

Lesson 92

Suggested Hymn:  
#240 Know This,  
That Every Soul is  
Free

# Amulek Teaches the Zoramites:



## The Atonement of Christ

Alma 34-35



# Imagine Life Without

What do you imagine  
life would be like  
without this object?



How would life be  
different without the  
Atonement of Jesus  
Christ?



What would life be  
like without this?



The Zoramites believed there would “be no Christ”.

Alma encouraged them to try an experiment by  
choosing to believe in Jesus Christ.





# The Mouths of Two

“At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; *but* at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.”—referring to the binding of two or more witnesses has more validity than one.”

Deuteronomy 17:6



The Lord has said that in the mouths of two or three witnesses shall his every word be established

The Lord always sends his words through witnesses who testify of Him and His word

Two or more witnesses give a binding voice in the testimony of truth

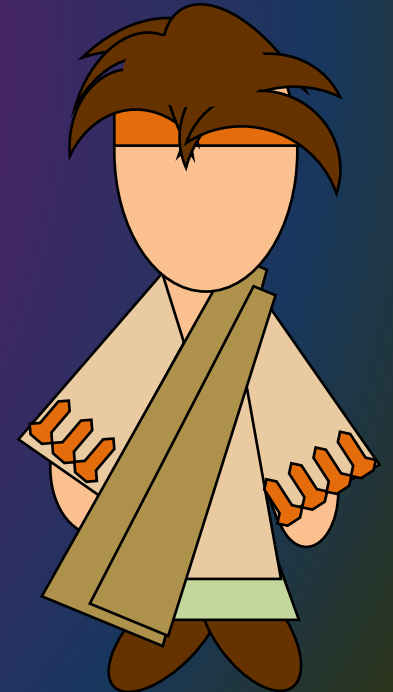


# Amulek—the 2<sup>nd</sup> Witness

Amulek affirms that the Word is in Christ to the Zoramites

Alma sets the terms of faith in Alma 32 while

Amulek focuses on how those who are lacking in faith may, through the power of the Holy Spirit, come to desire to believe, through a witness of the Holy Spirit, in a Christ...and eventually receive the gift of life.”



# True or False?

1. When Jesus Christ atoned for the sins of mankind, He suffered only for righteous people.

True ☒ False

2. All people need to be baptized in order to be saved.

☒ True False

3. Any person can atone for the sins of another.

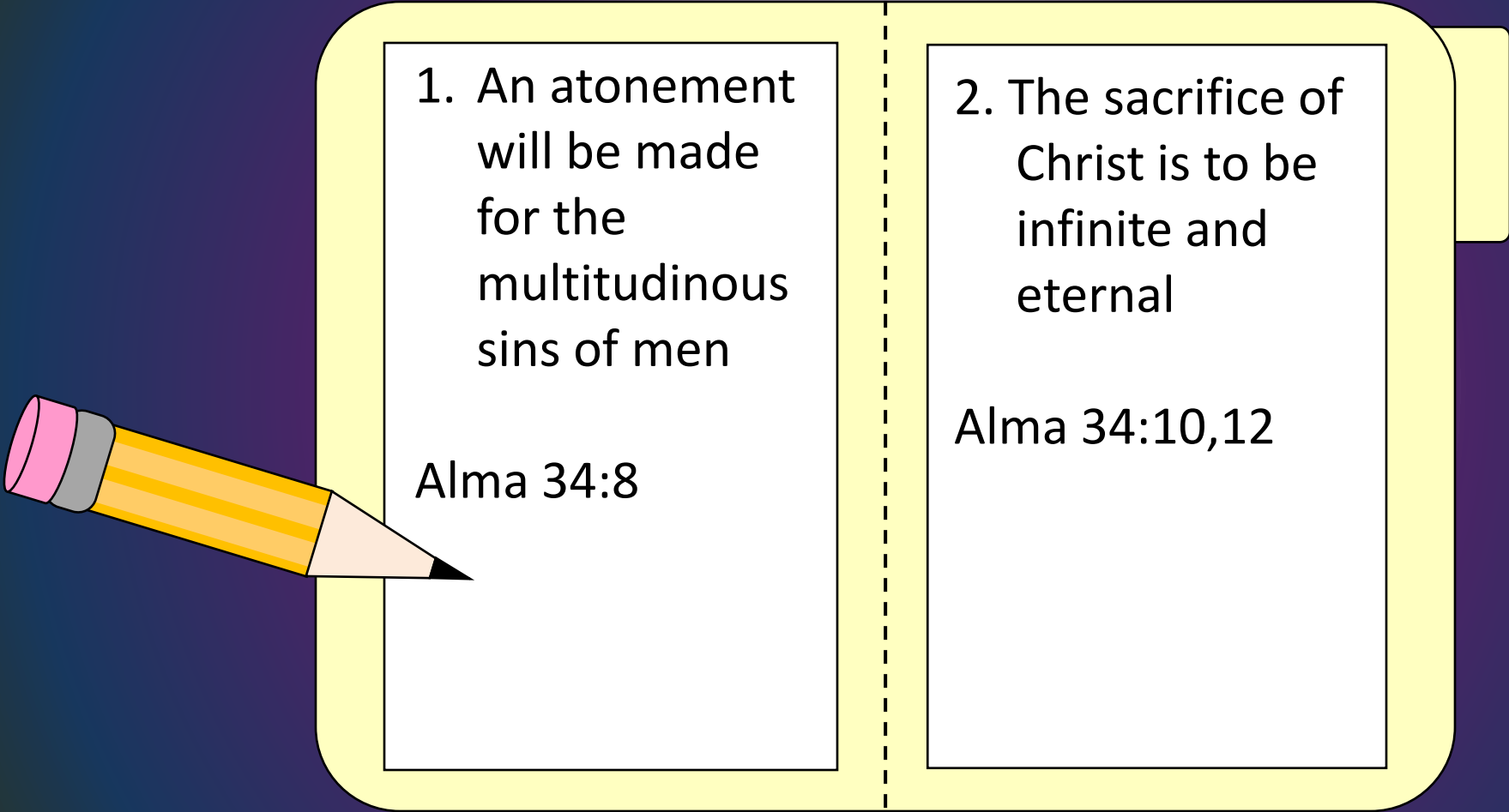
True ☒ False

# The Plan of God



"Look what I found in the dumpster!  
A perfectly good ~~business~~ plan!"

gospel



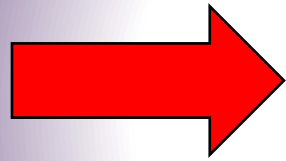
1. An atonement  
will be made  
for the  
multitudinous  
sins of men

Alma 34:8

2. The sacrifice of  
Christ is to be  
infinite and  
eternal

Alma 34:10,12

Alma  
34:9-10



For it is expedient that an atonement should be made; for according to the great plan of the Eternal God there must be an atonement made, or else all mankind must unavoidably perish; yea, all are hardened; yea, all are fallen and all have become filthy; none can stand before God except it be through an atonement which it is expedient should be made.

It is expedient that there should be a sacrifice of most fast sacrifice; yea, not a sacrifice of man, neither of beast, neither of any manner of fowl; for it shall not be a human sacrifice; but it must be an infinite and eternal sacrifice.





“His Atonement is infinite—without an end. It was also infinite in that all humankind would be saved from never-ending death. It was infinite in terms of His immense suffering. ... It was infinite in scope—it was to be done once for all. And the mercy of the Father extends not only to an infinite number of children, but to an infinite number of worlds. His love was infinite beyond any human understanding or mortal comprehension.

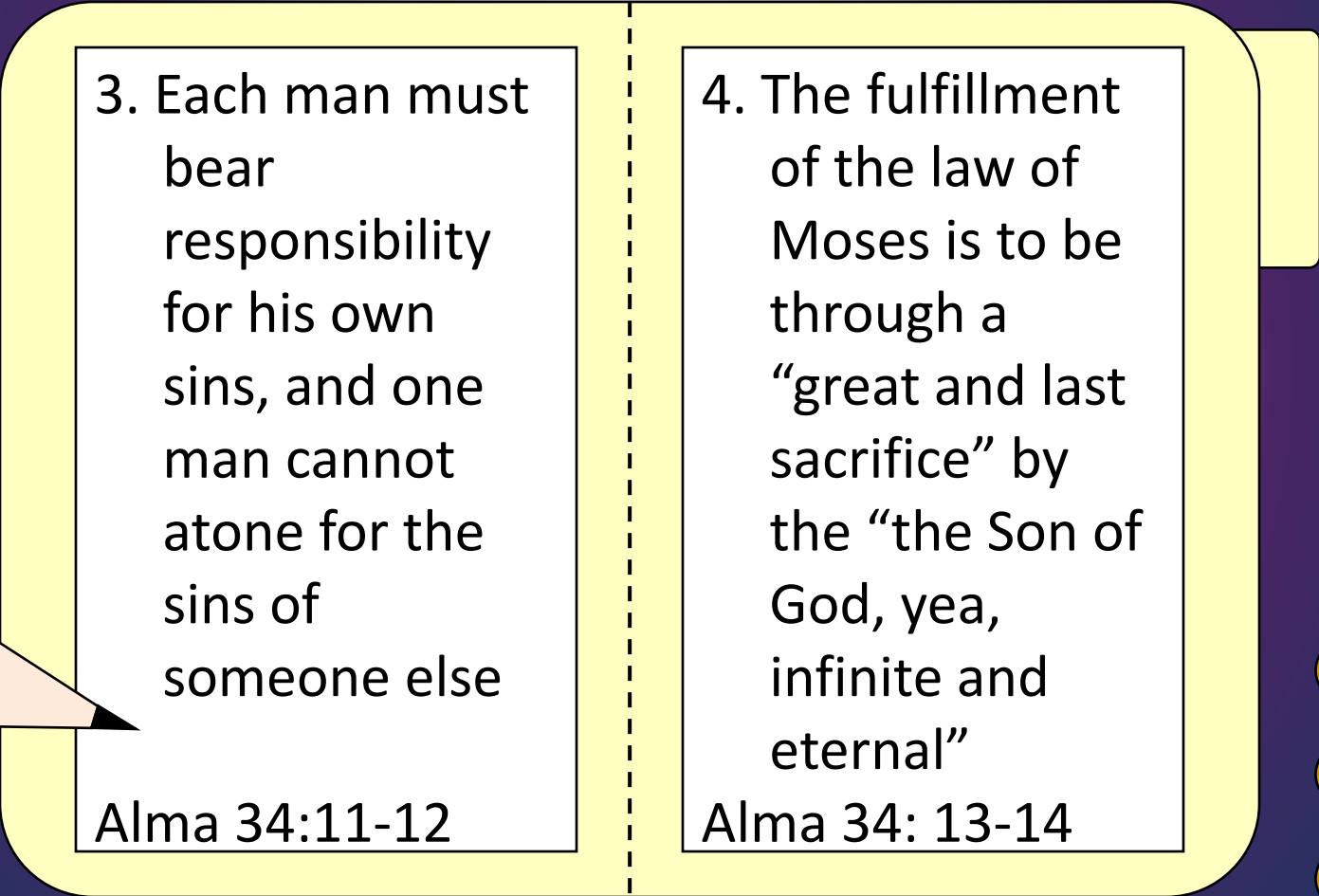


“Jesus was the only one who could perform the atonement, since He was born of a mortal woman and an immortal Father.

Because of that unique birthright, Jesus was an infinite Being.”



Liz Lemon Swindle

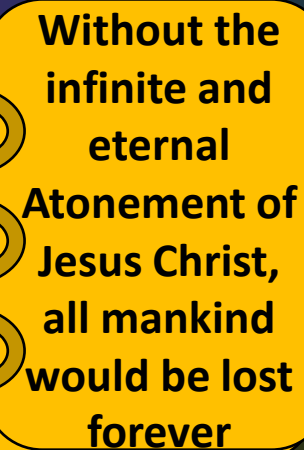


3. Each man must  
bear  
responsibility  
for his own  
sins, and one  
man cannot  
atone for the  
sins of  
someone else

Alma 34:11-12

4. The fulfillment  
of the law of  
Moses is to be  
through a  
“great and last  
sacrifice” by  
the “the Son of  
God, yea,  
infinite and  
eternal”

Alma 34: 13-14

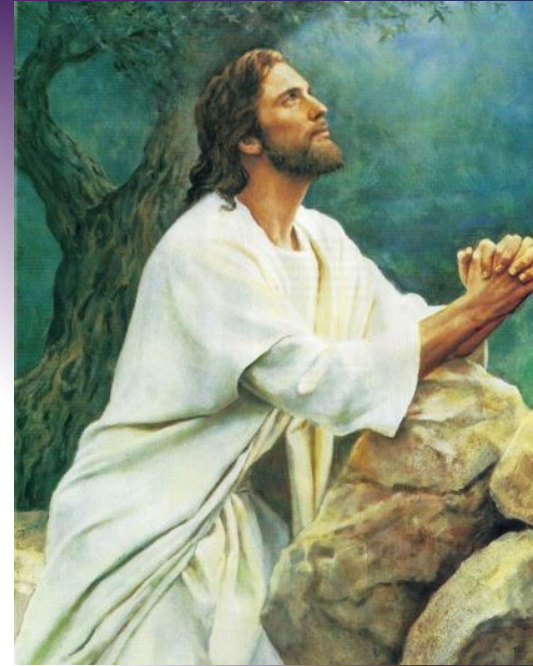


**Without the  
infinite and  
eternal  
Atonement of  
Jesus Christ,  
all mankind  
would be lost  
forever**



“According to eternal law, that atonement required a personal sacrifice by an immortal being not subject to death.

Yet He must die and take up His own cross again. The Savior was the only one who could accomplish this. From His mortal life He had the power to die. From His Father He had the power over death.”  
Elder Russell M. Nelson



“Under the new covenant that came in with Christ, the sinner must offer the sacrifice out of his own life, not by offering the blood of some other creature...”

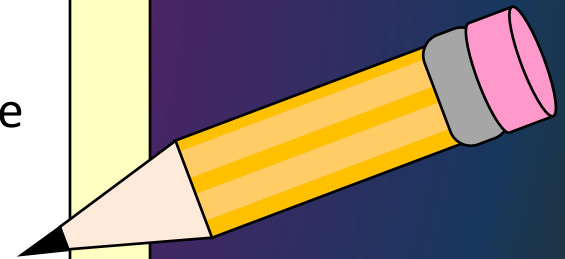
Reuben Clark, Jr.

5. This sacrifice  
brings about  
mercy, which  
“overpowereth  
justice, and  
bringeth about  
means unto  
men that they  
may have faith  
unto  
repentance”

Alma 34:15

6. He who exercises  
“faith unto  
repentance” is  
encircled in the  
arms of mercy,  
while he who  
does not repent  
“is exposed to the  
whole law of the  
demands of  
justice”

Alma 34:16





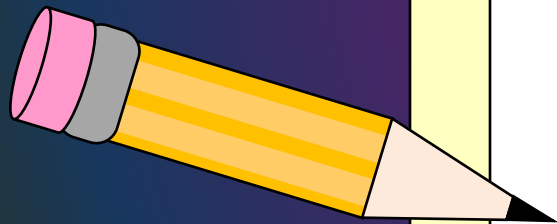
# Justice may be satisfied in two ways:

1. Keeping the law perfectly; or
2. Suffering the effects of a broken law.  
Christ satisfied the demands of justice in both of these ways; he kept the law perfectly for himself and suffered in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the cross for and in behalf of those of us who repent.

Those who refuse to repent are exposed to the “whole law of the demands of justice.”

JFM and RLM





7. Men may call  
upon God in all  
places and  
under all  
conditions,  
both for  
themselves  
and for others

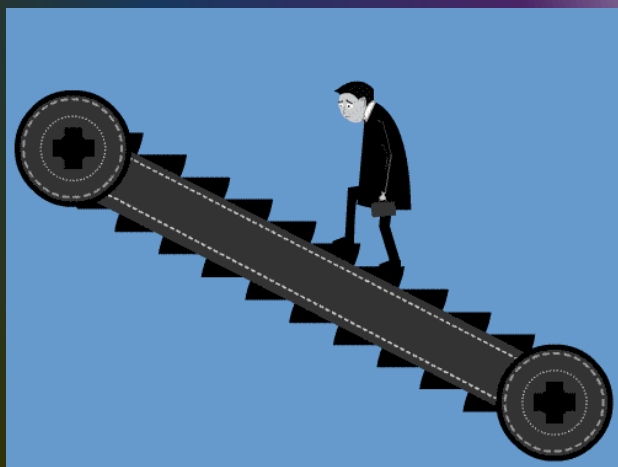
Alma 34:17-29

8. Men must repent  
when the  
opportunity is  
presented, for “now  
is the time and the  
day of your  
salvation” and “this  
life is the time for  
men to prepare to  
meet God” by  
performing all their  
labors

Alma 34:31-32



When one's prayers seem repetitive maybe it is a time to examine your testimony of Christ

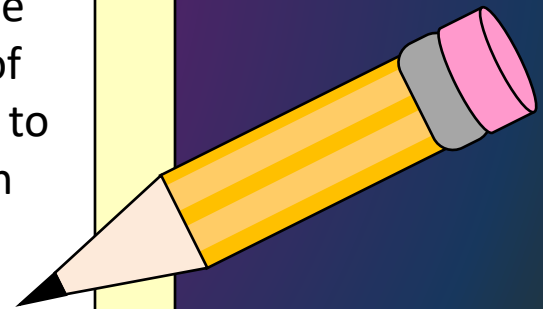


9. If men  
procrastinate  
their repentance  
and fail to  
“prepare for  
eternity,” the  
“night of darkness  
wherein there can  
be no labor  
performed”  
overtake them

Alma 34:33

10. Men cannot repent  
when “brought to  
that awful crisis”  
(death? judgment?)  
and return to God,  
because the “same  
spirit” that possesses  
a man’s body at the  
time he goes out of  
this life has power to  
possess his body in  
that eternal world

Alma 34:34

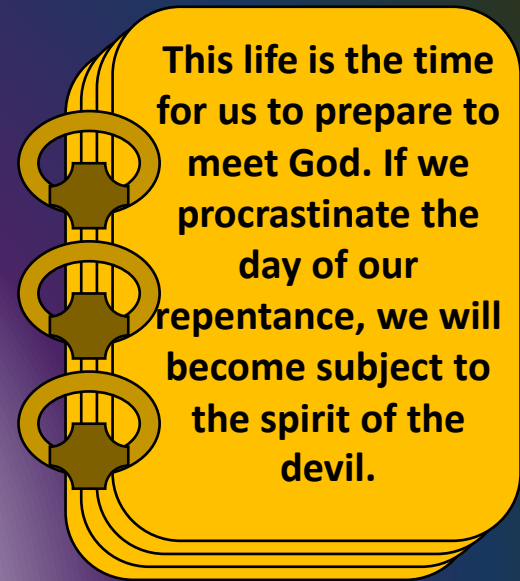




Procrastination is the thief of eternal life.

One may find that putting off repentance until later strengthens a poor habit and lessens the ability to change

“If we do not improve ourselves during this period of time, then it will be too late.”



*...for your probation are past; ye have put off until your salvation until it is even too late, and your destruction is made sure; yea, for ye have spent all the days of your lives for that which ye could not obtain; and ye have sought for happiness in doing iniquity, which thing is contrary to the nature of that righteousness which is in our great and Eternal Head.”*

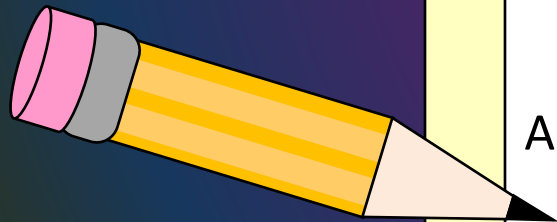
*Helaman 13:38*

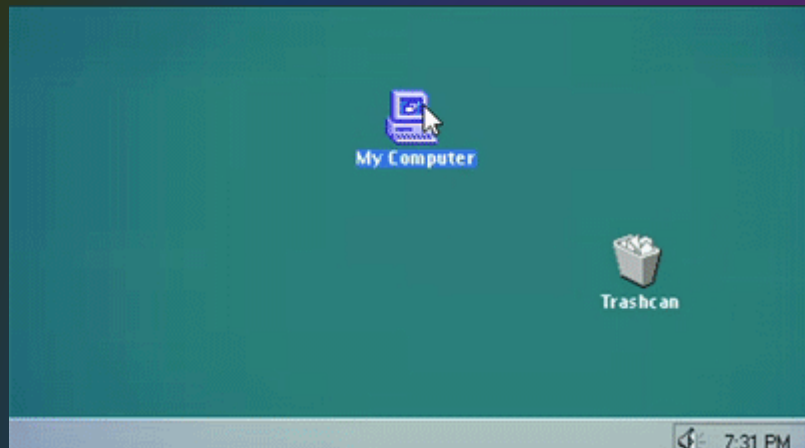
11. Procrastination of one's repentance until death is evidence that one has subjected himself to the devil and that the spirit of the Lord has withdrawn from him

Alma 34:35-36

12. Men should work out their salvation with fear before God, take upon themselves the name of Christ, humble themselves in worship before god, "live in thanksgiving daily" and "be watchful unto prayer continually" as a defense against the devil

Alma 34:38-39





“Now, if you have made mistakes, make today the beginning of a change of your lives. Turn from the thing that you have been doing that is wrong. The most important of all the commandments of God is that one that you are unable to keep with difficulty keeping today.

If it is one of dishonesty, if it is one of weakness, if it is one of falsifying, not telling the truth, or if it is one of something for you to work on that until you have been able to conquer that weakness. ... Put that aright and then you start on the next one that is most difficult for you to keep.”

Harold B. Lee



Jesus Christ  
brings salvation  
to all who  
believe on His  
name and  
exercise faith  
unto  
repentance



“We need  
to be able

Faith in Christ is the power of godly thoughts, beliefs, and behaviors that enable us to live in harmony with God’s will. ...

Repentance means a change of mind and heart—we stop doing things that are wrong, and we start doing things that are right”

President F. Uchtdorf





# The Zoramites Were Told To:



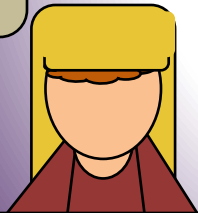
Receive the  
Holy Ghost and  
take upon  
themselves the  
name of Christ



Humble  
themselves



Worship God  
wherever they  
were



Live in  
thanksgiving  
daily



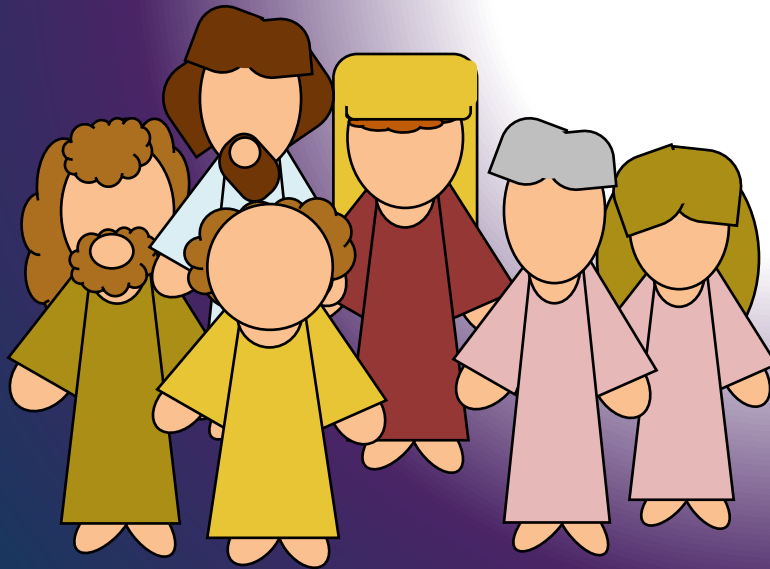
Pray  
continually



Bear their  
afflictions with  
patience

# The True Spirit of Christianity

The Zoramites who embraced the words of Amulek and Alma and were converted were cast out by the wicked rulers and priests and teachers.



The people of Ammon who lived in the land of Jershon took them into their land, fed and clothed them, and gave them land.

# Making Preparations For War

The Zoramites were angry with the people of Ammon and began to ally with the Lamanites

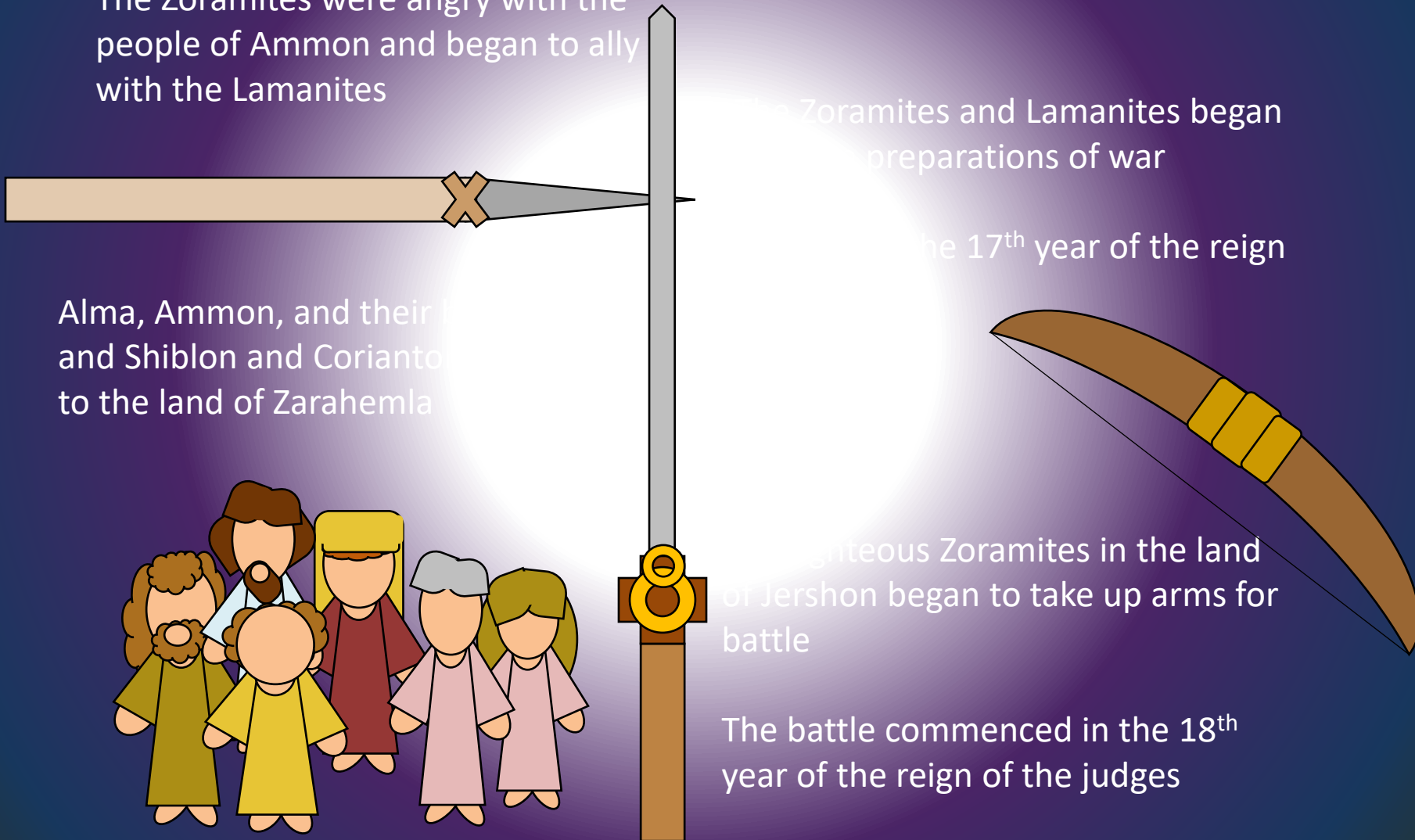
The Zoramites and Lamanites began making preparations of war

This was in the 17<sup>th</sup> year of the reign

Alma, Ammon, and their brethren went down to the land of Zarahemla

The righteous Zoramites in the land of Jershon began to take up arms for battle

The battle commenced in the 18<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of the judges



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