

EPISODE 04

Scripture Stories

BUILDING THE SHIP

[BEGIN MUSIC: SCRIPTURE POWER]

CHILDREN: Because I want to be, like the Savior and I can,
I'm reading His instructions; I'm following His plan.
Because I want the power his word will give to me-
I'm changing how I'll live; I'm changing how I'll be.

Scripture power-keeps me safe from sin.
Scripture power is the power to win.
Scripture power, every day I need,
The power that I get each time I read.

CHILDREN: Welcome to Scripture Stories!

[RESUME MUSIC: SCRIPTURE POWER]

I'll find the sword of truth in the scripture that I'll learn.
I'll take the shield of faith, from these pages that I'll turn.
I'll wear each vital part of the armor of the Lord.
I'll fight my daily battles and win a great reward.
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The power that I get each time I read.

[END MUSIC]

SPEAKER: Scripture stories are a program for you, the children. As you listen, remember that these stories are about real people, who lived long ago. Along with us, you'll find these stories in the Scripture Stories Book, published by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Have your mother, father, teacher or a friend help you find the story, and invite them to read along with you too.

Do you remember last week? We read about Lehi's dream, how he saw a river and a tower. In his dream, Lehi saw a man wearing a white robe, who told Lehi to follow him. Lehi followed the man into a dark and dreary wilderness. After traveling in the darkness for many hours, Lehi prayed for help. Then, he saw a tree with white fruit. This sweet fruit made those who ate it happy. Lehi ate the fruit and it filled him with joy. He wanted his family to taste the fruit because he knew it would make them happy too. Lehi

called to his wife and sons, to come and taste the fruit. Sariah, Sam and Nephi went and tasted the fruit but Laman and Lemuel would not. Lehi also saw a rod of iron and a straight and narrow path leading to the tree. He saw many people walking on or toward the path, because of a mist of darkness. Some wandered off the path and became lost. Others held tightly to the iron rod and made it through the darkness to the tree, they tasted the fruit. Lehi saw many people in his dream; some held firmly to the iron rod and traveled through the darkness to the tree. They tasted the fruit. Others went to the large building or drowned in the river or became lost. Laman and Lemuel would not eat the fruit. Lehi worried about them and tried to help them obey God's commandments. This week we're going to learn more about Lehi and Nephi.

[BEGIN MUSIC: I WILL GO AND DO]

CHILDREN: The Lord commanded Nephi to go and get the plates,
From the wicked the Laban from inside the city gates.
Laman and Lemuel were both afraid to try,
Nephi was courageous, this was his reply.

I will go, I will do the thing the Lord commands,
I know the Lord provides a way, He wants me to obey.
I will go, I will do the thing the Lord commands,
I know the Lord provides a way, He wants me to obey.

The Lord commanded Nephi to go and build a boat.
Nephi's older brothers believe it would not float.
Laughing and mocking, they said he should not try.
Nephi was courageous, this was his reply.

I will go, I will do the thing the Lord commands,
I know the Lord provides a way, He wants me to obey.
I will go, I will do the thing the Lord commands,
I know the Lord provides a way, He wants me to obey.

The Lord gives us commandments and asks us to obey,
Sometimes I am tempted to choose another way.
When I'm discouraged and think I cannot try,
I will be courageous and I will reply.

I will go, I will do the thing the Lord commands,
I know the Lord provides a way, He wants me to obey.
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[END MUSIC]

SPEAKER: Sometimes we have challenges in our lives that seem difficult and sometimes impossible to solve. But, if we do everything that we can and then put our trust in Heavenly Father, he will help us. Let's now turn to the story about building the ship, that's chapter 7. Children at home please read along.

CHILD: After Lehi's family had camped by the sea for many days, the Lord spoke to Nephi. He told him to build a ship to carry his family to the promise land. Nephi did not know how to make a ship, but the Lord said he would show him. He told Nephi were to find metal to make the tools he would need.

SPEAKER: Now answer me this. Why did the Lord command Nephi to build a ship? Kaitlin?

CHILD: Because maybe it was a test and he wanted to see if he would do what the Lord wanted him to do, instead of just giving him a ship to sail across on.

SPEAKER: That is excellent. Yea, maybe he wanted to test his faith.

CHILD: Building it from scratch, would probably give you a better testimony and more faith of him. You would become closer.

SPEAKER: Absolutely! And, what's a real literal reason why he wanted Nephi to build the ship? Wes?

CHILD: The Lord wanted Nephi to take his family to the promise land.

SPEAKER: That's right. And, he needed a way to do it, didn't he? So, how did Nephi respond to this commandment, even though he had no idea how to build a ship? He lived in the desert practically.

CHILD: He knew the Lord would help him and he had so much faith, that he just went along with building the ship.

SPEAKER: Yes. Indeed he did. That shows a lot of faith, don't you think so? Did he even have tools? No. Nephi didn't have any tools.

CHILD: He knew that the Lord would provide a way for him.

SPEAKER: Yes, exactly. He always knew the Lord would provide a way. All right, let's keep reading.

CHILD: Laman and Lemuel made fun of Nephi for wanting to build a ship. They did not believe that the Lord had shown Nephi how to do it. They refused to help. Nephi told Laman and Lemuel to repent and not be rebellious. He reminded them that they had seen an angel.

CHILD: He also told them that God has the power to do all things.

CHILD: Laman and Lemuel were angry with Nephi and wanted to throw him in the sea.

CHILD: As they came toward Nephi, he commanded them not to touch him because he was filled with the power of God. Laman and Lemuel were afraid for many days.

CHILD: Then the Lord told Nephi to touch Laman and Lemuel. When Nephi did, the Lord shocked them. Laman and Lemuel knew that the power of God was with Nephi.

CHILD: Nephi told Laman and Lemuel to obey their parents and obey God. Nephi said that if they would do this, they would be blessed.

CHILD: Laman and Lemuel repented and helped Nephi build the ship.

CHILD: Nephi went to the mountain many times to pray for help. The Lord taught him how to build the ship.

CHILD: When Nephi and his brothers finished building the ship, they knew that it was a good ship. They thanked God for helping them.

[BEGIN MUSIC: KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS]

CHILDREN: Keep the commandments. Keep the commandments.
In this there is safety. In this there is peace.
He will send blessings. He will send blessings.
Words of a prophet, keep the commandments.
In this there is safety and peace.

We are His children. We are His children.
And we must be tested to show we are true.
Hold to His promises. Hold to His promises.
Heeding the prophets. Keep the commandments.
In this there is safety and peace.

[END MUSIC]

SPEAKER: All right, how have you and your family been blessed because of your obedience, Megan?

CHILD: Because if a person in our family doesn't obey, then the spirit leaves our house and we don't have it in our house anymore. So it helps us to learn that we want the spirit in our house so we want to obey.

SPEAKER: Wonderful. Is there any other ways you have been blessed in your home from being obedient? Do any of you have family home evening? Go ahead Kaitlin.

CHILD: Family Home Evening can strengthen our family's knowledge and helps us learn more from other things.

SPEAKER: Right. Has the prophet asked us to read our scriptures as a family?

CHILDREN: Yes.

SPEAKER: Have you been blessed in your families by doing that? Are you having family prayer? Go ahead Megan.

CHILD: Reading the scriptures with the family helps my little sister because she can't read, she is four, and then we have Braden, the age of eight, and he's kind of on the borderline of reading, so it really helps him to understand easier than just reading them.

SPEAKER: That's absolutely fabulous. So what gave Nephi such great confidence? He just tried all kinds of things, that he had know idea how to do it at first. Wes?

CHILD: He knew that the Lord always provided a way to do what was asked, so he knew that there was going to be a way to build that ship, so he wanted to obey that commandment, because he wanted to obey the Lord.

SPEAKER: Yes. And Nephi, what made him so brave, even when his brothers were about to beat him up?

CHILD: Because he had faith in the Lord.

SPEAKER: Yes, he had powerful faith in the Lord. Why do you think the Lord did not just give them a ship? We kind of touched on this earlier, but let's talk about it again. Why did he not just give them a ship? Kaitlin?

CHILD: Because maybe it was a test and he wanted to see if Nephi would do what the Lord wanted him to do, even if they had no clue what they were doing.

SPEAKER: Wes?

CHILD: Maybe it was a test of faith and belief in the Lord and a test of loyalty.

SPEAKER: Megan?

CHILD: Not only a test for Nephi, but a test for their whole family so that God could see whether or not Laman and Lemuel would actually help and support. It was probably a test for the whole family to see and level their faith.

SPEAKER: Absolutely, and why do you think that Laman and Lemuel did not want to help Nephi build the ship? Kaitlin?

CHILD: Because they probably didn't think, they were probably just going, oh, he just wants us to build a ship for no reason at all. But, Nephi knew that God would help him and that he knew the reason why.

SPEAKER: TJ?

CHILD: They were probably thinking it was just a waste of energy and food.

SPEAKER: Probably. So they didn't have any faith. They probably didn't believe Nephi could really do it, huh? Go ahead Megan.

CHILD: They probably thought, since their ruthless brothers, so far in the stories we read, their probably thinking that Nephi wants to get back at us and make us waste all of our energy.

SPEAKER: Yes. Well, you know how it is for the family, when some members want to do the right thing and some members do not. Does that make it difficult to function as a family? And to do things? Does it make it hard for the parents? Yes, it does. So how does working together make building the ship easier? Daniel?

CHILD: Because it is kind of hard for one person to go to do this and that. If a lot of people work together it can get done faster.

SPEAKER: Kaitlin?

CHILD: A lot more hands is better than two hands, because maybe they would get it done a lot quicker then just Nephi to do it all.

SPEAKER: Yes, it true, if you are working together it will make the work a lot easier and it will help everybody feel better. You know how it is when you're arguing in your family, it doesn't make things turn out very well. Well, if everybody is in it together, and their like yes, let's do it, we believe, Wahoo, then great things can happen. So how would you feel if your older brothers made fun of you, because you were just keeping Heavenly Father's commandments? Megan?

CHILD: It would make me not so sad, and not so happy at the same time, because one you've got God on your side and Christ, because you're keeping the commandments, but it would hurt your feelings because your brother is not supporting you in what you're doing.

SPEAKER: Yes, I think so. How would you feel if your older brother or sister were just really making fun of you or really threatening you, because you were doing the right thing?

CHILD: It would make me feel sad, because I like to think of if I were the one maybe hurting my brothers, would I like to feel that way, because sometimes it can hurt feelings very easily, especially in your family. You're supposed to love each other in your family. Go ahead Megan.

CHILD: Not only sad, but it would make me feel disappointed because you were raised the way you were raised in the gospel, and then you've got people not obeying, they just want to do their own thing.

SPEAKER: I think so.

[BEGIN MUSIC: WHEN WERE HELPING]

CHILDREN: When we're helping we're happy, and we sing as we go;
And we like to help mother, for we all love her so.
Tra la la la la la. Tra la la la la la. Tra la la la la la.

[END MUSIC]

SPEAKER: So, how have you been able to help your family, like Nephi? In what ways?

CHILD: I am the second oldest so I have three little siblings and I help my mom out a lot because we have a four year old and a nine month old and so it's hard for her, so what I try to do is try to tend Jacklyn because she looks up to me in every way, so I try to help her out.

SPEAKER: I have lots of little kids too, so I love it when my oldest girl and boy help me out and run after the toddler. Go ahead Kaitlin?

CHILD: The way I help me family is when my mom, we have three little brothers and I'm the only girl and it's so hard because they're always playing boy things and they're always fighting with each other. And, so it's hard when my moms on the phone, or my dads on the phone and their screaming so I have to come and tell them a quiet story of the scriptures but it makes me feel nice when I help my mommy.

SPEAKER: That's awesome. Daniel, how do you help your family?

CHILD: One time my brother and sister turned the volume up on the TV to its fullest, when my mom was taking on the phone, so I had to go turn it off.

SPEAKER: That's a great help. TJ, how about you?

CHILD: I help my mom clean up the house because sometimes it gets really messy and we have lots of visitors come over.

SPEAKER: That's excellent. That is fabulous. How have you felt after you have helped your family?

CHILD: I've felt blessed and loved.

CHILD: I have felt like I have accomplished the biggest task in the world. I have felt like a winner.

CHILD: Sometimes it makes me feel like it's a test that sometimes my parents give me, but it's not, but I still like doing it, so it makes me feel loved.

SPEAKER: Awesome. So, how have you felt when you have not helped your family? TJ?

[CHILD: Sometimes, I feel left out because they're all having fun while they're working.

SPEAKER: And, are you up in your room being punished?

CHILD: Sometimes.

CHILD: I feel, at first you're bursting out, you're red, and you say things you don't want and your like yes, I said it, and later on your like, what did I just do? You feel depressed and you have let down Heavenly Father and Christ and especially your parents.

SPEAKER: Ya, sometimes you feel that way. Anyone else? How do you feel when you don't help your family out very much?

CHILD: It makes me feel like I'm kind of left out and that I don't want to help; I just want to go in my room and listen. I don't want to do anything and it makes me feel sad that I'm not going to help my parents at all. That I'm going to do just whatever I want.

CHILD: I feel bad that I did what I did.

SPEAKER: You feel a little guilty sometimes. Me too. What did Heavenly Father give Nephi to do to his brothers when his brothers tried to kill him? What super power did he get when his brothers tried to kill him? Daniel?

CHILD: He gave him the power to shock them.

SPEAKER: Yes. Interesting. Now who's power was that? Megan?

CHILD: God's power.

SPEAKER: Yes. Why do you think that God gave him that power?

CHILD: Because Nephi was righteous and he had a lot of faith.

SPEAKER: Yes, why do you think he told Nephi to stretch for this hand and shock his brothers? Do you think he is a big meany and he wanted Laman and Lemuel to get owies? Why Wes?

CHILD: Because God wanted Laman and Lemuel to know that God really did exist and that Nephi had the power of God with him and so he knew exactly what he was doing, and so I think it was supposed to give Laman and Lemuel faith in God.

SPEAKER: Yes, to show them the power of God. Absolutely these are all wonderful. How did Nephi show his faith in Jesus Christ? Megan?

CHILD: By doing what he asked, by building a ship, no matter what his brothers did, if they didn't support him, he just did what God asked him to do.

CHILD: In the scriptures it says I will go and do the things the Lord hath commanded, because I know the Lord will provide a way to do things.

SPEAKER: Yes, so he trusted the Lord, didn't he?

CHILD: Sometimes it reminds me of the song, I will go, I will do.

SPEAKER: Absolutely, he did everything the Lord told him to do, right? And he trusted the Lord that he would provide a way. How can you be like Nephi and show courage and faith in Jesus Christ?

CHILD: If you're at school and you're in a situation with somebody who doesn't believe the same things that we do, and then you could stand up for what we believe in and that this is the true church.

CHILD: I can follow his example. I can do missionary work.

SPEAKER: Excellent. Does anyone else have ideas on how you can be like Nephi and show courage and faith in Jesus Christ? Courage? How can you show courage and faith?

CHILD: I can stick up for the church when someone is taking the Lord's name in vain, or trying to falsify the church or trying to say that God doesn't exist.

SPEAKER: Yes, can you have courage in your own family, just like Nephi, his big brothers were wanting to beat him up and weren't agreeing with him in his own family and even his own father murmured once when he was terribly hungry, but, Nephi did he murmur, he had great courage and faith, how can you show courage and faith? No matter what.

CHILD: Be a good example and make your figure as much Christ like as possible so that you can show people that the power to be righteous is really powerful.

SPEAKER: That's wonderful. Daniel?

CHILD: Listen to the Holy Ghost.

SPEAKER: Yes, excellent.

[BEGIN MUSIC: CHOOSE THE RIGHT]

There's a right way to live and be happy,

It is choosing the right everyday,
I am learning the teachings of Jesus.
They will help me and show me the way.

Choose the right way and be happy.
I must always choose the right.

Through the gospel I learn to be prayerful
To have faith, to repent, to obey,
And I know if I live by his teachings,
I will truly be happy each day.

Choose the right way and be happy.
I must always choose the right.

[END MUSIC]

SPEAKER: We have learned so much. I hope we will all thank Heavenly Father in our prayers, for all he taught us. And I also hope we'll keep talking about the things we've learned with our families and other people we loved. Next week we'll read chapter 8, of the Book of Mormon Stories, Crossing the Sea. If you would like to listen to this program again, a grownup can help you get a copy to play on your computer, iPod or other music player, at radio.lds.org. You can also sign up to get new episodes as soon as they're ready. If you would like your own copies of the Scripture Stories as books or DVD's you can find them at scripturestories.lds.org or a grownup can buy them at your local church distribution center. See you next week.

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