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For Parents of Little Ones



Try these tips to help your child become a more willing worker:

■ Give children a little time to finish whatever fun thing they're doing. Set a timer and say, "When the timer rings in three minutes, it's time to pick up the toys."

■ Instead of saying, "No painting until after you clear your dishes from the table," try saying, "After you clear your dishes, then I will get your paints out." This small change in wording helps young children see their choice more clearly.

■ Make tasks playful. Play a favorite song and race to get all the toys put away before the song ends. Sing and dance while sweeping the floor.

Most children are experts at avoiding chores, like Ana in "The Laundry Monster" (page FJ2). They simply don't want to have their fun interrupted.

Even when your child protests and procrastinates, keep at it. Create a consistent routine so your child knows what's expected. Someday you'll both feel the satisfaction of a job well done!



■ Draw pictures of your child's chores and some favorite activities on a sheet of paper. Slide it into a plastic page protector. With a non-permanent marker, children can cross off chores and circle an activity to do after.

■ If your child still resists, allow natural consequences. For example, when toys are left on the floor, they can get lost or broken. It can be hard to allow consequences to upset your child. Remember that following through teaches children the eternal law of the harvest (see [Galatians 6](#)).

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“I feel my Savior’s love
in all the world around me.”
—*Children’s Songbook*, 74

The Laundry Monster

By Jennifer Maddy



“Time to put dirty clothes in the basket.”



Ana wants to build instead.



Ana knows it's time to help with laundry.



But she keeps building.



Look out! Ana knows what to do.



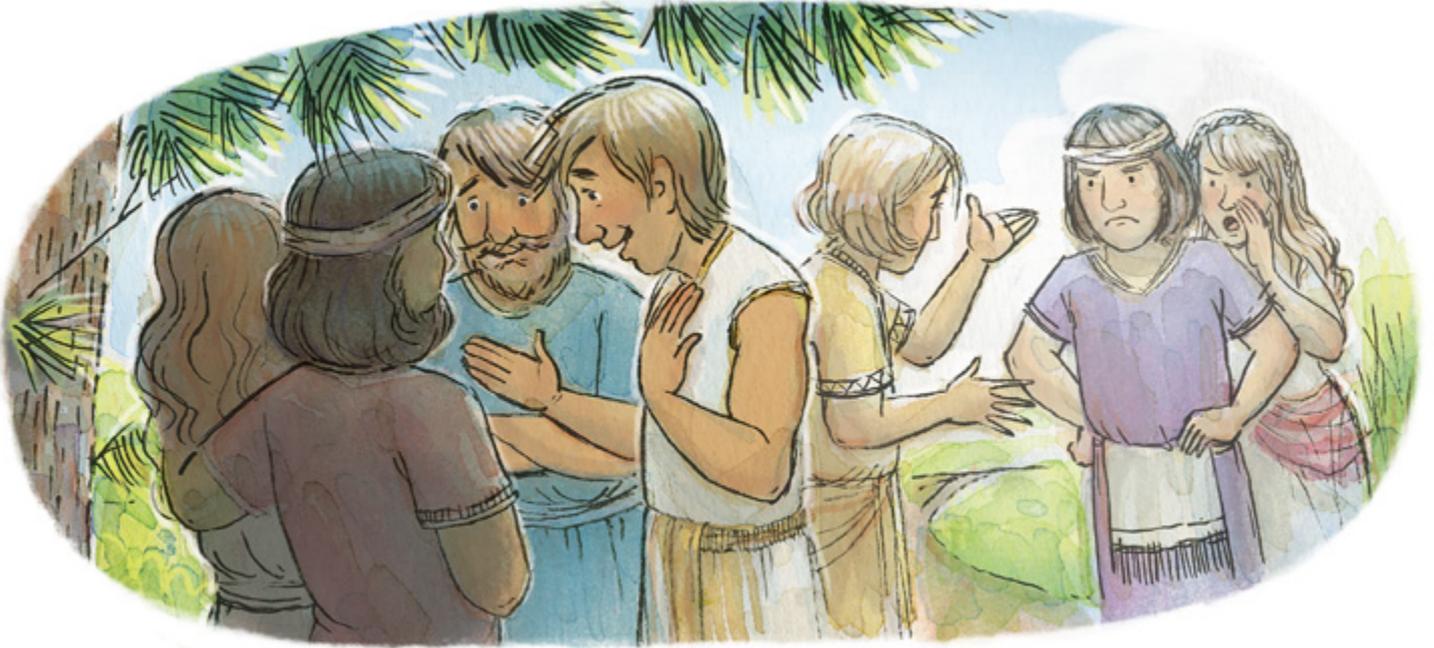
Goodbye, grumpy, lumpy laundry monster!

Laundry Basket Seek-and-find

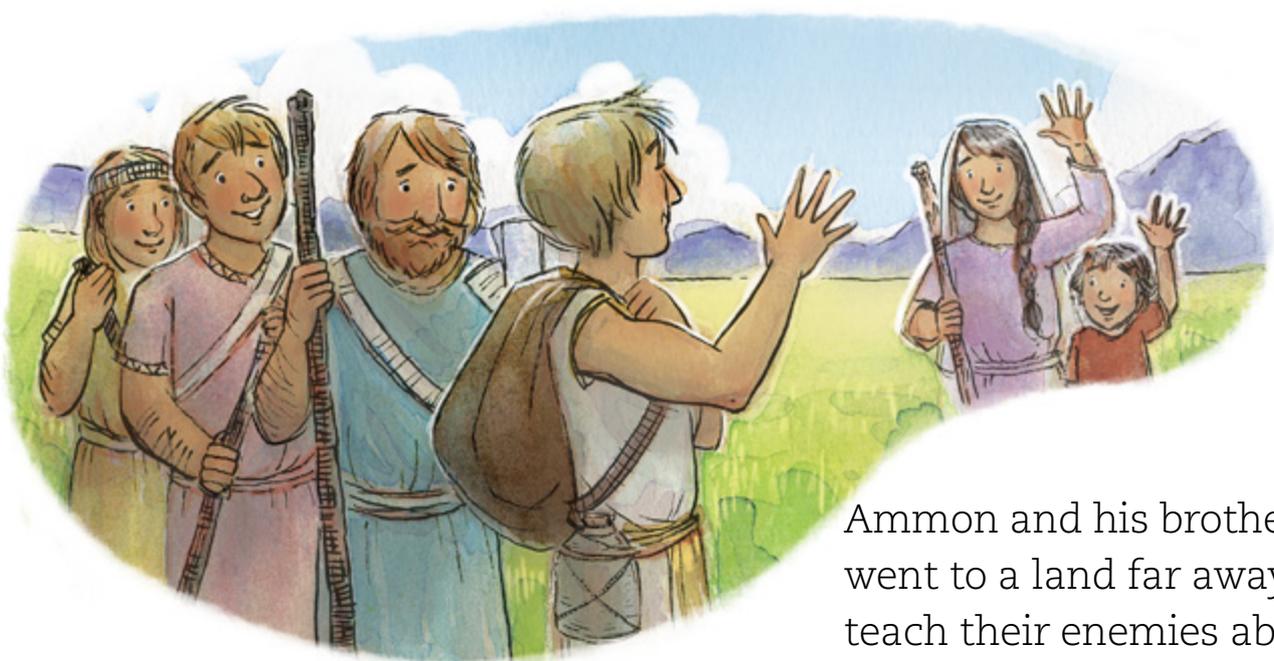
Help Ana find clothes to put in her laundry basket. See if you can find two socks, two shirts, one skirt, a dress, and a hair bow.



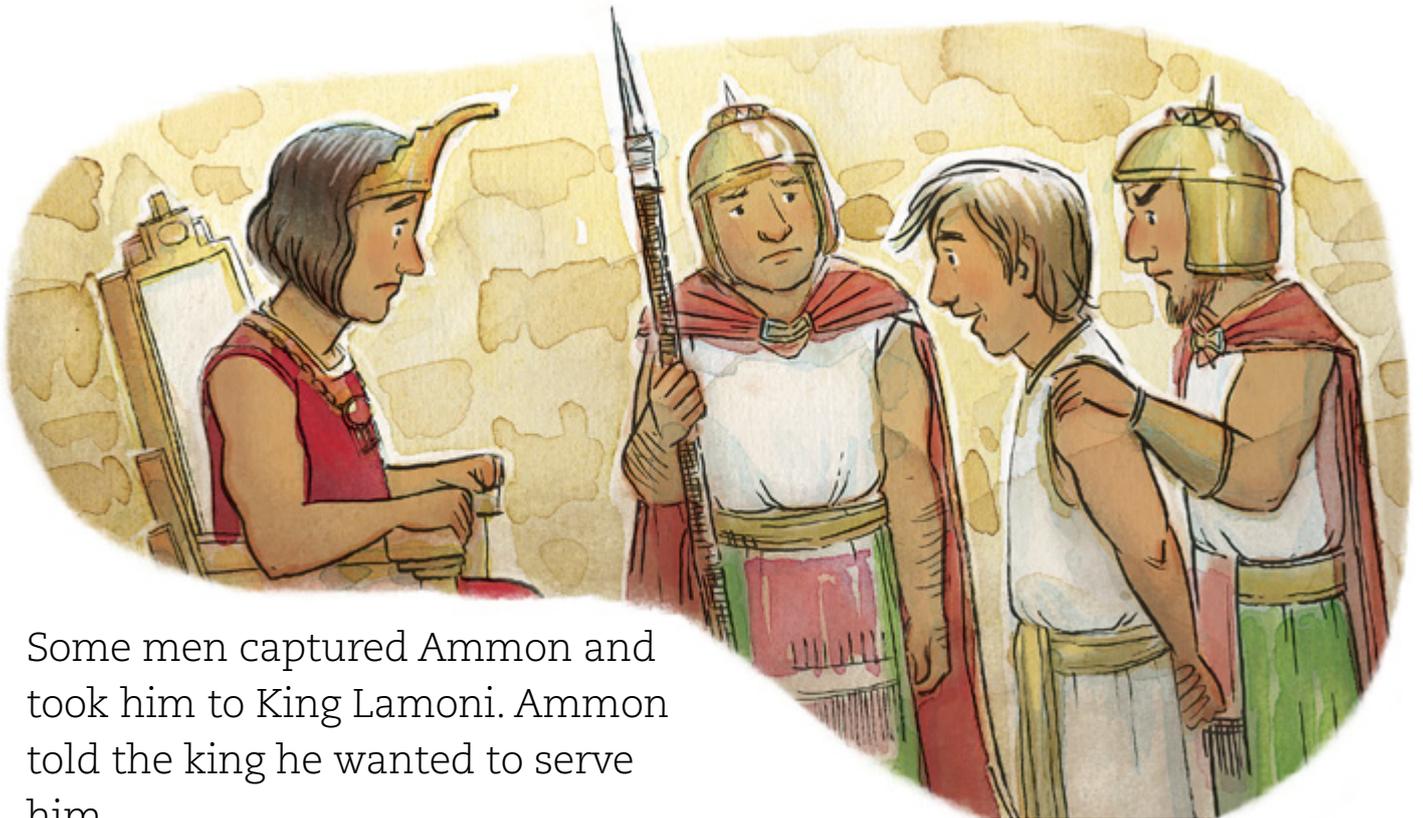
Ammon's Good Example



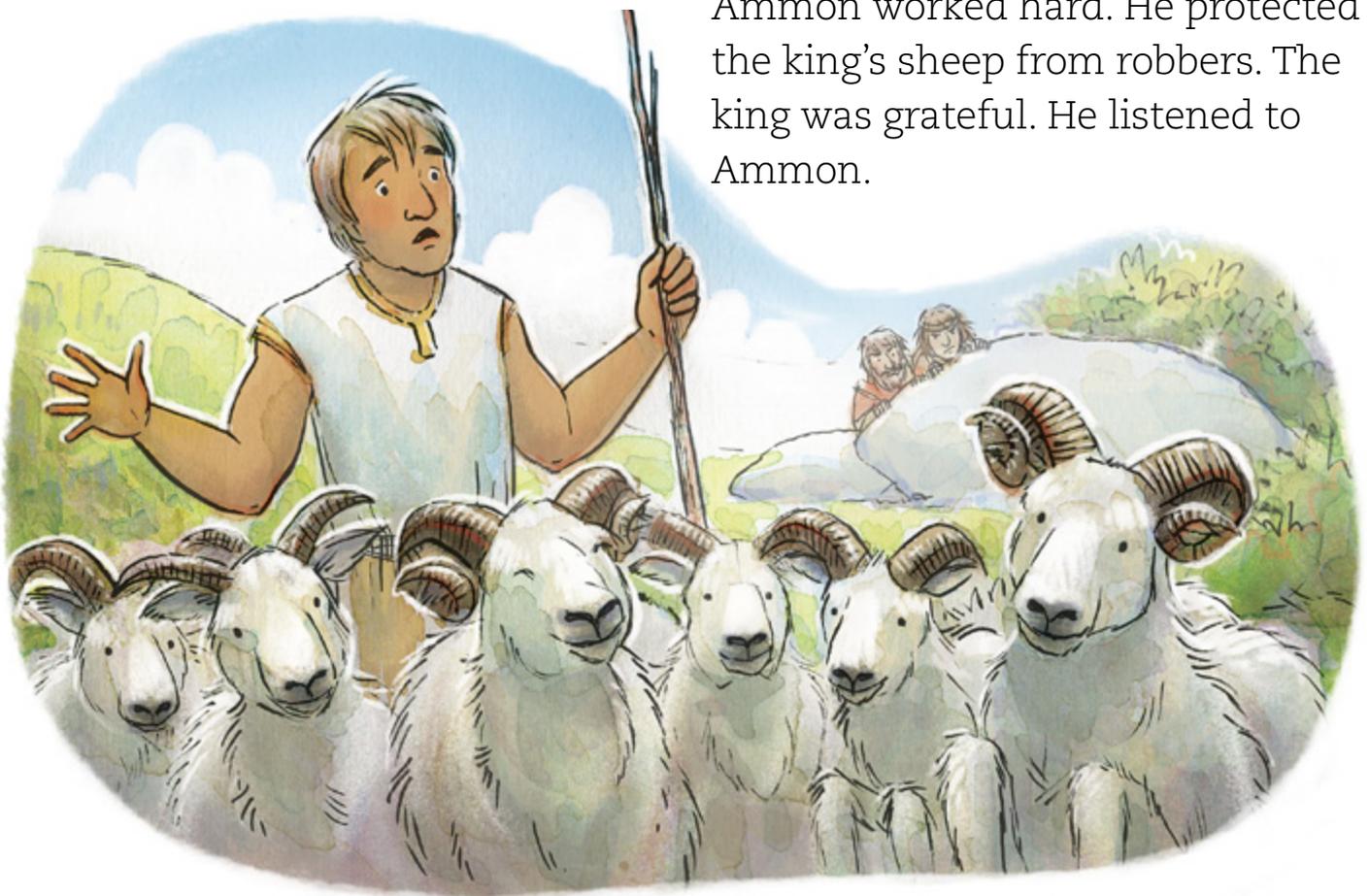
Ammon and his brothers were missionaries. Sometimes they were hungry and tired, but they kept teaching about Jesus.



Ammon and his brothers went to a land far away to teach their enemies about Jesus.



Some men captured Ammon and took him to King Lamoni. Ammon told the king he wanted to serve him.



Ammon worked hard. He protected the king's sheep from robbers. The king was grateful. He listened to Ammon.



Ammon taught the king about God and the scriptures. The king believed him. Many people were baptized because of Ammon's good example.

We can help others by being a good example like Ammon! ◆

Adapted from Alma 17–19.

I Am Thankful for My Body





Mission Building Blocks

By Lonni Smith

(Based on a true story)

Caden hugged Uncle Brian tight. Brian was going on a mission to Brazil. Caden would miss him. He cried when they left the airport.

When they got home, Grandma said, “I have a surprise for you.”

Grandma gave Caden a big bag. Inside were lots of small plastic blocks. “There are 730 blocks in that bag. That’s one for each day Uncle Brian is gone.”

Grandma handed Caden a plastic board. “You can put a new block on

the board every day. When the bag is empty, Uncle Brian will be home again!” Grandma said.

The bag was heavy. 730 blocks is a lot! Caden pulled a red block from the bag. He stuck it on a corner of the board.

“This could be fun,” he said.

Two years felt far away. Uncle Brian was a lot older than Caden, but he was still one of Caden’s best friends.

Caden took the board and bag



to his room. Then he knelt down. He asked Heavenly Father to keep Uncle Brian safe.

Days turned into weeks. Weeks turned into months. Then months became two years! The tower had red, blue, green, and yellow blocks. It was so tall!

Finally it was time for Uncle Brian to come home. Caden took his block tower to the airport to meet him. Everyone hugged. Caden smiled so hard his cheeks hurt.

Uncle Brian looked at Caden's block building. "Look what you made! It looks almost as big as you."

"It is!" Caden smiled. "And when I get bigger, I'm going on a mission too." ◆

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Question for You

What can you do when you miss someone?