



Funtastic Family Home Evenings
Easy to Prepare! Fun to Share!

I WILL GO AND DO

(Ages ~5 to 12)

PURPOSE

To help family members better understand the blessings that come from being obedient

MATERIALS

- Envelopes for treasure hunt
- Paper for clues
- A treat for the treasure hunt

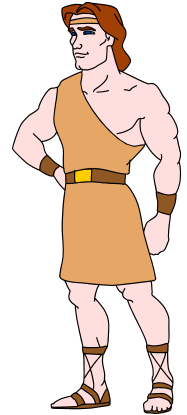
SONG SUGGESTION

- “[Nephi’s Courage](#)” page 120 in *Children’s Songbook*

LESSON IDEAS

Note: Pre-lesson preparation:

- Prepare and hide the envelopes (see *Treasure Hunt Preparation* below)
 - Hide the treasure
1. Share the story, *The King’s Emerald* (below)
 - a. Ask your family, “Why was Rupert able to find the king’s emerald?” (He was obedient)
 2. Watch the video, [The Brass Plates](#) or tell in your own words the story of Nephi and his brothers going back to Jerusalem to get the plates of brass.
 - a. Tell your family to listen closely because it will help them solve the questions for the treasure hunt.
 3. Treasure Hunt:
 - a. Tell your children that they are going to have a chance to find a special treasure. But the only way is to be obedient like Nephi and follow the instructions.
 - b. Explain that there are five envelopes that contain clues. If they can answer the question on the outside of each envelope they can open it and read what’s inside. (Parents can adapt the questions and the clues according to the situation and the age of the children.)
 - c. Give them Envelope #1.
 - d. Enjoy the treat as a family.
 4. Share an experience where being obedient was a blessing in your life.
 5. Testify that if we are always obedient to what the Lord asks we shall be happy and blessed.



ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Have the children make a poster of Doctrine and Covenants 82:10, Exodus 19:5, or 1 Nephi 3:7 to hang in their bedrooms
- Memorize Doctrine and Covenants 82:10 (a seminary scripture mastery scripture)
- Younger children may enjoy playing a [Disney Treasure Hunt](#)
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The King's Emerald

Rupert stood by the side of the road watching an unusual number of people hurry past. At length he recognized a friend. 'Where are all of you going in such a hurry?' he asked.

The friend paused, 'Haven't you heard?' he said.

'I've heard nothing,' Rupert answered.

'Well,' continued his friend, 'the King has lost his royal emerald! Yesterday he attended a wedding of the nobility and wore the emerald on the slender golden chain around his neck. In some way the emerald became loosened from the chain. Everyone is searching, for the King has offered a reward of ten pieces of gold to the one who finds it. Come, we must hurry.

'But I cannot go without asking grandmother,' faltered Rupert.

'Then I cannot wait. I want to find the emerald,' replied his friend.

Rupert hurried back to the cabin at the edge of the woods to seek his grandmother's permission. 'If I could find it we could leave this hut with its dampness and buy a piece of land up on the hillside,' he pleaded with grandmother.

But his grandmother shook her head. 'What would the sheep do,' she asked. 'Already they are restless in the pen, waiting to be taken to the pasture and please do not forget to take them to water when the sun shines high in the heavens.'

Sorrowfully, Rupert took the sheep to the pasture and at noon he led them to the brook in the woods. There he sat on a large stone by the stream. 'If I could only have had a chance to look for the King's emerald,' he thought.

Turning his head to gaze down at the sandy bottom of the brook, suddenly he stared into the water. What was it? It could not be! He leaped into the water, and his gripping fingers held something that was green with a slender bit of gold chain. 'The King's emerald!' he shouted. It must have been flung from the chain when the King was crossing the bridge, on the highway, and the water washed it here. With shining eyes Rupert ran to his grandmother's hut to tell her of his great find.

'Bless you, my boy,' she said, 'but you never would have found it if you had not been doing your duty, herding the sheep.'

And Rupert knew that this was the truth (*Ensign*, Nov 1999, 49).

TREASURE HUNT PREPARATION

Envelope #1:

- Question on the outside of the envelope – “What was Nephi told to go and do?” (Bring back the brass plates)
- Clue on the inside – “When we are obedient the Lord will answer our prayers. Look for your next clue where you usually say your prayers.”

Envelope #2:

- Question on the outside of the envelope – “Who asked Nephi to go back and get the plates – Lehi or the Lord?” (The Lord)
- Clue on the inside – “When we are obedient to the Lord and keep the commandments we will be washed of all our sins. Look for your next clue in a place where our family washes.”

Envelope #3:

- Question on the outside of the envelope – “Nephi and his brothers walked back to what city to get the plates?” (Jerusalem)
- Clue on the inside – “When we are obedient the Lord will guide us wherever we go. Look for your next clue in the place where you keep your shoes.” (Closet)

Envelope #4

- Question on the outside of the envelope – “Who came to protect Nephi and Sam when Laman and Lemuel were hitting them with sticks?” (An angel)
- Clue on the inside – “When we are obedient the Lord will protect us. Look for your next clue in a book that teaches us about angels.” (The scriptures)

Envelope #5:

- Question on the outside of the envelope: “How did Nephi’s parents feel when he brought back the plates?” (Happy)
- On the inside – “Obedience makes us happy. Look in the place that keeps our food cold and you will find a treat that will make your mouth happy!”