven to forgive him.
He still felt worried, so
he prayed again.
He prayed again and again.
He prayed all day, and didn't hunt deer at all.
The sun went down; it got dark.
Enos still prayed.
Then he heard a voice, saying, "I forgive you."
The voice also told him about Jesus Christ
being born after many years, and about
what would happen to the Nephites and to
the Lamanites.
He went back to the city of Nephites he had
come from, and told everyone about
the answer to his prayer.

Jacob 7 A long time ago, long before Jesus Christ was born,
There was a man named Sherem.
He lived with the Nephites.
He told everyone good things about themselves.
They liked him.
He told everyone that Jesus Christ would not
come to the earth and be born.
It was wrong to tell people that, because it
was a lie.
But many people believed what he said.

There was a man of the church named Jacob.
He argued with Sherem, to tell him that
Jesus Christ would come.
Sherem said that no one could know about
something that had not yet happened.
Jacob told him that prophets could tell,
ahead of time, that certain things
would surely happen.
Prophets in the Bible had told that
Jesus Christ would come.

Sherem would not believe Jacob.
He told Jacob he would believe, only if
Jacob were to wave his arms & call
on the Lord, and have fire come down from heaven.
Jacob did not do so, for it is wrong to ask for
a sign, like that.
Jacob prayed to his Heavenly Father, that He
would help him convince Sherem.
Right then, Sherem became sick, and paralyzed,
and fell over onto the ground.
Everyone helped care for Sherem, but he did not get better.
Just before Sherem died, he told everyone
that the devil had told him to lie
about Jesus Christ's coming.
He was afraid Heavenly Father was angry at him for lying.
He said he was sorry.
He died.

Mosiah 9 Zeniff was a Nephite.
Zeniff went to spy on the Lamanites, so he could find where the Lamanites were weak.
Instead he saw their good attributes.
He went back to the Nephite army & said, "Let's not fight those nice people!"
The Nephite leader said that they should fight Lamanites.
The leader wanted to hit Zeniff.
Zeniff and his friends had to fight the leader & the army.
They escaped, and returned to their homes in the city, Zarahemla.
Zeniff and his friends took their families on a trip.
They hiked & camped out.
They came near a Lamanite city.
Zeniff went in to see the king of the Lamanites.
He asked if the people he brought could live in the land.
The king gave them some large ranches to live on.
The king made the people living on those ranches leave, so that Zeniff's people could live on them.
So Zeniff & his people lived on those ranches.
They built 2 cities on those ranches.
They planted seeds, & had plenty of food to eat.

The king of the Lamanites let them live there, so that he could make slaves of them, later.
He did this little by little.

First, he let the Lamanites tease Zeniff's people.
Next, he told them to take some of their belongings.
Then, the Lamanites made war, and the people of Zeniff had to fight back. Zeniff made some swords & shields.
Zeniff & his people prayed, asking our Heavenly Father to help them as they fought.
Heavenly Father helped them, and they won.

Mosiah 10 From that time, they made plenty of swords & shields, and had someone be a guard, to warn them if the Lamanites should come again.
A new Lamanite king made war on the people of Zeniff.
Zeniff's people were ready for them.
They prayed for help from Heavenly Father, also.
Even grandfathers and little boys had to help fight.
Zeniff's people won, & chased the Lamanites home, because Heavenly Father helped them.

11 Zeniff's people soon had a new leader, king Noah.
(Zeniff got old & died; He had made his son, Noah, the king.)

Noah didn't like to pray.
Noah liked to have more than his share of toys.
He didn't love his wife, and looked for other ladies.
Noah had the people pay him more & more, just because he was king.
Everyone had to pay the king one apple if they had five.
King Noah made his own church & had everyone go to it on Sundays
It was not Heavenly Father's church.
King Noah built many tall buildings with the money the people had to pay him.
He liked the money.
King Noah helped the people all be lazy & naughty.

Now, the Lamanites began to steal from king Noah's people.
Since the people were lazy, they found it hard to fight the Lamanites.
But one time, they won a fight, and they boasted about winning, & were proud.

Heavenly Father saw that this was wrong, & He sent a prophet, called Abinadi, to them.

Abinadi told them that Heavenly Father was watching them, and was angry because of their pride. Their not praying to Him & their fathers not loving their mothers.
Abinadi told them that if they did not do better, Heavenly Father would let the Lamanites be their kings, and they would be slaves.
The people didn't like what Abinadi said, and they wanted to fight Abinadi.
Heavenly Father protected Abinadi, & he walked home.
The people told King Noah what Abinadi had said, and King Noah was angry, and told the police to arrest Abinadi & bring him to King Noah.
Abinadi hid from them, and they never found him.

12 After a long time (2 years), Heavenly Father had Abinadi go out & tell the people that soon they would be slaves to the Lamanites.
The Lamanites would hit them, & make them do their work.
The people would be hungry, & get sick.
King Noah would be killed.
The people did not believe Abinadi.
They held on to him, & took him to King Noah.
King Noah put Abinadi in jail, until he could decide on a good reason to kill Abinadi.
King Noah called a meeting with his priests to decide what to do.
They decided to ask Abinadi questions.
Abinadi said "It's silly to ask questions that you think you already know the answers to."
Abinadi told the king & his priests that they had taught the people many wrong things, and that Heavenly Father was angry.

13 King Noah wanted to kill Abinadi right then.
Heavenly Father protected Abinadi, and Abinadi kept telling them what they'd done wrong
Abinadi told King Noah the 10 Commandments.

Love your Heavenly Father.
Don't worship idols; Don't swear;
Go to church on Sundays.
Fathers should always love mothers;
Children should respect their fathers & their mothers.
Don't want anything for yourself that belongs to someone else,
Don't steal; Don't lie; Don't kill.
Abinadi also told King Noah that he & his priests had not followed these commandments.
Abinadi told King Noah that Jesus Christ would be born. It would be after a long while, but He would be born.

17 King Noah was very angry with Abinadi.
He said "Lets kill him!"
Alma, one of the priests, said, "NO."
King Noah tried to kill Alma for that, but Alma ran away into the forest.
Alma hid in the forest for many days, and wrote down all that Abinadi had said.

King Noah kept Abinadi in jail 3 more days.
King Noah then told Abinadi that he would kill him for saying that Jesus Christ would come.
King Noah would let Abinadi go if he would deny it.
Abinadi did not deny it, and said King Noah was wrong in killing him.
King Noah was scared, but all the priests said, "Go ahead".
The priests were wicked.
They burned Abinadi.
As Abinadi died, he said that King Noah & his priests would later die by fire.

Mosiah 18 Alma was hiding away in the forest to escape King Noah.
He had liked what the prophet Abinadi had said.
He repented of his sins, & was no longer proud.
After a while, Alma went back to the city, and
quietly taught a few people what Abinadi had said:
That they should not be proud,
That fathers should love mothers,
That they should help each other.
He did this secretly, so King Noah wouldn't find out.
One day Alma & his friends met together in the forest.
They decided to make a promise to Jesus Christ,
that they would always help each other,
and remember to do what Abinadi had said.
They made the promise by being baptized by
Alma, who held the priesthood, and
had permission from Jesus Christ to baptize.
Alma baptized them in a lake of water, called
The Waters of Mormon.
204 people were baptized.
Alma organized them to be a church.
He ordained priests to teach the people.
They had meetings on Sunday, there in the forest.
More people came to be baptized.
By then there were 450 people in the church.
King Noah noticed that many people were starting to leave
his city on Sundays, to visit the forest.
He sent spies; the spies followed the people &
watched them have their Sunday meetings.
The spies told King Noah about the church,
and said they saw Alma there.
King Noah sent the army to do away with
Alma & his people.
Heavenly Father helped Alma find out that the army
was coming.
Alma & his people took their tents & sleeping
bags & ran away.

Mosiah 19 King Noah's army couldn't find Alma's people.
Some of the army wanted to fight King Noah, now.
Gideon chased King Noah in a castle.
King Noah climbed up a castle tower to get away.
Gideon started to climb up after him, so he
couldn't get away.
King Noah could not escape. He was afraid.
Just then, from the top of the tower, he saw that
the Lamanites were coming, and were about
to take over the land.
King Noah yelled to Gideon that the Lamanites were
coming, & to fight the Lamanites, & leave
him alone.
Gideon chose to go fight the Lamanites.
King Noah was afraid, & ran away.
He didn't help fight the Lamanites.

The people saw that they could not win the fight, so
they gave up, sending the big sisters to the
Lamanites to pay tribute.
The Lamanites stopped fighting, but demanded
one half of all money & food the people had.
The people chose Noah's son, Limhi, to be their king.
The Lamanites made everyone work hard.
They put guards so that no one could run away.

20 King Noah died.
His priests came & kidnapped some Lamanite girls.
The Lamanites did not know about King Noahs priests.
They thought Limhi's people had done it.
They went with their army to fight Limhi's people.
King Limhi saw the Lamanites coming, as he was on a tower.
He made the people get ready to fight.
He had them hide, so as to surprize the Lamanites.
The fight began, & Limhi's people surprized the Lamanites
& fought them.
The Lamanites ran away.

The Lamanite king had been hurt and could not get away, so the people caught him, and took him to King Limhi.
King Limhi asked the Lamanite king why he had brought his army to fight, when Limhi's people had done nothing wrong.
The Lamanite king said "Yes, you have; you kidnapped some Lamanite girls."
King Limhi soon found out from the people that they had not done it, but that probably the wicked priests of Noah had.
King Limhi told this to the Lamanite king, who then said, "I believe you. It was not your fault. We will not fight you anymore."
They carried the Lamanite king back to his army, and made peace with the army.
Everyone went back home.

21 The Lamanites liked to tease & hit Limhi's people.
King Limhi's people couldn't hit back because they were the Lamanite's slaves.
They talked to King Limhi, & he let them make an army to fight the Lamanites.
The Lamanites brought their own army & fought them.
The Lamanites fought better than Limhi's people.
They killed many of Limhi's people.
Limhi's people had to run away.
Limhi's people tried fighting again.
Again, many were killed, & the rest had to run.
Limhi's people tried fighting a third time.
They lost again.
They didn't try to fight any more.
The Lamanites teased them & hit them still, but Limhi's people didn't fight them because they knew they would lose.
All this happened because of their being naughty at the time that the prophet Abinadi had spoken to them.

They knew better now.
They began to remember to say their prayers.
They prayed that Heavenly Father would help the Lamanites to hit them more softly.
Heavenly Father was slow to answer their prayers because of how naughty they had been.
After a while, Heavenly Father helped them by making their work easier and helping the plants grow better, so that they had more food, and weren't so hungry.

Mosiah 7

Now, the Nephites were wondering what had happened to Zeniff, & the people he had taken with him to live with the Lamanites.
It had been over 20 years since they had left the Nephites, and they had not written the Nephites any letters.
The Nephites did not know that Zeniff had died, or about his son, the wicked King Noah, or about King Limhi now, and he & his people being slaves to the Lamanites.
The Nephite king, Mosiah, told a man called Ammon to take some friends and go find out about Zeniff's people.
They didn't know which way to go to find them.
After 40 days, they came near the land of Shilom, where King Limhi & his people lived.
Ammon took 3 of his best friends, and went near the city there.
King Limhi was just outside of the city, and saw them.
He told his guards to surround them, & put them in jail, because he didn't know them, and thought they were Lamanites, who would have hurt him.
He kept them in jail for 2 days.
Then he had them brought to him.
King Limhi asked, "What were you doing so near my city? Were you coming near in order to hurt me, or my people?"
Ammon answered, "If you knew who we were, you would not have put us in jail, but you would have hugged us and kissed us. We are Nephites, friends of your grandfather, Zeniff. We came to see how you are doing."

King Limhi was very happy. He said, "We had lost hope of ever hearing from the Nephites, our friends. We are happy you have come." They had a party.
He told Ammon how they had to give the Lamanites one-half of all they had, and that many times he & his people had gone hungry.
King Limhi hoped that Ammon could free them from the Lamanites. He had Ammon's other friends, still a ways out from the city, brought in for dinner with Ammon & his 3 best friends.
He called a meeting of the people on the very next day, and told them that Ammon & his friends could lead them back to the Nephites, where they would be safe from the Lamanites, & not have to pay them one-half of all they had, any more.
He also told Ammon that a group of explorers which they had sent out to find their friends, the Nephites, had discovered a land covered with bones. Among the bones, they found a record, made of 24 gold plates with strange writing on them.
Ammon said that King Mosiah, where he had come from, had a gift of God to translate the 24 gold plates.
He also said that he & his friends would find a way for Limhi & his people to escape from the Lamanites.
Limhi and his people were not wicked now. They wanted to do good.
Because of this, Heavenly Father would listen when they prayed. They thought and they prayed to find a way to escape from the Lamanites.

22 They held meetings to find a way to escape from the Lamanites. They could not fight them, because there were too many Lamanites.
Gideon, one of the king's friends, told of a new plan. All liked it. Here is how it worked:
There was a gate on the back side of the city, which was hardly ever used.
The Lamanite guards were fed beer (wine) each day.
Gideon gave them extra beer one evening.
The guards drank it all, got drunk, & went to sleep.

Guards are not supposed to sleep.
Now Limhi & Gideon led their people out through that gate at the back of the city, during that night, when it was dark.
The guards did not stop them, because they were asleep.
Limhi's people went a long ways from the city in the dark.
Then they turned and hiked toward the land of the Nephites.
They had all their cows & sheep with them.
They took their money, and their food, also.
The next morning, the Lamanites woke up and discovered that the city was empty. What a surprise!
The guards were ashamed that they had drunk the beer, and fallen asleep.
The Lamanites searched for Limhi's people, but could not find them.
Limhi & his people had hiked to the land of the Nephites.
King Mosiah was happy to see Ammon & his friends leading Limhi's people to them.
The Lamanites got lost in the forest.
They found where King Noah's priests were hiding, along with their wives, who were really the Lamanite girls who had been kidnapped.
King Noah's priests joined with the Lamanites.
Together they happened to find the city of Helam, which Alma & his people had built, after running away from the Lamanite army about a year before.
They were about to fight Alma & his people.
Alma's people were scared.
Alma told them: "Pray that the Lamanites will be kind; then you need not be scared."

They prayed.
The Lamanites came, and Alma surrendered.
They wanted Alma to tell them the way to the Nephites.
They said if Alma told them, they would leave his people alone.

Alma told them.
The Lamanites did not keep their promise to leave Alma's people alone, but kept them prisoners.

24 Now, the wicked priests of king Noah had joined the Lamanites.
The Lamanites let the chief wicked priest rule over Alma's people.
Amulon, the chief wicked priest, hated Alma because Alma had believed Abinadi, the prophet.
Amulon made Alma & his people do hard work. He punished them until they did it.
Alma & his people prayed out loud to Heavenly Father to help them.
Amulon heard them praying.
Amulon forced them to stop praying.
Alma & his people did not stop praying; only now, they prayed, but not out loud.
They prayed in their thoughts, & in their hearts.
Then, one day, they all heard the Lord answer them in their hearts.
He said, "I will make your hard work seem easy to you."
They soon found all their work easy.
They were happy, even though they were still prisoners.
Then, one day, they all heard the Lord tell them in their hearts,
"Tomorrow, I will set you free."
That night, Alma & his people gathered their flocks & their food. It took all night.
The next morning, the Lamanites did not get out of bed to watch Alma & his people.
The Lord made the Lamanites sleep all that day.
Alma & his people walked away from the Lamanites, and from the city, Helam.
They walked all that day, and did not get tired.
They camped in the valley of Alma, & prayed thanks to God for helping them escape.
The Lord spoke to Alma, & said,
"The Lamanites are awake now, & are coming; you must go!"
Alma & his people travelled on.
The Lord stopped the Lamanites when they got to the valley of Alma.
Alma & his people reached the Nephites after walking for 12 days.

Mosiah 27

There was a king called Mosiah, who ruled the Nephites.
He was a good king.
He had 4 sons.
He worried about them, because they didn't like church.
They wanted to wreck the church.
Alma was the high priest of the church.
He had sons. Some made him happy.
He worried about his other son, called Alma.
His son, Alma, wanted to wreck the church.
This son, Alma, and the 4 sons of Mosiah liked each other.
They all tried to wreck the church.

Alma, the father, and the people who liked to go to church
prayed to Heavenly Father to help the son, Alma,
& his friends stop trying to wreck the church.

One day, as Alma & the 4 sons of Mosiah were walking along,
An angel came down in a bright cloud.
The angel spoke like thunder.
The ground shook.
The angel told Alma to stop wrecking the church,
because his father had prayed to have him stop.
The 4 sons of Mosiah watched.
After telling Alma this, the angel went away.

Alma was so astonished that he could not speak
or move his hands.
His friends had to carry him.
They carried him to his father, Alma, the high priest.
His father was happy when he saw his son helpless,
because he knew that the Lord had answered his prayers
about his son's doing wrong.
He knew that his son was being convinced that
what he had been doing was wrong.
He called the people together so they could see
that the Lord had answered his prayers.

The people went home, and prayed and fasted, like Alma the high priest prayed and fasted, so that his son would soon be able to talk & walk.
They prayed and fasted for 2 days.
Then Alma, the son of Alma, the high priest, got up & could talk.
Alma, the son, told how he had had visions & learned what was right to do during the time he could not walk or talk.
From that time forth, Alma, the son, was a friend to the church.
The 4 sons of Mosiah helped the church also.
They un-did all the wrongs they had caused.

Alma 17 The 4 sons of Mosiah were:
Ammon, Aaron, Omner, & Himni.
They wanted so much to help the church (after their conversion) that they wanted to go on a mission to the Lamanites, who were mean.
They asked their father, King Mosiah, "Could they please go?"
He said it was nice to go on a mission to the Lamanites, but it was dangerous, because they were mean.
King Mosiah prayed, asking the Lord if his sons should go.
The Lord said, "Yes" & "I will protect them."
& "They will bring many Lamanites into the church."
Mosiah's 4 sons started off to Lamanite country.
They took their bows & arrows, their swords, & slings — not to fight with, but to kill animals for food, on the way.
They prayed to know the best way to help the Lamanites to know the church.
The Lord answered their prayers, & said "Be Good Examples to them."
Then they each went to a different part of the Lamanite country.

Ammon went to the Land of Ishmael.
The Lamanites caught him, tied him up, & took him to their king, Lamoni.
King Lamoni asked Ammon if he wanted to live among the Lamanite people.

Ammon answered, "yes".
King Lamoni liked Ammon for this.
He was about to give Aramon some gifts,
but Ammon said, "No, but I will be your servant."
So Ammon helped the other servants tend the king's sheep.

It was a happy job, for Ammon.
He helped tend the sheep for 3 days.
Then they took their sheep to get a drink at a pond called Sebus.
Other shepherds & other sheep came there for water also.
These other shepherds wanted to tease the king's shepherds.
Lamanites always wanted to make trouble for people,
even other Lamanites.
The bad shepherds stood & scared away the king's sheep, so
that they ran off & were about to get lost.
The shepherds with Ammon began to be afraid, saying,
"Our flock has run off, & the king will kill us
for losing his sheep."
They sat down & cried.
But Ammon told them,
"Stop crying. Let's go round up the sheep.
Then the king won't kill us."
They got up & followed Ammon
They ran fast & caught up with the sheep.
They brought all the sheep back to the pond.
The bad shepherds started to scare the sheep again,
so that they would run off & be lost.
But Ammon told his shepherds to stand in a circle around
the flock of sheep, so they couldn't run away.
After they made the circle, the bad shepherds
still tried to scare the sheep.
So Ammon left his shepherds to guard the sheep,
while he went alone to fight the bad shepherds.
There were about 20 of the bad shepherds.
They called Ammon names, and said they could kill him
with one blow.
They did not know about our Heavenly Father, nor
that Heavenly Father had promised Ammon's father,
Mosiah, that Ammon would never be hurt.

But Ammon knew Heavenly Father, and he knew that Heavenly Father would protect him.
When Ammon was still a ways from the bad shepherds, he used his sling to sling stones at them. They did, too. His stones hit the bad shepherds, & six fell dead. None of their stones hit Ammon.
So the bad shepherds came at Ammon with clubs & sticks, to hit him. But as each lifted his club to hit Ammon, Ammon cut off their arms with his sword.
The bad shepherds were very scared, & began to run away. Ammon chased after them, until they were far away. Ammon & his shepherds had their sheep drink, & then took them back to the king's pasture.
Then Ammon's shepherds carried the arms that Ammon had cut off of the bad shepherds, to the king, to show what Ammon had done.

Alma 18
King Lamoni was the Lamanite king.
When King Lamoni saw the arms & heard the story of his shepherds about Ammon, he said, "Ammon must be the Great Spirit," which was their name for God.
King Lamoni thought that the Great Spirit had come to chastize him for killing other of his shepherds after the bad shepherds had made their sheep run away.
He was afraid of what Ammon might do to him.
He asked his shepherds where Ammon was, because Ammon did not come with them to tell what he had done.
They said, "He is getting your horses ready for the trip you wanted to take to see your father."
King Lamoni knew then that Ammon had done what he had told him to do, & even though Ammon would have liked to have come in to the king & tell how he cut off the bad shepherds' arms, but he hadn't.
King Lamoni saw that Ammon was good, & that Ammon did what he was told.

When Ammon had the horses ready, he went in to the king.
But King Lamoni thought that Ammon was the Great Spirit,
& did not know what to say to Ammon.
Ammon wondered why the king said nothing.
Then Heavenly Father helped Ammon know that King Lamoni
thought that he was the Great Spirit.
Ammon explained to the king that he was not a Great Spirit.
Ammon said he was only a man.
King Lamoni then wanted to know how Ammon was so strong.
Ammon told the king how Heavenly Father had helped him
to defend the king's sheep.
King Lamoni believed all that Ammon told him.
Ammon also told the king & his servants about how to
help each other & be good.
King Lamoni knew that he & his people had not been helping each other,
& had been bad.
He began to pray for Heavenly Father to help him & his people
become good.
Suddenly King Lamoni fell down, as if he were dead.
His servants carried him to his bed.
His wife & his sons & his daughters were sorry he was dead.

Alma 19

After 2 days & 2 nights, King Lamoni's wife asked Ammon
if King Lamoni was really dead.
Ammon told her "no", & that she should not have him buried.
Ammon told her that King Lamoni would get up the next morning.
King Lamoni's wife waited by his bed until the next morning.
That next morning, King Lamoni got up, & told his wife
that he had seen Jesus Christ in a vision, & how he
would be born.
He & his wife were so happy, they both seemingly fainted with joy.
Ammon watched them; he knelt down very low in prayer
to thank the Lord.
The king's servants thought Ammon had fainted also, so they
also knelt in prayer for Ammon.
One servant went to show other people how prayerful it all was
in the king's house.

Many people went to the king's house to see what had happened.
They saw everyone there on the floor.
But when they also saw Ammon there, they said,
"He is a Nephite, not a Lamanite like we are."
They thought Ammon had caused the trouble.
One of the bad shepherds was there.
Seeing Ammon, who had fought them, the bad shepherd
stepped over to Ammon & raised his sword
to cut off Ammon's head.
Just as he did that, the bad shepherd fell dead.
This was because the Lord had promised Ammon's father,
King Mosiah, that Ammon would be protected.
All the people who were watching didn't know what to think,
because they did not know God, nor that God makes promises
to protect his friends.
All the people watching began to argue about what made the
king lie down.
The one servant who had called the people to come & watch
was sad because they argued. She cried.
She then went over to the queen, and touched her hand,
as if to help her get up.
The queen got up.
The queen told how much she loved Jesus.
The queen walked over & touched the king's hand
as if to help him get up.
The king, Lamoni got up.
He talked to the people around him, watching, & many believed him.
The king said his heart had been changed, and he did
not want to do bad things any more.
King Lamoni, his queen, the servants, & most of the people
learned about Jesus Christ, wanted to do good, &
were baptized by Ammon.
They made a church, and had meetings.

Alma 20

The Holy Ghost whispered to Ammon,
"Your brother, Aaron, & 2 friends, are in jail in Middoni."
They had been put in jail for being missionaries.
The people in Middoni did not like missionaries.
Ammon told King Lamoni he was going to Middoni
to get his brother & friends out of jail.
King Lamoni said, "Let me go, too; maybe I can help."

On the way, they met King Lamoni's father.
His father asked Lamoni why he had a Nephite friend. (Ammon.)
He got angry at Lamoni for having a Nephite friend.
He told Lamoni to kill his friend, Ammon.
Lamoni said, "NO, I won't."
Lamoni's father took a sword to kill his son, Lamoni, with.
Ammon stood between Lamoni & his father, so
that he could not hurt Lamoni.
Lamoni's father decided to kill Ammon, instead.
Ammon drew his own sword & hurt Lamoni's father
so that he could not hit anyone.
Lamoni's father said he would do anything Ammon wanted
if Ammon would not hurt him any more.
Ammon did not want to hurt Lamoni's father, anyway,
so he asked him to let his brother, Aaron & his 2 friends
out of jail.
Lamoni's father said, "YES, of course."
Lamoni's father further said he wanted to have
Ammon come to his house & tell him
more about Jesus Christ, and about
how we should be good to each other.

Ammon & King Lamoni continued on to Middoni
King Lamoni talked Middoni's king into letting
Ammon's brother & his friends out of jail.
After Aaron, Ammon's brother, & his friends were out of jail,
they told Ammon all that had happened to them.

Alma 21 Aaron's story:

Aaron had gone to the Lamanite city called Jerusalem;
he went to a church & gave a talk.
The people there were not nice; they mocked him.
They made fun of what he said about Jesus.
So Aaron left, and went to the city called Antî.
His friends Muloki & Ammah were preaching there.
But the people in Antî would not listen, either.
So they all went to the city of Middonî, & preached, or gave talks.
A few people in Middonî believed Aaron about Jesus Christ.
But other people were angry with Aaron & his friends.
They had them put in jail.
They were cold & hungry in jail.
Then Ammon & King Lamonî came & got them out of jail.
Aaron gave more talks in the Lamanite churches, while
Ammon & King Lamonî went back to their city.

Alma 22

The Holy Ghost told Aaron to go to a new city.
The Holy Ghost led him to Lamonî's fathers' house.
Lamonî's father was king of all the Lamanites.
Aaron & his friends told the king they wanted to be his servants.
The king said "NO, but please tell me more about
Jesus Christ, & how we should be kind to each other."
Aaron told him all he desired.
The king wanted to believe all that Aaron said.
He began to pray, to have Heavenly Father help him believe.
Suddenly the king fell on the floor, as if he were dead.
When the queen came & saw the king on the floor,
she was angry at Aaron & wanted her servants to
kill Aaron.
Her servants would not do so, because they respected Aaron.
The queen was about to call others to come against Aaron,
but Aaron helped the King get up.
The king got up, and by the things that he said,
everyone in the room believed about Jesus Christ.

Alma 23 The king of the Lamanites let all the sons of Mosiah (Ammon, Aaron, Omner, & Himni) & their friends preach all over the Lamanite land.
No one was allowed to put them in jail.
The 4 sons of Mosiah helped nearly all the Lamanites to believe in Jesus Christ, & be kind to each other.
The skin of those that believed became white, whereas it had been red.
However, a small part of the Lamanites would not believe. They stayed just as mean as ever.

Alma 24
The good Lamanites called themselves Anti Nephi Lehites.
The mean Lamanites hated the good Lamanites.
They prepared to have a big fight with the Anti Nephi Lehites.
Ammon saw the mean Lamanites getting ready to fight.
He held a meeting with the good Lamanites, to tell them that the mean Lamanites were coming.
He asked them if they had an army that could fight.
They answered that they had promised God that they would never fight.
They had buried their swords in the ground, also.

When the mean Lamanites came to fight these people, they did not yell, they did not run away, but they knelt down as if praying.
The mean Lamanites liked this; they could kill the good Lamanites easily as they knelt there.
They killed over 1000 of the good Lamanites.
As they watched them die, they felt sorry.
They felt so sorry, that they stopped killing the good Lamanites.
They felt bad inside for having killed people.
More than 1000 of the mean Lamanites threw away their swords, & prayed like the good Lamanites did.
The rest of the mean Lamanites thought that killing people who were praying was no fun, & they went home.

Alma 1 At the time that King Mosiah's 4 sons went on their missions, their friend, Alma, stayed behind and became the president of the church among the Nephites, and also became the chief judge for the Nephites.

About that time, there was a big, strong man named Nehor.
He told the people (the Nephites) that their church was not of God, when really it was of God.
He said the teachers & priests should be proud (really they should not).
He said you didn't have to be kind to each other.
He was wrong,
but many people believed him, & left the church.
Many people gave Nehor money.
He bought extra shiny clothes, & he was proud.
This was wrong.

One day Nehor met Gideon.
Gideon was an old man who was faithful in God's church.
Gideon told Nehor that he was teaching the people wrong things.
Nehor argued with Gideon, but could not win.
Nehor drew his sword and began to fight Gideon.
Gideon was too old to fight well, &
soon Nehor had killed Gideon.
The Nephite police took Nehor to Alma to be judged for killing Gideon.
Alma told Nehor that the punishment for killing a person is to be killed yourself.
The Nephite police took Nehor to the top of a hill.
Nehor admitted that what he had taught the people, against God's church, was wrong.
Nehor was killed.

Alma 2 While Alma was chief judge for the Nephites,

a man called Amlici gained favor with the people.
Many people liked him, & wanted him to be king.
But the law said there should be no king, but only
a chief judge, who was Alma, then.
Amlici wanted to destroy God's church if he were king.

Amlici knew that to chang the law, the people had to vote.
If they voted for him, he would become king,
and do away with the church.
If they voted not to change the laws, the church was safe.
The Nephites voted.
Most of the votes were to not change the laws.
Amlici would not get to be king.
Amlici & the people who liked him were angry.
They made Amlici king over only themselves.
Amlici told them to fight the rest of the people, and
make them let Amlici be their king, too.
They called themselves Amlicites; they went to fight the Nephites.

Their armies met on the east of the River Sidon, on the hill Amnihu.
They fought each other hard.
12000 Amlicites were killed; but only 6000 Nephites were killed.
The Amlicites were scared, & ran away.
Alma & the Nephite army chased them.
He chased them all that day.
When they all stopped to sleep in the night,
Alma sent spies to the Amlicites, to learn their plans
secretly.

In the morning the spies came running back.
They told Alma that the Amlicites had joined the Lamanites.
Together they were marching to Zarahemla, Alma's city.
If Alma & his army did not get back to Zarahemla
in a hurry, the city would be in danger.
Alma & his army hurried back to Zarahemla.

Just as they crossed the River Sidon, they met the Amlicite & Lamanite armies.
They began to fight.
The Amlicites & Lamanites were numerous, like the sands on the beach.
There were too many for the Nephites to fight.
But the Nephites prayed to Heavenly Father to help them.
The Lord helped them, & the other army started to fall back.
Alma fought, using his sword.
Alma fought with Amlici, himself.
Amlici almost won.
Alma prayed for help. He wanted to slay Amlici so he would not take over the Nephites.
Alma again fought Amlici, and slew him.
Alma next fought with the Lamanite king.
The Lamanite king ran away, & sent his guards to fight Alma.
Alma called his guards to fight with him, & together they won.
Then Alma & his army crossed the River Sidon, & chased the Amlicites & Lamanites.
Being scared, they ran away as the Nephites chased them.

3

Lamanites had no hair on their head, & a dark red skin.
Lamanites fought with only a loincloth on. (like a bathing suit).
They also used armor & shields.
Amlicites looked like Nephites, except for a red mark on their foreheads.

4

The Nephites felt a need to build up God's church.
They felt good inside.
3500 other Nephites were baptized & joined the church in 1 year.
Then, the Nephites began to be proud of the clothes they wore.
This made those with plain clothes feel sad.
Not very many people joined the church, then.

Alma wanted to spend all his time teaching the people to not be proud,
so he had Nephihah be the chief judge, and Alma, as high priest, went among the people & taught them.

5 He told them that when they were proud, it was hard for them to be kind & helpful, as they should.
So they must not be proud.

6 & 7 He told this in the main city, Zarahemla, & in the cities of Gideon & Melek, also.
They liked what he said, & the church began to grow with more members.

8 Alma walked north from Melek for 3 days.
He came to the city Ammonihah.
He found the people there were very proud.
They did not want to be baptized.
Alma preached to them, but they took him, made fun of him, & threw him out of their city.
Alma started to walk away.
He had not gone far when an angel appeared to him, & told him to go back & preach once more.
This time Alma was to tell the people of Ammonihah that their city would be destroyed, if they weren't baptized.
This was because the angel knew they were planning to overthrow their country, which was bad.

Alma walked back to Ammonihah, & snuck in the city through a back gate.
Alma was hungry, and when he saw a man who looked friendly, he asked him for something to eat.

The man was Amulek.
An angel had appeared to Amulek, & had told him that Alma would come to him and ask for food.
So Amulek was ready for Alma, & took him home to have supper with him.

They had bread and meat for supper.

After a few days, they found a good time to preach again. Alma took Amulek with him. Amulek preached, too. The people of Ammonihah took Alma & Amulek & put them in a deep hole, where they could not get out. But an angel came and helped them get out.

Then, the people put Alma & Amulek in jail. But Alma & Amulek prayed for help, and an angel came & let them out.

9 Alma & Amulek went preaching again.
They told the people that Heavenly Father knew how they were planning to overthrow their country.
They told the people that, if they did not stop this, the Lamanites would come & destroy them.
They told the people that it was worse to turn bad after being good, than to have always been bad.
The people got angry because Alma had said they were turning bad.
But Heavenly Father kept them from putting Alma & Amulek in jail just then.

10 Amulek told the people how an angel had appeared to him before Alma came, & that after Alma had eaten supper, he had blessed Amulek.
Amulek told the people that he knew what Alma said was true.
Some of the people asked questions to confuse Amulek, but he was not confused by their questions because Heavenly Father helped him answer.
Amulek again told them that they & their city would be destroyed, if they did not change their ways.
The people still did not want to change their ways.

11 Zeezrom, who was a smart man, questioned Amulek.
He offered Amulek 6 onties if he would say there was no Heavenly Father.
He really didn't intend to let Amulek have the 6 onties anyway.
Amulek told Zeezrom that there surely was a Father in Heaven, and that with His help, he knew that Zeezrom intended to keep the 6 onties.
Zeezrom was confounded.

12 Alma got up & told the people about the first & second deaths, & about the judgement.

13

14 Zeezrom and some others believed what Alma & Amulek said.
But the rest of the people of Ammonihah did not.
They put Alma & Amulek in jail.
Zeezrom & his friends told the people to let them go.
The people chased Zeezrom & his friends away.
The people took Zeezrom's family & his friends' families and destroyed them by fire.
They made Alma & Amulek watch.
Then they put Alma & Amulek back in jail, & made fun of them.
They slapped them.
They didn't give them any food.
They didn't let them drink any water.
They made them sleep without any blankets.
The people made fun of them for 3 days, saying,
"If your Heavenly Father is so powerful, why doesn't He come & let you out of jail?"
Alma & Amulek didn't say anything, but they knew that Heavenly Father loved them, and only wanted them to be patient, & wait for the time that Heavenly Father thought was right to help them get out of jail.
The next day each of the leaders of the people came & made fun of them, & slapped them.
Then Alma felt like praying out loud for help, & he did.

Suddenly their chains were made weak, & Alma & Amulek broke them.
The people saw this, & were scared.
They all started to run away at once, & tripped over each other.
While they were scrambling to get up,
Heavenly Father caused an earthquake,
and the jail house fell down & crushed those people.
Alma & Amulek were protected & did not get hurt.
They walked to the center of the city.
The people of Ammonihah, who were at work, had heard the earthquak
& they ran to see what had happened.
When they saw Alma & Amulek out of jail, they were scared,
& ran the other way.
Alma & Amulek left the city of Ammonihah.

15 They went to the Land of Sidom.
There they found Zeezrom & his friends, who had run away from Ammonihah.
Zeezrom was sick with a fever because he worried about Alma & Amulek after he had run away.
He was glad to see that Alma & Amulek were all right.
He asked them to bless him, that he could get better.
Alma asked Zeezrom if he truly believed that Jesus Christ would co
Zeezrom said yes.
Alma blessed Zeezrom;
immediately Zeezrom jumped out of bed & was well.
Alma baptized Zeezrom.
Many more people got baptized also.
All over the land of the Nephites, the church began to gro again.

But Amulek had come preaching with Alma, & had left his father & mother, & his house in Ammonihah.
He could not go see them because of the mean, proud people there
So Alma let Amulek live in his house with him,
and Alma comforted Amulek.

16 About 3 months after Alma & Amulek had preached
and had warned the people of Ammonihah,
the Lamanites attacked Ammonihah by surprise
and destroyed the city,
just like Alma had said they would.
The Lamanites took some of the people from Melek as prisoners.

The Nephite army from Zarahemla got there too late to help.
Zoram, the Nephite captain, knew Alma could ask Heavenly Father
how they could free the prisoners & bring them home.
Zoram asked Alma.
Alma went away to ask Heavenly Father.
When Alma returned, he told Zoram that
the Lamanites would cross the river Sidon in the land Manti,
& that there Heavenly Father would help them.
Zoram marched his army to the land Manti & surprised the Lamanites,
so that they ran away, &
Zoram & his army freed the prisoners & took them home.

There were no more attacks by the Lamanites for 3 years.
The church grew.
Alma & Amulek taught the people to be kind & helpful.
The people were kind & helpful to each other.

Alma 30

A man named Korihor came to the land of Zarahemla;
he told everyone that Jesus Christ would not be born.
That was a lie.
He also said that you should not be kind & helpful.
That was wrong.
But some of the Nephites in Zarahemla believed him.
Korihor also went to the land of Jershon, where the
people of Ammon (Lamanites converted to the church) lived.
The people of Ammon knew that he was telling lies.
They carried him out of their land.
Korihor went to the land of Gideon.
But the people there were righteous, also.
They took Korihor to their high priest.
Korihor tried to tell the high priest some lies about Jesus Christ
but he would not believe Korihor's lies.
They sent Korihor to Zarahemla, where Alma,
the chief judge, lived.
Korihor told the same lies to Alma.
Alma told Korihor that he was lying.
Korihor argued with Alma; he did not think he was lying,
when he said that Jesus Christ would not be born.
Alma knew that Jesus Christ would be born.
Korihor told Alma to have Heavenly Father prove it by doing
a miracle.
Alma would not do it, but prayed about Korihor.
He told Korihor that he would be struck dumb if he lied again.
Korihor again told Alma that he did not believe Jesus Christ would
be born.
Alma told Korihor that he was dumb, that is, that
Korihor could not speak.
Korihor tried to speak, but he couldn't.

Alma wrote down a question to Korihor.
Korihor answered by writing: "I know that the
power of God has made me dumb.
You see, the devil appeared to me & told me
that I should tell all these lies, and I did.

I taught the devil's words."
Korihor wrote a question to Alma: "Will you pray for me? I don't want to be dumb anymore."
Alma told Korihor; "No, if you were to speak again, you would again start telling lies."

Korihor could not work, since he could not talk, & he had to beg for his food.

All the people who had believed Korihor saw what had happened, & left off believing what he had taught.

Korihor was finally trampled to death by some people who had their noses in the air & would not look down to walk around him. (They were too proud).

Alma 31

Alma heard about the people who were proud, who had trampled Korihor to death.
Alma knew it was wrong to be proud, so he went to tell them to stop being proud.
Alma took 2 of his 3 sons with him: Shiblon & Corianton. He also took his friends, Ammon, Aaron, Omner, Amulek & Zeezrom.
When they arrived in Antionum, where the proud people called Zoramites were, they watched what they did.
When the Zoramites went to church, one at a time they would climb onto a high stand, and pray out loud, using words to show that they were proud.
They did not say, "in the name of Jesus Christ," like we do; they did not think there was a Jesus Christ.
And when they went home, they were not kind & helpful.
Alma saw that this was wrong.
He saw that they were proud of their shiny clothes, too.

Alma & his friends all knelt down & prayed for strength and for help in telling these people not to be proud.
After Alma blessed his friends, each went to a different part of the land to see the people, & tell them.

Alma 32

Alma soon found that the poorer people among the Zoramites would listen to him, because the Zoramites wouldn't let them go to church, because their clothes weren't so shiny.
Some of the poor Zoramites came to Alma and asked, "Where can we go to church? The rich Zoramites won't let us in the church."
Alma was happy that they had come to him.
He told them that they could be kind & helpful at home every day, & not just on Sundays at church.
Alma told them about faith. He said:
Faith is what you have when you plant a seed, hoping that it will grow.
First you cover it with just the right amount of dirt.
Then you water it, and let the sunshine warm it.
You don't see anything happen for a few days, but you keep watering it.
Then you see part of a baby plant one day.
It makes you feel good.
You water the dirt more.
The baby plant gets bigger day by day.
But if you don't water it, it begins to wither & die.
But you look forward to seeing the flowers the plant will make, so you water it every day.
After many days, the flowers appear, and your faithfulness is rewarded.

Alma 33

Next, Alma told them about prayer.
He said you can pray in a forest
you can pray in a field

you can pray in your house
and by yourself, at bedtime, too.
Alma said that Heavenly Father hears our prayers
when we really mean what we say.
He answers prayers because
Jesus Christ asks him to for us.
That's why we say, "in the name of Jesus Christ."
The Zoramites did not believe in Jesus Christ, so
Alma told them that they should.

Alma 34
Amulek talked & told the Zoramites that
he loved Jesus Christ.
He told them that Jesus Christ loved them so much,
that he gave up his life for those who
would be kind & helpful.
He told them to pray to Heavenly Father
to keep them safe at night,
& to have more friends during the day.
He told them to start being kind & helpful right then,
not in a minute, but right then.

Alma 35
When the Zoramite leaders found that some
of the Zoramites liked what Alma & Amulek said,
they made them go away with Alma & Amulek
& their friends.
They went to the land of Jershon, where
the people of Ammon lived.
The Ammonites loved the poor Zoramites.
They fed them.
They let them sleep in their houses with them,
because the poor Zoramites had no homes.
The Zoramite leaders told the people of Ammon:
"Don't feed them, & don't let them in your houses."
But the Ammonites were kind, & kept feeding them.
They treated the poor Zoramites like friends.

1 Lehi leaves Jerusalem
2 Getting the Brass Plates
3 Getting Ishmael's family
3 Lehi's Dream
5 Liahona
5 Broken Bow
6 Building the Boat
7 Sailing
8 Nephites & Lamanites
9 Enos
10 Sherem
11 Zeniff
12 Noah
13 Abinadi
15 Alma hides & church
16 Lamanites take over Limhi.
16 Girls Kidnapped & War
17 Limhi's Bondage
18 Rescue by Ammon; escape
20 Lamanites take over Alma
21 Escape
22 Alma's Son Converted
23 Ammon's Lamanite Mission
26 King Lamoni Converted
29 Aaron's Lamanite Mission
28 Ammon rescues Aaron
29 Aaron Converts King Lamon
31 Nehor & Alma
30 Beginning of Ammonites
32 Amlici
34 Alma on Mission
35 Alma & Amulek
36 Zeezrom
37 Jailhouse Earthquake
38 Ammonihah destroyed
39 Korihor & Alma
40 Mission to Zoramites
41 Faith & prayer
42 Poor Zoramites cast out

Alma 35

When the Zoramite leaders saw that the people of Ammon still fed & helped the poor Zoramites, they visited the Lamanites and talked them into fighting the people of Ammon & the poor Zoramites.
The Lamanites liked to fight Nephites.
They said they would go with the Zoramites to fight.
The people of Ammon heard about this, and they left their homes to let the Nephite army use them.
The Ammonites had promised never to fight, so the Nephite army had to come & fight in their place.

Alma 43

The Lamanites joined the Zoramites in the Zoramites land, called Antionum.
It was next to the land of Jershon where the Nephites army was.
Zarahemnah was the leader for the Lamanite army.
Zarahemnah was mean, and he appointed mean chief captains in his army
The Lamanites wanted to fight and win, so they could have the Nephites as slaves.
The Nephites would fight back only to protect their families & their homes.
Moroni was the leader of the Nephite army.
Moroni was a young man.
Moroni gave everyone in his army strong clothing, & shields, & armor, besides their swords & spears.
The Lamanites only dressed like Indians.
They were mostly uncovered.
When they saw how well protected the Nephites were, with their shields & armor, they were scared to fight.
So the Lamanites went away.
Captain Moroni wondered where they were going. He sent spies.
He also asked Alma to ask Heavenly Father what those Lamanites were about to do.
Alma prayed.

When Alma came back to Captain Moroni, he told him that the Lamanites had gone to attack a different part of the Nephites' land.
Captain Moroni took a part of his army over to that place, called the Land of Manti.
They got there before the Lamanites did.
He sent spies to find which way they were coming.
He had Captain Lehi hide behind a hill called Riplah, with part of the army.
Captain Moroni hid with the other part of the army across a river, called Sidon.
Then they all waited for the Lamanite army to come.
The Lamanite army came over the hill where Captain Lehi & his army were hiding.
Captain Lehi stayed very still.
The Lamanites did not see his army.
The Lamanite army went down the hill & started to cross the river Sidon.
Just then Captain Lehi's army started to fight the Lamanites.
It was easy for Captain Lehi's army to win, because the Lamanites did not have armor like they had.
The Lamanites fought, but got scared & ran into the river Sidon, & crossed it.
Captain Lehi's army stayed by the river so the Lamanites could not cross back.
Then Captain Moroni's army started to fight the Lamanites.
The Lamanites were really scared, but could not run away.
The Lamanites fought harder.
Some of Moroni's men got scared.
Captain Moroni reminded them to fight to protect their families.
They prayed for strength as they fought.
The Lamanites went to run back across the river, but they could not, for Captain Lehi's army was there.
They could not escape.
So Captain Moroni had everybody stop fighting so he could end the war without killing any more Lamanites.

Captain Moroni spoke to Zarahemnah: he said,
"See how Heavenly Father has helped us win the fight!"
"If you'll promise not to fight us anymore, we'll
let you go home."
"If you won't promise, we'll have to hurt you some more."
Zarahemnah came to Captain Moroni & gave him his sword,
saying, "Here's my sword; now let me go home,
but I won't promise not to fight you again."
Captain Moroni did not intend to let the Lamanites
go home without promising not to fight again,
so he gave Zarahemnah back his sword,
& said, "Let's continue the battle, since
you won't promise!"
Zarahemnah was angry, and lifted his sword to hurt Moroni,
but one of Moroni's soldiers hit Zarahemnah's hand,
so that his sword fell to the ground.
The soldier then scalped Zarahemnah with one swoop
of his sword.
Zarahemnah ran away.
The soldier put the scalp on the tip of his sword &
held it up high, for everyone to see;
He said, "we'll scalp everyone of you Lamanites,
unless you promise not to fight us anymore."
Seeing this scared the Lamanites so bad, that
many of them came to Moroni & promised
not to fight anymore.
Moroni let those Lamanites go home.
Then Captain Moroni ordered the battle to continue.
Again the Nephites found it easy to win.
Zarahemnah saw that there was no hope for him
and his Lamanites,
so he told Captain Moroni that they
would all promise to never fight again,
like Moroni wanted.
After Zarahemnah & the Lamanites that were left
had promised to not fight the Nephites anymore
Captain Moroni let them all go home.

Alma 36

Alma was sorry that there had to be fights.
He wanted to tell his 3 sons how to be missionaries
to teach people not to fight.

The first son he talked to was Helaman.
He told him of how an angel had appeared to him,
to stop him from fighting the church.
He told him how he was dumb for 3 days after that.
He had worried those 3 days about all the bad things he had done
He was sure Heavenly Father did not like him for those things.
Then he thought about asking Jesus to help Heavenly Father forgive him.
Suddenly he had no more worrying.
Jesus helps people return to Heavenly Father.

Alma 37

Alma also told Helaman that he would give him the
gold plates.
Helaman was to write stories on them, like his father,
Alma had done.
(The Nephites used to tell these stories from the gold plates,
& it made them feel good inside.)
He said there were 24 other plates, which had mean stories on,
& they must not be read as often.
He reminded Helaman about the Liahona that Lehi had
so long ago.

Alma 38

Alma 38

Alma talked to his next son, Shiblon.
He told Shiblon that he loved him.
Shiblon had been good.
Alma told Shiblon how he had once seen an angel.
Alma said that he knew Jesus Christ would be born.

Alma 39

Alma talked to his next son, Corianton.
Corianton had not been good.
He had not done what his father, Alma had told him while on their mission to the Zoramites.
Many Zoramites had not stopped being bad when Alma preached.
They said, "Your son Corianton is bad, so we can be bad, too."
So Alma was sad.
Corianton had not realized that his being bad made others be bad, too.
Alma wanted Corianton to be good so the Zoramites would be good, too.

Alma 40

Alma told Corianton what happens to us after we die.
He told him about the spirit world,
where our spirits wait until they can get their bodies back.
Those who have been good are happy while they wait.
Those who have been bad are sad while they wait.
Then, when Jesus Christ comes, those who are good get their bodies.
Those who are bad have to wait longer.

Alma 41

But everyone will have his body back some time.
If anyone ever had a toe chopped off, he will get his toe back, too.
If you were bad, you will tend to be bad when you get your body back.
" " " good, " " " " good - " " "

Alma 42

So Alma told his son, Corianton, that it was important to be good (& kind & helpful) now so that when we get our bodies back as Jesus Christ comes they will be bodies that are used to being good (doing what your father wants) (kind & helpful).

This is because we will want to live with Jesus Christ and He can't let anyone who is bad live near Him.

Alma was Corianton's father & he wanted Corianton to be kind & helpful.

Alma 45

Alma was by now, an old man, & he wanted his son, Helaman, to take over the gold plates and write on them things that would happen after he (Alma) died.

Alma asked Helaman questions, & Helaman answered.

He asked, "Do you believe all I have told you about the gold plates?"

Helaman said "Yes"

He asked, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ will be born?"

Helaman said "Yes"

Alma said "Will you do everything that I tell you to do?"

Helaman promised that he would.

Alma was happy, and he blessed Helaman & gave him the gold plates.

Next, Alma blessed his other sons, and the earth, and the church.

Then Alma started on a trip toward the land of Melek.

And that was all anyone ever heard of Alma again.

They supposed that Jesus Christ had him brought to live with Him.

Alma 45 continued

The Nephites began to fight a little with the Lamanites.
The Nephites also began to fight among themselves.

Helaman took his brothers, & they gave Talks in the Nephite churches, to tell the people not to fight.
They called some of the men to help them in watching over the church.
They ordained them priests and teachers.
But those who they ordained would not watch over the church like Helaman wanted.
This was because they became proud.

Alma 46

Many of the judges in the land wanted to be chief judges.
They met with a man named Amalickiah.
Amalickiah told them that if he got to be king, he would let them be chief judges.
They liked what Amalickiah said.
Helaman told them that Heavenly Father did not want there to be any kings over the Nephites.
But Amalickiah & the judges would not listen to Helaman.
Even some people who belonged to the church would not believe Helaman.
They stopped going to church.
Amalickiah & the judges did not go to church.
They teased the people who went to church.
Sometimes they hit them.
Captain Moroni was angry with Amalickiah because of this.
He took a piece of cloth and made it into a flag.
On the flag it said:
"Remember our church and our families."
and "Remember our freedom."
Captain Moroni knelt down and prayed to Heavenly Father for help in keeping their families safe from Amalickiah.

Then Captain Moroni went all around the land where the Nephites lived, waving his flag, & saying,

"all who will help fight Amalickiah & his followers, come with me!"
(Amalickiah had a big army of followers.)
The people who saw Captain Moroni & liked his flag, came to him, and made little flags like his for themselves.
The flags meant that they promised to be kind and helpful, so that Heavenly Father would help them defend their church & families & freedom from Amalickiah.
More people came to help Captain Moroni than had gone to Amalickiah.
Amalickiah knew this, and did not want to fight with Captain Moroni's people.
He took his followers and started on a trip to see the Lamanites.
He thought that the Lamanites could help them fight.
Captain Moroni did not want Amalickiah to get help from the Lamanites.
He hurried to catch Amalickiah.
When Amalickiah saw Captain Moroni & his people coming, he and a few of his followers ran away.
Captain Moroni took the rest of the followers back to Zarahemla.
He made them all promise to help him in defending the church & their families.
After this, there was no more trouble in the land of the Nephites for 4 years.

Alma 47

But Amalickiah and his few followers went to the Lamanites, and talked to their king.
The Lamanite king liked to fight Nephites, so he agreed with Amalickiah.
The Lamanite king called all the Lamanites to come & fight, but most would not come.

(Alma 47)

They were afraid to fight Nephites,
because of the shields the Nephites had.
When the Lamanite king heard this, he was angry.
He let Amalickiah go out & make them
want to fight Nephites.
Amalickiah got an army from the king and went out
to see the Lamanite people.
The people ran away to the hill called Antipas.
They climbed to the round top of the hill.
Amalickiah had his army camp near the bottom of the hill.
He didn't really want to hurt the people.
He planned to hurt the Lamanite king, though,
and he had a plan.
This is what Amalickiah did: (when it was night)
He sent a message to the people's leader, on the hill,
to come down & talk with him.
The people's leader was called Lehonti.
Lehonti was afraid Amalickiah would hurt him.
He did not go down.
Amalickiah sent 2 more messages up to Lehonti.
2 more times Lehonti refused.
Amalickiah then went halfway up the hill & sent a messag
Lehonti came halfway down the hill.
He brought his guards, because he was still afraid.
Amalickiah made a deal with Lehonti:
Lehonti could take his people & surround Amalickiah's
army, so they could not get away.
(The army was asleep, because it was night.)
This way, Lehonti's people would win without having to fight
If Amalickiah let Lehonti do this, Amalickiah wanted
Lehonti to let him be the next chief, or leader.
Lehonti liked that.

So when daylight came, the king's army found itself
surrounded by Lehonti's people, & they couldn't get away.
Amalickiah yelled to them that he wanted them to
join Lehonti's people, & Amalickiah
would be next-to-the-chief.

(Alma 47)

Everyone in the army liked that.

Amalickiah wanted to be chief in place of Lehonti.
So he fed Lehonti some bad things, & Lehonti died.
Now Amalickiah was chief, but this was bad,
because of what Amalickiah did to Lehonti

Next Amalickiah took his great army to see the king
of the Lamanites.
By now, Amalickiah wanted the king to not be king
anymore.
Amalickiah wanted to be king himself.
He had one of his friends go bow down
before the king.
When his friend got up from bowing
he hurt the king, so that he died.
The king's servants saw this, & ran away, afraid.
Amalickiah lied, by telling everyone that the
king's servants had hurt him & then run away.
Amalickiah pretended that he loved the king, & he cried.
He did this so everyone would see him,
and think that he had been the king's friend
This, too, was bad.
Amalickiah had his army run after the king's servants,
but they could not catch them.
The army came back to Amalickiah.

Together, they went to the city where the queen
of the Lamanites lived.
They told the queen how the king had died.
The queen was sad.
After some days, the queen began to like Amalickiah,
and they got married.
This meant that Amalickiah was now king
of the Lamanites.
Amalickiah had lied and killed in order to become king.
This was bad.

Alma 48

Once Amalickiah had made himself king of the Lamanites,
he talked to them about going to fight Nephites.

Meanwhile, Captain Moroni was helping the Nephites to
put up walls around their cities,
so the Lamanites couldn't get in.
They dug deep holes in front of the walls, so that
they would be harder to climb.
And the Lamanites could not shoot their arrows over the walls.
They made forts — places where the army could live,
and where they could fight well
when the Lamanites would come.

Captain Moroni did not like fighting.
For this reason, he had those walls built around
the Nephite cities.
This way, the Lamanites couldn't get to the Nephites,
and they wouldn't need to fight.
Captain Moroni did not want to have anybody get hurt.
Captain Moroni was kind and helpful, so Heavenly Father helped
him when he really had to fight.
Sometimes He helped Captain Moroni run from the Lamanites.
Sometimes He told Captain Moroni to build walls,
other times, to make shields.
Sometimes, Captain Moroni and the Nephites had to take their
swords and fight and hit the Lamanites,
but that was when they had to do it,
in order to keep their homes & families safe
from the Lamanites.
When They had to keep their homes & families safe,
Heavenly Father helped them win.

Alma 49

One cold day in February, Amalickiah sent his army to fight the Nephites.
He sent the biggest army they had ever seen.
They wanted to walk into the city of Ammonihah and make everyone there to be slaves.
They were not afraid.
They had made themselves metal plates to cover their legs.
They had metal plates for their arms, & helmets for their heads, just like the Nephites had.

The leaders were very surprised to find a big wall of dirt all around the city of Ammonihah.
The people in his army were very surprised, too.
So they did not fight the Nephites.
The Lamanites marched away from Ammonihah.
They went around Towards the land of Noah.
The chiefs of the Lamanites swore, and promised their men they could destroy the land of Noah.
They did not know that Captain Moroni had also built high walls around the land of Noah.
The walls were surprised the Lamanites when they came within sight of the land of Noah.
Next, the Lamanites were scared even more.
They saw that the leader of the Nephite army in the land of Noah, was Captain Lehi.
They remembered how Captain Lehi had fought them before.
They were afraid.
But because their leaders had promised them, the Lamanites had to fight there.
So here's what happened —

The Lamanites tried fighting by shooting arrows while they stood near the wall.
But the Nephites were inside the city, near the top of the wall, and they could shoot arrows down at the Lamanites.
It's much easier to shoot arrows down, so the Nephites won.
So the Lamanites started to dig a hole under the wall.
But the Nephites shot more arrows, and stopped them.
So the Lamanites didn't know what to do, and went home to tell King Amalickiah what happened.
When King Amalickiah heard it, he was angry at Captain Moroni.
He wished Captain Moroni was there so he could hit him.
But he couldn't.
In fact, even he was afraid of Captain Moroni, because Captain Moroni did so many things right.
Captain Moroni always did what Heavenly Father wanted.
The Nephites were happy.
They went to Church on Sundays.
They were kind & helpful when Helaman told them to be.
The Lamanites stayed home & did not come to fight.

Alma 50

Captain Moroni had the Nephites build their walls higher, even though no Lamanites ever came to fight.
On top of each wall he put a high fence, with stickers on the top, so no Lamanite could climb over.
He also had tiny houses built at the ends of the fences, where Nephite soldiers could stand & shoot arrows through the little windows, while the houses would keep them safe from the Lamanites' arrows.
Next, Captain Moroni took a part of his army, & drove out the Lamanites who lived on the land east of Zarahemla.
(That land did not belong to the Lamanites anyway).

Then he built a city in that land.
The city was named, Moroni, after Captain Moroni.
The Nephites built another city near the city of Moroni.
They called that city, Nephihah.
The Nephites were happy.
There was work for everybody.
Heavenly Father wanted them to be happy.
He helped them be happy because they did what he said.

The Nephites were never happier.

This was so for 3 more years.

Then, in the spring of the 4th year, the people who lived in the land of Morianton thought that the land of Lehi ought to belong to them, also.
But there were people living in the land of Lehi, already.

The people from Morianton tried to make them move out.
The people living in Lehi ran to Captain Moroni for help.

The people from Morianton were afraid Captain Moroni would come & punish them.
So they planned to run away, to a land in the north.

The leader of the people from Morianton, one day, was angry with a servant.
He hit her.
She ran away, & went to Captain Moroni, to be safe.
She told Captain Moroni where the people from Morianton planned to run away to.

Captain Moroni knew that it was not good for them to runaway.
He told Captain Teancum to take part of his army and go catch the people.
Captain Teancum & his army were just barely able to catch them.

Alma 50 (continued)

He asked them to come back.
They said "NO", and started fighting Teancum & his army.
Teancum & his army fought back, and won.
They brought the people (from Morianton) back to Captain Moroni.
Captain Moroni made each one of them promise never to fight their neighbors, again.
Each one made that promise.
Captain Moroni let them all go to their homes in Morianton.

Nephihah was the chief judge among the Nephites.
He had been chief judge for a long time. (16 yrs).
He got old, and died.

The Nephites voted for a new chief judge.
The person with the most votes was Nephihah's son, Pahoran.
Pahoran became the new chief judge.

Alma 51

Now some people of the Nephites wanted a king instead of a chief judge.
Pahoran reminded them that Heavenly Father did not want the Nephites to have a king.
Those people who wanted a king told Pahoran to have the Nephites vote on having a king.
That summer the Nephites voted, and it turned out that most of the Nephites did not want a king.
Most of the Nephites wanted Pahoran to keep being chief judge.
They were called the free men.

Those who wanted a king were called king men.

The king men were mad because they had lost in the voting.
Now they couldn't have a king.

Now, Amalickiah was still chief of the Lamanites.
He was still mad at Captain Moroni.

Just when the king-men were angry with the free-men
Amalickiah came with his army to fight the Nephites.

When the Nephites saw Amalickiah coming, most of them
got ready to fight.
These were the free-men.
The king-men would not get ready to fight
because they were angry with the free men,
and wanted to cause them trouble.
Captain Moroni was the leader of the Nephite Army.
He was a free-man.

When the king-men would not get ready to fight,
he was worried.
The Nephites needed everyone's help to fight
Amalickiah, and he needed the king-men to help.

So Captain Moroni went to Pahoran, the chief judge,
and told him how badly they needed the
king-mens' help.
They asked if they could punish the king-men
who would not fight.
Pahoran said, "yes", and Captain Moroni went and
put the leaders of the king-men in jail.

Then Captain Moroni persuaded the king-man to help
fight the Lamanites.

Now by this time, Amalickiah had fought with the
Nephites in the City of Moroni, and had
made them all run away, while
he & his army went into the city.
The city had high walls.
Now the high walls would protect Amalickiah & his army

Alma 51 (continued)

This way, Captain Moroni would have a hard time when he came to fight him.

Amalickiah also captured the cities of Nephihah, Lehi, Morianton, Omner, Gid, & Mulek, before the Nephite army could get the help of the king-men.

That February, Captain Moroni was able to send an army with Captain Teancum to fight the Lamanites.

Captain Teancum & his army were the best fighters.

They happened to meet Amalickiah & his army outside of the strong walls of the city.

Teancum & his army chased Amalickiah & his army.
Pretty soon it got dark.
Both armies stopped and put up their tents.
They all went to bed and slept,
except Teancum.
Teancum hiked in the dark over to Amalickiah's camp.
Very quietly he found which was Amalickiah's tent.
Being extra quiet, he went into the tent, and
he hurt Amalickiah so he wouldn't ever wake up.
Then just as quietly, he left the tent and hiked back
to the Nephites' camp.
While it was still dark, he woke up all his soldiers
in his army, and told them what he had done,
and he told them to be ready to fight
because the Lamanites might be mad.

Alma 52

The next morning the Lamanites were surprised to find that Amalickiah was dead.
They looked at Teancum's army, & saw they were ready to fight

The Lamanites were afraid, and ran away back to the city of Mulek, where they could hide behind the high walls.

Since Amalickiah was dead, they needed a king. They made Ammoron their king. Ammoron was Amalickiah's brother.

The Lamanites stayed inside the walls of the city. Teancum waited for them to come out, but the Lamanites would not come out to fight.

King Ammoron took a part of his Lamanite army and went west before Teancum & his army could catch them.

King Ammoron took his army to fight the Nephites in the west, where Captain Moroni had an army. That way, the Lamanites made trouble for the Nephites in two places.

Teancum took his army to the city Bountiful, so they could have high walls to protect them.

A year went by.

Captain Moroni fought the Lamanites well with his army, & won. Then he came to the land Bountiful to help Teancum.

They sent a letter to the Lamanites in the city of Mulek. It said, "Come out & we will fight with you." The Lamanites knew the Nephites were strong, & said, "NO". They sent a letter with "NO" in it, back to Captain Moroni. So Captain Moroni knew he would have to trick the Lamanites into coming out of the city of Mulek

This is how he did it:

Captain Moroni told Teancum & a part of his army to walk down close to the city of Mulek, when it was dark.

Then Captain Moroni took the rest of his army into the forest, while it was still dark. No one could see them there.

But when morning came, the Lamanites saw Teancum & his army, close to the city. They saw that Teancum's army was small. They thought they could win a fight with that small army.

So they all left the city, to fight Teancum's army. Teancum & his army started to run away, down close to the ocean.

All the Lamanite army from the city chased them. Teancum & his army ran faster.

The Lamanites ran after them, and did not see Captain Moroni come out from hiding with his army.

Captain Moroni told part of his army to go into the city of Mulek, and camp there, so the Lamanites could not come back to it.

Captain Moroni took the rest of his army and ran after the Lamanites that were chasing Teancum's army.

Teancum and his army had called to Captain Lehi to bring his army to help them fight.

The Lamanites were afraid when they saw Captain Lehi & his army coming. They started to run back to the city of Mulek.

But Captain Moroni was between them and the city. The Lamanites began to fight with all their strength.

Captain Moroni told his army to fight to make the Lamanites give up their swords & go home.

The Lamanites only fought harder.
Captain Moroni got hurt, so he couldn't fight.
The leader of the Lamanites got hurt worse.
He died.
Captain Lehi had strong men in his army.
They made the Lamanites they fought with, lay down their swords.
The Lamanites fighting Captain Moroni's army saw this, and they didn't know what to do.
Captain Moroni yelled to them,
"Lay down your swords, & we won't hurt you."
The Lamanites were happy to stop fighting.
They put down their swords at Captain Moroni's feet.
Yet there were some Lamanites who still wanted to fight.
Captain Moroni took their swords away,
and put them in jail.

Alma 53
Captain Moroni told those in jail to work.
They had to bury all those who had been killed.

Captain Moroni and Captain Lehi were like brothers to each other.
Captain Moroni told Captain Lehi he could take care of the city of Mulek.
Teancum was told to take care of the city of Bountiful.

When all the dead had been buried,
Captain Moroni brought those in jail to Teancum, so they could work for Teancum.
Teancum had them build a strong, high wall, around the city of Bountiful.

Once they had built the wall all around the city,
Captain Moroni put them inside the city and locked the gate.
Then the city of Bountiful became the jail.
and those who belonged in jail had built the jail themselves.

Alma 53 (continued)

During the next year, the Nephites grew proud,
and argued with each other.
Because they were arguing, Captain Moroni
could not get them to fight the Lamanites.
So the Lamanites came into many Nephite cities,
and took them for their own.
Captain Moroni was sad,
but something happened to help make him happy.

The people who Ammon had baptized, who had
promised Heavenly Father that they would
never fight again,
wanted to break their promise, and help the Nephite army
and Captain Moroni.
But Helaman, the high priest of the church, said,
"No, don't break your promise to Heavenly Father.
That would be bad."
They knew that what Helaman had said was right.
They decided not to help fight.

But the boys in the families of those people said,
"We did not promise."
"Only our fathers & mothers made that promise."
"We can help fight."

So 2000 of these boys promised that they would
help the Nephites fight.
They said to Helaman, the high priest,
"Come and be our leader in the fighting."
Helaman liked this.
He loved those boys.
He helped them learn how to fight,
because they didn't yet know how.
They learned to fight well.

Then Captain Moroni asked Helaman to bring
his boys to help him win a battle.

Alma 54

Ammoron, the leader of the Lamanites, wrote a letter to Captain Moroni.
He wanted to trade prisoners.
The Lamanites had taken many Nephite families & kept them in jail.
The Nephites had only put Lamanite soldiers in jail.

Captain Moroni had to feed his prisoners.
He would rather have the prisoners which the Lamanites had, because they were Nephites and some of them could help him fight.

So Captain Moroni wrote a letter back to Ammoron.
He said, "I want to trade you the Lamanite soldiers I have for the Nephite families you have."
"If you don't, we'll come and hurt you."

Ammoron wrote a letter back saying,
"We want to hurt you, and hurt you bad, but I will be happy to trade you my Nephite families for your Lamanite soldiers, just like you want."
He also tried to make fun of Captain Moroni.
Ammoron did not believe that Jesus Christ would be born.

Alma 55

But Captain Moroni was worried for Ammoron, because Ammoron still wanted to fight.

He decided to not trade prisoners with Ammoron.
He decided to go and get the prisoners and keep the ones he had, because Ammoron still wanted to fight.

Captain Moroni knew just where ~~the~~ Ammoron kept the prisoners.
They were all in the city of Gid.

Alma 55 (continued)

Captain Moroni found one in his army who used to be a Lamanite.
His name was Laman.
He knew Laman would be like a friend to the Lamanite guards at the city of Gid.
This is what he had Laman do:

Laman & a few others took some wine with them & went to the guards.
Laman pretended that he still liked Lamanites.
He told the guards that he had escaped from the Nephites.
He said he had brought some wine with him.
The Lamanite guards wanted to drink it.
At first, Laman would not let them drink, but then he let them.
The guards got drunk and sleepy from the wine.
The guards all fell asleep.
Laman went back & told this to Captain Moroni.

Very quietly, Captain Moroni & his men threw swords and arrows over the city walls to the Nephites who were prisoners inside.
They were careful to not wake up the guards.

Captain Moroni was careful not to hurt the guards while they slept.
He knew that Heavenly Father did not like people to be hurt just because they were sleeping.

Then he had his army make a circle around the city, so the guards could not run away.

In the morning, the Lamanite guards woke up and found Nephites all around them.
They were surprised that the prisoners in the city had swords.

Alma 55 (continued)

So the Lamanites decided not to fight.
They gave their swords to Captain Moroni.
Captain Moroni made the guards be prisoners.
The Nephite prisoners came out of the city
and joined Captain Moroni's army.
Captain Moroni was happy.

Later the Lamanites came to the city where
Captain Moroni kept Lamanite prisoners.
They tried to give the Nephite guards some wine,
just like Captain Moroni did.
The Nephite guards never drank the wine,
without first having the Lamanites taste it,
to see if it was poison or not.
Then, if it was poison, it made the Lamanite sick,
and the Nephites knew not to drink it.
If it wasn't poison, the Nephite guards
never drank too much.
So they never got drunk or sleepy.
They guarded the prisoners well.

Alma 56

Helaman wrote Captain Moroni a letter.
He told him a story about his 2000 Ammonite boys.
He said:

Helaman & his 2000 "sons" went to the city of Judea
to help fight Lamanites there.
The Lamanites had fought the Nephites and
had gone into 4 Nephite cities
and taken many people prisoners.

When the Lamanites saw Helaman & his 2000 "sons" come,
they didn't come out to fight any more,
for a long time.
They knew Helaman & his 2000 "sons" were there to help
the Nephites fight them better.

Alma 56 (continued)

From time to time, people brought packages of food to the soldiers in the city of Judea.
The Lamanites sometimes tried to fight with those people who carried the packages, before they could get to the city.

Captain Antipus was the leader of the army in the city, Judea.
He had an idea of how to fight the Lamanites, and win.
Here's what they did: by his direction,

Helaman & his 2000 "sons" took a few empty packages, and left the city.
They walked close by a city where the large Lamanite army was.
The Lamanite army came out of their city to chase Helaman & his 2000 "sons."
Helaman & his 2000 "sons" walked faster, to get away.
The Lamanite army also walked faster.

They did not notice that Captain Antipus had also left the city of Judea.
They did not notice that Captain Antipus and his army were chasing them.

When the Lamanites did notice Captain Antipus and his army behind them, they did not stop and fight.
They only wanted to catch Helaman and his 2000 "sons."

The three armies chased each other in a straight line.
They walked all that day.
They walked all the next day.

On the third day, Helaman noticed that the Lamanites had stopped chasing them.
He couldn't see them anymore.

Alma 56 (continued)

Helaman wondered if the Lamanites wanted to surprise them if they went back to look for Captain Antipus' army.
He also wondered if the Lamanites were fighting with Captain Antipus' army, and if so, they should go and help.

Helaman asked his 2000 "sons" if they wanted to go back and see if they should help.
But the Lamanites might be waiting for them, to surprise them.

Helaman's 2000 "sons" were brave. They said,
"Let's go back, in spite of the danger.
Maybe Captain Antipus' army is in Trouble."
They said,
"Heavenly Father will help us fight and win, because we never fight until the Lamanites come & bother us."
"We know Heavenly Father will help us."
Their mothers had told them that if they always thought this way, that Heavenly Father would always help them.

So they went back to find Captain Antipus & his army.

They found the Lamanites fighting the army.
The army was tired.
The Lamanites were beginning to win.

So Helaman & his 2000 "sons" began to fight the Lamanites.
The Lamanites fought back.
The Nephite army of Antipus began to feel better when they saw Helaman & his 2000 "sons" helping them.
The Nephites fought better than the Lamanites.
They won.
This made the Lamanites put down their swords and stop fighting.

Alma 56 (continued)

They took the soldiers in the Lamanite army as prisoners. V55

Helaman wondered if any of his 2000 sons had been hurt, because it had been a hard fight.

Helaman found that not even one of them had been hurt.

Heavenly Father had helped them.
They had scared the Lamanites
and the Lamanites had lost.

Helaman & all the army hiked back to the city of Judea.
They were happy.

Alma 57.

Ammoron, the Lamanite leader, wrote a letter to Helaman.
He wanted to trade a city to Helaman
if Helaman would give back the Lamanite prisoners.
Helaman said "no", because those prisoners would
only help Ammoron fight Nephites more.
Ammoron did not like that.

Helaman prepared his army to fight for the city.
The people in the city were scared, & ran away.
That way Helaman got the city,
even though Ammoron didn't want him to.

60 more Ammonite boys came with food for camping.
They stayed & helped Helaman & his army.

Now Helaman had a Nephite army, and 2060 "sons".

The Lamanites were inside of many Nephite cities.
They had hurt the Nephites in there.

Helaman now wanted to get the Lamanites
out of the city Cumeni.
Helaman had his army surround the city Cumeni.

When the Lamanites brought food for the Lamanites
in the city Cumeni,
Helaman's men took it away.
This way the Lamanites inside would want to leave
the city.
And Helaman's army could go in.
That is just what happened.
They took all the Lamanites in the city Cumeni
as prisoners.

Helaman had many prisoners.
He had so many, he wanted to send them to Zarahemla
where the Nephites could
watch them better.

But the prisoners all got away
before they got to Zarahemla.

Just at that time Ammoron & the Lamanites started to
fight Helaman's army.
The Nephites had to fight hard to keep the Lamanites back.

Helaman's army started to get tired.
But Helaman's 2060 "sons" helped the army.
His 2060 "sons" did not seem to get tired
because they knew Heavenly Father
would help them. V21

Because Helaman's 2060 "sons" helped his army fight,
they were able to drive the Lamanite army b
Many people were hurt in the fight.

Alma 57 (continued)

Helaman knew many men had died in that fight.
He looked to see if any of his 2060 "sons" had died.
He was very happy to find that none of them had died.
200 of them had been hurt badly, but they would get better.
Their mothers had taught them to never doubt that Jesus Christ would be born.
This had given them faith and Jesus Christ helped protect them.
They trusted in God.

Alma 58
Helaman & his men wanted to get the Lamanites out of the city of Manti.
They tried to think of a way.
They did this:

Helaman took a part of the Nephite army down close to the city of Manti.
The Lamanites began to get ready to come out & hurt them.
Helaman saw this, & had Captain Gid & his men go a ways to the right, & hide in some bushes,
& he had Captain Teomner & his men go to the left & hide in the bushes there.
Helaman & the rest of the army stayed & waited for the Lamanites to come out.
The Lamanites came out.
Helaman & the rest of his army ran away so the Lamanites could not catch them.
The Lamanites chased the Nephites.
All the Lamanites went on the chase.

Captain Gid & Captain Teomner & their men came out of the bushes, & went inside the city of Manti & locked the gate, so the Lamanites couldn't come back.

Now Helaman ran towards the center of the Nephite land, Zarahemla.
The Lamanites did not want to go there, because there would be more Nephites, & the Lamanites couldn't win.
The Lamanites decided not to chase Helaman anymore.
Night came, & the Lamanites put up their tents; & went to sleep.
They were tired from the chase.

Helaman & his army were also tired, but, instead of sleeping, they kept hiking while the Lamanites slept.

They hiked back around the Lamanite camp, & went to the city of Manti.
There, Captain Gid & Captain Teomner let them in.

Now, only Nephites were in the city of Manti.
All the Lamanites were out.
No Nephite had been hurt.
Now, all the fathers & mothers & boys & girls who lived in the city of Manti could return & live in their homes.

Alma 60
Captain Moroni sent a letter to the chief judge, Pahoran, in Zarahemla.
He asked for more men & food, so they could fight the Lamanites better.
He asked that Helaman also be sent more men & food.

No men came; no food came.

Captain Moroni sent another letter to Pahoran.
He asked him why he had not sent the men & food.

Alma 61

Pahoran, the chief judge, wrote a letter back to Captain Moroni
He said:

The men who caused trouble before by wanting a king
over the Nephites
instead of a chief judge,
have threatened me and stopped the men & food
which I was going to send you.
They have told the Lamanites that they will help them fight,
so all the Nephites would be slaves,
and they would have a king.

Pahoran said that he knew this was wrong, and he
asked Captain Moroni to bring an army and
help him round up these king-men
and put them all in jail.

Alma 62

Captain Moroni read Pahoran's letter.

Then he left Captain Lehi & Captain Teancum & their army
and went to help Pahoran, with a part of his army.

In every city they passed through, Captain Moroni
waved the Nephite flag,
& called to all the men,
"Come, let's help Pahoran."

Captain Moroni & Pahoran joined their armies in the land of Gideon.
They had a bigger army than the king-men had.

They fought with the king men, and won.
They put them all in jail.

Pahoran was again the chief judge.
He sent men & food to Helaman
He sent men & food to Captain Lehi & Captain Teancum.

Captain Moroni & chief judge Pahoran got an army in Zarahemla and began to walk to the city of Nephihah. They wanted to throw out the Lamanites who had gotten into that city.

On the way there, they met some Lamanite men with food for a Lamanite army. They fought with those Lamanites, until they would promise not to fight Nephites again. Then they had those Lamanites go live with the Ammonites, who had promised never to fight anyone. There were about 4000 of those Lamanites.

Captain Moroni & his army got near Nephihah, & put up their tents. The Lamanites in the city were afraid to come out to fight. Captain Moroni did not want to go to the city walls & start the fight, because the walls were high, and made fighting hard for the Nephites.

So Captain Moroni waited until it was dark. Then, he climbed onto the wall very quietly, and the Lamanites inside were asleep, and did not hear or see him. But he saw that the Lamanites were all in that part of the city nearest to the gate. Captain Moroni had an idea.

He climbed back down the wall, & went back to his army. He woke up everyone, while it was still night, and told everyone to get ladders & ropes.

He took them to a part of the city wall which was far from the city gate, so the Lamanites would not hear or see them

Alma 62 (continued)

Then, very quietly, everyone in the army used the ropes & ladders to get over the walls.
It was still night, & the Lamanites were asleep.

When morning came, the Lamanites woke up.
They were very surprised to see the Nephite army inside the city with them.
They were afraid, & started to run out of the gate.
Captain Moroni & his army caught many of them & made them prisoners.
Many who were prisoners wanted to go live with the Ammonites, who had promised to not fight.
As soon as some prisoners promised Captain Moroni that they would not fight, he let them go live with the Ammonites.

The Ammonites & those prisoners planted many gardens.
The gardens made food.
Then, the Ammonites sent the food to the Nephite armies, so they would not be hungry.
They sent some to Captain Moroni's army.
They sent some to Captain Lehi's & Captain Teancum's army.
They sent some to Helaman & his army and to Helaman's 2060 "sons".

Each time that Captain Moroni made prisoners of some Lamanites, there remained fewer & fewer Lamanites to fight.
The Lamanites began to be afraid that they would no longer win.
Whenever the Nephite armies came to fight, the Lamanites would run away.
Finally, all the Lamanite armies had been chased to the ocean.

Captain Teancum wanted to end the war by hurting the Lamanite leader, Ammoron.
He waited until it was dark & all the armies were asleep.

Then he walked over to where the Lamanites were camped with their tents.
He quietly looked inside each tent until he found Ammoron.
He quietly hurt Ammoron so bad that he died.
Ammoron's servant heard a noise, and woke up & saw Captain Teancum.
He yelled, "Nephites shouldn't be here"
& he hurt Captain Teancum, and Captain Teancum died.

When Captain Moroni & Captain Lehi heard that Captain Teancum had died, they were sad.
The next week they & their armies fought the Lamanites more. Without their leader, Ammoron, the Lamanites were more scared now.
They ran away from the Nephites.
They ran back to their homes, & stayed there.
Now the Nephites were happy.
They, too, could go back to their homes, & not be bothered by the Lamanites.

Captain Moroni wanted his son, Moronihah, to be the Captain now.
He gave Moronihah his sword & his shield & said he was the Captain.

Helaman put away his sword, & walked all around the land.
He taught the people about Jesus Christ.
They liked it; they made a church.
They were happy.

Helaman taught the Nephites for 4 more years.
Then he got old and died.

Alma 63

Helaman had taken care of the gold plates which
his father, Alma, had taken care of.
Helaman had written stories about the Nephites on them.
Now Helaman's brother, Shiblon got to take care of
the gold plates.

Not long after this, Captain Moroni got old and died.

About this time, a man named Hagoth built a big boat.
He was going to sail to the north
to a new & exciting land.
He invited many families to go with him.
5400 families went with him.
They took plenty of food with them.

The big boat went to the new land in the north.
In a year it came back, & took more families
to that land.
After that, they never came back to Zarahemla.

Shiblon kept care of the gold plates until he got old.
He couldn't give them to his brother, Corianton,
because he had gone on one of the ships.

So Shiblon gave the gold plates to his older brother's son,
who was called Helaman.
Helaman's father was called Helaman, too.

Helaman 1

Chief Judge, Pahoran, got old and died.

Pahoran had many sons.
3 of them each wanted to be chief judge now.
But there could only be 1 chief judge.

So the Nephites voted.
A few voted for Paanchi.
A few voted for Pacumeni.
But alot voted for Pahoran, who had the same name as his father.

So Pahoran was chief judge.

But Paanchi was not happy.
He began to gather an army, to fight the Nephite army, so he could be chief judge.
The police took Paanchi to jail, so he would not hurt Pahoran.

But a part of the army Paanchi had, sent a man named Kishkumen to Pahoran, & Kishkumen hurt Pahoran so that he died
The police ran after Kishkumen, but could not catch him.

Kishkumen then went to the part of the small army, & made each man promise that he would not tell anyone that it was Kishkumen who had hurt Pahoran.
This was a secret combination with those men.
Heavenly Father does not like secret combinations.
They are like lies.

Since Pahoran was dead, & his brother Paanchi was in jail, their brother Pacumeni was made Chief Judge.

Helaman 1 (continued)

Now the Lamanite king, Tubaloth, who was Ammoron's son (Ammoron now being dead) had a very tall & very strong man to lead his army. The man was Coriantumr.

King Tubaloth told Coriantumr to go fight the Nephites.

Coriantumr wasn't afraid; he did something different, besides.

When he & his army came to the Nephite border, They didn't go find the Nephite guards & fight.

They just kept on marching.
They marched past all the small Nephite cities.
They marched right up to the biggest Nephite city. That was Zarahemla.
That was where Pacumeni, the chief judge lived

When they got to Zarahemla, they walked right into the city.
The Nephite army was not at the gates to stop them.
The Nephite army was somewhere else, trying to find out who had hurt the chief judge, Pahoran, that he had died

So the Lamanites went right in, & put the Nephite families in jail.
The Lamanite leader, Coriantumr, found Chief Judge Pacumeni, & hurt him so that he died.

Then, Coriantumr took his army & started toward the land Bountiful.

Now, Captain Moronihah had kept the larger part of the Nephite army near the Lamanite border.

He had not expected Coriantumr to march straight to Zarahemla.

So, when Captain Moronihah heard that
Coriantumr & the Lamanites were going
to the land Bountiful,
he sent Captain Lehi with an army
to stop them.
Captain Lehi & his army got to the land Bountiful first,
and marched toward the Lamanite army
as it came.
When the two armies met, there was a big battle.
Captain Lehi's army fought well.
The Lamanites began to go back to Zarahemla.
But they were surprised to find
Captain Moronihah & the Nephite army behind
them.
They couldn't go back; they had to fight Captain Moronihah.
They couldn't go forward; Captain Lehi was there.

Coriantumr died in the fighting.
The Lamanites had no leader, then, & were confused.
They stopped fighting.
They told Captain Moronihah that all the Lamanites
in Zarahemla would leave.
Captain Moronihah let all the Lamanites go home.

Helaman 2

Now there was no chief judge for the Nephites.

So the Nephites voted for a chief judge.

Most of them voted for Helaman, the son of the
Helaman who had kept care of the gold plates.
Now this Helaman had the gold plates to take care of,
and he was chief judge, too.

Kishkumen & his friends who had their secret together did not like Helaman being chief judge.

Gadianton was one of those bad friends.
He told Kishkumen that he should hurt Helaman, so Gadianton could be chief judge.

Gadianton promised Kishkumen, that if he did this, he would let him be second chief judge.
And so one would know their secret, that Kishkumen & Gadianton were the ones who hurt chief judges.

But one of Helaman's friends had been at one of Gadianton's secret meetings at night.
He had worn a disguise, so Gadianton thought that he was one of his friends.
So this friend of Helaman knew their secrets.

One day soon after, Helaman's friend met Kishkumen near the judgement house where Helaman was chief judge.
He made a secret sign to Kishkumen, and Kishkumen said, "Yes, you are one of my secret friends."
He also said, "Can you take me to Helaman, so I can hurt him?"
The friend of Helaman said, "I will take you there."

Just after they got inside the judgement house, Helaman's friend hurt Kishkumen, so that he died.
Then Helaman's friend ran to Helaman & told him all about the secret of Gadianton & Kishkumen & their friends.

Helaman sent the Nephite police to put Gadianton & his friends in jail.

But they could not find them.

Gadianton had run away with his friends to the forest, to not be put in jail.

Helaman 3

At first, the Nephites lived in peace.
Then, some wanted to argue with others.
They would finally come to Helaman.
As chief judge, Helaman would decide which one was right.
Then they would go home, & not argue anymore.

Some Nephites got angry when they argued.
There were so many of these, that one day, they departed from Zarahemla and went to a new land.
There by themselves in their new land, they were happy.
They made many houses out of cement.

Some Nephites wanted to fight their neighbors.
Helaman helped them understand their neighbors.
Then they stopped fighting.

Helaman was a father.
He had 2 sons.
He named one Nephi, because he liked to hear stories about Nephi.
He named one Lehi, because he liked to hear stories about Father Lehi, too.

Nephi was older than Lehi.

Both Nephi & Lehi did what their father, Helaman, wanted.

Helaman 3 (continued)

Nephi & Lehi liked to go to church.
While Nephi & Lehi were growing up,
many Nephites who had never before come to church,
came to church & were baptized.
Everyone in the land of the Nephites was happy.
They prayed to Heavenly Father.
They loved each other.

One day, Nephi's father, Helaman, got old & died.
So Nephi became the chief judge for the Nephites.

Helaman 4

Also, about this time, some of the Nephites began to wear shiny clothes, and to be proud with them.
When the other Nephites told them to not be proud,
they started to fight.
The other Nephites, who were not proud, had to fight back.
They fought well.
They made the proud Nephites go away from the Land of the Nephites.

The proud Nephites ran to the Lamanites, & asked,
"Please help us fight those other Nephites."
The Lamanites were afraid to fight Nephites,
and they would not help.

But the proud Nephites kept on asking for help.
They tried to convince the Lamanites that it would be easy to fight Nephites.
Finally, the Lamanites said that they would help fight,
but they had to get ready.
The Lamanites took one year to get ready.

Back in the land of the Nephites,
the people did not go to church as often as they used to go.
They didn't pray as much.
They weren't as kind & helpful, either.

Helaman 4, (continued)

Pretty soon, the Lamanites & the proud Nephites came to fight the Nephites.
The Nephites were not ready.
The Lamanites won.
The Lamanites went inside many Nephite cities.
The Nephites had to run away.
The Lamanites took over the big Nephite city of Zarahemla where Nephi & Lehi lived.

Captain Moronihah & his army helped everyone run away from the Lamanites.
They ran north to the land called Bountiful.
Captain Moronihah & his army guarded the narrow pass which led into the land Bountiful, so that the Lamanites could not come there.

Nearly all the Nephites had lost their homes to the Lamanites.
This was because they kept forgetting to be kind & helpful.
This was because they forgot to pray, sometimes.

Captain Moronihah and his army fought hard with the Lamanites.
but the Lamanites were strong.

Captain Moronihah and Nephi and Lehi went among the people, & reminded them to be kind and helpful.
This time the Nephite people listened, & they said to each other "Let's be kind & helpful."
They also started going to church more.
They remembered to pray to Heavenly Father more often.

The next time they fought the Lamanites, they won, because Heavenly Father helped them.
He liked them to be kind & helpful, & to pray.

Helaman 4 (continued)

Captain Moronihah saw that Heavenly Father
was helping them to win, now.
He led them to fight the Lamanites in many cities
that the Nephites used to live in.
They kept winning.
The Lamanites had to run away.
Some of the Nephites could go to their homes, now.

But many Nephites could not go to their homes.
The Lamanites were still in their cities.
It was hard for the Nephites to win in a fight with the
Lamanites, & to make them leave their cities.
The Nephites found that the Lamanites were still
just as strong as they were,
because Heavenly Father had stopped helping them fight.
They needed to be more kind and more helpful, yet.

Helaman 5

Nephi wanted to help them be more kind & helpful.
So he let Cezoram be the chief judge,
and Nephi & Lehi went on a mission
to their friends, who were Nephites.
They remembered that their father, Helaman, had told them
to help others be kind & helpful
by talking to them.
Their father had also told them that Jesus Christ would be born.
He had also told them how Jesus Christ could help people
to do better, so that they could
live with Heavenly Father again.

So Nephi & Lehi went on a mission.
They began by talking to the Nephite people
in the land Bountiful.
Many people liked what they said
about Jesus Christ, & being kind & helpful.

From there, they went to the city of Gid.
Many of their Nephite friends there also liked
what they said about Jesus Christ & being
kind & helpful.
Nephi & Lehi went to many cities & taught these things.

When some of the proud Nephites who had helped
the Lamanites come & fight the Nephites
heard what Nephi & Lehi taught,
they changed their ways, & tried to make up
for the wrong things they had done.
Then they were baptized by Nephi & Lehi.

Now, there were still many Lamanites in the Nephite land.
Nephi & Lehi told them, too, about Jesus Christ,
& being kind & helpful.
8000 of those Lamanites came to Nephi & Lehi,
& said "We like Jesus Christ"
"We will try to be kind & helpful"
"Please baptize us"
And Nephi & Lehi baptized them.

Next, Nephi & Lehi went to the land of the Lamanites.
The Lamanites sent a small army to them.
The army took them to jail.
Nephi & Lehi didn't want to go to jail, but they did go.

At suppertime, the Lamanites didn't give them any supper.
At breakfast-time, they didn't give them any breakfast.
They wouldn't give them any lunch, either.

After many days, Nephi & Lehi were very hungry.

Soon, one day, the Lamanites all came to the jail
to kill Nephi & Lehi.

But as they came close to them,
Nephi & Lehi had a wall of fire around them.
When the Lamanites touched the fire, it hurt them.
But Nephi & Lehi were not hurt by the fire.
So all the Lamanites stood back away from them.
They were amazed.

Nephi & Lehi told the Lamanites that Heavenly Father
had made the fire to keep Nephi & Lehi safe.
Right then, an earthquake made the walls of the jail shake
But the walls did not fall down.
Then a dark cloud came into the jail & made all
the Lamanites afraid.
Then, a voice from above the cloud said:
"Don't hurt these men, for they are My friends."
"They will tell you about some good things."
It spoke in a whisper, yet everyone heard it.
Then the jail walls shook again.
The voice said,
"Try to do better, and be kind & helpful."
"Don't hurt these men, for they are My friends."
And the jail walls shook again.
Then the voice said some very pretty words which we can't say,
and the jail walls shook again.

All the Lamanites were too scared to run away.

There was one of the proud Nephites among the Lamanites,
who looked toward Nephi & Lehi.
He saw that their faces shone like a light
through the dark cloud.
They were looking upward, as if talking with someone
above them.
This proud Nephite told everyone around him
to look at Nephi & Lehi, & see
how their faces shone
The proud Nephite's name was Aminadab.

Everyone in the Lamanite jail asked Aminadab
who Nephi & Lehi were talking to.
Aminadab said they were talking to some angels.

Then the people asked, "How can we make this dark cloud
go away?"
Aminadab told them to
decide to be kind & helpful from that time on,
& to think about Jesus Christ, & that he would be born,
& then to pray to the voice they had heard,
& ask for the dark cloud to be taken away.

When they all did this, the dark cloud went away,
& a circle of fire came around them.
It did not hurt them.
Nephi & Lehi were with them in the circle, too.
Everyone felt good inside.

Then the voice spoke to them again. It said,
"I'm happy you thought good things about
My Son, Jesus Christ."

Everyone looked up to see who was talking,
but they saw no one.
Then they saw angels walk down from heaven to them.
Having the angels near made them feel good inside, too.

The angels told the people in the jail to go out into the city.
They told them to go everywhere in the land, also,
and tell everyone they met
what had happened in the jail, &
how good they felt inside
when they thought good things about Jesus Christ.
They also told everyone that Jesus Christ would be
born.

Most of these people used to be mean Lamanites,
but when they heard all this, they stopped being mean
& were baptized, & were kind & helpful.

Helaman 6

Now the Lamanites weren't mean anymore.
They were kind.
They were more kind than the Nephites.
But the Nephites were still kind.

Everyone was happy that the Lamanites & the Nephites were kind.
They built more churches, & remembered Jesus Christ.

Nephi & Lehi, along with some of the Lamanites, went on a mission to the land in the north.
Everyone had something to do.
Some had gardens.
Some liked to sew.
Some got gold from ore they had dug from the earth.

Some people liked more & more gold, because it could buy things.
They got gold from other people, by not being kind.

Some people who were not kind, would even hurt other people,
And they would keep it a secret among themselves,
so no one would find out who did it.
Then they would not get punished,
as they should have been.
This kind of people were called
"The Gadianton Robbers."

They hurt Cezoram, the chief judge, so that he died.
Nephi & Lehi were still away on their mission,
so Nephi couldn't be chief judge.
The Nephites chose Cezoram's son to be chief judge.

The Gadianton Robbers hurt him, too, & he died.

No one knew who had hurt the chief judge.
They just knew it was someone from the Gadianton Robbers.

The Lamanites tried to put all the Gadianton Robbers in jail,
but they could not catch them all.

The Nephites, however, gave the Gadianton Robbers food & clothing,
and they even helped them hide.
The Gadianton Robbers made secrets with the Nephites,
and the Nephites stopped being kind.

The Nephites did not love Jesus Christ anymore;
they liked gold now.
So the Nephites were not as happy as they used to be.

The Lamanites loved Jesus Christ.
When they could not catch all the Gadianton Robbers in their land,
they talked to them, & sent them letters;

They told them about Jesus Christ, & being kind & helpful.
They told such good stories about Jesus Christ,
that the Gadianton Robbers in their land
became kind & helpful,
so that there were no more robbers among the Lamanites.

But the Nephites all became Gadianton Robbers.

Helaman 7

Now Nephi & Lehi returned from their mission in the north.
The people in the north country had not liked
what they had told them.
Almost no one in the north country got baptized
or joined the church.

Now Nephi & Lehi came home.
They saw their friends & neighbors making fun
of the church.

Helaman 7 (continued)

They saw that their friends were not
kind & helpful anymore.
This made Nephi & Lehi sad.
Nephi went to his home.
He went up the stairs & out onto his balcony.

He said to himself, out loud, how sad he was to see
his friends, & all Nephites,
not being kind & helpful.
He wished he could have been Father Lehi, or Nephi of old.
Then the Nephites would have been good, he said.
And Nephi cried.

The people in the street below heard Nephi crying & looked up.

Nephi stopped crying & opened his eyes.
He saw everyone in the street looking up at him.

Nephi said, "Why are you looking at me?"
"You think it is strange for me to cry, don't you
And he told them, "The devil has told you to stop being kind & helpful.
"You have done what the devil said,
not what Heavenly Father said to do."
"Please start being kind & helpful again."

"If you don't start being kind & helpful again,
Heavenly Father will let the Lamanites come here
& use your homes as theirs,
and you will no more have a home."
"That's what Heavenly Father has told me by an angel."

Helaman 8

Certain people in the crowd, that belonged secretly to the
Gadianton Robbers,
said, "We don't think that what you are saying
is very nice."
"Come on, everyone; let's put Nephi in jail."

Helaman 8 (continued)

But not everyone thought that Nephi ought to go to jail
for telling them they were bad.
So Nephi talked to them some more.

He told them about Moses, and
how Moses knew that Jesus Christ would be born.
& how Moses had said that Jesus Christ
could help us return to live with Heavenly Father.

He told them that they knew it, too, but had forgotten.
So they needed to think of Jesus Christ more.
That would help them to be kind & helpful again.

He told them that their secrets & their Gadianton Robbers
that they liked so much,
were not what Heavenly Father liked.

To show them how bad those things were, he told them
that their chief judge had been hurt so that he
had died, right then, & that it was the
judges brother who had done it.
The brother thought it was all a secret,
but Heavenly Father looks down on us all,
& He knows our secrets.

Helaman 9

Five men decided to go & see the chief judge.
They didn't believe that he had been hurt.

When they came to the judgement seat, they saw that
the chief judge really had been hurt, & was dead,
just as Nephi had said.

This made them afraid,
& they fell down & did not move.

Very soon, other people who had not heard what Nephi said,
came.
They saw the five men there on the floor.

Helaman 9 (continued)

They supposed that those 5 men were the ones who had hurt the chief judge.
They put those 5 men in jail.

No one among the crowd that had listened to Nephi thought about those 5 men, until the next day, at the chief judge's funeral.
When they asked about them, a guard said, "I don't know who you mean."
"But we did take the 5 murderers to jail."

They had the guard bring those 5 to them.
They were the 5 men who had gone to see the chief judge.
Everyone was happy to see them again.

The 5 men told them what had happened.
Everyone felt sorry for those 5 men; they let them go free, but they thought that Nephi should be put in jail.
They forgot that Nephi had told them who hurt the chief judge.
The 5 men tried to remind them that Nephi had not hurt the chief judge, but no one would listen.

They had the Nephite police get Nephi & bring him to them.
They tried to get him to say that he had told someone to hurt the chief judge.
But Nephi had not done any such thing.

Nephi told those mean men to go to the house where the chief judge's brother lived.
Then they were to ask the brother, "Did Nephi tell you to hurt the chief judge?"
Nephi told them that the brother would say, "No."

Then they were to ask the brother if it had been he who had hurt the chief judge.

Helaman 9 (continued)

Nephi told them that then the brother would look surprised, & not say anything at first, but then would say, "No, I did not hurt him."

Nephi told them to next look at the brother's clothes, & there would be blood on them. And when the brother is asked about the blood, he will look guilty, and then the people will know that the brother is the one who had hurt the chief judge. Then the brother would tell them that he really was the one.

Some of the people went right then to the house where the chief judge's brother lived. They asked him all those things. He answered just like Nephi said he would. They put the brother in jail for hurting the chief judge; and they let Nephi alone.

Nephi was a great man, because he knew how to listen for what Heavenly Father would say. Heavenly Father had told him all about the chief judge being hurt & who had done it.

Helaman 10

Nephi was about to go home after the crowd left, when he heard a voice which was like Heavenly Father's.

The voice told Nephi that Heavenly Father trusted him. He gave Nephi power to remove mountains, or to take away houses & put them someplace else, or to make the rain stop, when it was raining.

Helaman 10 (continued)

The voice then told Nephi to go tell the people
that, if they did not stop making secrets
& start being kind & helpful again,
then the Lamanites would come
& scare them out of their houses.
& they would hurt the people, too.

When Nephi heard this, he decided not to go home.
He went to the center of the city, Zarahemla,
& told everyone there that the Lamanites
would come,
if the people didn't do better.

But no one liked what Nephi said.
Everybody there became angry with Nephi.

They started to wrestle him.
They wanted to take him to jail.

But the Spirit of the Lord came & lifted Nephi up
out of the crowd.

Nephi was safe.
The Spirit took Nephi to where another crowd was.
Nephi told them also, that the Lamanites would come,
if they didn't do better.

The people there did not like Nephi.
They wrestled him,
The Spirit of the Lord came & lifted Nephi out of that crowd,
too.

It took him also to many cities that day.
The same thing happened in each place.

Helaman 11

After a while, the Nephites began to argue among
themselves.
They would fight each other with swords.

Helaman 11 (continued)

Many got hurt in the fighting, & died.

Nephi knew that many Nephites would have to die.
But he did not like to see them fight each other.

So Nephi prayed that the Nephites could die
by not having food to eat, instead.
He wanted them to remember Heavenly Father.

So Heavenly Father made it so that no rain came
for the farms.
The plants stopped growing.
There wasn't any more wheat to make bread with.
Thousands of people went hungry.
Thousands of people died.

Gradually, the people that were still living thought about
Heavenly Father.
They decided that Nephi was a friend of Heavenly
Father.
They sent the judges to Nephi to ask him to pray
to bring them rain.

Nephi saw that the people did not make secrets anymore.
He saw that they were kind & helpful again.

Nephi told this to Heavenly Father.
Then he asked Heavenly Father to send them rain again
so the plants & the wheat would grow.

Heavenly Father sent them rain.
The plants grew; there was wheat for bread.
All the people were thankful.
They liked Nephi; They said he was Heavenly Father's friend.
They liked Lehi, too.

Helaman 11 continued

Once again the Nephites were happy.
They went to church.
They were kind & helpful.

But after 3 years of living together happily.
Some of the Nephites argued with others.
Nephi & Lehi went & told them not to argue.
Those Nephites stopped arguing.

But the very next year some other Nephites joined
with some bad Lamanites,
and they began to take things that were not theirs.
Then, to not be caught, they hid in the forests.

They made secrets with each other, & with those who
came to join them.
They became "The Gadianton Robbers" again.

The Gadianton Robbers hurt the Nephite & Lamanite families
& took things away from them.
So the people sent an army to find the
Gadianton Robbers
& take them to jail.

V29 The army found the robbers.
They fought each other.
But the Gadianton robbers were stronger than the army.
The army had to run away.
They went and hid in the cities.
They locked the city gates to keep the robbers
out.

Some people had farms; they lived outside the cities.
The Gadianton robbers took those people away
and hurt them.
Then they ate all the food on the farms.
The people that were left, and those in the cities,
got hungry.

Than, Some of the people remembered that you could ask Heavenly Father to help, and He would help you.
They also remembered that Heavenly Father wanted them to be kind & helpful.
Some of them tried to be kind & helpful, but most of them only wanted to be meaner and cause more trouble.

Helaman 12
Those people thought that they could get more food by being mean.
They forgot how Heavenly Father had given Moses and his people "manna" when they were in the desert, and were hungry.
They forgot how He had given them quail for meat, also.
They forgot that if they were kind and helpful, Heavenly Father would love them, and would make it easy for them to get food.
They needed to think about Jesus Christ.

Helaman 13
All this time while the Nephites were so mean, the Lamanites were very kind and helpful.
There were no Gadianton robbers in the Lamanite lands.
Heavenly Father had blessed their army, and their army had made the Gadianton robbers run away, to the Nephite lands.
The Lamanites knew about Jesus Christ.
They looked forward to when He would be born.

12
One of the Lamanites who was called Samuel went & told the Nephites in the city Zarahemla to be kind & helpful.
The Nephites did not like what he said, and they made him go home to his own land.

Helaman 13 continued

As Samuel the Lamanite started to walk home,
the voice of the Lord told him to stop,
and go back to Zarahemla.
It told him that when he talked to the Nephites again,
it would be with words that the Lord, Jesus Christ
would say, if He were to talk to the Nephites.

Samuel the Lamanite went back to Zarahemla.
The Nephites saw him coming, and locked the gates,
so he could not get in.
So Samuel climbed up the city wall, and
stood on top of it.
Then Samuel talked loudly, so the Nephites in the city
could hear him.
He told them:
that if they kept on being mean, Heavenly Father
would eventually send enemies to hurt them,
until there would be no Nephites left.
that the Lamanites would be their enemy. (in 400 years)
that when they would hide something
to keep it away from others,
they would not be able to find it again
themselves.
He said that they threw stones at the prophets
because they told them to be kind & helpful.
And this hurt Heavenly Father's feelings.
He said that if they kept on being mean,
they would put their hammers down when they went to bed,
and in the morning their hammers would be gone.
Then they would say "We wish we had not been mean",
but it would then be too late to try to be
kind & helpful.

Helaman 14

Helaman 14

Samuel, the Lamanite, told the Nephites in Zarahemla
that Jesus Christ would be born 5 years from that day.

Jesus Christ would be born near Jerusalem.
That was on the other side of the world from the Nephites.
They would not be able to see the Baby Jesus.
Samuel, the Lamanite told them that
they would be able to tell when Jesus Christ was born,
because on the night before He would be born,
the sun would go down,
but there would come big lights in the sky,
and it would seem like day-time
after the sun went down.
Then, the next morning, the sun would come up,
but it would already be bright like day
before the sun came up.
That day, Jesus Christ would be born.
When the sun would go down after that day,
they would see a new, bright star in the sky.

Samuel the Lamanite also told them
that after Jesus Christ would grow up,
He would have to die.
His death would help us to be able to live again
live with Heavenly Father, if we're kind & helpful.
Heavenly Father is Jesus Christ's father, too.

Samuel the Lamanite said that the Nephites would know
just when Jesus Christ would die,
because there would be terrible earthquakes,
and the sun would not shine
the moon & stars would not shine either.
All would be dark for 3 days,
until Jesus Christ took up his body again,
and came to visit them.
He said that the earthquake would first make new mountains
and wreck all the highways and streets.

Helaman 14 continued-

Samuel, the Lamanite, wished that the Nephites would stop being mean.
He was worried that Heavenly Father would punish them.

Helaman 15
He told them that they should have been kind & helpful because Heavenly Father had shown them some wonderful sights in the sky before, and He would show some even more wonderful sights to remind them to not be mean.

Helaman 16
Some of the Nephites liked what Samuel, the Lamanite, said. They went to Nephi to be baptized.
Others of the Nephites did not like Samuel the Lamanite.
They threw stones at him.
They shot arrows at him.
But none of the stones and arrows hit Samuel.
Heavenly Father helped Samuel this way.
Some of those who tried to hurt Samuel the Lamanite changed their minds and went to Nephi to be baptized when they saw that Heavenly Father protected Samuel.
The rest of the Nephites called their police to take Samuel, and put him in jail.
Samuel, the Lamanite, jumped down from the wall and went back to the Lamanite land.

Nephi, the prophet, started telling the Nephites in Zarahemla about things before they happened.
He did this with Heavenly Father's help.
He wanted the Nephites to know about Heavenly Father's help so that they would know that Heavenly Father is real.
Many Nephites were baptized because of this.

Yet, most of the Nephites were still mean.

Helaman 16 continued.

Those who were mean said, "Nephi guessed right,
when he told about things before they happened."
They said, "But he can't be right
about Jesus Christ being born."
Jesus Christ was not real to them.
They wondered why Jesus Christ couldn't be born
in Zarahemla & near Jerusalem
at the same time.
That was silly of them.

III Nephi

III Nephi 1

The prophet Nephi decided to go away.
He gave the gold plates that he had written on,
to his son, Nephi.
Then the prophet Nephi walked off into the desert,
and no one ever saw him again.

At this time, 5 years had passed since Samuel,
the Lamanite had said that there would be
a night when it didn't get dark.
It was almost time for this to happen.

The mean Nephites began to say that the time was past.
They made fun of the kind Nephites.
who had believed Samuel the Lamanite.
The kind Nephites became sad.
Each night everyone watched the sun go down.
The kind Nephites hoped that each night might
be the night when it would be light
The mean Nephites watched it get dark each night,
and said, "There'll never be a night
where it stays light!"

III Nephi 1 continued

Then, one day, the mean Nephites said,
"If that night, that special night,
does not happen by next Saturday night,
we'll hurt all you kind Nephites
until you die."
Nephi, the son of the prophet Nephi, was very sad when
he heard this.
He prayed to Heavenly Father. He prayed a long time.
He didn't want the kind Nephites to die.
While he was praying,
Jesus Christ spoke to him, and said,
"Don't worry. This night shall the sign be given.
Tonight will be the night where it won't get dark
because tomorrow I will be born,
near far-away Jerusalem."
That night everyone stood watching the sun go down.
The sun went down.
But it stayed as bright as day, when the sun was gone.
It was that special night.
The kind Nephites were very happy.
The mean Nephites were afraid, and fell down on the ground
trying to hide.
It stayed bright all night.
In the morning, everyone could see the sun come up,
but it was already light.
Everyone knew, from what Samuel, the Lamanite had said,
that this was the day when Jesus Christ
would be born.
That was a happy day.
After, when night came, it got dark again,
but a new, very bright star came out,
just like Samuel, the Lamanite, had said.

Alot of the mean Nephites decided that Samuel was right.
They went to Nephi to get baptized.

Pretty soon, most of the Nephites were kind and helpful.

III Nephi 1 continued

But still, the Nephites could not catch the Gadianton Robbers & put them in jail.
The Gadianton robbers were mean.

Some of the young men & young women from both the Nephites & the Lamanites wanted to be mean.
They joined the Gadianton robbers.
This made their friends and their families feel sad.

III Nephi 2

Heavenly Father still made lights come in the sky for many years after Jesus was born.
After that time, everyone forgot that the lights were for Jesus Christ.
They said, "These lights do not mean anything."

After more years had passed, there were so many of the Gadianton robbers, that the Nephites and the Lamanites had to help each other fight them.
Everyone that was kind & helpful tried to fight the Gadianton robbers, who were mean.
The Lamanites had had a dark red skin ever since Nephi's time.
Now the kind & helpful Lamanites began to have white skin, like the Nephites.
Together, they fought the Gadianton robbers.

If each one did as he was told, they won.
If they argued and yelled at each other, they lost, and the Gadianton robbers won.

III Nephi 3

Then, one day, the leader of the Gadianton robbers wrote a letter to the Nephites. He said,

"Give up right now, or we'll come and hurt all of you."

"We can do it, too, because we are strong."

The leader of the Nephites, Lachoneus, knew that it was wrong to give up. He also knew that the robbers were very strong.

So Lachoneus told all the Nephites to pray that Heavenly Father would make them strong, too. He also told them to bring their families, their tents & sleeping bags, & their food, to one place. All the people that came there made themselves into a great army. They put up high walls around the place, so the robbers could not get in. The leader of the army was called Gidgiddoni. Gidgiddoni was also a prophet, and knew how to talk with God.

All the army wanted to go hurt the Gadianton robbers before the robbers came to hurt them. Gidgiddoni told them not to do it. He said if you hit first, Heavenly Father won't help you. If the robbers come, and begin hitting us, then we can hit them, and Heavenly Father will help us win.

So they waited. Gidgiddoni had them make shields, & armor, & swords, so that they would be ready to fight when the Gadianton robbers came. And all the people in this one place were kind & helpful.

III Nephi 4

With all the Nephites inside the wall that they had built,
the robbers had no one to rob.
The robbers could not rob any food,
because the Nephites had taken all their food
inside the wall with them.
These robbers didn't like to grow gardens,
so they didn't plant any gardens to get food.

Finally, when they were real hungry, they decided
to fight the Nephites.
The Gadianton robbers had painted their skin red.
They had shiny helmets on.

When the robbers came to fight, the Nephite army
all knelt down on the ground
to pray to Heavenly Father
for help in fighting,
so that they could keep their families safe
from the robbers.
But when the robbers saw the Nephites kneel
on the ground,
they thought that they had scared the Nephites.
So they ran toward the Nephites to hurt them.

But the Nephites finished praying, and stood up,
and fought the robbers well.
The robbers were surprised to find that
the Nephites really were not scared
after all.
Heavenly Father helped the Nephites enough
that they were able to make the robbers
run away.
They chased the Gadianton robbers back into
the mountains & the forests.
Then, the Nephites went back to the place where they
had made the high wall, and told
their families that the robbers had gone away.

III Nephi 4 continued

After a long while, the Gadianton robbers came down and tried to make it so no Nephite could come out of the place with the high wall around it.

The robbers thought that the Nephites had to come out to get food & water.

But really, the Nephites had enough food & water inside the high walls, and didn't need to come out.

So the robbers got hungry waiting.

There was no food outside the walls, at all, finally.

The Gadianton robbers marched away, to find a place where there was some deer left.

Then they could hunt, and get some food.

But Gidgiddoni, the leader of the Nephite army, knew where they planned to go.

The Nephite army followed the robbers, but stayed hidden and when the robbers stopped, and camped that night, Gidgiddoni took part of his army around, past the robbers.

The next morning, the robbers put away their sleeping bags, and began marching on to the land where they could hunt some deer.

Before they had gone very far, they were surprised to find a Nephite army waiting for them.

Some of the Gadianton robbers began fighting those Nephites. Others started running back to the camping place, but they were met by the rest of Gidgiddoni's army.

The robbers were so surprised, that many of them just gave up to the Nephite army and became prisoners.
Those who kept on fighting were all killed in the fight.
So there were no more Gadianton robbers left after that day.
The Nephites were happy.
They thanked Heavenly Father for helping them.
He had helped them because they were all kind & helpful.

III Nephi 5
The Nephites went to the jail where the robbers were kept.
They told them about Jesus Christ, and about being kind & helpful.
Some of the robbers decided not to be mean robbers anymore.
They promised to be kind & helpful.
The Nephites let these people out of jail because they had promised to be kind & helpful.
The robbers in jail that still wanted to be mean were punished according to what bad they had done.
That is how the Gadianton robbers ended.

III Nephi 6
The Nephites all left the place where they had built the wall, and they went back to their homes.
The robbers who had decided to be kind & helpful went with them.
The Nephites helped them make homes for themselves.
They also let them help with the work on their farms.
Everyone was happy.

III Nephi 6 continued

There was much to do.
They made roads.
They built new cities.

Some of the Nephites got more money than others.
These Nephites became proud.
They would not pay attention to any of the poor Nephites.
They were not kind or helpful to them.
They yelled at them.

Heavenly Father had some good Nephites who belonged to His church.
He had them go tell the proud Nephites not to be proud
because of their money,
but to be kind & helpful again.
Now, many of those who were proud
were the judges in the courts.
And judges could have people put to death
if they first told the governor,
and the governor said "yes."
But these proud judges did wrong.
When a good Nephite was brought into court
and he had told people not to be proud,
those judges would have him put to death
because they did not like to be told to
not be proud.
They would have him put to death without telling
the governor.
They would sometimes tell the governor afterward,
when the person was already dead.
They would say "we're sorry"; but really they were not sorry.
Heavenly Father knew they were really not sorry.
They themselves knew that they were really not sorry,
but they would not tell it,
because they were too proud.

III Nephi 6

The friends of the good Nephites told the governor
about the good Nephites being put to death.
The governor told them to make sure,
and then they could put those
bad judges in jail.

But the bad judges secretly told their own friends
to say that they had not
put any good Nephites to death.
This was bad.
When the friends of the good Nephites came to make sure,
they would ask the bad judges' friends,
and those friends would tell them
that those judges never hurt anyone.
And that would be a lie.

III Nephi 7

After this, the bad judges hurt the leader of the Nephites
so that he died.
With no leader, the Nephites did not stay together
as a people.
They argued with each other alot,
so they decided to take their tents
and go camp far away from anyone else.

Fathers and sons and uncles and brothers and sisters
and mothers
camped together.
But each family camped far away from other families
so they wouldn't argue and fight.

Almost no one was kind and helpful anymore.

III Nephi 7 continued

All the families wanted to punish the mean judges,
but the mean judges ran away
into a land in the north,
before anyone could catch them.

But still no one was kind and helpful.
Heavenly Father had good men, called prophets, go to them
and tell them to be kind & helpful.
No one liked to hear the prophets say that.
They threw rocks at them to hurt them.
This was bad.

Nephi's brother was a prophet. His name was Timothy.
He told the people to stop being mean.
They did not like him saying that.
They told him to go away.
He didn't go away
They threw rocks at him, and hurt him bad.
He died.
He did not move anymore.
Nephi came and found his brother laying dead on the ground
Nephi loved his brother.
He saw that his brother was dead.
He cried.
Nephi also prayed to Heavenly Father.
He said, "Look, those people have killed my brother!"
"Heavenly Father, you can make my brother, Timothy,"
be alive again.
"Please make him be alive now."
Heavenly Father loved Nephi
because Nephi did whatever He wanted him to do
So Heavenly Father
made Nephi's brother alive again
for him.
The people watched, and were angry with Nephi,
because they thought that Nephi had power
to make people be alive.

III Nephi 7 continued

Really, it was not Nephi, but Heavenly Father who had the power.
But nobody believed Nephi when he told them that.
Nephi and his brother Timothy went to other camping places and saw many other people.
Sometimes some people did what they said and began to be kind & helpful.
When they did this Nephi and his friends baptized them.
This baptism was to show Heavenly Father, and all the people, too, that these few people were going to be kind & helpful now.

III Nephi 8
About this time, all the people began to say, "Isn't it time for the 3 days of darkness to happen?"
Samuel, the prophet, had told them that it would be dark in their lands for 3 days after Jesus Christ was crucified.

Some people said, "It's not going to happen."
Others said, "Let's wait a little & see."
Many of them argued about it.
Not long afterward, a great storm came across the land.
It rained on everything.
There was thunder.
It went "bang" so loud, that the ground shook.
There was lightning.
It scared the people.

The lightning touched the big city, Zarahemla, and a lot of buildings there caught fire.

III Nephi 8 (continued)

There were earthquakes, too.
The ground went out from under the city of Moroni
by the sea, and the whole city was covered
by the water.
The ground around the city of Moronihah
suddenly moved up, and covered that city.
All there was left, was a big mountain.

Whirlwinds also came, & blew some people away.

The earthquakes and storm lasted 3 hours.
They broke big rocks into smaller ones.
They broke up the streets and highways.
Then, at the end of 3 hours, they stopped.

Then is when the darkness came.
Those people who had not died in the earthquake & storm
said that they could almost feel the darkness,
because it was so dark.
No one could see the sun.
They thought it was night, but it wasn't.
No one could see the moon or the stars.
In fact, it was so dark,
that mothers couldn't see fathers, even while
they held hands,
and children couldn't see their mothers or fathers
either, even though they could talk to them.
No one could get a candle to light.
They couldn't make any fires start, either.

Everybody just cried.
Some of them had brothers & sisters who died
in the fire in Zarahemla.
Some of them had brothers & sisters who had
been buried in Moronihah.

III Nephi 9

after 3 days in the thick darkness,
the people heard a voice talking.
It said:
I have burned up Zarahemla
I have sunk the city, Moroni, into the sea.
I have covered Moronihah with a great pile of dirt.
I have made the city, Gilgal, sink into the ground.
I have sunk the cities of Onihah, Mocum, & Jerusalem,
and put lakes of water in their places.
I did this because they refused to be kind & helpful,
even after I asked them nicely,
by My prophets.
I sunk the cities of Gadiandi, Gadiomnah, Jacob, &
Gimgimno into the ground,
because they refused to be kind & helpful.
I burned the city, Jacobugath, because the people
there were all robbers.
I burned the cities of Laman, Josh, Gad, & Kishkumen,
because they hurt My prophets.

Now, you who can hear Me,
you weren't killed in all this,
because you're sometimes kind & helpful.
Please be kind and helpful all the time now,
so you can be My friends.
I am Jesus Christ.
I lived near Jerusalem.
I was crucified.
Now I am resurrected.
Now you don't have to offer sacrifices of animals
anymore.
Now you just come humbly & get baptized,
and you can receive the Holy Ghost.

III Nephi 10

The people were surprised to hear all this.
They stopped crying.

III Nephi 10 (continued)

They were very quiet; they were thinking.

Then a voice started talking again. It said:

I wish you had always been kind & helpful before.
I kept telling you that before,
because I love you.
If you aren't kind & helpful, I might have to
burn you or bury you, also.

When the people heard this, they started crying again,
because of their lost brothers & sisters.

Then the darkness began to leave.
They could tell it was morning-time
because there was light from the sun.
The earthquakes & the thunder stopped.
This made the people happier.
They stopped crying.

Now they remembered that many of the prophets,
especially Samuel, the Lamanite, had
told them a long time ago that
the thunder & the earthquakes, & the darkness
would happen.
They talked about these things for weeks afterward.
They remembered that these things meant
that Jesus Christ had been crucified.
And they knew that on the 3rd day after He was
crucified,
He would be resurrected, and be alive again.
The darkness had lasted the 3 days
before He was resurrected.

III Nephi 11

One day soon, the people went to a meeting
in a place near the temple.
They talked about Jesus Christ,
and about the darkness while He was dead.

Then, they all heard a voice from above them.
They looked all around the sky, but could
see no one.
The voice wasn't loud, yet everyone heard it,
and yet, the sound seemed to pass right through
them, and vibrated their hearts.
But no one understood the words.
Then the voice went away.

Again, soon, they all heard the same voice.
It still vibrated their hearts,
but it was not loud.
They could tell that the voice talked the way they talked,
but still, they could not understand
what it said.
Then, the voice went away.

When the voice came a third time, they all stared
into the sky above them,
because they were sure that was where it came from.
This time they understood the voice.
It said:
"Behold my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased,
in whom I have glorified my name —
hear ye him."

And then they saw a Man coming down towards them.
He had on a white robe.
It was Jesus Christ, coming down from heaven.

When he got to the ground, he put out his hand, & said:
"Behold, I am Jesus Christ."

III Nephi 11 continued

He said, "I was crucified so that I can help you come back to our Heavenly Father when it is time. It hurts to be crucified, but Heavenly Father wanted it, so I did it. I obeyed my Father, and He loves me."

Everyone knelt down to show their respect for Jesus, who was talking to them.

After a minute, Jesus told everyone to get up, and come to Him, and feel the places in his hands and feet where the nails had been when He was crucified.

After that, everyone was sure that this was Jesus Christ, because they had felt his hands & his feet. They knew that all the prophets had said long ago about Jesus Christ had all come true.

They all knelt down in front of Jesus.

Jesus called for Nephi to come to him.

Nephi came very close, & knelt down, showing his respect.

Jesus told Nephi he could stand up, and then said, "I give you power to baptize people after I go back to heaven."

Jesus called 11 others, too, and gave them power to baptize. Together with Nephi, they were the 12 disciples.

Then He told them how to do it, so that no one would ever want to do it differently, & then argue that their way was right.

He said to have the person getting baptized stand in the water with Nephi, or one of the 12 disciples.

Then Nephi, or one of the 12 disciples, was to say the person's name, & then say "Having authority given me of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

Then Nephi, or one of the 12 disciples, would put the person further down into the water, until the water covered the person,

III Nephi 11 continued

and then help the person back up.
Then they could walk out of the water.

The people had really known how to baptize,
even before Jesus was born,
but some had made different ways,
and then argued that their way was right.
Jesus did not want this to happen anymore.
He did not like to see people argue & fight.

Jesus said that being baptized takes away all your sins
so that you are like a little child, having no sins.
He wants us to think only nice thoughts
like little children do, too.

III Nephi 12

Jesus then told everyone that, after they were baptized
in the water, He would baptize them with fire.
By this, He meant, He would baptize them with
the Holy Ghost.
He said He would be happy with all who did this.
He would be happy for those who cry, and He would comfort them.
He would be happy with those who don't fight, and He would
give them the whole world.
He would be happy with anyone who wants to do right,
and He'll let the Holy Ghost help them.
He would be happy if we are kind, and He'll be kind to us.
He would be happy if no one told lies, for if you don't even
tell lies, you will see Him.
He would be happy with anyone who tries to stop fights,
and He will call them His children.
He would be happy even if others make fun of you for liking Him
because then He can let you share all He owns
with Him.
"But don't be afraid to be My friends, then," He said,
"It's important to tell others about Me,"

III Nephi 12 continued

and nobody except My friends know enough about me
to tell others right."
One way is to be a good example.

Jesus told them to never be angry, or yell,
and to always be kind.
Jesus told them that fathers & mothers should love each other,
and no one else's husband or wife.
He told them that divorce was bad,
because it takes a father or a mother out of a family.
Jesus told them to never say His name or Heavenly Father's,
except in prayers or in church.

Jesus told them to never hit anyone back,
because you're supposed to love those who hit
so that they won't want to hit anymore.
"This way they will know that you're My friend,"
Jesus said.

III Nephi 13

Jesus told them to do nice things for people
without those people ever knowing
that it was you.

He told them go to church to learn about Him.
"Don't go to church just to be seen by your friends,"
He said.
He told them to not always say the same things in their prayers.
He told them how to pray:
1. Start by saying, Heavenly Father,
2. Then, I am thankful for _____
3. Next, Please bless _____
or Please help _____
4. And finish, saying, in the name of Jesus Christ
Amen.
because it's only Jesus Christ who can say to Heavenly

III Nephi 13 (continued)

"Yes, I think he ought to have it"
when we ask Heavenly Father for things.

Sometimes, though, we may not deserve what we ask for.
Sometimes we need to do better for Heavenly Father.
Jesus told us many ways to do better.

Jesus told the people to forgive the person that has hurt you.
Then Heavenly Father can forgive you
and then you can do better.

Jesus told them to not do nice things to show off
to your friends,
but to do nice things,
and keep it a secret
that you did them.

Jesus told them to not want many, many playthings.
Instead, we should try to have
just as much fun
doing nice things for others.
You'll find that you feel good
when you surprise people
by doing nice things for them.
You'll have a light in your eye, then,
and other people will be able to tell it.

Next, Jesus told the 12 disciples to spend all their time
teaching in the church
& visiting the people.
They wouldn't be able to stop and work for money
to buy food, or to buy clothes.

Jesus told them not to worry — that even after He
was gone into heaven again,
He would send them clothes
when their old ones wore out,
and He would send them food when they

III Nephi 13 (continued)

He said, "See those birds up there?
They don't have to worry about getting
food or clothes.
They have beautiful feathers that I gave them.
I help them find their food, too.
And I'll help you too, if you take good care
of My church.

III Nephi 14

Then Jesus talked some more to the people.

Jesus told them, "Don't suppose that some one has done
something wrong
unless you saw them do it yourself,
because alot of the time, they really haven't
done wrong,
but we may have done something else wrong."

Jesus said, "Then, it would be not be fair for you to
suppose someone else did wrong
when really, you know that
you've done something else wrong already."

Jesus said also, "Don't show your friends
all the things that are special to you,
because they may not seem special to them,
and they will break your special things,
and break your heart.
So keep your special things away from your friends.

Jesus told them to ask Heavenly Father in prayer
for the things that you want.
Heavenly Father is kind and will give you
almost anything that is good for you
to have,
but you should pray for it first.

III Nephi 14 (continued)

Jesus told them to not be like some other people who hurt you;
He said to be different,
and to treat others
just as good as you would want them
to treat you.

And if anyone comes to you saying he knows Jesus,
don't believe him
unless he is kind & helpful
like Jesus wants His friends to be.

Jesus told the people, "If you can be kind & helpful,
you'll feel good inside,
and you'll be My friends."

III Nephi 15

Jesus told them again that they did not need to offer animals as sacrifices anymore.
Now they could just be kind & helpful

Jesus then told the 12 disciples,
"The Nephite & Lamanite people here are special to me,
so I did not tell the people in Jerusalem about you.
You were more kind & more helpful than they were,
so Heavenly Father gave you this land of America.

"all I ever told them about you, the Nephites & Lamanites,
was that I had other sheep I was going to visit.
I meant Nephites & Lamanites when I said other sheep,
but the people there in Jerusalem where I lived
did not understand.

III Nephi 16

Jesus told the people
"I still have one more place to go;
there I will visit the Ten Tribes
who live in the north.

The people in Jerusalem knew them once, but have
forgotten about them.
Please write down what I have told you.
After many years, the people from Jerusalem
who read what you wrote will remember them.
They will also remember Me, and get baptized."

III Nephi 17

Then Jesus told them that He would leave them,
so He could visit the Ten Tribes.
He would come back and talk some more tomorrow.

But all the people cried when they heard Him say
he had to go away for a while.

Jesus knew why they cried.
So He said he would stay a little bit longer.

Jesus told them to bring those who were sick,
and when they did,
He blessed them, and each one was better.
Even people who couldn't walk before,
could walk fast now.

Jesus then asked that all the little children be brought
to him.
There were alot of little children there.
The disciples put them all on the ground around Jesus.

Then Jesus had all the grown-ups kneel down.

III Nephi 17 (continued)

Jesus also knelt down, and prayed, using beautiful words.
Then, after everyone got up, everyone was crying for joy.
Then Jesus took each little child, and He blessed each one.
And Jesus cried again after all the children had been blessed.

Then Jesus told the people to look at their little children.

They looked, and saw angels come down from heaven.
A quiet fire followed the angels.
The angels went & blessed the little children more, and the quiet fire was around the angels and the little children.
And there must have been 500 little children there.

III Nephi 18

Jesus sent the 12 disciples to get some bread & water.
He had all the people sit down on the ground.

When the disciples came back with the bread & water,
Jesus took the bread and broke it into pieces, & blessed it.
Then He gave it to the 12 disciples to eat.
When they had eaten some, He told them to pass the bread to all the people, so they could eat some, too.
Jesus told the 12 disciples,
"I will give power to one of you, so that you can break bread & bless it when I am gone."

He said one of them could pass the bread, also, but that only those who have been baptized could eat that bread.
That was because they were to remember Jesus, & how to be kind & helpful, as they ate it.

III Nephi 18 (continued)

Then Jesus had his disciples drink some of the water that had been blessed, & then He had them pass it for all the people to have a drink, too.

Jesus told them that eating the bread & drinking the water is a way of telling Heavenly Father that you will try to do as Jesus wants, — that you will try to be kind & helpful.
If you really try, the Holy Ghost will make you feel good inside.

This is called the sacrament.
Jesus told the people to take the sacrament often.

Jesus told the 12 disciples that He was setting an example for them to follow.

Jesus also told the people to have family prayer every day.
He told them to go to church often.
They could bring their friends who weren't baptized yet, also.

Jesus warned them to not let anyone who kept on doing wrong take the sacrament.
He said you should do right, and then you can take the sacrament.
Jesus also told them to not argue or fight.

Then Jesus blessed each of the 12 disciples, & gave them power to give the Holy Ghost, like He said he would.

Then, as Jesus stood there, a cloud came between the people & Jesus, and when they looked again, He had gone.
He went to Heavenly Father.

III Nephi 19

All the people went home to go to bed.
On the way home, they told their friends about Jesus, and how He had talked to them.
Their friends liked what they told them.

In the morning, everybody went to the ground near where Jesus had taught them.
There were so many people, that the 12 disciples had them all sit down in 12 groups.
Each of the 12 disciples taught one of the groups, like in Sunday School.
They prayed; they talked about Jesus.

After more prayer, they went to a lake to get baptized.

The first of the 12 disciples, Nephi, baptized himself.
Then Nephi baptized his brother, Timothy, the 2nd disciple,
& Nephi baptized Timothy's son, Jonas, the 3rd disciple.

Then Nephi baptized two who were brothers, Mathoni & Mathonihah, the 4th & 5th disciples.

Then Nephi baptized Kumen, Kumenonhi, Jeremiah, Shemnon, Jonas, Zedekiah, & Isaiah, making 12 disciples in all.

When they were all back out of the water, the Holy Ghost came to them.

To the people, it looked as if the 12 disciples were inside a circle of fire.
The disciples felt good inside.

Next, angels came down from heaven and talked to them.

III Nephi 19 (continued)

Then, in a little while, Jesus came to talk to them.

Jesus told everyone to kneel down on the ground.
Then he told the 12 disciples to pray.
They prayed to Jesus.

Jesus walked away a little bit, & knelt down, too.
He prayed.
He told Heavenly Father "thank you" for sending
the Holy Ghost to the 12 disciples.

Heavenly Father had sent them the Holy Ghost
because they believed in Jesus.
Jesus wanted everyone to believe, and get the Holy Ghost.

He walked back to the disciples,
and blessed them while they prayed.
Their faces & their clothes became white like angels.
They shone.

Jesus again walked a little way off, and knelt down and prayed.
He told Heavenly Father "thank you" for
purifying the 12 disciples.

Jesus walked back to the 12 disciples & smiled at them
as they prayed.
Then he went a little way off, & prayed again.
He used strange, beautiful words
that made you feel good inside.

The 12 disciples kept on praying for this long time.
They did not say the same things over & over,
because the Holy Ghost helped them pray.

III Nephi 20

Then Jesus told everyone to stop praying, & to stand up.

Jesus took some bread & broke it & blessed it.
He told the disciples to eat it.
Then He had them break some bread & pass it around for the people to eat.
Then He gave them some water to drink, and to pass around for the people to drink.

No one had brought any bread or water;
but Jesus provided it, so they could have the sacrament.
That was a miracle.

Jesus told them all to read their Bibles & Books of Mormon every day.
That way they would also learn about things that were yet to happen.

He told them that prophets who talked with God had written in those books.
All the prophets wrote something about Jesus Christ, so you can learn about Him in the Bible & the Book of Mormon.

Jesus told them that one day, mean people would make the people in Jerusalem run away & be lost.
But He told them that, after a while, He would hunt those mean people and then those who used to live in Jerusalem could come back, and not be afraid.
Then, they will believe in Jesus Christ, too.

III Nephi 21

Jesus told them how to tell when these things would happen.
He said they would happen when:

The missionaries take the Book of Mormon to the Indians.
Next, the Indians would fight the mean people,
& hurt them.
Then, members of the church will help the Indians
build a new city —
the New Jerusalem.
By that time, the Ten Tribes will be ready to come down
from the north.

III Nephi 22

Then everyone will be happy.

III Nephi 23

Jesus had Nephi bring out the gold plates
that he wrote on when he wanted
to remember important stories.

Jesus showed Nephi where he had left out a story
about people coming alive again after
Jesus Christ had been resurrected.
When they came alive again, they visited
their friends & families
& then went into heaven.

Jesus told Nephi to write that story on the gold plates.
Nephi wrote it right away.

III Nephi 24

Jesus told the people about the law of tithing,
how giving one penny out of every ten to the church
will help bring more pennies to you.

This is because Heavenly Father loves you,
when you do what He wants.

III Nephi 25

Jesus also told the people about making a
Book of Remembrance.
He had Nephi write about this,
and about the law of tithing
on the gold plates.

III Nephi 26

Jesus kept on telling the people many wonderful things.

He had alot to tell them.
He talked to them for 3 whole days.
After that, He left,
but He came back often,
and helped them have the sacrament.

Some days when Jesus Christ visited them,
He blessed their little children.

He blessed them so that even little babies began to talk.
Those babies told marvelous things
that no grown-up knew.

About that time, people went to the 12 disciples
to get baptized.
The disciples baptized them,
and gave them the Holy Ghost.
When they got the Holy Ghost
they told marvelous things
like their children had told.

III Nephi 26 (continued)

The people that got baptized shared things with each other.
No one made anyone else angry.
They were kind & helpful, and did all the things to make Jesus happy.
The 12 disciples told them that they belonged to the church of Christ.

III Nephi 27
When many more people had been baptized, and had joined the church, some of them thought that the name of the church should be changed.
They argued with the 12 disciples.

The 12 disciples did not argue.
They prayed and fasted.
They prayed to Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ came to them.
They asked Him what name the church should have.

Jesus Christ told them to call the church by His name.
It wasn't anybody else's church, so it couldn't have anybody else's name.

He told them to keep on being kind & helpful.
He told them how important His name (Jesus Christ) was.
If you pray to Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus Christ, Heavenly Father will hear you, and will answer your prayers.

He told them that He wished that all the people in the world would want to be baptized, and join His church.

III Nephi 28

Then Jesus talked quietly with each of his 12 disciples, one by one.

He asked each one,
"I can give you anything. What would you like?"

Nine of the answers were all the same.
Nine disciples wanted to go to heaven and be with Jesus after they died.

Jesus said, "Good. I will make it so that you will each die when you are 72 years old, and I will be there in heaven to meet you.

The other 3 disciples thought Jesus would not like them because of what they wanted.
They were afraid to say what they wanted.
So they did not answer Jesus when He asked them.

But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said,

"I know what you 3 want.
John, who was one of My apostles in Jerusalem, wanted it, too.

I was happy to give him his wish.
I will give you 3 your wish, too.

You 3 will never have to die.
No one will be able to hurt you.
You can baptize people for hundreds of years.
You can help people join the church for much longer, until I come in the last days.
You won't feel any hurt, except you'll feel sorry when people do wrong.

III Nephi 28 (continued)

Then Jesus touched the other 9 disciples with his finger & then went away into heaven.
Right then, the 3 disciples floated up into heaven.
They heard someone saying some beautiful words.
They said that their bodies felt new.
Then they came back to the ground where the other 9 disciples were.

They remembered that Jesus had promised them that no one could hurt them.
If they were in jail, earthquakes opened the jail walls for them to walk out.
If someone put them in a deep hole, they could tell the earth to make steps, and they could climb out.
If someone put them in an oven, they wouldn't be burned.
If someone put them in with lions & tigers, the lions & tigers wouldn't hurt them or eat them, but they would play like kittens.
This is because they would always have Heavenly Father helping them.

In these days, these 3 disciples are like angels.
They can come to you from far away just by praying to be by you.
Many times they will come to people, and people will not know that they are the 3 disciples.
Yet, they can help many people to join the church.

III Nephi 29

In these days, we can know that it won't be too many years before Jesus Christ comes to be with us again.
The Book of Mormon lets us know that He is planning to come soon.

IV Nephi

The 12 disciples kept on baptizing people who wanted to join the church.
They gave those people the Holy Ghost, too.

Pretty soon, everyone in all the land, was baptized.

They were all happy.
They were always kind & helpful.
They shared things with their friends.
No one ever thought of arguing.

The 12 disciples blessed sick people & they got better.
Jesus Christ had told the 12 disciples that they could bless people, and then He would help them get better.

They built buildings, & made cities.

They went to church every week.

Then a disciple turned 72 years old, and he died & went to heaven, just like Jesus promised.
The people in the church voted on a new disciple to take the place of the one who died.
So there were always 12 disciples.

Then another disciple died, being 72 years old; and another, and another.
Each time, the people voted on a new disciple to make sure that there were always 12.
But 3 disciples did not die.
They were the ones Jesus promised that they would live until He came to earth again.

Everyone was happy.

IV Nephi (continued)

No one fought.
There were no robbers.
No one told lies.

76 years after Jesus Christ first appeared to these people,
Nephi died.
He was the one who wrote on the gold plates, & kept them

So Nephi's son, Amos, kept the gold plates.
He wrote some things on them, too.

After many years, Amos got old, and died too.
So his son, Amos, kept the gold plates, then.

About that time some of the people began to like
to wear shiny clothes.
They were proud.
They did not share the things that they used to.

Some of these people made their own church & went there
on Sundays.
They did not go to the Church of Jesus Christ.

They tried to hurt those who went to the
Church of Jesus Christ.
They made fun of them.
They put the 3 disciples in jail.
But Heavenly Father made an earthquake,
and the jail broke, & the 3 disciples
walked out.

The 3 disciples did miracles,
like blessing the sick so they got better.

The people who made their own church didn't like this.
They said that there never was a Jesus.
They wanted to hurt the 3 disciples.
They put them in a hot furnace.
But the fiery furnace never hurt them.

IV Nephi (continued)

So they took the 3 disciples out of the furnaces,
and put them in a cage
with some lions & tigers, to eat them.

But the 3 disciples prayed, and when a lion
or a tiger
came over to them, it acted like a kitten,
And the 3 disciples played with the lions & tigers
because Heavenly Father helped them.
So the people from the other church let out the
3 disciples.
But they kept trying to hunt them in other ways, though.
They were mean.
They called themselves Lamanites.

The people belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ
were called Nephites.
The 3 disciples were called Nephites, too.
Now we call them the 3 Nephites.

The Lamanite people taught their children
to hate the Nephite children.
This was not right.

The Lamanites always hit the Nephites whenever they could
The Nephites never hit back.

The Lamanites started having secrets
like the Gadianton robbers had.
The Lamanites liked to be robbers.
They were mean.
There were more Lamanites than there were Nephites.

Then the Nephites began to like to wear shiny clothes,
and be proud.
They forgot to be kind & helpful,
like they used to be.

IV Nephi (continued)

Now everyone was mean,
both the Lamanites and the Nephites.

This made the 3 Nephites cry alot.
Everyone but themselves was mean.
They knew Heavenly Father didn't want anyone to be mean.
They knew the people were mean because they all wanted money, and more money, and hurt people to git it.

About then, Amos died.
He had kept, & written on, the gold plates.
Now his brother Ammaron took them & kept them safe.

The Holy Ghost told Ammaron to hide the gold plates.
Ammaron took all the gold plates to the hill Shim.
There, he dug a large hole in the hill.

Next, Ammaron put all the gold plates carefully in the hole
Then, he covered the hole up.

Mormon 1

After a while, Ammaron saw one young boy among all the Nephites, who was still kind & helpful.

Since the boy was kind & helpful,
Ammaron thought he would trust that boy & tell him where he had hidden the gold plates.

The boy was just 10 years old.
He had learned to read & write very well.

Ammaron thought that this boy could write on the gold plates next.

Mormon 1 (continued)

The boy's name was Mormon.

Ammaron told Mormon where he had hidden the gold plates.
He told Mormon to notice what went on among the Nephite people,
and then, when he got to be 24 years old,
to go to the hill,
and take out some of the gold plates,
and write about what had gone on among the Nephite people.

But the very next year, when Mormon was 11 years old,
his family had to move south, away from the hill Shim.

But where they moved to, was Zarahemla.
Here, Mormon could notice what went on better than in his old home,
because Zarahemla was an important Nephite city.

Soon after Mormon's family got there,
the Lamanite army came and fought the Nephites near Zarahemla.
The Lamanites lost, & They went back home.

Now, the Lamanites were mean,
but the Nephites, too, had stopped being kind & helpful,
and were getting mean.
They hurt the 3 disciples who would not ever die.
They hurt them so often, that
Heavenly Father took them away,
to another country.
Hardly anyone saw them after that.
Heavenly Father wouldn't let them come to anyone who was mean.

Mormon 1 (continued)

Mormon knew how to pray,
and when he needed to see the 3 disciples,
Heavenly Father would let them visit him.
Jesus Christ visited Mormon, too,
to answer some of his prayers.
And Mormon was 15 years old, then.

Mormon was sorry that the Nephite people had been so mean
that the 3 disciples had left them.
He tried to tell the Nephites to be kind & helpful,
but no one listened.
Their hearts were hard.

The Gadianton robbers stole people's money.
The Nephites who wanted to keep their money,
dug holes, and buried it,
to keep it from the Gadianton robbers.

But Heavenly Father cursed the ground,
so that when the Nephites went digging to get
their money again,
it was not there anymore.
Heavenly Father did not want them to want money so much,
so He took it away.
The Nephites got magicians to help them find their money again,
but their magic did not help.
It could never help, because Heavenly Father did not
want it to help.
Heavenly Father doesn't want us to ask magicians for help.
He wants us to ask Him for help,
because He wants to help.

Mormon 2

Mormon was a tall boy; he was strong, too.
The Nephites chose Mormon to be the
captain of all their armies.

Mormon 2 (continued)

And Mormon was barely 16 years old.

Mormon taught the men in the Nephite army how to fight.

But when the Lamanites really came to fight,
the Nephite army was afraid.
The men in the Army would not fight.
They ran away from the Lamanites.

Mormon told them they could stop & rest in the
city of Angola.
They locked the city gates so the Lamanites
could not come in.
But the Lamanites climbed over the walls.
When the Nephites saw the Lamanites
coming in over the walls,
they were afraid again &
ran out the back gate,
to get away.
They ran to another city, and locked the gates,
but again the Lamanites overcame them,
and they ran to the land of Joshua.

Here, they called for all the Nephites to come &
help them fight.
Many came.
This time, when the Lamanites came to fight,
the Nephites were able to win.

But still, almost everyone among the Nephites & Lamanites was mean.
So Heavenly Father made it so that almost
no one could keep what was his.
If anyone put his sword down for a while,
some robber would take it, quickly.
It got so that people couldn't find things
when they needed them.
This made the Nephites sad, and they cried.

Mormon 2 (continued)

They never prayed to Heavenly Father to help them find things, anymore.
They had forgotten all about Heavenly Father.
They had forgotten all about Jesus Christ, His Son.
They had forgotten that they had been happy when they were kind & helpful.
Now they were unhappy.

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Mormon faithfully wrote about these things on the gold plates, so that we could read about them, and know to do better.

The Nephites kept on losing their fights with the Lamanites.
The Lamanites chased them to the city of Shem.
The Nephites were afraid of the Lamanites.
There were many more Lamanites than there were Nephites.

But Mormon told all the Nephites to not be afraid anymore, & to fight hard.
So, in the next fight, they beat the Lamanites.
They chased the Lamanites out of their country.

So, for a while, the Lamanites stayed in the south & the Nephites lived in the north.

Mormon 3

Mormon made the Nephites get ready for more fights, even though the Lamanites did not come to fight for a long time.

One time when Jesus spoke to Mormon, He told him to go out & tell the people to do better —

Mormon 3 (continued)

to be kind & helpful again,
& remember Jesus Christ,
& get baptized, & go to church.

So Mormon went out & talked to many Nephites,
but they did not want to be kind & helpful.
They thought Mormon was silly
to ask them to remember Jesus Christ
They were mean.

Then the Lamanites said they were ready to fight again.
Mormon had the Nephites get ready, also.
Everybody helped fight, & the Lamanites lost,
& went home.
But soon the Lamanites came back to fight again.
The Nephites fought hard, & won.
The Lamanites went home.

The Nephites were proud that they had beaten
the Lamanites two times.
They wanted to go over to the Lamanites homes
& hurt them & fight.
Mormon said "No", that is wrong.
Mormon did not go with them when they
went over to the Lamanites' homes
to fight.

Mormon 4

The Nephites lost when they fought near the Lamanites' home
The Lamanites chased them back to the Nephite land
and went to their homes,
& chased them out of there, too.
The Nephites had to run to another city.
The city was called, Teancum.
The Lamanites tried to get into that city, too,
but the Nephites scared them away.
The Nephites then fought the Lamanites, &
got their old homes back.

Mormon 4 (continued)

But there were more Lamanites than Nephites,
so they fought the Nephites again,
& made them leave their homes,
& run away to the city of Teancum.
The Lamanites followed them there,
and fought them again.
They had to run away,
but the Lamanites caught alot of them.
& were very mean to them.

The Nephites who got away were mad at the Lamanites
for what they did.
After a little while, those Nephites went & fought
the Lamanites.

They won.
The Lamanites went home.

After many years of staying at their homes,
the Lamanites were ready to fight the Nephites
again.
There were so many Lamanites that came to fight,
that you couldn't count them all.
The drove the Nephites out of their homes in one city.
These all ran to the next city, called Boaz.

There, the Nephites fought well.
The Lamanites decided to leave them alone
for a little while.
But when the Lamanites fought them again,
the Nephites had to run away.

The Lamanites caught many of them,
& did mean things to them.

About this time, Mormon gathered up all of the
many gold plates in the hill Shim, &
kept them by himself.

Mormon 5

Mormon felt sorry for the Nephites.
He said, "Don't cry anymore; I'll be your leader."
They hoped that Mormon could help them
beat the Lamanites.
But Mormon knew that he could not help them
to do that,
because they were not kind & helpful at all.

Still, the next time the Lamanites tried to drive
them out of their homes,
They couldn't.
So the Lamanites went back to where they were camped
Other Lamanites came to help.
Soon, they all went & fought the Nephites.

The Nephites saw how many Lamanites there were
and knew it was useless to fight.
They all tried to run away.
Those who couldn't run so fast were caught,
& the Lamanites did mean things to hurt them.

Mormon got away, with some of the Nephites,
and with the gold plates.

He thought how the Lamanites would have children,
& then grandchildren, & finally, they would
be known as Indians.
He knew Heavenly Father would like the Indians
to be baptized,
so he wrote all this on the gold plates.
Then, Heavenly Father could have someone
find where he hid the gold plates,
& make a book from the writing on them,
& show it to the Indians.
Then, they would want to be baptized.
We call that book, "The Book of Mormon"
because Mormon wrote alot of it.

Mormon 6

Mormon wrote a letter to the king of the Lamanites.
He said:

"Please let us Nephites go to the hill Cumorah.
We will ask all the Nephites to go there.
Then we will fight you,
but not before, please."

The Lamanite king said, "Go ahead and do that;
we will wait."

Mormon & all the Nephites went to the hill Cumorah.
It took 4 years for all the Nephites to decide to go there.
Mormon wrote on the gold plates while he waited for them.
They put up their tents & camped on the hill.
The hill was a good place to fight from.

But Mormon knew that Heavenly Father
meant for the Nephites to lose, & die
and that the Lamanites would kill every
last Nephite.
This was because they were not kind & helpful anymore.
So Mormon put all the different gold plates he had
into a hole in the ground
on the side of the hill.
Then he covered it up so the Lamanites wouldn't find it.
He kept back a few of the gold plates to give
to his son, Moroni,
so his son could write about what happened
after he died.

Each Nephite family had a tent on the hill Cumorah.
Fathers & mothers & brothers & sisters were all there.

Together, they watched the Lamanites come up to fight.
There were Lamanites as far as they could see,
all around the hill.

Mormon 6 (continued)

The Nephites were scared
but there was no place to run.

The Lamanites came up the hill & hurt every Nephite.
so bad that they all died,
except for Mormon, his son, Moroni,
& 22 other Nephites.
They had been hurt, but did not die.
The Lamanites had gone back to their campground

Mormon looked down from the top of the hill Cumorah.
He saw that his part of the Nephite army was all dead.
He saw that his son, Moroni's part of the army was all dead, too
There were 21 other captains
with 21 parts of the army when the battle started.
Now all those many men were dead.
All there families were dead, too.

Mormon was sorry for them.
He had told them to be kind & helpful,
but they never listened.
Mormon cried for them.
Mormon spent the next day or so
writing on some of the gold plates.
He wanted the people who would find them
to know how awful it was
for those who weren't kind & helpful.

(Mormon 7)

Mormon 8

After a few days, the Lamanites discovered
the 24 Nephites who were still alive.
They chased them.
Some of the 24 Nephites ran in different directions

The Lamanites surrounded some of them.
so they couldn't run away.
Then they killed them.

Mormon 8 (continued)

The Lamanites killed Mormon this way.
They killed 22 more of the 24 Nephites, too.
Only Moroni escaped.
He hid himself from the Lamanites.
Moroni wrote on the gold plates about his father's death.

Heavenly Father let Moroni see, by means of a vision,
who would find the gold plates
(but he did not say his name)
Heavenly Father let Moroni see us, & our family, & our friends.
He saw that many of our friends
would go to the wrong church
& would wear shiny clothes & be proud
& wouldn't share things with others,
but they would want money, & more money.

Mormon 9
Moroni also saw that some of our friends
would not believe that Jesus Christ came.
He wrote that he had seen Jesus Christ,
& talked to Him,
& that Jesus Christ still lives in Heaven.

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Next, Moroni wrote the story he found on some gold plates
that his father, Mormon, had hid in the hill.

Moroni 1
After that, the Lamanites still had not found Moroni
to kill him,
so he wrote some more on the gold plates he had.
He hoped that, after they were found again,
the writing on the gold plates could help someone,
like the Indians.

Moroni 2 to 6

Moroni wrote down the words the 12 disciples of Christ
used when they baptized people,
& when they gave them the Holy Ghost,
& when they administered the Sacrament,
& when they gave others power to bless
the sacrament, too.

Moroni 7

Moroni also wrote about a Talk his father, Mormon,
had given in a sacrament meeting.
In that Talk, he had told them that it was good
to believe in Jesus Christ
Then they could next say they had faith,
if they were kind & helpful, & prayed.
Angels can come & visit you if you have faith.

Then you have a hope that Jesus Christ's suffering
before he died will help Heavenly Father
to want you to come back & live with him,
in spite of all the bad things you've done,
if you don't do them anymore.

Mormon had told them that
even though you might have faith & hope
and see angels,
and were baptized,
it wouldn't do any good
unless you were kind & helpful, too.
Moroni wrote all this on the gold plates.

Moroni 8

Moroni also wrote what his father, Mormon,
had said about baptizing babies.
He had said,
Babies are precious to Heavenly Father.
Baptism is to wash away
things you did that were bad.

Moroni 8 (continued)

Babies can't do anything bad
in Heavenly Father's sight.
So don't ever baptize babies.

Moroni 9

Moroni also wrote on the gold plates,
the words of a letter his father, Mormon,
had sent him.
It told about all the mean things the Lamanites did.
It said that the Nephites did even meaner things.
So Heavenly Father had the Nephites all die.

Moroni 10

Moroni wrote a letter for us to read.
It says

After you have read the Book of Mormon,
pray to Heavenly Father about it.

Ask Him to let you know it is right,
and He will let the Holy Ghost come,
and give you a warm feeling inside.

You will like that warm feeling, &
you will remember it.
You will want to tell others how to get
that warm feeling, too.

The Book of Ether

1 Moroni found this book among the gold plates he had.
He wrote the story of this book onto his gold plates, for us to read.

Long ago, the people living on the earth were busy building a tower.
They thought they had to have a tower to climb on to get up into heaven & live with Heavenly Father.
That was wrong.
If we're kind & helpful all our lives, He will send someone who will take us to Him.
We don't need a tower.

Heavenly Father stopped them from finishing the tower.
He changed the way some of them talked.
When one man said, "Get up & come to work,"
the other man heard "It's time to go to bed,"
because the two men used different languages.

So no work got done on the tower.

But families could understand each other.
Alot of families decided to move away, and leave the tower.
That was what Heavenly Father wanted.
Jared was a father.
Jared & his family moved away & left the Tower.
Jared's brother had a family, too, & they all went away with Jared & his family.

Jared had his brother pray to Heavenly Father, & ask Him to let their two families speak the same language.
He did, & Heavenly Father liked it.
The two families could understand each other.

Ether 1 continued.

Next Jared asked his brother to pray & ask Heavenly Father just where they should hike to with their families.

Jared's brother was praying for a long time when Heavenly Father gave him the answer.

He said:

Go get all your cows & bulls, & your sheep, & your goats.
Get all the seeds you can, too.
Then go north into the valley of Nimrod.
I will meet you there.
I will tell you how to get to a beautiful land, and it will belong to you, and all your families.

2 So Jared & his brother took their families & hiked to the valley of Nimrod.

They took their tents & sleeping bags.
They took their food.
They took all the animals — cows, sheep, goats.
They took a water tank, for the fish they wanted to bring.
They took a beehive, with bees.
Their name for bees was not bees, it was Deseret.

When they camped in the valley of Nimrod, Jesus Christ came down and talked with Jared's brother.
But Jesus Christ was in a cloud, & all Jared's brother saw, was a cloud.
But they talked together.

Jesus Christ told Jared's brother to have everyone follow him.

The cloud went north a ways.
Everyone walked, or hiked, toward the cloud.
Then, the cloud would move on, and everyone would hike again to catch up.

Every so often, Jesus Christ would talk to them from inside the cloud.

Ether 2 (continued)

Sometimes they came to rivers.
Sometimes they came to lakes.
Then Jesus Christ would tell them which way
to go to get across.
Sometimes they had to build boats,
& row across.
Finally He led them to the ocean.
Then the cloud went away, & they were alone.
They put up their tents near the beach.
They were happy to be there.
Soon, they had so much fun,
that they forgot to pray to Heavenly Father
every day.

After 4 years had gone by,
Jesus Christ came & stood in a cloud
& talked to Jared's brother.
Jesus scolded him for forgetting to pray.
"But if you'll promise to not forget any more,
I'll forgive you," He said.
And Jared's brother promised.

Then Jesus Christ told him to build some boats,
much like the ones they had built
to cross the lakes with.
If you put one mush bowl upside down
on top of another that is upright,
they look alot like the boats
that Jared & his brother built,
except they were long one way, like a
cucumber.
But they were big enough for people to go into.

When the door was shut tight, no water could get in.
But no air could come in, either,
and Jared's brother prayed, & told Jesus,
"How are we going to breathe?"

Ether 2, (continued)

Jesus told him to make holes in the middle
of each boat, one on the top, & one in the bottom,
and to make plugs for the holes.
Then, they could have the top hole open for air
and keep the bottom hole plugged,
so no water would leak in.
If the waves ever turned the boat upside down,
they could plug the hole touching the water,
and open the hole above them for air.

Jared & his brother made the holes & the plugs like they were told
But they noticed it was dark inside the boats.

Jared's brother prayed, telling about the darkness in the boats.
Jesus answered:
"You can't have windows; the big waves would
break them.
I don't want you to make any fires
inside the boats.
So what do you want Me to do to
make it light in the boats?"

3 Jared's brother excused himself, and
went & got a rock from a high mountain.
He made 16 small stones from that rock.
You could see through them, like glass.
16 was enough to put one in each end
of the 8 boats that they had.

He took the 16 stones to the top of the high mountain,
and called for Jesus Christ to come.
He came, & Jared's brother told Him
that the only way he knew to
have light inside the boats
was to have Him put light
in the stones, by touching
each stone with His finger.

Ether 3 (continued)

Now, Jared's brother knew Jesus Christ by having
talked with Him alot,
but he had never seen Him,
because He always stood in a cloud,
or behind a veil in a pillar of light.
He stayed there, in order to not hurt anyone's eyes,
because His glory looks so very bright.

But Jared knew that He must have fingers like we do.
So he asked Him to touch each stone
with his finger.

Jesus reached out & touched every one of the 16 stones.
Then He saw that Jared's brother had fallen
down on the ground,
and He told him to get up.

Jared's brother said, "I saw Your finger, & I was scared."
"That is why I fell down."
"I knew You had fingers, but I didn't think
anyone on earth could really see them,
because of the veil between us."

Jesus answered, saying:
"You could see around the veil because you had faith."
"Your faith is very great."
"Did you see anything more than my finger?"

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Jared's brother said,
"No, but please show yourself to me."

Jesus asked him if he would believe everything
that He would say.
Jared's brother said,
"Yes I will, because you are God."

Ether 3 (continued)

So right then, Jesus showed himself to Jared's brother.
He said, "See, I am Jesus Christ.
Nobody ever before has had as much faith
as you have.
It takes alot of faith to see Me.
Do you see that you & I look like brothers,
almost?
I have 2 arms, 2 legs, eyes, ears & nose & mouth
like you do.
Right now they are made of spirit matter.
I have not been born on earth yet
to get my earthly body,
but when I do, it will look just like
I look now.

Jesus warned Jared's brother to tell no one that he had
seen Jesus.
But he could write about it on gold plates
with strange writing, so that
no one could read the story
until after Jesus got his earthly body.
Then people could use 2 glass stones
to read the strange writing,
and read how Jared's brother saw Jesus.

Jesus then showed Jared's brother visions
where he saw everybody who ever lived, or
that would live on the earth.
He probably saw us, too.
Then the vision ended,
& Jesus went back to Heavenly Father,
& Jared's brother went down the mountain
with the 16 stones
that now glowed in the dark.

Ether 4 & 5

Jared's brother wrote on gold plates about seeing Jesus Christ
Then he hid them away like Jesus had told him,
so no one would read it until after Jesus came
& visited the Nephites, after he had been
crucified, & was ressurrected.

Even though this story is so wonderful, some of the people
who read it will forget it later;
& some will even make fun of it.

But they must not do that,
because it was Jesus Christ himself who
had the story written down.

6 Jared's brother Took the 16 shining stones,
and put one in the front, & one in the back,
of each boat.

They made lunches to eat on the boats.
They Took food for their cows & other animals.

They went inside the boats, & shut the doors Tight.
They waited for Heavenly Father to start them
on their way.

He made a strong wind blow,
that made big waves in the ocean.
The waves picked up the boats
& took them the way the wind blew.

Sometimes the boats went from wave to wave.
From down inbetween the waves,
the waves looked like mountains.
Many times the waves fell on the boats.
There was water all around them.
But they were safe.
The doors were shut Tight.
Heavenly Father watched over them &

Ether 6 (continued)

He helped the boats float to the top of the water whenever a wave covered them.

The wind & the waves never stopped pushing them towards the promised land.
They sang songs like in Sunday School just about all the time.
They were happy.

It took them a long, long time to get to the promised land. It was almost a year.

When they got there, they knelt down & thanked Heavenly Father for getting them safely there.
They planted their seeds in the ground.

They had large families, and many babies.
Jared had 4 sons & 8 daughters.
Jared's brother had 22 sons & daughters.

When Jared & his brother got old, the people with them asked them to choose a king to rule them after Jared & his brother died.

Jared & his brother knew this was wrong, but the people insisted, so they let them.

They chose the oldest son of Jared's brother. He was called Pagag.
But he didn't want to be king.

So they chose another of his brothers, and another. One by one, each said he didn't want to be king.

So they chose Jared's youngest son, but he said no, too.

Ether 6 (continued)

So did his next older brother,
and his next older brother, besides.

Finally, they asked Orihah, Jared's oldest son,
to be their king.
He said yes.

Orihah was a good king.
Everyone worked hard.
They said prayers every day.
They were kind & helpful.
They were happy.

After a long while, Jared & his brother died.

7 King Orihah lived a long time.
He had a large family.
There were 23 brothers & 8 sisters.
One brother was named Kib.
He was one of the youngest.

When he grew up, King Orihah died, & Kib was made
king.

Kib was a good king.
He had a large family, too.
One of the boys in his family was called Corihor.

When Corihor grew up, & was 32 years old,
he did not want to do anything his father wanted
him to do,
and he ran away, away to the land of Nehor.

There he got married & had a large family.
His family was beautiful in appearance.

Corihor persuaded other families to run away &
live with him in the land of Nehor.

Ether 7 (continued)

Many families did.

When Corihor had alot of people there
he invited them to be in his army.
His army could fight well.

One day, Corihor took his army to his old home,
where his father, king Kib lived.
But what he did was bad.
He had his army fight king Kib's guards,
and when they had won,
they took king Kib back to the
land of Nehor, & put him in jail.
And Corihor made himself king.
This is what he had wanted,
ever since he had run away.
Corihor was a bad king; no one liked him.
Kib & his wife had another baby while they were in jail.
It was a boy, & they called him "Shule".

Shule grew up to be very tall & strong.
Shule went to a hill one day, & got ore,
from which he made many swords.

Shule invited anyone who wanted, to be in his new army.
Soon he had a large army.
They fought Corihor's army with the swords
that Shule had made.
They won.

Shule let his father out of jail, so he could be king again.
They put Corihor in jail.

When king Kib was old, he made Shule be king.
Then Kib died.

Ether 7 (continued)

Shule was a good king.
He had a large family, too.

Corihor sent a letter from his jail one day.
It told Shule that Corihor was sorry
for putting their father in jail.
He said he wouldn't put any king in jail.
So king Shule let Corihor out of jail.
King Shule & Corihor were friends after that.

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But after a while, one of Corihor's sons, named Noah,
decided that he didn't like
king Shule.
His father, Corihor, tried to help him like the king,
but he wouldn't,
and he ran away with some of his friends,
and together they started an army.

When Noah's army was good enough at fighting,
Noah went with his army & fought
King Shule's guards.
Noah & his army won.
Noah got to be king,
but king Shule got away, and went
to a different part of the land.

Pretty soon Noah went after him with his army.
They fought again with king Shule.
They won, & Noah put king Shule in jail.

Noah was going to hurt king Shule so he would die.
One of king Shule's sons
snuck up to Noah, & hurt him so he died.
Then he let his father, king Shule, out of jail,
and told him that Noah was dead.

Ether 7 (continued)

So king Shule was king again, but just in that part of the land where he was,

because Noah's son, Cohor, said he would have Noah's army fight king Shule & his army if they came where he was.

So the country was divided.
Cohor was king in one part.
King Shule was king in the other part.
The people where king Shule was, were happy.

One day, Cohor took his army over to where king Shule's army was, and fought them hard.
But king Shule's army fought better.
They won.
Cohor died in the fighting.

So Cohor's son, Nimrod, took his place.

But Nimrod was not like his father;
he made friends with king Shule
He let king Shule be king everywhere.
King Shule liked Nimrod, too.
He let him do alot of important things in his kingdom.

After a time, the people began to forget to pray, and to forget to be kind & helpful.

Heavenly Father caused certain men to become prophets.
The prophets told each person what they were doing wrong.
To some, they said, "You didn't pray today."
To others, they might say,
"You weren't kind to your brother yesterda

Ether 7 (continued)

Those people would feel bad, because they knew the prophets were right.
But they didn't want the prophets to say it, because they didn't want anyone else to know just what they were doing wrong.

So they would hit the prophets, or hurt them in some way, hoping that then the prophets would stop telling all their faults, or even go away crying, & hide.

This would have been bad.
But king Shule always did what was right.
He & the prophets were friends.
He saw that some people hurt the prophets, so he made laws in his kingdom, that anyone who hurt a prophet, or even made fun of a prophet, would have to go to jail.
No one wanted to be put in jail, so from that time on, the prophets could talk to anyone they wanted.
They preached, & told everyone to be kind & helpful, & to remember to pray.

After a while, everyone realized that the prophets were right, and everyone felt sorry for not doing as they were supposed to, and they remembered to pray, & they were kind & helpful, too.

Everyone was happy.

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Ether 8

Omer was king after Shule got old & died,
because he was Shule's son.
One of Omer's sons was called Jared.

When Jared grew up, he almost never agreed
with his father, king Omer.
He got so mad with his father one day,
that he went away to the land of Heth
to live.

Jared came back to the kingdom some days,
and talked to the people, and
told them pretty stories that were not quite true
so that many people left the kingdom
& went with Jared
to live in the land of Heth.

Pretty soon, he had half the people with him.
So he got many of them to be in his army,
& took them, & fought king Omer & his guards

Jared & his army won, & put king Omer in jail.
Then Jared was king.
But king Omer's other sons, Essrom & Coriantumr,
knew that that was wrong.
They went & got people to be in their army,
& they all went & fought Jared & his army.

They fought at night, this time.
Essrom & Coriantumr's army won.
They were about to hurt Jared,
but Jared said,

"Don't hurt me; I'll let our father (Omer) be king
again."

And so it was, that king Omer was king again.

Ether 8 (continued)

But after a while, Jared remembered how nice it was
for him when he had been king.
He began to be sorry he had
let his father be king again.
Sometimes he cried.

Jared's daughter, who had grown up by then,
saw him crying one day.
She knew he missed being king.
She thought of a way that she could help
her father be king again.
But it was a bad way, that would hurt someone.

She told her father (Jared) the plan.
And together, they decided to do it.
This is how things went:

Jared sent for Akish to come over to his house.
Akish was a friend of king Omer.
When he got there, they had a party,
and Jared's daughter danced for Akish.

Akish liked her so well that he wanted to marry her.
He had to ask her father, first.
He said, "Yes, but only if you hurt king Omer.

Now Akish knew it was wrong to hurt people,
but still he said yes, he would do it.
That was bad.

Akish wanted to hide his part in this bad plan,
so he had all his family
come over to Jared's house.

There, he made them each promise that they
would never tell anyone
that Akish was the one who would
hurt king Omer.

Ether 8 (continued)

He also made them promise that they would
be ready to tell lies for him,
so no one could find out
that Akish was the one who would
hunt king Omer.

These promises to tell lies to hide someone
who has done wrong,
come from the devil.

9 Now, Heavenly Father did not want king Omer hunt,
so he told king Omer in a dream, to run away.

When king Omer woke up in the morning,
he gathered his family together, &
all their tents, their sleeping bags,
& their food,
and they all hiked a long ways into the forest.

That very day, Akish went to king Omer's house
to hunt him.
He was surprised to find he had gone away.
He ran & told Jared.

Jared became happy, & had the people make him king.
He let his daughter marry Akish.

So everything went well for a while.

But then Akish wanted to be king.
He made his family & friends promise to
hunt the king for him.

This was a bad promise to make.
It made the devil happy.

Ether 9 (continued)

They went & hurt the king for him,
and Akish was made the new king.

Akish was at last king,
but he was a bad king.

He was afraid that one of his sons would
want to be king,
& that he would hurt him for it.
So he put that boy in jail,
and never gave him any breakfast
or any lunch, or any supper,
and soon the boy got sick,
& he died.

But one of his brothers, named Nimrah, saw all this.
He saw that it was bad, &
that their father, Akish, was a bad king.
He ran away to where king Omer was living
in the forest.
He took some of his friends with him.
Together, they started an army,
& they went & fought Akish & his guards.

About the same time, one of Nimrah's brothers
also came to fight Akish & get the kingdom.

They didn't want Akish or Nimrah to be king.
Nimrah didn't want Akish or his brother to be king.
Other brothers joined in the fighting, too.
Each wanted to be king by himself.

They all fought hard.
They hurt each other, & most of them died.
There were only 30 people left alive.
Akish, his son Nimrah, & all his brothers were dead.

Ether 9. (continued)

So those 30 people sent to king Omer,
and asked him to come back from the forest
with his family,
and be their king again.

Everyone was happy for a while.

King Omer got old.
He made his son, Emer, be king then.
Then king Omer died.

King Emer was a good king, like his father was.
He remembered to pray every day.
He was kind & helpful.
So were all his people.
Heavenly Father saw this, & blessed all the people.
They had plenty to eat.
They had plenty to wear.
They had plenty of horses to ride on.
They had plenty of elephants to lift & move things
They also used cureloms & cumoms
to move things.

King Emer was king for more than 60 years.
He had many sons & daughters,
& from them he chose
Coriantum to be the next king.
Then he rested from being king.
While he rested, he prayed, & Jesus Christ came to him
so he could see Him.
Some time after that, Emer got old, & died.

King Coriantum was a good king, like his father was.
He helped his people build many tall buildings.
Together, they built some great cities, too.
There were alot of people
in the kingdom.

Ether 9 (continued)

King Coriantum had a wife, but they had no children.
When he & his wife were old, she died.
But he didn't die.
He was lonesome after a while,
and married a new young wife
when he was 104 years old
Soon they had many children.

King Coriantum lived to be 142 years old.
One of his sons, named Com, got to be king
when Coriantum died.

King Com was a good king like his father was.
He had a large family of sons & daughters.

One of his sons, named Heth, wanted to be king
instead of his father.
The people were doing bad things.
One of them reminded Heth
of how Akish had tried to be king
by making people promise to tell lies,
and hurting the king, besides.

Heth liked these things.
This was wrong.
Heth went to the king & hurt him so that he died.
And Heth got to be king
because of the secret promises that his friends
kept, to tell lies.

Heavenly Father saw how wrong this was,
& that the people were not kind & helpful anymore.
They forgot to pray every day, too.

So Heavenly Father sent some men who were prophets,
to tell them to do better
or else Heavenly Father would make food hard to find

Ether 9, (continued)

The prophets told the people how hungry everybody would be, unless they all did better.

The people made fun of the prophets.
This was wrong.
The prophets ran & asked king Heth to help them.
But King Heth was a bad king.
He had them put into jail.
Some of the prophets were put into deep holes in the ground, & left there with nothing to eat, & they died.

When the prophets died like this, Heavenly Father was sad.
He made it so no rain came, ever.
So no food grew.
Everybody wanted food, but there was none.
Everybody got very hungry.
Alot of people died.

People started to kill their cows & sheep, to get meat to eat.
They also hunted deer.
But Heavenly Father caused alot of snakes to come into the land.
The deer, & cows & sheep, ran from the snakes.
They ran south.
The snakes chased them.
The snakes caught some of the animals, & bit them.
Those animals died.
The snakes bit some people, too, & they died.

The people that were careful to not let the snakes bite them, followed the animals & the snakes, and ate the animals the snakes killed.

Ether 9 (continued)

But Heavenly Father had said that they should not have any food, & always be hungry.
So He had the snakes chase all the animals into the south country,
& then the snakes stopped chasing the animals, & turned around to bite anybody who tried to get into the south country.
This way, no one had any food at all, like Heavenly Father had said through His prophets.

Alot of people died because they were so hungry.

Those that were left alive began to remember that they had forgotten to be kind & helpful.
They made up their minds to be kind & helpful from that very moment on.

As soon as they started being kind & helpful again, Heavenly Father let some rain come down, so they could have gardens again, & have something to eat from them.

Then they all remembered to pray, & they thanked Heavenly Father for the rain which made their gardens grow.

10 King Heth had died when he was hungry.
All his sons had died, too, except for Shez.
So Shez was the new king.

King Shez was a good king.
He remembered to pray, & he was kind & helpful.

But one of his sons, named Shez too, got to be rich.
He was proud.

Ether 10, (continued)

He got angry with his father one day,
& made a plan to hurt him.

But before he could work his plan,
a bad robber saw him with all his riches,
and killed him, to get his riches.

King Shez had other sons & daughters.
When he got old, he let Riplakish be king,
& then he died.

King Shez had built some big buildings & cities,
but Riplakish said,
"I will build even bigger buildings than my father did."

He made the people pay for the buildings,
even though no one wanted to help pay.
This is called putting a tax on the people.
Anyone who didn't pay what Riplakish wanted,
was put in jail.

But Riplakish did something else wrong while he was king.
He married many wives,
v7 when Heavenly Father didn't tell him he could.

Riplakish also made those people in jail to work very hard.
He made life hard for everyone.

Finally, one day, they all fought with Riplakish
& his family,
and made them leave the kingdom
& go live in the forest.
Riplakish died when this happened.

The people went home in peace.
They were happy not having a king.

Ether 10 (continued)

But after a long time, Morianton, one of Riplakish's sons
came from the forest with an army of men.
They fought the people in the kingdom.
It was a long fight.

Finally, Morianton won, & made himself king.
He was more kind to the people
than was his father, Riplakish.
The people liked him for a king.
He didn't put them in jail for not paying Taxes.

But he had many wives, like his father, Riplakish,
without Heavenly Father telling him he could.
This was bad.

Morianton lived to be over 150 years old,
and he let Kim, one of his sons be king.
A long while after, Morianton died, being very old.

King Kim was a bad king.
He had many wives like Riplakish did.
He forgot to pray.

One of Kim's brothers brought an army,
& fought King Kim & his guards.
King Kim got put in jail.
He never got out.
He had a family in jail. After a while, he died.
One of his sons, named Levi
was able to break out of jail,
after a long time.
Levi was able to win
when he fought his uncle's army.
Levi got to be king.
He was a good king.
Heavenly Father let him live a long time.
He had a large family.

Ether 10 (continued)

King Levi got very old before he died.

Corom, one of his sons, was made king in his place.
King Corom was like his father.
He was a good king, like Heavenly Father wanted.
He had a large family.
He got to be very old before he died, too.

Kish, one of his sons, was made king in his place.
King Kish was good, like his father & like his grandfather.

When King Kish died, Lib, one of his sons, was made king
King Lib was good, too, and did the things that Heavenly Father wanted him to.
Heavenly Father took away the poisonous snakes that had guarded the animals in the land to the south.
He did this because everyone was kind & helpful again.
Now they could go & hunt deer, & other animals.

King Lib liked to hunt.
He became a good hunter.

He built a big city in the narrow part of the land where the snakes had been.
He kept all the animals to the south, & the people to the north.
If anyone wanted to hunt, he went to the south country.

There were alot of people in the north land.
Each one had a job.

Ether 10 (continued)

Everyone was happy while Lib was king.

When King Lib got old, and was ready to die,
he had Hearthom, one of his sons,
be king in his place.

King Hearthom was a good king, too.
But after a while some mean men
put him & his family in jail.
They were in jail so long,
that King Hearthom got old & died there.
His children lived in jail, too, — all their lives.
His grandchildren lived all their lives in jail, too.
So did his great grandchildren,
and their children, too.

Among his great great great grandchildren, there was
a boy named Com.

When he grew to be a man, he had a chance to
be king over half the kingdom.
The people in his half wanted him to be their king,
and so he was.
They were happy for a long time.

Then one day King Com gathered men together,
and made an army.
He took them to fight the king in the other
half of the kingdom.
That other king's name was Amgid,
and he had an army, too.
But King Com's army fought better, and won.
So King Com was king over the whole land.

They would have been entirely happy;
but there began to be robbers among them,
and those robbers also kept secrets
among themselves, like Akish
did.
This was bad.

Ether 10 (continued)

King Com tried to catch them & put them in jail.
But he could never catch them all.

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Many of the people in the kingdom helped the robbers
and kept secrets with them.
Some more even took things that
did not belong to them.
All this was bad.

So Heavenly Father sent men that he called prophets
into the land,
to tell everyone that,
if they kept doing those bad things,
they would all die pretty soon +
before they got old.

The people didn't like what the prophets told them,
and they chased the prophets,
and tried to hurt them.

The prophets all ran to King Com,
and King Com kept them safe.
He listened to all their prophecies,
and he understood what they said.
Heavenly Father blessed King Com for
being a friend to His prophets.

When King Com got very old, & was ready to die,
he let Shiblom, who was one of his sons,
be king in his place.

But it wasn't very long before one of Shiblom's brothers
decided that he wanted to be king,
instead.
He gathered an army together, and
they went & fought
King Shiblom & his army.

Ether 11 (continued)

The fighting went on for a long time
Everyone fought hard,
but neither Shiblom nor his brother won.
One time during the fighting,
Shiblom's brother found the prophets
in Shiblom's castle,
and Shiblom was not there right then
to keep them safe.
Shiblom's brother did not like
the things the prophets had told the people,
and when he saw that Shiblom was
not there to keep them safe,
he hurt each one of them,
so that they died.
And right then, the things that the prophets had said
were coming true.
The people were truly dying pretty soon.

It worked that way because the armies
of Shiblom & his brother
were fighting in every place,
hurting each other,
and hurting the people around them.
Many were hurt so bad that they died,
and it all happened pretty soon
like the prophets had said it would.

It wasn't very long before King Shiblom was hurt
and died, too.
And Shiblom's brother made himself king,
and kept King Shiblom's children in jail.

When King Shiblom's grandchildren were grown up,
one of them, named Ahah, got together an army,
and fought to get back the kingdom.

Ahah was able to win, & he made himself king.
But he was a bad king.

Ether 11 (continued)

He hurt many people
even when they hadn't hurt him.
Heavenly Father did not let him keep on being king.
King Ahab died pretty soon.

His son, Ethem, was next to be king.
He also hurt many people.
He also helped everyone to do wrong.
No one was kind & helpful.

Heavenly Father saw this, & sent some men called prophets,
this time again,
and the prophets told everyone to try to do better.

But no one wanted to do better.
They liked hurting others;
they liked keeping secrets of the bad things they did.

So the prophets told them that soon there would be
more fighting.
They said that everyone would get hurt, then.
They told how everyone would die from
being hurt in the fighting.
No one would be left alive.
The land would be empty, having no people.

But still, no one wanted to do any better,
to avoid all this trouble,
and sorrow.
This made the prophets sad, and they all went home,
and never came to talk to the people
again, for a long time.

After a while, King Ethem died,
and his son, Moron, was king then.

He did all the bad things he had seen his father do.

Ether 11 (continued)

In the days of King Moron, there was fighting,
and King Moron had to run away
with his army, & hide in the forest.

After a while, he & his army went back
and fought some more, and
Moron got to be king again.

But not long after that, a very strong man
came with an army,
and fought, and put King Moron in jail,
with his family.

When King Moron's children had grown up,
Heavenly Father sent the prophets again to the people,
to tell them that
the fighting where no one would remain alive,
was about to start,
unless they wanted to do better,
& be kind & helpful again,
& leave their bad secrets alone.
But everyone liked to keep secrets about bad things they did,
and they told the prophets to go home.

Now, King Moron's grandson was called Ether.
He lived in jail like his father, & grandfather did.
He would have been king, if he had not been
kept in jail
by a bad man, called Coriantumr,
who had made himself king, instead.

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Ether saw that the terrible, last fighting was going to
start soon.
Heavenly Father called Ether to be one of his prophets.

Ether told Coriantumr that he didn't want to be king
anymore, and Coriantumr let him out of jail.

Ether 12 (continued)

When Ether got out of jail, he went around
trying to talk people into
wanting to be kind & helpful.
He told them that if they would be kind & helpful,
Heavenly Father would keep away
that last, terrible fight.
But no one would believe the prophet Ether.
V6 They could not see the things he tried to show them
because they did not have enough faith.
You see, you have to show Heavenly Father that you have faith
before he will let you see special things.
You have to be kind & helpful, too.

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Ether, the prophet, told the people many great things.
He said that the land was a choice land;
if they would not be kind & helpful,
Heavenly Father would let each one of them
die soon,
and then He would guide Father Lehi
& his family
to this nice land, because
Father Lehi & his family were kind & helpful.

But the people all said, "Who is Father Lehi?"
and "We won't die soon."
They didn't know these things because they
didn't have enough faith.
They made fun of the prophet Ether when he told
them this,
and they chased him.

The prophet Ether hid in a cave.

Ether 13 (continued)

Just at that time, a big battle started
between King Coriantumr and Cohor
Cohor wanted to be king, and put King Coriantumr in jail.
Their armies fought, too,
Their friends fought, too.
Everyone kept secrets about who they had hurt.
Some even hurt their friends
if their friends told a secret.

After a while, Heavenly Father had Jesus Christ tell
the prophet Ether to go tell King Coriantumr
"If you and your family will stop keeping secrets
and be kind & helpful,
Heavenly Father will let you win soon
and the fighting & hurting will stop,
and you can be king and be happy.

"But if you don't, you will see everyone die
in the fighting,
even all your family, too,
and then you will meet
the people Heavenly Father will give this land to.
They will be some of Father Lehi's children."

The prophet Ether promised King Coriantumr that
it would be that way,
because Heavenly Father had told him so.

But King Coriantumr liked keeping secrets & telling lies,
& being mean.
All his children did, too.
They all got angry with the prophet Ether,
and they tried to hurt him.
The prophet Ether ran away,
and hid in his cave.

Ether 13 (continued)

A man named Shared wanted to be king.
He brought an army and fought the army
of King Coriantumr.
He won, after a hard fight,
and he put King Coriantumr in jail.

But King Coriantumr's sons didn't go to jail.
After a while, they got an army, and fought
Shared, for their father.
Both armies fought very hard,
but Shared's army lost this time,
and the sons made their father, Coriantumr,
king once more.

There began to be robbers everywhere.
Robbers even stole from robbers.
Those who weren't robbers started to steal things,
and they became robbers, too.
Everyone fought his neighbor,
trying to get what he wanted.

King Coriantumr became very angry with Shared & his army.
He and his army chased them to a valley, called Gilgal,
where they fought for 3 days
without stopping.
Then Shared & his army ran from King Coriantumr.

King Coriantumr chased them over the mountains
and into a place
where the ground was flat & even,
called the plains of Heshlon.

Then Shared fought hard with his army, & made
King Coriantumr & his army run away.
They ran back to the valley called Gilgal.

Ether 13 (continued)

Here, King Coriantumr fought his best,
and he & his army won.
Shared was hurt in the fighting, & he died.
King Coriantumr had been hurt, too, on the leg,
but not as bad as had Shared.

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After 2 years, King Coriantumr was better from his hurt.

Now, Heavenly Father did not like what was going on.
He cursed the land, and this is how it was:

King Coriantumr would put his cup on a shelf by the water basin
and go to bed for the night.
In the morning, he would go to get a drink,
and he wouldn't be able to find his cup.
He would look everywhere.
He would ask his friends if they knew where it was.
They would each say, "NO".
Some might tell him, "Someone else has it."
But still he would not know where his cup was,
because all his friends told lies.

King Coriantumr knew that if he put his sword down
on a shelf when he went to bed,
that his sword would no longer be there
when morning came,
just like his cup.
So he took his sword to bed with him.
He didn't want to lose his sword,
or else he couldn't fight.

One day, Shared's brother, whose name was Gilead, came with
an army to fight King Coriantumr & his army.
King Coriantumr's army fought well,
and they chased the other army to a forest,
called Akish.

Ether 14 (continued)

There in the forest, Gilead & his army
stopped running away, and fought back
at King Coriantumr & his army.
Many got hurt & died.

When they were all too tired to fight anymore,
King Coriantumr watched the forest,
so that none of Gilead's men
could get out without fighting.

But those in King Coriantumr's army who were supposed
to watch, got drunk from drinking too much wine,
& they fell asleep.

Now Gilead found out about this, and after it was dark,
he led his army past those men,
out of the forest.
Then they ran to the land of Moron,
and Gilead made himself king,
and sat on Coriantumr's throne.

Coriantumr wanted to be king again, & sit on his throne,
but Gilead had more men in his army than he did
So Coriantumr waited outside the land of Moron
and asked everyone he saw to join his army.

Meanwhile, Gilead (who liked to keep secrets & tell lies)
was hurt by a friend who had the same secrets,
& he died.
The friend, whose name was Lib, became king.
King Lib was very tall.

When Coriantumr came with a big army to fight,
Lib hurt Coriantumr on his arm, but
Coriantumr's army chased Lib & his army
to the seashore.
There they fought some more.

Ether 14 (continued)

Now Coriantumr's army felt weak, and they ran away
to the forest of Akish.
Right by the forest was a large field,
called the plains of Agosh.
The two armies fought there.

Coriantumr was able to hurt Lib in this fight,
and Lib died, & did not fight anymore.

But Lib's brother, Shiz, came & fought Coriantumr
in his place,
and Coriantumr & his army ran away.

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As they ran past cities and towns, places where people were,
alot of them left their homes,
and ran with Coriantumr,
because they had heard that Shiz was extra mean.

Shiz hurt whoever he could find,
and he set fire to all the homes.

Some people made friends with Shiz so he wouldn't
hurt them.
They joined Shiz's army.

Everyone was in the fight now.
Ever so many were hurt, & died.

No one could stop fighting
in order to bury those who died.
Dead people stink if they're not buried soon.
Everyone could smell the stink.

No one liked it, but still, they went right on, fighting.

For most of them, fighting was all they liked to do.

Ether 14 (continued)

They hardly stopped to eat.
They couldn't stop to have Family Home Evening.

But Shiz & his army chased Coriantumr & his army.
They ran east a long ways.
They stopped, when they got to the seashore, &
fought for 3 days
without stopping.
Shiz wanted to hurt Coriantumr so that he would die,
so that he wouldn't get to see Father Lehi's
grandchildren come,
like Heavenly Father had said he would.
But Heavenly Father watched over Coriantumr,
to make His promise come true.

Coriantumr's army was able to make Shiz & his army run away.
They chased them to the land of Corihor.
They made camp nearby each other.

Coriantumr went up on a big round hill with his army.
He blew a trumpet, to invite Shiz's army to fight them.

They came & fought, but they could not win.
So they tried again, but they still could not win.
Then they came a third time, & fought very hard.

Shiz got to fight Coriantumr himself,
while everyone was fighting around them.
Shiz hurt Coriantumr so that he bled alot,
and he fainted, & fell down,
& laid still.

Shiz thought that Coriantumr was dead.
So did Coriantumr's people.
They picked up his body & ran from Shiz's army.

Shiz wanted a rest, so they did not chase them,
but went back to their camping place.

Ether 15

Coriantumr got better from his hurts after a while.

One day, he remembered what the prophet Ether had said.
He saw that millions of people had died
in the fighting.
He saw that everything the prophets had said would happen
was happening.

He decided that he didn't want all the people to die,
like the prophets had said.
He wanted to do better,
so that what the prophets said could be changed.
He cried all night,
thinking of all the people who had died.

The next morning, he wrote a letter to Shiz, saying,

"Let's stop fighting. You can be king —
I'll let you."

Shiz wrote a letter back, which said:

"If I can see that you are dead
by my sword, we'll stop fighting."

But the letter only made Coriantumr's army mad.
Shiz's army was already mad, so
very soon they began fighting again.

Coriantumr & his army fought their hardest,
but still they began to lose.
So they ran away.
They ran to a place with large lakes of water.

Shiz & his army followed them there, &
they camped nearby.

Ether 15 (continued)

The next morning, They fought again.

Coriantumer got hurt again, & bled alot.
He fainted again.

Coriantumers army fought harder then, &
made Shiz's army run away to the south.
Shiz & his army camped in the plains of Ogath.
Coriantumer & his army camped near the hill Ramah.

They wanted to fight again, but they wanted bigger armies, first.
So they had everybody in the land, wherever they were,
come to either Shiz, or to Coriantumer,
whichever army they wanted to be in.
Even children had to come; and mothers, & sisters.
It took 4 years for them to get everybody
to come.
Everybody but the prophet Ether, that is.
He hid in a cave all day, so no one could find him.
He knew it was wrong to fight.

Ether went out of his cave at night to see what
fighting had been done that day.
Then he went back in the cave, &
wrote about all that he saw.

After everyone except the prophet Ether had come
to one army, or the other,
the leaders gave each one a sword,
& a shield,
& some armor, & a helmet.
Even children had to fight.

That by itself was not so bad.
What was bad, was that they wanted to fight.

Ether 15 (continued)

The next day, the armies of Shiz & Coriantumr fought.
They fought all day long.
No one won.
No one lost.
But many, many friends had died in the fighting.

When night came, & they couldn't fight because of the dark,
they went back to their camping places,
and cried and cried
because some of their friends did not
come back, too.
Some of their friends had died in the fighting.
They cried so loudly, that the prophet Ether
sometimes had to put his hands
over his ears.

The next day, everyone fought again, like before,
and many, many more friends died fighting.
That night, those who did not die cried just as loudly
as before.

Coriantumr felt sorry for all this.
He wrote Shiz a letter, asking Shiz to become king
and to not bring his army to fight,
anymore.

Now, Shiz wanted to be king, but
he & his army were too angry to stop fighting.
The devil likes people to be angry,
and he helped make Shiz & his army
angry.

So Shiz paid no attention to Coriantumr's letter,
and he went with his army the next day
& fought Coriantumr and his army.

v20 They all fought as hard as they could.
Nobody won; nobody lost.
Many friends died.

Ether 15 (continued)

When night came, they didn't go back to their camps,
but they slept right on the battlefield,
holding onto their swords with their hands
as they slept.
The next day, they started fighting early.
Again, they fought hard.
Again, more friends fell dead.
When night came, they slept right there on the battlefield again
holding onto their swords.

When morning came, they began fighting again.
Everyone fought hard.
No one won.
Many friends died in the fighting.
When the sun went down,
Coriantumr only had 52 people left in his army.
Shiz only had 69 people left in his army.

And that's all the people that were left in the land.
No one lived in any of the cities.
There were no more children anywhere there.

The next morning those men that were left, began fighting
They fought hard all day.
By night, there were only
27 men in Coriantumr's army
& 32 men in Shiz's army.
They were all large & strong men, too.
They had supper right there, and laid down on
the ground to sleep

When the sun came up, they all began fighting again.
Everyone of them had hurts that bled.
Everyone of them fainted & fell to the ground
after fighting for 3 hours.

After a few minutes, Coriantumr & his men felt
strong enough to get up.

Ether 15 (continued)

They began to run away.

But Shiz & his men saw them, & got up & chased them.
Shiz was very angry, & wanted to hurt Coriantumr.

But Coriantumr & his men ran faster than Shiz & his men,
so that Shiz & his men weren't able to catch them
until the next morning.

Then they all fought again.

Every man in Coriantumr's army died that day,
except Coriantumr.
Every man in Shiz's army died that day, too,
except for Shiz.

Only Shiz & Coriantumr were left to fight,
and Shiz had fainted because he had bled so much
from his hurts.
Coriantumr was tired, too, but he was still standing up.
He leaned on his sword for a moment, to rest.
Then he hurt Shiz, with his last hurt.

Shiz raised up on his hands, & then fell back
down on the ground.
Then Shiz died.

Coriantumr also fell down on the ground,
but he would get better.

The prophet Ether had been watching all the time.
Now Heavenly Father wanted him to go & see that
Coriantumr was still alive, but resting, &
see that Coriantumr was the only person
alive in that whole land, besides the prophet,
Ether.

The prophet Ether saw all this, and knew that Heavenly Father
had said that it would all happen,
just like it did.

Ether 15 (continued)

Coriantumr got well, and walked around the land.
He saw that the ground was covered
with the bodies of those who
had died in the fighting.
So many had died in so short a time,
that no one was left to bury them.
The dead bodies stunk.

Day after day, Coriantumr walked south, to get out of his land
and away from the smell
He went where the animals were, in the south.

While he was there hunting, some men called to him.
They wanted to know who he was.
When he said he was Coriantumr,
they wanted to know where he came from.

Coriantumr was puzzled:
His people had never lived in the part of the land
where the animals were;
Everyone he knew was dead.
Who were these people?

They told him that they had come across the ocean,
from a far-off land,
and that Heavenly Father had helped them get here.
(They were distant cousins of Father Lehi.)

Then Coriantumr realized that these were the people that
Heavenly Father had brought to take over this
land, because Coriantumr's people had done
wrong, and now were all dead.

Coriantumr saw that everything Heavenly Father had told him
through the prophet Ether had happened, now

He lived with these people for 9 months, & liked them.
Then Coriantumr got sick & died.

Ether 15 (continued)

Many long years later,
some of these people's great grandchildren, &
some of Father Lehi's great grandchildren
went on a long, long hike.

While they were hiking, they went north quite a ways.
They went into the land where all the dead bodies were.
They saw all the skeletons & bones laying all over the ground.
They went into the cities and found no one in them.
They also walked near the place
where the prophet Ether had hidden the gold plates
on which he had told the story of his people
of Coriantumr, and of
They found the gold plates.
They couldn't read the writing on the gold plates,
because they didn't know Ether's language.
They counted the plates; there were 24.

They took the gold plates, along with some old armor
& some old rusty sword blades
home, to show King Limhi.

King Limhi could not read the writing on the gold plates,
either.
Later, they took the gold plates to King Mosiah
in Zarahemla,
who read them, & told everyone
most of these stories.

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