

Student Teacher 3—Alma 37:38–45

Display the picture The Liahona (*Gospel Art Book* [2009], no. 68; see also lds.org/media-library). Remind your fellow students of the compass that the Lord used to help Lehi’s family travel to the promised land. In Alma 37:38, we learn that the compass was called the Liahona. Explain that Alma spoke of the Liahona in order to teach Helaman an important principle about how the Lord guides His children.

Explain to your fellow students that you are going to ask them questions and then have them take turns reading a few verses aloud while everyone looks for the answers. Have them respond to each question after the associated scripture passage has been read.

- How did the Liahona work? (See Alma 37:38–40.)
- Why did the Liahona cease to work at times? (See Alma 37:41–42.)
- How might we compare the Liahona to the words of Christ? (See Alma 37:43–45.)

Help your fellow students see that the choice to follow or not follow the directions of the Liahona is like our choice regarding how we respond to direction that comes through the words of Christ.

- What do you think the phrase “far better land of promise” (verse 45) refers to? (Eternal life.)

Invite your fellow students to summarize a principle based on Alma’s words in Alma 37:45. Using their own words, they should identify the following principle: **If we follow the words of Jesus Christ, they will direct us to receive eternal life.**

- Where can we find the words of Christ? (Answers may include the scriptures, the words of latter-day prophets, patriarchal blessings, and the promptings of the Spirit.)

Share how the words of Christ have influenced you spiritually and how they help you progress toward eternal life. You might suggest that students consider talking to their parents, bishop, or branch president about obtaining a patriarchal blessing or, if they have already received one, that they read it regularly and prayerfully.

