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## Book of Mormon Gems of Truth: Lesson 1

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**Abstract:** Monthly Book of Mormon lessons for adult women (Relief Society). Each month a verse of Book of Mormon scripture is presented with accompanying quotes from General Authorities and writers of the Church.

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of man are not always just" (Mosiah 29:12).

Objective: To show that we should refrain from judging each other.

Lesson 7. "I have none other object save it be the everlasting welfare of your souls" (II Nephi 2:30).

Objective: To help us appreciate the fact that there are many people who

are interested in our everlasting welfare.

Lesson 8. "He that will not believe my words will not believe me—that I am" (Ether 4:12).

Objective: To show that when one truly accepts Jesus Christ, he accepts his words as well.

## *Visiting Teacher Messages*

### Book of Mormon Gems of Truth

Lesson 1—"And Behold, I Tell You These Things That Ye May Learn Wisdom; That Ye May Learn That When Ye Are in the Service of Your Fellow Beings Ye Are Only in the Service of Your God" (Mosiah 2:17).

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Objective: To show that service to the Lord and service to our fellow men are synonymous.

**O**FTTIMES we unconsciously make a distinction between serving the Lord and serving our fellow men, when, in reality, they are one and the same. We think of attending our meetings, paying tithing, saying our prayers, and fulfilling assignments in Church positions as belonging to the service of the Lord, while, on the other hand, tending the baby of a tired mother, encouraging a despondent widow, taking some delicacy to an invalid across the street, appear to us as simply being a good neighbor. We mistakenly feel that service to the Lord is in a different category, that it is on a loftier plane, being removed from our contacts with mere human beings in the mundane affairs of daily living. Why cannot we see that service rendered to our neighbors and associates is of the

selfsame fabric as service to God? He has told us this is so.

We might make a comparison. As parents we know our feelings when someone befriends our child who is in difficulty. We feel as grateful as though he had befriended us, do we not? Perhaps even more grateful. If some kind friend gives encouragement, inspiration, or wise counsel to our child, it means the same to us, his parents, as though we had been the recipients of that much-needed assistance. So it is with our Heavenly Father. When one of us befriends another of his children, it is the same as though we rendered that service unto him. The more we do to bring joy and righteousness into the lives of his children, our brothers and sisters, the more we lift each other up the ladder toward per-

fection—the more we are serving our Maker.

Henry Van Dyke, in *The Other Wise Man*, aptly illustrates this great truth. According to the story, the "other wise man" used his three precious jewels, intended as gifts for the Messiah, to minister to the needs of a sick stranger, to save a baby boy from certain death, and to free a young woman from the bondage of debt. "I have spent for man that which was meant for God," Artaban said sadly. He searched thirty-three years for his King and finally neared Golgotha as Christ was hanging on the cross. Buildings were shaken from their foundations by the force of the en-

suing earthquake, and Artaban was struck down by a piece of falling tile. As he lay dying his lips moved as if answering someone. "Not so, my Lord. For when saw I thee an hungered and fed thee? Or thirsty and gave thee drink? When saw I thee a stranger and took thee in? Or naked, and clothed thee? When saw I thee sick or in prison, and came unto thee? Three and thirty years have I looked for thee; but I have never seen thy face, nor ministered to thee, my King." Then we are told, he ceased speaking, and the sweet voice came again, "Verily I say unto thee, Inasmuch as thou hast done it unto one of the least of these thy brethren, thou hast done it unto me."

## *Work Meeting—Sewing*

### THE ART OF MENDING

(A Course for Optional Use by Wards and Branches at Work Meeting)

#### Preview of Lessons for 1951-52

*Jean Ridges Jennings*

(Textbook: *The Complete Book of Sewing*, by Constance Talbot.)

**WE** are living in a time of rising costs and economic uncertainties when no one knows what tomorrow may bring in the way of shortages and burdensome expenses.

It is a part of good citizenship as well as sound economy to take care of the things we have and waste nothing.

This means that mending, more than ever, is an important phase of homemaking. It is one of the home arts to be studied and learned with exactness and skill. What better project can women undertake

than to master a craft that will help them and their families to prolong the use of clothing and household linens?

The lessons for optional use by wards and branches at work meetings for 1951-52 will attempt to outline and explain some of the fundamental mending processes. It is impossible to discuss all of the details of this project. It is hoped, however, that everyone can get the feeling and the desire for precise and artful handling of mending problems. All should strive to eliminate carelessness and a hap-