



The Stick of Joseph: Another Testament of Christ



“The Keystone of Our Religion”

Lesson 1

- What holds the arch together?

1. The Book of Mormon is the keystone of our religion.

- Why do you think Joseph Smith called the Book of Mormon the keystone of our religion?
- Why does the Church “stand or fall with the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon”?
- Who wrote the title page of the Book of Mormon, why was it written by him?
- According to the second paragraph, what are three purposes of the Book of Mormon?
- In 1982 the subtitle Another Testament of Jesus Christ was added to the title of the Book of Mormon. Why is it important to have this additional testament of the Savior? (See 1 Nephi 13:38–41; 2 Nephi 29:6–9.)
- Why is it important to declare to the world that the Book of Mormon testifies of Christ?
- What have you learned from the Book of Mormon about Jesus Christ?
- How has the Book of Mormon strengthened your testimony of Jesus Christ?
- In what ways is the Book of Mormon the “keystone of our doctrine”? (See D&C 10:45–46; 20:8–12.)
- How has the Book of Mormon increased your understanding of important gospel doctrines?
- Why is the Book of Mormon fundamental to a testimony of the restored gospel?
- What blessings come to those who receive a

testimony of the Book of Mormon and follow its teachings?

- What must we do to gain a testimony of the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon? (See Moroni 10:3–5.)

2. Many witnesses have testified of the Book of Mormon.

- Why was it important to have witnesses of the gold plates? (See Ether 5:2–4.)
- How do you think having additional witnesses helped the Prophet Joseph Smith?
- What other witnesses do we have that the Book of Mormon is true?

3. The Book of Mormon was written for our day.

(2 Nephi 25:21–22; 27:22; Mormon 8:34–35; Moroni 1:4).

- What conditions did Moroni foresee would exist in the world when the Book of Mormon was again brought forth? (Mormon 8:26–41)
- How are each of the following conditions evident in the world today?
 - a. “The power of God shall be denied” (verse 28).
 - b. “There shall be great pollutions upon the face of the earth” (verse 31).
 - c. People will “lift themselves up in the pride of their hearts” (verse 36).
 - d. People will “love money ... more than [they] love the poor and the needy” (verse 37).
 - e. People will be “ashamed to take upon [themselves] the name of Christ” (verse 38).
- In what ways can the teachings of ancient prophets be a source of help to us?

- How might knowing that the Book of Mormon was written for our day influence the way we study it? (See 1 Nephi 19:23.)

4. The Book of Mormon can bring us nearer to God.

(the sixth paragraph of the introduction to the Book of Mormon.)

- What are precepts?
- How can the precepts of the Book of Mormon bring us nearer to God?
- If we do not study the Book of Mormon, what will be the consequences to us, individually and as a church? (See D&C 84:54–58.)
- What changes and blessings have come into your life when you have studied and pondered the Book of Mormon regularly?

The Mayan Arch- Where is the Keystone

