

Pop Quiz on Alma:

Book of Alma: Main Point: The _____ is stronger than _____. *Key Scripture: Alma 31:5.*

Lesson 28: Whose teachings was Alma refuting when teaching the Zoramites? K_____. What skill was he teaching the poor Zoramites? How to recognize _____.

How can your list of what the "seed" (Christ) can do in our lives GROW? _____ (hint: soybeans)

Take Home: Finish worksheet on **your** experiment. What have you chosen to experiment on? How is your "list" with Christ growing? Do you desire for it to grow?

Lesson 29: 7 Principles of Parenting and 1 Pattern of Reproof.

What was the main or central piece of Alma 36 (the chiasma) _____

What are the first two underlying principles of the Book of Mormon?

1. Keep _____ and you will _____. If you don't, you will be _____.
2. Remember the _____ of your fathers. For they were in BONDAGE and God _____ them.
3. Take home from last week--bear testimony to your children in one form or another, or recommit to teach them the 10 commandments as a bedrock of their thinking. Also-use the analogy of the liahona (Alma 37:38-47) with your family.

Lesson 30: The Plan of Happiness- Alma 40-42

LAYER 1: Storyline. Alma preaches to his wayward son, Coriantimur about the "plan of happiness" focusing on the resurrection, the fall, atonement and the relationship between justice and mercy.

He then calls Coriantimur back to "the work"

LAYER 2: Character/Setting Analysis. WHY is Alma teaching about this NOW?? What does this deep doctrine have to do with Corianton? What is the significance?

MATCHING: Match up the false doctrines with Alma's responses:

Corianton is swayed by NEHOR. Alma seeks to help him understand why those beliefs are not true:

Gospel of NEHOR: (many Amlekites and Amulonites)

1. God had created all men and would also "redeem all men," for "in the end, all men should have eternal life" (Alma 1:4).
2. How God would redeem all men is not stated but they did *not* believe it was through the atonement of Jesus Christ. Rather, God, himself, would "save all men" (Alma 21:4-8).
3. Repentance was not a prerequisite to salvation, therefore, they did not "believe in the repentance of their sins"(Alma 15:15; also 21:6).
4. Did not believe it mattered what a man did in this life..good or bad..in the end he would have happiness restored to him.(Alma 1:4-8, Alma 15:15 41:1,10)
5. Did not believe that it was possible to know "things to come" (Alma 21:8,Alma 39:17).

Gospel of Jesus Christ:

1. Christ will surely come to take away the sins of the world and declare salvation to the people. (Alma 39:15, Alma 42: 15)
2. Is not a soul at this time as precious unto God as a soul will be at the time of his coming?(Alma 39:17-19)
3. In the Resurrection, everyone will be restored to the proper order--good for good and evil for evil according to our works and desires in life. (Alma 41:1-15).
4. Through Christ, all men will have immortality, but NOT all men will have eternal life (Alma 42:1-2)
5. Laws are given and punishment affixed-or God would cease to be God. Repentance through Christ is the only way around it. (Alma 42: 21-22,14)

LAYER 3: DOCTRINE

Alma 40: The Resurrection and the Spirit World.

Alma 40:23 <MARK> What false doctrines is he contradicting? How is Alma's version of "spirit world reality" differ from the world or Nehor's view of the afterlife?

Alma 41: The Law of Restoration.

Read 41:1 How do you think people were twisting the doctrine of restoration for their own purposes?

Alma 41:3-8 (circle desire) What is so important about desire? Our desires for _____ MUST be greater than our desires for _____.

Formula: My desire for _____ must be greater than my desire _____.

Joseph Smith: "Happiness is the object and design of our existence; and will be the end thereof, if we pursue the path that leads to it; and this path is virtue, uprightness, faithfulness, holiness and keeping the commandments of God."

After Alma corrects Corianton's misperception, what council does he give him? (Alma 41:-15) <Mark 4 things>

1. Be Merciful
2. _____
3. _____
4. Do good continually

Alma 42: The Law of Justice and Mercy and how the Atonement compensates:

Alma 42: 13-15 What is Alma teaching his son about the Nature of God in this passage?

Alma 42:16,22-26

What is Alma's final council to Corianton? (Alma 42:27-31)

LAYER 4: Personal Application.

Elder Oaks: "The justice of God holds each of us responsible for our own transgressions and automatically imposes the penalty. This reality should permeate our understanding, and it should ***influence all our teachings about happiness.***"

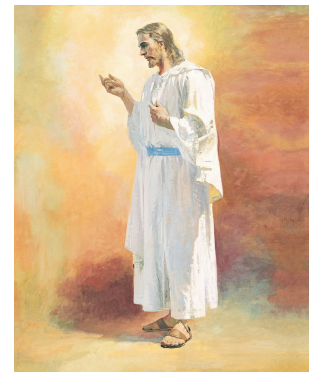
How does the concept of justice effect the way we teach our children about happiness?

Based upon the council Alma gives in 42:29, what things should we let trouble us? _____

What doctrines do we sometimes have a hard time accepting?

Does our acceptance or non-acceptance of difficult or obscure doctrine effect the absolute fact that we must keep the commandments and become like Christ?

Additional Insights: BYU Devotional: "Counterfeits: A Mess of Pottage" by Barta Heiner (<http://www.speeches.byu.edu>). Free MP3



Elder Neal A. Maxwell: "The Lord has described his plan of redemption as the Plan of Happiness. ... Conversationally, we reference this great design almost too casually at times; we even sketch its rude outlines on chalkboards and paper as if it were the floor plan for an addition to one's house. However, when we really take time to ponder the Plan, it is breathtaking and overpowering!" ("Thanks Be to God," Ensign, July 1982, 51).

