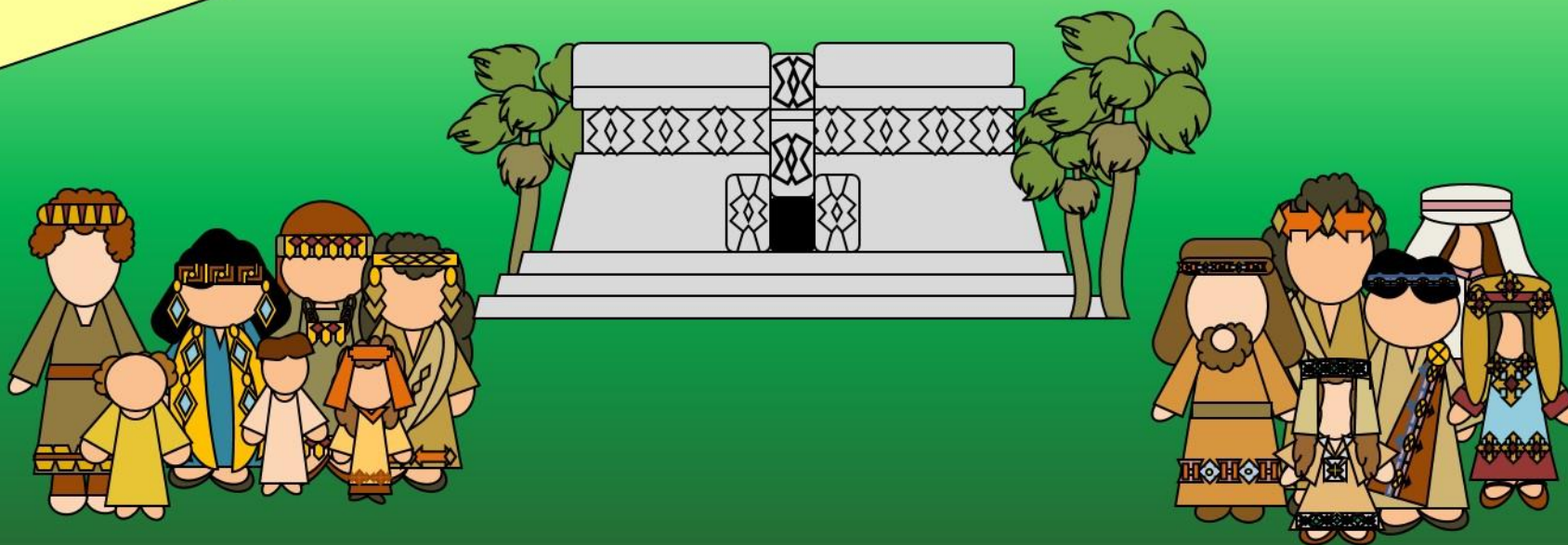


# Uniting the People of Zarahemla

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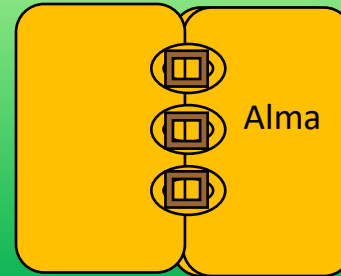
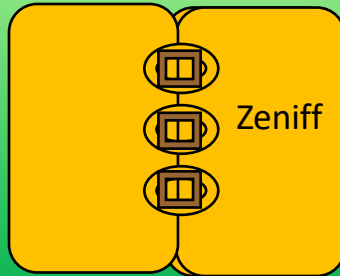
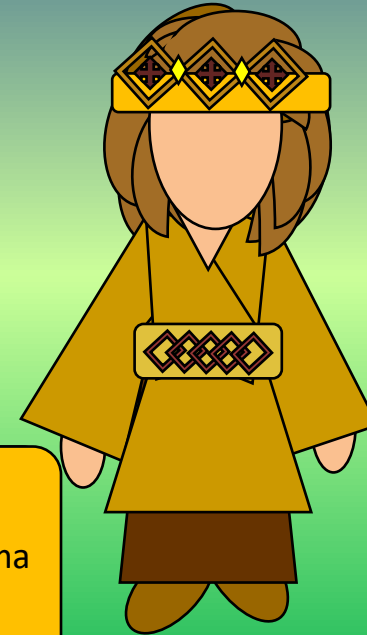
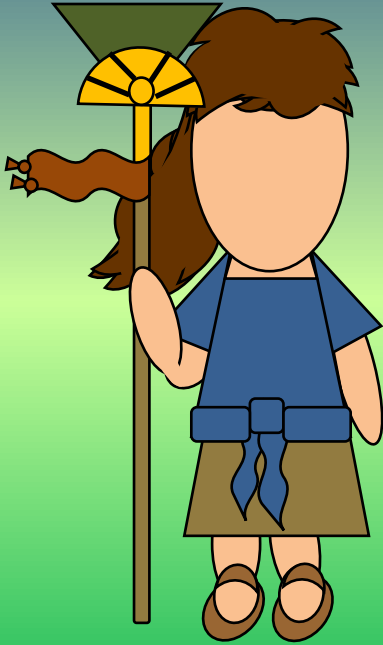
Suggested Hymn:  
#58 Come Ye  
Children

## Mosiah 25



# Assembly

By studying the records of God's dealings with others, we can feel joy and gratitude for the goodness of God



Wonder and Amazement

King Mosiah read the records of:

Zeniff

Alma



Sorrowful

Raised voices and gave thanks

Pain and anguish

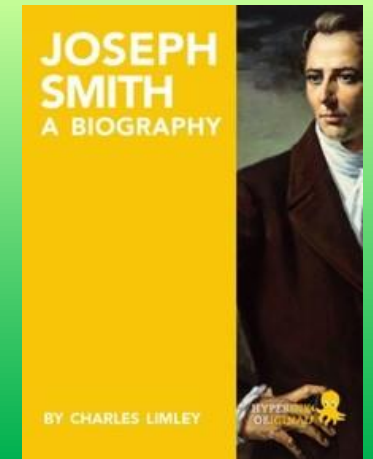
# Learning From Others Experiences

**Can we learn from other's experiences?**

**To what sources can we turn to learn of others' experiences with the goodness of God?**



**The scriptures  
General conference addresses  
Church magazines  
Biographies of Church leaders and o  
Family histories**



**Can you think of an experience that has helped you with your testimony?**



**How do you think the people, from hearing the records of Zeniff and Alma, increased their testimony of Jesus Christ?**

# Taking on the Name of Nephi

## The children of Amulon



**Amulon:**

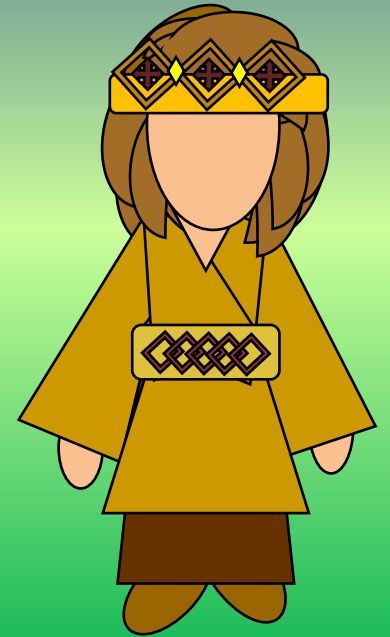
**One of King Noah's priests.**

**The priests took the daughters of the Lamanites and lived in the land of Amulon.**

**Lost Lamanites found land and chose not to go to battle with Amulon and his people and joined forces.**

**They wandered and found the city of Helam where Alma and his people were.**

**Some of Amulon's people went back to land of Nephi where the Lamanite kingdom was and some stayed with Alma having escaped from bondage to Zarahemla.**





# Dishonored Name

**Honor--As usually used in the scriptures, to show respect and reverence to someone or something.**

**“When we dishonor ourselves or others, we dishonor our Father in Heaven and our Savior. They have blessed us with gifts, talents, and intelligence to bless mankind, but some misuse this.”  
Vaughn J. Featherstone**

**“No one wants to bear a name that has been dishonored. Their action typifies that which is to happen in the world to come. Those whose fathers have no place in the kingdom of God will, like links of a chain, be removed, while their righteous seed will unite themselves with those of their progenitors worthy of that honor.”**

**JFM and RLM**



# A Good Name

**“...a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.” (Proverbs 22:1).**



**We cannot isolate ourselves from those around us. Our good name can be a special valued asset worth more than the riches of the world.**

**Your good name connects you with your past family history. Your righteous living, your example, your teachings, and your worthwhile service will bless numerous people with your vision. It is almost impossible to comprehend the number.**

**May the Lord bless you with a greater understanding of his great plan of happiness and your special role in it. I add my witness that families are important.**

**Your name is special. It is recorded in the histories of our Father in Heaven, and how you value that, how you treat it, will literally affect generations to come. God bless you with the vision that is yours of who you are and the great privilege that is yours to belong to the Church of Jesus Christ.**

**L. Tom Perry**



# The Union – Taking the Name of Nephi

**The Children of Amulon take upon themselves the name of Nephi**



**Though the Mulekites were more numerous they chose to call themselves Nephites**



“Wherefore, the people were desirous to retain in remembrance his (Nephi’s) name. And whoso should reign in his stead were called by the people, second Nephi, third Nephi, and so forth, according to the reigns of the kings; and thus they were called by the people, let them be of whatever name they would.”

Jacob 1:11

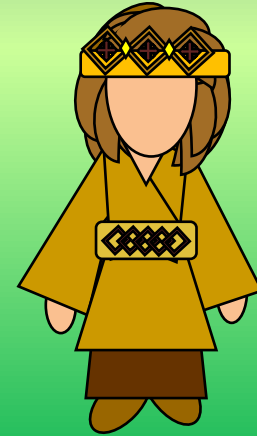


# Alma Establishes Church

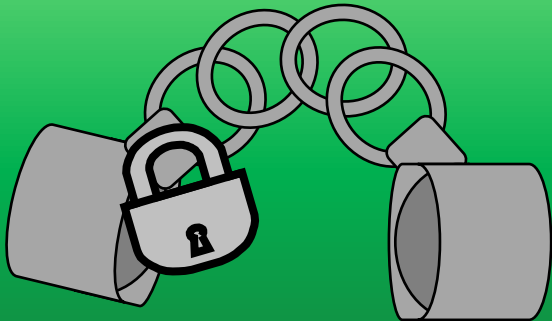
Mosiah desires Alma to teach



Alma preaches “repentance and faith on the Lord”



Alma exhorts the people to remember their bondage and deliverance



The people of Limhi were desirous to be baptized

Mosiah granted unto Alma to establish churches throughout all the land of Zarahemla

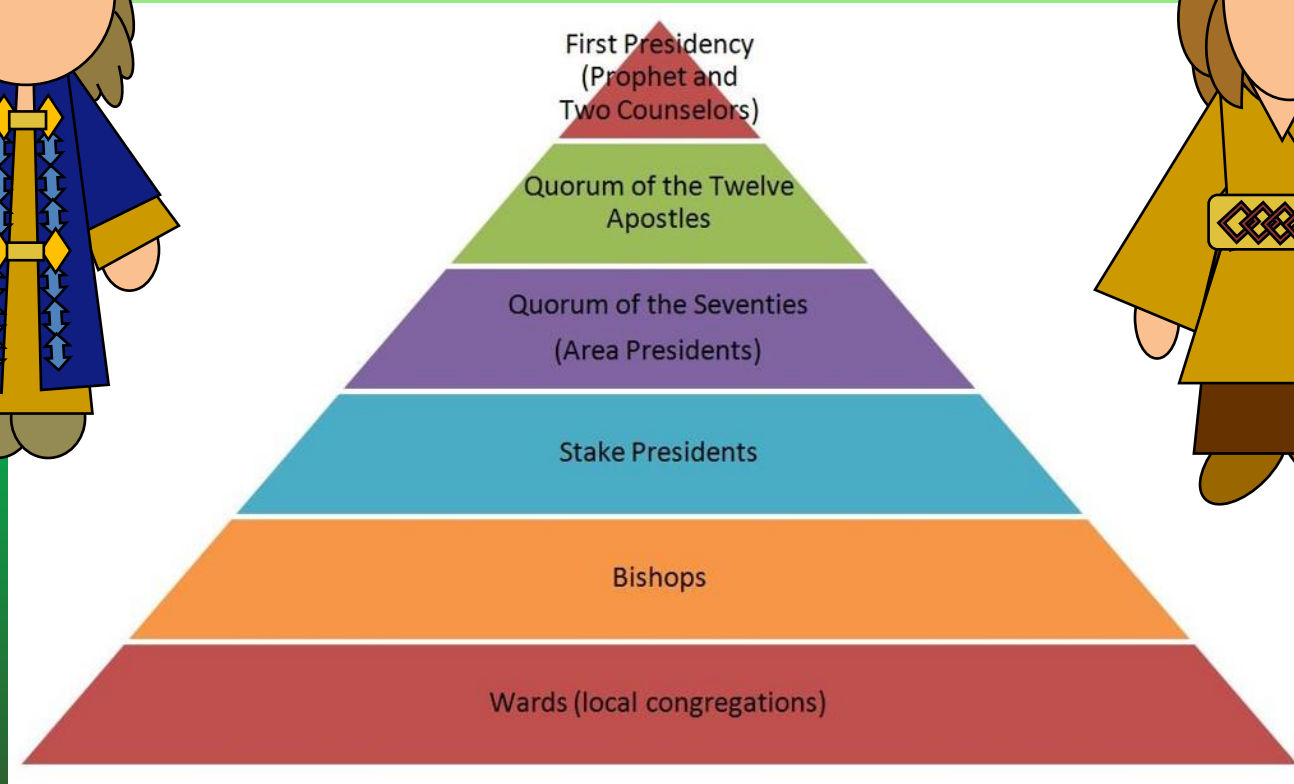
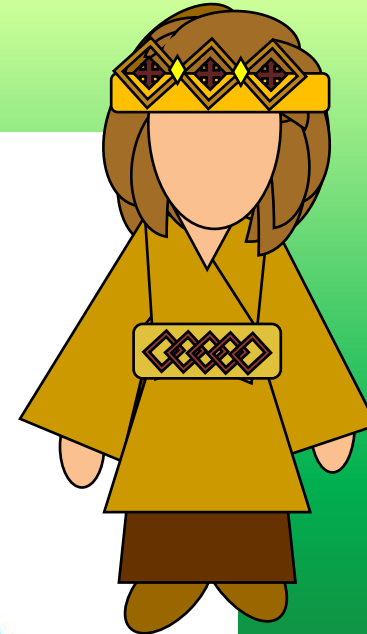




# Organization

Mosiah held the keys of the kingdom  
Alma could take no action in organizing various  
bodies of the church except under his direction.

One man cannot teach and preach to a vast  
number of people.  
In organizing a church there must be authority  
and order.



The Lord  
organizes His  
Church so that  
all members  
may be taught  
and receive  
His word



**“The Book of Mormon does not give specific details about the priesthood held by prophets and other brethren among the Nephites and Lamanites. However, the references to ordinances and the manner in which the Church was conducted provide sufficient evidence that they held the Melchizedek Priesthood.**

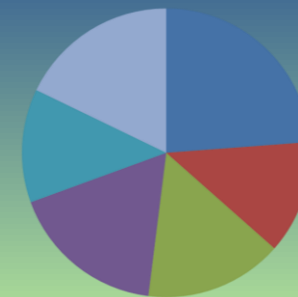
**President Joseph Fielding Smith taught that “the priesthood which [the Nephites] held and under which they officiated was the Priesthood after the *holy order*, the order of the Son of God. This higher priesthood can officiate in every ordinance of the gospel.”**

**Bruce R. McConkie**



# Seven Churches

It was necessary to divide the Church into various congregations because there were so many people



“As there was a unity of doctrine among all the churches in Zarahemla, so there has been a unity of doctrine among all the churches in all times and in all dispensations.”

“Those who have entered into the waters of baptism have been commanded to meet together often ‘to fast and to pray, and to speak one with another concerning the welfare of their souls.’  
Moroni 6:5



Today:  
When a people outgrow a ward, the ward or Stake is divided.

What is the criteria for a Ward or Stake to be divided?

# The People of God

**“And they were called the people of God...”**

**“...And the Lord did pour out his Spirit upon them, and they were blessed, and prospered in the Land.”**

***As we take upon ourselves the name of Jesus Christ and live accordingly, the Lord will pour out His Spirit upon us.***

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## *Comparison of the Bondage and Deliverance of Limhi and Alma*

Limhi's Bondage and Deliverance	Alma's Bondage and Deliverance
Limhi's group was placed under bondage with much bloodshed (21:5-12)	Alma's group was placed under bondage with no bloodshed (23:35-38)
The Lord was slow to hear their cries because they had been slow to hear Him (21:15)	The Lord was not slow to hear their cries (24:10-13)
The Lord softened the Lamanites' hearts so they eased the burdens of Limhi's group (21:15)	The Lord physically eased the burdens of Alma's group (24:14-15)
They prospered by degrees as their faith increased (21:16)	The Lord visitied them in their afflictions (24:14)
Gideon devised a plan of escape (22:9)	The Lord said, "I will deliver you" (24:16)
They got the guards drunk (22:7, 10)	The Lord put the gurdy to sleep (24:19)
They needed to have Ammon lead them to Zarahemla (22:11)	The Lord led them to Zarahemla (24:23-25)