

Book of Mormon, Religion 122  
Independent Study

## Lesson 6

## 3 Nephi 1–11

The following assignments include various learning activities, such as questions, lists, essays, charts, comparisons, contrasts, and surveys. To receive credit for this lesson, you must complete the number of assignments indicated below and submit them to your institute instructor or administrator. You may submit your work either electronically or on paper, handwritten or typed.

Each lesson should take approximately 60–90 minutes to complete, the same amount of time you would typically spend in a weekly institute class. Since reading the scripture block listed in the lesson heading is expected of all institute students prior to class, the estimated time for each assignment does not include the time you need to spend reading the scripture block.

**Complete assignments 2, 3, and one of the remaining assignments:**

**1. 3 Nephi 1–7. Are We Growing or Declining in Our Conversion?**

- a. Read the institute student manual commentary “3 Nephi 7:21–26: Full Conversion” (pages 293–94). Write a simple definition for conversion. According to Elder Richard G. Scott, what is needed for conversion to deepen and increase?
- b. As you study 3 Nephi 1–7, in the appropriate column list teachings, events, principles, and doctrines that you discover. Write a paragraph summary from your list highlighting what beliefs and actions lead to conversion and a separate paragraph highlighting what beliefs and actions destroy individual testimony and conversion.

Attitudes, Beliefs, and Actions That Lead to Individual Testimony and Conversion	Attitudes, Beliefs, and Actions That Destroy Individual Testimony and Conversion

**2. 3 Nephi 3–4. Gaining the Victory**

Read 3 Nephi 3:12–26; 4:8–18; and the student manual commentaries “3 Nephi 3–4: Physical and Spiritual Preparation” and “3 Nephi 4:10: Faith in God Overcomes Fear” (page 290). List five actions the Nephites took that led to victory over the Gadianton robbers. Explain in writing how we can apply these actions to our lives today.

**3. 3 Nephi 8–10. Destruction**

- a. The people who survived the disasters described in 3 Nephi 8 heard the voice of Jesus Christ in the darkness. His words are recorded in 3 Nephi 9–10. As you read

3 Nephi 9, write down the reasons the Lord gave for the various cities being destroyed.

- b. Outline what the Savior said those who were spared needed to do.
- c. Read the student manual commentary “3 Nephi 9:19–20: A Change in the Commandment to Sacrifice” (pages 296–97). Write a paragraph about what is meant by “a broken heart and a contrite spirit.” Identify in writing several ways Elder D. Todd Christofferson said we may offer gifts to the Lord today.

- d. Read 3 Nephi 10:1–8 and the student manual commentary “3 Nephi 10:5–6: ‘As a Hen Gathereth Her Chickens’” (pages 297–98). Pay particular attention to the verb tenses. Write a short paragraph about what we can learn about the Savior from His references to the past, present, and future.
- e. Read 3 Nephi 6:20, 23; 7:14, 23–26; 10:12–13. Read also the student manual commentary “3 Nephi 10:12: ‘They Who Received the Prophets’” (page 298). Respond in writing to the following questions:
- In general, who was spared the destructions detailed in 3 Nephi 8?
  - How does our righteousness depend upon accepting the Lord’s prophets?
  - What actions demonstrate acceptance of the Lord’s prophets today?

#### 4. 3 Nephi 11. Visitation by the Savior

As you prayerfully study 3 Nephi 11, write answers to the following questions:

- a. What do 3 Nephi 11:3–5; Doctrine and Covenants 85:6; and Helaman 5:30 teach us about the voice of the Lord and what we must do to hear Him?
- b. In 3 Nephi 11:11, what did the Savior declare about Himself?
- c. What event is recorded in verses 12–15? Describe your feelings as you contemplate this event (see also the student manual commentary “3 Nephi 11:14–17: The Wounds in His Hands and Feet and Side” (page 299)).
- d. In verse 14 and again in verse 20 the Savior extended several invitations to those present at that time. He extends the same invitations to each of us. Look closely at the words of the invitation. What do these invitations mean to you?
- e. How can you better follow the Savior’s teaching in verses 28–30?
- f. In verses 30–41 what does the Savior declare His doctrine to be?