April 13-19 Mosiah 1-3

"FILLED WITH LOVE TOWARDS GOD AND ALL MEN"

Since we won't have actual church on Sunday again, we're going to use more stuff directly from the primary manual than we usually do.

- 1. <u>King Benjamin</u> Explain that we're going to learn about a really good king today. Share the video or story of King Benjamin found here https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/book-of-mormon-stories/chapter-12-king-benjamin?lang=eng.
- 2. <u>Tent and Crown Activity with King Benjamin's Teachings Cards</u> Show picture of King Benjamin (below) and explain that people set up tents with their families around him while he taught the things we're going to learn about today.
 - From the primary manual: "Let the children take turns wearing a crown (this week's activity page has an example) and standing on a chair or stool to pretend to be King Benjamin. They can do this while you share some of the things that King Benjamin taught his people, found in Mosiah 2–3."
 - From the family manual: "It might be fun for your family to create the setting for King Benjamin's speech. You could make a small tower and let family members take turns reading King Benjamin's words while standing on it. The rest of the family could listen from inside a makeshift tent."
 - Make a tent using blankets and chairs. Take turns pretending to be King Benjamin (wear the crown and stand on a stool or something to represent a small tower). Whoever is King Benjamin will pull one of the "King Benjamin's Teachings" cards (on page 5 below) out of a pile to share with the family (Mom/Dad help young kids read and discuss what's on their card). Talk about each one in as much depth as your family needs/is interested in. If you have older kids, you could also have them find their own favorite verses from these chapters to share with the family.

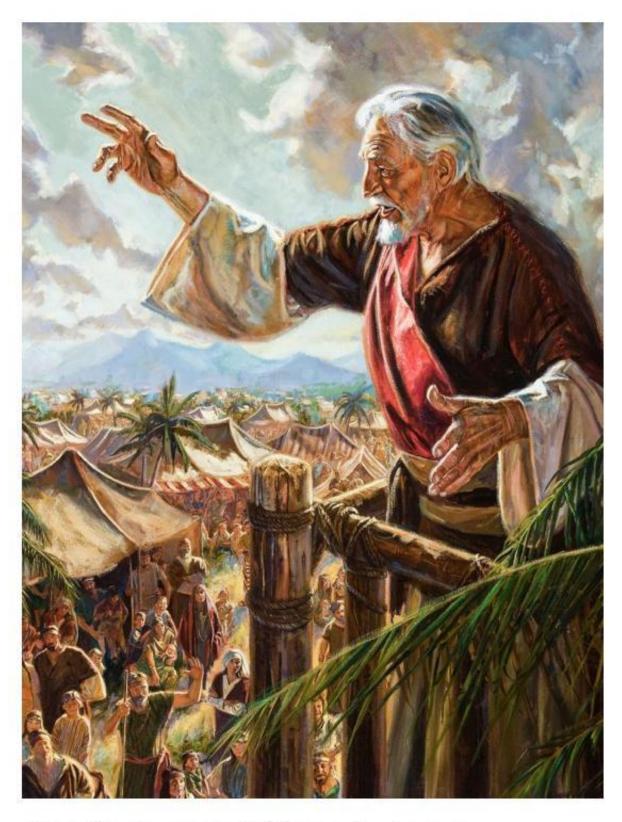
Song Time- For the next part of the lesson, we're going to sing songs that go along with some of the other things King Benjamin taught. For each song, read and discuss the scripture verse that goes along with it first, and then sing the song. I figured this could be a fun way to keep learning while we stay in our "tent" .

- 3. Song #1 Keep the Commandments Read Mosiah 2:40-41 and then sing the song https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JApCa8DHXBg . Quickly review what commandments are and blessings that come from following them.
- 4. Song #2 Love One Another Mosiah 2:4 talks about being "filled with love towards God and all men." Remind them of what charity is and then sing https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-vEygsTwks. How can we be filled with love towards God and others? (Moroni 7:48)
- 5. Song #3 Because I have Been Given Much Explain that King Benjamin served his people with all of the "might, mind and strength which the Lord hath granted unto me" (Mosiah 2:11). He was a good king because he served others instead of making others serve him. Talk about ways we can serve others and make specific plans of people we can serve with our might, mind, and strength. Sing the song https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hG-OFB9L7c
 - "The Old Shoemaker" is a great video to remind them that when we're in the service of our fellow beings, we're in the service of God: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ufa8L66Drj0
 - The Coat" is also a super cute video about serving others https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/media-library/video/2011-12-001-the-coat?lang=eng

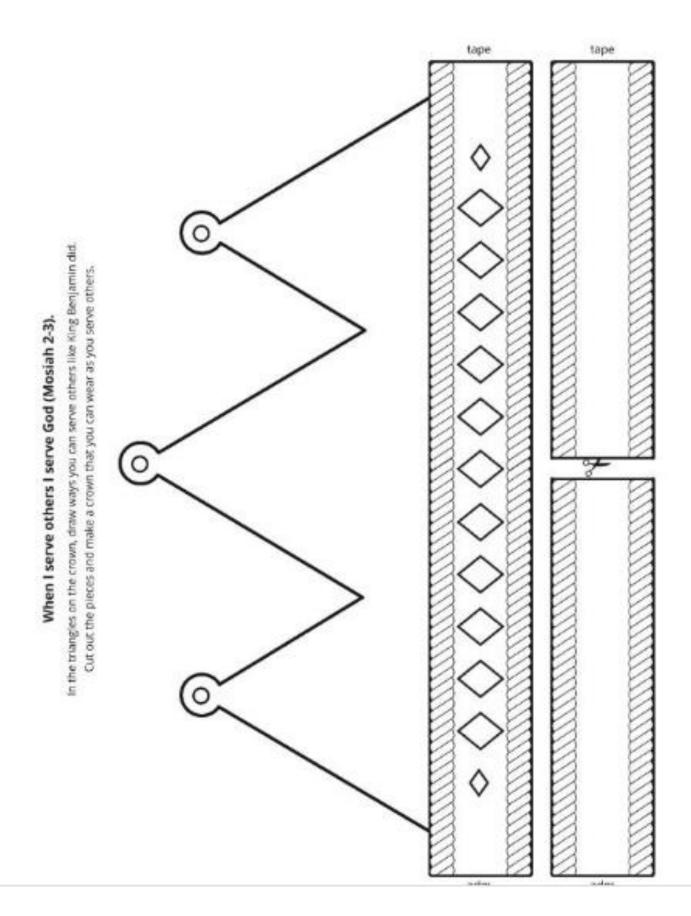
- 6. <u>Service Strips</u> The manual says, "Give the children strips of paper to write down ways they can serve their family members, and give each child a bag to place the papers in. Encourage the children to pick a strip of paper out of the bag each day and do that act of service for someone." You could have them color in one diamond on their crown each time they do something.
 - You can use the super cute strips and bag in this link designed by Crystal from theredcrystal https://www.theredcrystal.org/post/come-follow-me-2020-april-13-19-mosiah-1-3
 - This is also a cute "Service Survey" from The Friend: https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/2019/03/service-survey?lang=eng
- 7. <u>Treat (Recipe for Becoming Like Christ)</u>- Mosiah 3:19 has a "recipe" for how we can become like Jesus Christ. Read it and have them listen to things that will help us become like Jesus. For each thing they can hear/find, add an ingredient to a bowl to make a favorite family recipe. Remind them that the Atonement of Jesus Christ is the most important "ingredient." (idea from manual)

Additional Ideas:

- Support Articles and Activities from The Ensign: https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2020/04/come-follow-me-book-of-mormon-support-articles-and-activities/mosiah-1-3?lang=eng
- More Great Ideas: www.theredcrystal.org
- ➤ Idea from the Manual: Play a game in which the children pass around an object as they sing a song about gratitude or listen to one (see "Gratitude" in the topics index of the *Children's Songbook*). Stop singing or stop the music periodically, and invite whoever is holding the object to share a blessing he or she is grateful for.
- ➤ Idea from the Manual: Display pictures of some of the events mentioned in Mosiah 3:5–10 (see, for instance, Gospel Art Book, nos. 30, 41, 42, 57, 59). Ask the children what is happening in the pictures, and help them as needed. Slowly read Mosiah 3:5–10, and invite the children to raise their hands when you read about something in one of the pictures. Invite the children to share other things that they know Jesus did when He was on earth.



King Benjamin's Address, by Jeremy Winborg



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"When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God." (Mosiah 2:17)

"For the natural man is an enemy to God, and has been from the fall of Adam, and will be, forever and ever, unless he yields to the enticings of the Holy Spirit, and putteth off the natural man and becometh a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord, and becometh as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father." (Mosiah 3:19)

"And behold also, if I, whom ye call your king, who has spent his days in your service, and yet has been in the service of God, do merit any thanks from you, 0 how you ought to thank your heavenly King!" (Mosiah 2:19)

"I say unto you that if ye should serve him who has created you from the beginning, and is preserving you from day to day, by lending you breath, that ye may live and move and do according to your own will, and even supporting you from one moment to another - I say, if ye should serve him with all your whole souls yet ye would be unprofitable servants." (Mosiah 2:21)

"And moreover, I say unto you, that the time shall come when the knowledge of a Savior shall spread throughout every nation, kindred, tongue, and people."

(Mosiah 3:20)

"And behold, all that he requires of you is to keep his commandments; and he has promised you that if ye would keep his commandments ye should prosper in the land; and he never doth vary from that which he hath said; therefore, if ye do keep his commandments he doth bless you and prosper you." (Mosiah 2:22)

"Behold, I say unto you that because I said unto you that I had spent my days in your service, I do not desire to boast, for I have only been in the service of God." (Mosiah 2:16)

"And moreover, I say unto you, that there shall be no other name given nor any other way nor means whereby salvation can come unto the children of men, only in and through the name of Christ, the Lord Omnipotent." (Mosiah 3:17)

"Behold, ye have called me your king; and if I, whom ye call your king, do labor to serve you, then ought not ye to labor to serve one another?"

(Mosiah 2:18)