Lesson 83

Suggested Hymn:
#220 Lord I Would
Follow Thee

King Lamoni, Carried Away in God

Alma 19-20

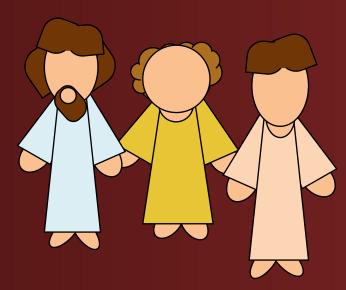
And
Meeting
King Lamoni's Father





Believe It Or Not

King Lamoni's servants believed the king to be dead and his body was decaying



The Queen believed the king to be alive and sent for Ammon believing him to be a prophet



Ammon reassured her that the king 'sleepeth in God' He knew King Lamoni was overpowered by the Spirit of God



The Queen

She was a Lamanite and wife of King Lamoni

She was an exemplary woman depicted in the Book of Mormon

She remains unnamed

She had sons and daughters

She exhibited her faith in Christ and all that Ammon had blessed her with

She was a devoted wife

She was overcome by the Spirit of the Lord—also fell to the ground and awakened by servant Abish

She followed in her husband's footsteps

She was instrumental in bringing many of the Lamanite people into the fold



Abish

She was a Lamanite servant

She was a servant to the Queen

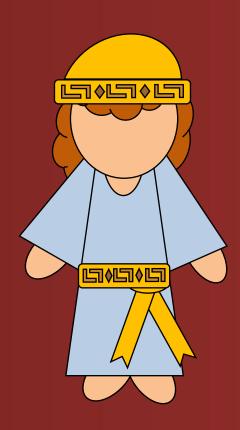
She had been converted unto the Lord for many years by her father's vision (Alma 19:16)

She kept her conversion a secret until she observed the Spirit on the queen, the king, and Ammon and the servants

She informed the people of her conversion and what miracle was taking place with her queen and the king. She knew it was the power of God

Some did not believe Abish and were angry with Ammon

When she touched the queen's hand while the queen was overpowered by the Spirit...the queen came to



Carried Away in God

Overcome by the Spirit

"It appears that a trance is a state in which the body and its functions become quiescent in order that the full powers of the Spirit may be centered on the revelations of heaven."



"The trance might be likened to another medium of revelation..."



"...it can hear what otherwise could not be heard and see what otherwise could not be seen—"

However:

Does it teach faith in Christ, repentance, sacrifice, and obedience?

Servants Converted

"Now, when the servants of the king had seen that they had fallen, they also began to cry unto God, for the fear of the Lord had come upon them also, for it was they who had stood before the king and testified unto him concerning the great power of Ammon.

And it came to pass that they did call on the name of the Lord, in their might, even until they had all fallen to the earth, save it were one of the Lamanitish women, whose name was Abish, she having been converted unto the Lord for many years, on account of a remarkable vision of her father—"



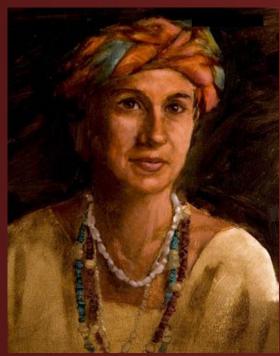
Abish Testifies

"Thus, having been converted to the Lord, and never having made it known, therefore, when She SaW that all the servants of Lamoni had fallen to the earth, and also her mistress, the queen, and the king, and Ammon lay prostrate upon the earth, she knew that it was the power of God; and supposing that this opportunity, by making known unto the people what had happened among them, that by beholding this scene it would cause them to believe in the power of God, therefore she ran forth from house to house, making it known unto the people."



The Gathering

After Abish testifies of God and the people gather and saw Ammon, the king, the queen, and the servants unconscious, a great contention arose among them.



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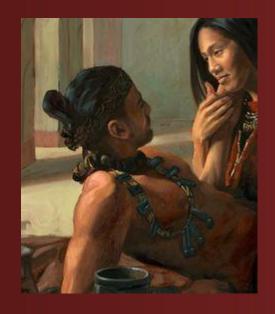
One man tried to kill Ammon but fell dead in the attempt.

Some claimed that Ammon was the Great Spirit, and others said he was a monster.

When Abish saw all the contention that had resulted from her bringing the people together, she was very sad.

Awaken

King Lamoni awakes testifying he has seen the Redeemer and announces His birth and mortal mother



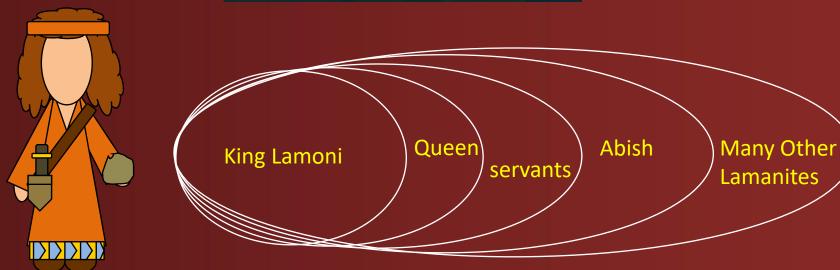


The Power of King Lamoni's testimony has an effect on his wife, the Queen

Together they had fallen into the revelations of heaven

By Sharing Our Testimony:





Like ripples that expand from the splash of a rock, other people can be influenced by our actions.

By sharing our testimonies and setting righteous examples, we can help others turn to the Lord.

Ask yourself:

When has someone's example or testimony influenced me for good?

What can I do today that might have a good influence on people around me?

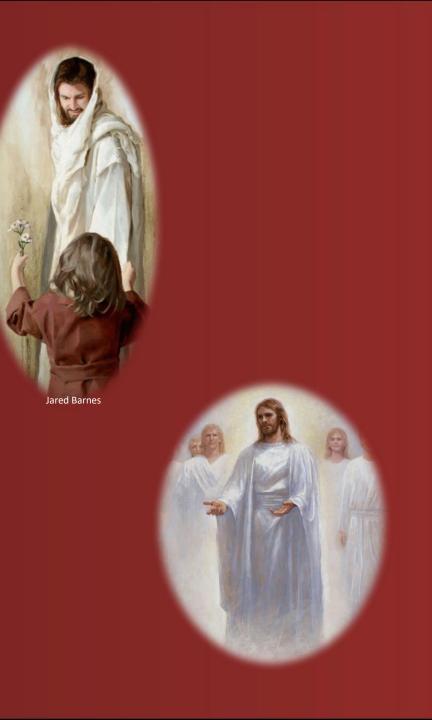
Miracles...Like Seeing Angels



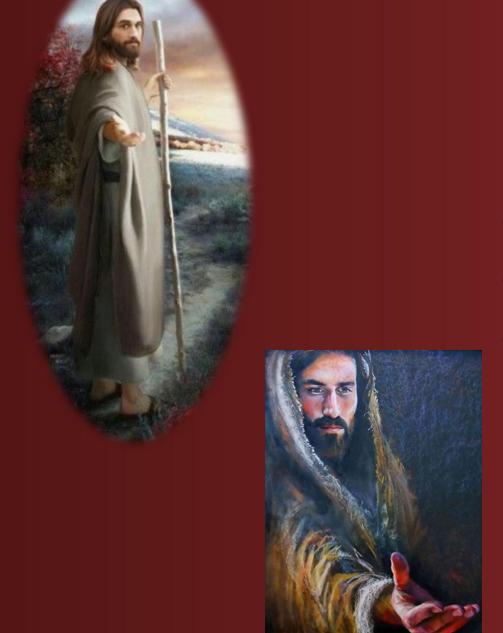
Those born of God do not require miracles for conversion but respond to teachings of the Spirit.

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The Lord's arm is extended to all people who will repent and believe on his name



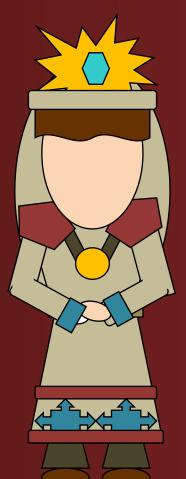
The Voice of the Lord

King Lamoni wanted to take Ammon to the festival in the Land of Nephi and introduce him to his father

The Lord warned Ammon of not going to the Land of Nephi because the King would slay him

The Lord also wanted
Ammon to go rescue his
brethren, Aaron, Muloki, and
Ammah in the land of
Middoni where they were
imprisoned





By Revelation

Sometimes the Lord reveals things which will impact our lives

Sometimes He does not give instructions on how to accomplish what He sends us to do

Sometimes we need to rely on the Spirit to get us from "A to B"

B

"I was led by the spirit, not knowing beforehand the things which I should do." 1 Nephi 4:6



Father of King Lamoni

He was the king over all the land

He tried to have his son kill Ammon

He tried to take the life of son

He was touched by Ammon's great love for his son

He was later converted by the teachings of Aaron



The Meeting



King Lamoni rehearses his conversion story and where they were going





The Anger—The Steadfast



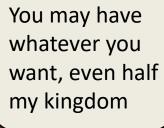
I will go with Ammon to Middoni and help release his

For they are just men and holy prophets of the true God

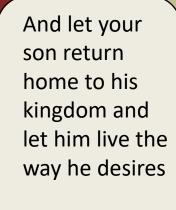


The Bargain

Please spare my life!



I will spare your life if you release my brethren out of prison





The Influence

I see you have a great love for my son

I will not govern his life anymore

Your brethren will be released and my son will retain his kingdom

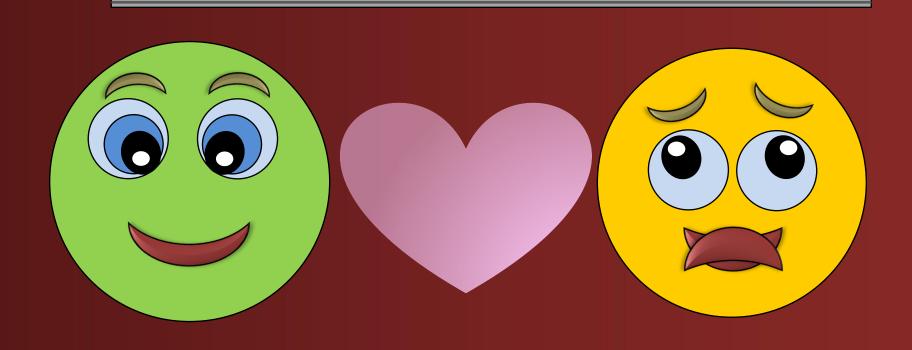
I desire to meet your brethren and I desire to learn more from them



We can stand up for what we know is right, even when others try to persuade us to do what is wrong



As we show love and teach truth, we can help others soften their hearts and become receptive to the gospel

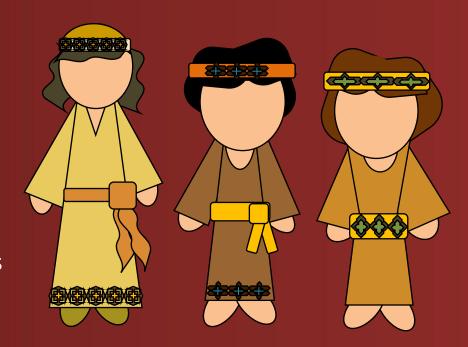


Ammon Finds His Brethren

King Lamoni journey to the land of Middoni and found favor in the eyes of the king.

Aaron, Muloki, and Ammah were released from prison

Ammon was sorrowful because of the prison conditions in which they were in and that they suffered many afflictions



And the rest of the story continues...

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