

# Mini-Lesson 1. Helaman 13:1–7

Ask the following questions:

- Why do you think some people do not listen to prophets?
- What do you think people who reject prophets' teachings fail to understand about prophets?

Invite a student to read Helaman 13:2 aloud. Ask the other students to follow along, looking for how the Nephites responded to Samuel the Lamanite.

- How did the Nephites respond to Samuel the Lamanite?

Ask students to read Helaman 13:3 silently, looking for what happened after the Nephites cast Samuel out of Zarahemla and he decided to return to his land.

- What happened after the Nephites cast Samuel out of Zarahemla?
- What did God tell Samuel to do?
- What truth can we learn from this account about the messages prophets speak? (Students may use different words, but help them identify the following truth: **Prophets speak the messages God puts into their hearts.** Invite students to consider writing this truth in their scriptures next to verse 3.)
- How might understanding this truth affect the way in which a person responds to prophets' messages?

Explain that when Samuel returned to Zarahemla, the Nephites would not allow him into the city, so he got onto the city wall and began preaching to them.

Invite a student to read Helaman 13:5–7 aloud, and invite the other students to follow along, looking for the message that God put into Samuel's heart.

- What message did God put into Samuel's heart?
- Why do you think it might have been difficult for Samuel to deliver this message?
- When have you felt that a Church leader was inspired by God to give a message for you? How did it influence you?

Testify that the messages prophets give to us are from God. Invite your fellow students to follow the counsel God gives to them through His chosen servants.

