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# BOOK OF MORMON

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## LESSONS FOR AUGUST

### Concert Recitation for Month (3 Nephi 18:20)

"And whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, which is right, believing that ye shall receive, behold it shall be given unto you."

### First Sunday, August 7, 1932

Uniform Lesson. Subject: "Religious Education." (See Superintendents' Department for teachers' helps.)

Text: Sunday School Lessons, for August 7th.

### Second Sunday, August 14, 1932

#### Lesson 24. Christ Teaches Baptism

Texts: III Nephi, Chapter 12. Sunday School Lessons, Number 24.

Objective: To teach that baptism is essential to salvation.

To teachers: Give class members an opportunity to give word pictures of the scene referred to in today's lesson. It is probably one of the most imposing and impressive events that have ever been recorded—the resurrected Savior visits His people on this continent. See if the class shows a real appreciation for the importance of this visit. Try to have them picture the astonishment of the people, who, necessarily, had had only a vague idea of the real meaning of a Savior. From the fact that He first identifies himself and then proceeds at once to teach baptism, should lead your class to understand how sacred an ordinance it is. Make it clear that these commandments and explanations concerning baptism come from the Savior himself. In this criticizing age, some young folks may want to know why baptism is so essential, and why it matters whether we are or are not baptized. If this question is raised, why not point out how we perform acts every day, which we do not thoroughly understand. For instance, we walk and yet we do not understand all the physical operations involved in that simple process. Suppose we refused to walk until we knew all about it. After all, we depend upon faith in nearly every human act, material as well as spiritual.

Our acceptance of baptism, just as the Savior has required, is a matter of absolute faith in His teachings. The lesson should result today in the conclusion by your class that we should permit our faith to grow, we should encourage it, and utilize it, so that our faith in the Lord and His Servants will be complete.

Therein lies the greatest joy and satisfaction to any Latter-day Saint boy or girl.

### Third Sunday, August 21, 1932

#### Lesson 25. The Sacrament

Text: Sunday School Lessons, No. 25.

Objective: To teach that we should partake of the Sacrament often and worthily.

To teachers: See that the class comes to an appreciation, in a degree at least, of the impressive scene recorded in today's lesson. The Savior himself instructs the Nephites in all the simple details of how to administer the Sacrament. The very fact that He was so intent upon their understanding this holy ordinance, should cause your class to appreciate its value. Have the prayers offered over the bread and wine analyzed by the class. Let them see that it constitutes a pledge and a promise. Show how important it is that we partake often of the Sacrament, and never look upon it as common or ordinary. The very fact that the Savior himself explained it in detail shows how priceless and sacred it is in His eyes.

Point out further how valuable it is to us to have our thoughts brought back often to consider this sacred promise and pledge; how it keeps us reminded of life's purpose; how it sets up a barrier against temptations; how it keeps us fortified against sin. The result of today's lesson should be a determination on the part of the class to attend regularly Sacrament meetings.

### Fourth Sunday, August 28, 1932

#### Lesson 26. Jesus Teaches Prayer.

Texts: III Nephi 18:15-21; 19:1-36; 20:1; Sunday School Lessons, No. 26.

Objective: To teach that prayer is the avenue to the throne of God.

To teachers: The story in today's lesson is perhaps one of the most impressive in all sacred history. Let your class attempt to describe the scenes portrayed in the lesson:

1. The Savior's prayer.
2. The Transfiguration.

Analyze the instructions on prayer given by the Savior. Let the class see the value of a spoken prayer. The necessity for constant praying during days of temptation, need and uncertainty. It would be very fitting to recite personal blessings that come from prayer; answers to prayers. The class members should be given opportunity to tell of their own experiences with prayer.

We go to college to equip ourselves to meet the problems of life. Then why should we not more readily seek the Lord, the source of all knowledge and wisdom, when we are in need of light and information; when we need courage and hope?

Show how Latter-day Saint boys and girls with their knowledge of God should thrill with the thought that prayer will place them in communion with the Giver of all light; that the Lord stands ready to hear prayers and answer supplications of the righteous.

The class should look upon praying not as a burden or obligation but rather as a priceless opportunity.



#### ANOTHER MORMON SHRINE

This marker with its Covered Wagon and ox team plaque now stands at Florence, Nebraska (now Omaha), where the 600 immigrants fell by the wayside in 1846-47 and 1863, in their long trek across the plains to Utah.

The marker was placed in the summer of 1931 at this site by the Major Isaac Sadler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and dedicated by Mrs. Lowell Fletcher Hobart (right), Washington, D. C., President General, D. A. R.