Book of Mormon

Easter Presentation

Perfect for : Sharing time, Sacrament meeting\*, Family Home Evening, Ward activity

\*Sacrament meeting would only use the scriptures and songs, not the reader's theater actions

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## Roles:

- Narrator or multiple readers
- Chorister
- Pianist

### **Props options**:

Black butcher paper Large picture of Temple and Christ Tea lights, hearts, pictures of Christ, Book of Mormon

The Savior made this statement as recorded in John: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one-fold, and one shepherd." (John 10:16.)

How wonderful it is that the Savior, following His crucifixion and resurrection, came to the Western Hemisphere as foretold. He loves all His children and wants them to have the same blessings to learn and live His gospel as those among whom He lived in mortality.

Third Nephi is a beautiful story of Christ's love and the time He spent with true disciples. In 3rd Nephi, we read about His time with the Nephites and celebrate He is Risen!

Song: Book of Mormon Stories pg. 118

## Prophecy of Christ

### 2 Nephi 25: 23-26 (Between 559 and 545 B.C)

23 For we labor diligently to write, to persuade our children, and our brethren, to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God; for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all we can do.

24 And, notwithstanding we believe in Christ, we keep the law of Moses, and look forward with steadfastness unto Christ, until the law shall be fulfilled.

25 For, for this end was the law given; wherefore the law hath become dead unto us, and we are made alive in Christ because of our faith; yet we keep the law because of the commandments.

26 And we talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins.

Song: Hymn 134, I Believe in Christ

## **Christ's Crucifixion**

\*\*Turn off the lights in the room. Cover all the windows in black fabric or material.

If you have access to sounds of a storm, you can use it.

Also- have the children close their eyes so they know what total darkness feels like.

Maybe create the storm for 3 minutes to represent 3 hours of the storm and 3 days of darkness.

Helaman Chapter 14

20 But behold, as I said unto you concerning another sign, a sign of his death...

21 Yea, at the time that Christ shall yield up the ghost there shall be thundering's and lightnings for the space of many hours, and the earth shall shake and tremble; and the rocks which are upon the face of this earth, which are both above the earth and beneath, which ye know at this time are solid, or the more part of it is one solid mass, shall be broken up.

### 3 Nephi Chapter 8

5 And it came to pass in the thirty and fourth year, in the first month, on the fourth day of the month, there arose a great storm, such an one as never had been known in all the land.

19 And it came to pass that when the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the storm, and the tempest, and the quakings of the earth did cease—for behold, they did last for about the space of three hours; and it was said by some that the time was greater; nevertheless, all these great and terrible things were done in about the space of three hours—and then behold, there was darkness upon the face of the land.

23 And it came to pass that it did last for the space of three days that there was no light seen; and there was great mourning and howling and weeping among all the people continually; yea, great were the groanings of the people, because of the darkness and the great destruction which had come upon them.

25 And in another place they were heard to cry and mourn, saying: O that we had repented before this great and terrible day, and had not killed and stoned the prophets, and cast them out; then would our mothers and our fair daughters, and our children have been spared, and not have been buried up in that great city Moronihah. And thus were the howlings of the people great and terrible.

Song: He Sent His Son pg. 34

## **Christ's Voice Pierces the Darkness**

\*\* Turn the lights back on and show a picture of Christ \*\*Have Presidency and teachers stand by a window ready to take down the black butcher paper

3rd Nephi Chapter 9

1 And it came to pass that there was a voice heard among all the inhabitants of the earth, upon all the face of this land, crying:

13 O all ye that are spared because ye were more righteous than they, will ye not now return unto me, and repent of your sins, and be converted, that I may heal you?

14 Yea, verily I say unto you, if ye will come unto me ye shall have eternal life. Behold, mine arm of mercy is extended towards you, and whosoever will come, him will I receive; and blessed are those who come unto me.

15 Behold, I am Jesus Christ the Son of God. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. I was with the Father from the beginning. I am in the Father, and the Father in me; and in me hath the Father glorified his name.

16 I came unto my own, and my own received me not. And the scriptures concerning my coming are fulfilled.

17 And as many as have received me, to them have I given to become the sons of God; and even so will I to as many as shall believe on my name, for behold, by me redemption cometh, and in me is the law of Moses fulfilled.

18 I am the light and the life of the world. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

21 Behold, I have come unto the world to bring redemption unto the world, to save the world from sin.

Song: Beautiful Savior page 62

# Christ Appears

\*\* Act out gathering around the temple (extra-large picture of temple) pretend to talk to each other. Ask children what they would say to each other and their family.' \*\* Extra lights around room?

### 3 Nephi Chapter 11

1 And now it came to pass that there were a great multitude gathered together, of the people of Nephi, round about the temple which was in the land Bountiful; and they were marveling and wondering one with another and were showing one to another the great and marvelous change which had taken place.

2 And they were also conversing about this Jesus Christ, of whom the sign had been given concerning his death.

3 And it came to pass that while they were thus conversing one with another, they heard a voice as if it came out of heaven; and they cast their eyes round about, for they understood not the voice which they heard; and it was not a harsh voice, neither was it a loud voice;

nevertheless, and notwithstanding it being a small voice it did pierce them that did hear to the center, insomuch that there was no part of their frame that it did not cause to quake; yea, it did pierce them to the very soul, and did cause their hearts to burn.

6 And behold, the third time they did understand the voice which they heard; and it said unto them:

7 Behold my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name—hear ye him.

8 And it came to pass, as they understood they cast their eyes up again towards heaven; and behold, they saw a Man descending out of heaven; and he was clothed in a white robe; and he came down and stood in the midst of them; and the eyes of the whole multitude were turned upon him, and they durst not open their mouths, even one to another, and wist not what it meant, for they thought it was an angel that had appeared unto them.

9 And it came to pass that he stretched forth his hand and spake unto the people, saying:

10 Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world.

11 And behold, I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world, in the which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning.

Song: Jesus Has Risen page 70

#### \*\*have children kneel

12 And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words the whole multitude fell to the earth; for they remembered that it had been prophesied among them that Christ should show himself unto them after his ascension into heaven.

13 And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto them saying:

\*\*Have children arise and come up to a picture of the Savior and touch the picture

14 Arise and come forth unto me, that ye may thrust your hands into my side, and also that ye may feel the prints of the nails in my hands and in my feet, that ye may know that I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth, and have been slain for the sins of the world.

15 And it came to pass that the multitude went forth, and thrust their hands into his side, and did feel the prints of the nails in his hands and in his feet; and this they did do, going forth one by one until they had all gone forth, and did see with their eyes and did feel with their hands, and did know of a surety and did bear record, that it was he, of whom it was written by the prophets, that should come.

16 And when they had all gone forth and had witnessed for themselves, they did cry out with one accord, saying:

17 Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Most High God! And they did fall down at the feet of Jesus, and did worship him.

S**ong**: Easter Hosanna page 68

# Christ's Teachings

Have Children pick songs out of an Easter basket and read the scripture attached. You will not have time for all of the songs

\*\*Pictures of primary children

11: 37 And again I say unto you, ye must repent, and become as a little child, and be baptized in my name, or ye can in nowise receive these things.

Song: CH- Jesus Once Was a Little Child pg. 55

\*\*Hold tea lights

11:16 Therefore let your light so shine before this people, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Song: Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam pg.60

\*\*Hold hearts

11:44 But behold I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them who despitefully use you and persecute you. *Song*: CH Jesus Said Love Everyone pg. 61

\*\*Hold heart

14:3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerers not the beam that is in thine own eye?

Song: I'm Trying to Be like Jesus pg. 79

# Songs continued

\*\*Picture of Christ with children

17:7 Have ye any that are sick among you? Bring them hither. Have ye any that are lame, or blind, or halt, or maimed, or leprous, or that are withered, or that are deaf, or that are afflicted in any manner? Bring them hither and I will heal them, for I have compassion upon you; my bowels are filled with mercy.

17:11 And it came to pass that he commanded that their little children should be brought.

17:12 So they brought their little children and set them down upon the ground round about him, and Jesus stood in the midst; and the multitude gave way till they had all been brought unto him.

Song: I feel my Savior's love # 73

\*\*Picture of sacrament or a sacrament cup

18:3 And when the disciples had come with bread and wine, he took of the bread and brake and blessed it; and he gave unto the disciples and commanded that they should eat.

18:4 And when they had eaten and were filled, he commanded that they should give unto the multitude.

18:7 And this shall ye do in remembrance of my body, which I have shown unto you. And it shall be a testimony unto the Father that ye do always remember me. And if ye do always remember me ye shall have my Spirit to be with you.

Song: As Now We Take the Sacrament #169

## <u>Songs continued</u>

\*\*Books of Mormon

18:18 Behold, verily, verily, I say unto you, ye must watch and pray always lest ye enter into temptation; for Satan desireth to have you, that he may sift you as wheat.

18:19 Therefore ye must always pray unto the Father in my name.

18:20 And whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, which is right, believing that ye shall receive, behold it shall be given unto you.

18:21 Pray in your families unto the Father, always in my name, that your wives and your children may be blessed Search, Ponder and Pray #109

\*\*Books of Mormon for everyone to hold up

20:29 And I will remember the covenant which I have made with my people; and I have covenanted with them that I would gather them together in mine own due time, that I would give unto them again the land of their fathers for their inheritance, which is the land of Jerusalem, which is the promised land unto them forever, saith the Father.

23:1 And now, behold, I say unto you, that ye ought to search these things. Yea, a commandment I give unto you that ye search these things diligently; for great are the words of Isaiah.

Song: Scripture Power - song is found on the internet