

Book of Mormon, Religion 122 Independent Study

Lesson 8

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 assignment 1 and any three of the remaining assignments:

1. 3 Nephi 18. The Sacrament

- a. Write five or more important truths we can learn about the sacrament from what Jesus taught in 3 Nephi 18:1–14, 28–32; 20:1–9; 26:13 (see also institute student manual commentaries “3 Nephi 18:1–14: ‘This Shall Ye Do in Remembrance’” and “3 Nephi 18:26–32: A Sacred Ordinance” [pages 317, 319]).
- b. Read the student manual commentary “3 Nephi 20:8–9: The Sacramental Promise of Being Filled with the Spirit” (pages 323–24). Read also 3 Nephi 26:13 and write answers to the following:
 - Identify the word that could describe how frequently the Lord “did break bread . . . , and bless it.”
 - Make note of some advantages that come to us as a result of partaking of the sacrament every week.
 - What can we do during the week to maintain the blessings of the sacrament in our lives?

2. 3 Nephi 18:15–23. Prayer

- a. Read 3 Nephi 18:15–23. Identify and record at least five different principles concerning prayer that were taught by the Savior. Choose one of these principles you would like to particularly work on applying in your life.

3 Nephi 18–22

Write a paragraph about specific changes you can make to better apply this principle in your life.

- b. Read 3 Nephi 18:21 and the student manual commentary “3 Nephi 18:21: ‘Pray in Your Families’” (page 319). Explain in writing the ways family prayer makes a home a better and more beautiful place.

3. 3 Nephi 19. Great Faith

- a. In 3 Nephi 19:35 the Savior said that the disciples had demonstrated “great faith.” Make a list of examples of great faith from 3 Nephi 19. Highlight what you feel are the two most significant examples of exercised faith from your list.
- b. Read 3 Nephi 19:1–13 and the student manual commentary “3 Nephi 19:9: The Disciples Prayed for the Holy Ghost” (page 320). From your own experiences with the Holy Ghost, write why you think this is what the Nephites desired most.
- c. Read 3 Nephi 19:19–24 and the student manual commentary “3 Nephi 19:18, 22: ‘They Did Pray unto Jesus’” (page 320). Who did the people pray to in these verses? List the two reasons in these verses that Jesus gave for why this unusual circumstance was acceptable.

4. 3 Nephi 20. The Gathering of the Lord’s People

- a. Read 3 Nephi 20:11–13 and the student manual commentary “3 Nephi 20:11–13: Isaiah Wrote of the Gathering of Israel” (pages 324–25) and write answers for the following questions:
 - Where did the Father covenant He would gather His people from?
 - What will those who are gathered learn?
- b. Using 3 Nephi 20:18–41; 21:4–7, explain in writing how each of the following groups or individuals help gather the Lord’s people:
 - Heavenly Father
 - Jesus Christ
 - Prophets

- Book of Mormon
- You

5. 3 Nephi 22. The Lord's Great Love for His Covenant People

In 3 Nephi 22 the Savior quoted Isaiah 54. These writings are a poetic testimony of the Lord's love for His people as He fulfills His covenant to gather

them together. The scriptures have often compared the Lord's covenant relationship with His people to a marriage relationship. The Lord is the "husband," and the Lord's followers are the "bride." From 3 Nephi 22, list some of the Lord's qualities as a good "husband" to His Church, such as being a righteous example and providing love, material needs, comfort, and protection for His family.