

February 17-23 2 Nephi 11-25

"WE REJOICE IN CHRIST"

1. "Delight In" Treats – What does it mean to "delight in" something? Talk about things we "delight in" (the park, puzzles, games, treats, etc.). Set out some of their favorite treats/snacks. My kids are obsessed with hot chocolate, so we'll probably get some of that and while we're drinking it, talk about how warm and happy it makes us feel. When we "delight in" something, it makes us feel warm and happy like that. What do you think Nephi said he "delights in"? Nephi said that his soul delights in proving unto his people the truth of the coming of Christ (2 Nephi 11:4). Show a picture of Christ. Why do you think Christ is so important and how can He help us feel happy?
2. Song – Watch/listen to "How Great Thou Art" and talk about why Christ is someone that we can "delight in" and how we can be happy because of Him: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8Nemuzc_gU
3. Smiley Face Hat – The manual says, *"As you study this week, think about Nephi's desires to 'persuade [his] children...to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God' (2 Nephi 25:23), and note passages that persuade you to believe in and follow Jesus Christ."*
 - Share favorite scripture passages/quotes about Christ.
 - Cut apart the pieces for the smiley face hat below. Explain what it means to "rejoice." Put the smiley faces in a pile and let kids take turns choosing one. As each piece is chosen, discuss how that is something that can make us happy and rejoice. Glue them onto the hat after discussing.
4. The Millennium Will Be a Time of Peace and Joy – The manual says, *"After His Second Coming, Jesus Christ will dwell with His people during a period of peace called the Millennium. Show the children pictures of animals mentioned in 2 Nephi 21:6-7, and ask the children to name the animals. Explain that these animals are usually enemies, but Isaiah taught that after Jesus Christ comes again, there will be a time of peace, called the Millennium, when animals will not hurt each other. How can we follow the example of these animals in the way we treat each other?"* Show pictures of animals below while discussing this.
 - Show/discuss picture in this link: <https://nancyconant.com/paintings/his-peaceable-kingdom/>
 - Here are some quick explanations of the Millennium if you're wanting to share more details:
 - <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/new-era/2014/06/to-the-point/who-will-be-on-the-earth-during-the-millennium-and-what-will-they-be-doing?lang=eng>
 - <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2020/02/come-follow-me-book-of-mormon-support-articles-and-activities/2-nephi-11-25?lang=eng>
 - Remind them of how kind and loving Christ is. How can we feel more joy in our lives when we're kind and loving like Christ?
5. Temples – One place we can feel closer to Christ so we can feel more joy is at the temple. Isaiah taught that there would be temples in the last days. For 2 Nephi 12:1-3, the Come Follow Me manual says, *"If you have been to the temple—'the mountain of the Lord's house'—you might share with your family how temple covenants are helping you 'walk in [the Lord's] paths.' If you have not been to the temple, reading these verses together might inspire a discussion about how you can prepare for temple blessings."*
 - Talk about what they know about temples. Sing "I Love to See the Temple" from the Children's Songbook <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhglbGy-D70> and discuss how they can prepare to go inside the temple one day.

- You could also use this “I Love to See the Temple” Booklet from *The Friend*:
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/1993/01/sharing-time-a-temple-is-the-house-of-the-lord?lang=eng>
- If time/interest, this is a fun game from *The Friend*:
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/2009/08/the-temple-im-going-there-someday?lang=eng>
- This is also a fun 3D temple project from *The Friend*:
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/2002/03/sharing-time-a-house-of-god?lang=eng>

6. Stories of Jesus

- Review some of the stories of Jesus we’ve learned from the scriptures. Show pages with pictures of Jesus (below). Let them point out pictures of any stories they remember. Discuss and review as much as needed/interested and remind them that we can delight in and rejoice in Christ.

7. Testimony Time Capsule – Follow directions for this week from the Family Study Fun section of *The Ensign*:

- Nephi reminds us that we “talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ” so that our children know who to turn to (see [2 Nephi 25:26](#)).
- Select several stories of Christ that the children are familiar with.
- Digitally record each person summarizing one of these stories and sharing their feelings about the Savior.
- If prompting is needed, ask family members to describe Christ and why we love Him.
- Store the recordings for safekeeping and send them to grandparents or other family members.
- **Discussion:** How can sharing our testimonies of Christ strengthen us and our future generations?

(Ensign link: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2020/02/family-study-fun?lang=eng>)

Additional Ideas:

Support Articles and Activities from *The Ensign*: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2020/02/come-follow-me-book-of-mormon-support-articles-and-activities/2-nephi-11-25?lang=eng>

Who Was Isaiah? <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2020/02/weekly-book-of-mormon-insights/who-was-isaiah?lang=eng>

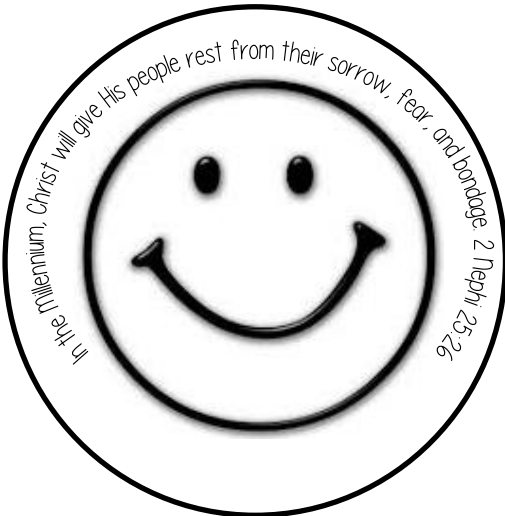
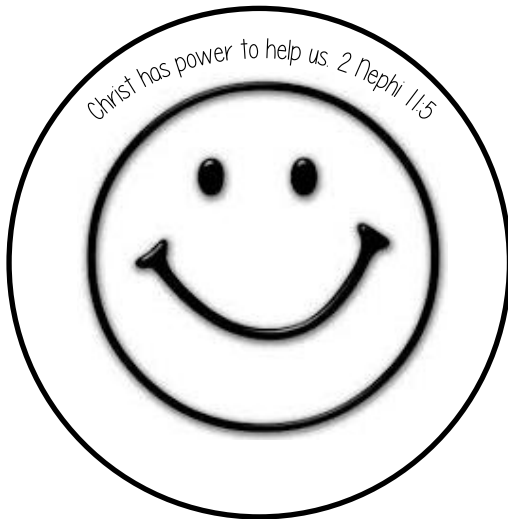
Booklet for ways to prepare for when Christ comes again:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/2015/12/jesus-christ-will-come-again?lang=eng>

Isaiah and the Time Machine story from *The Friend*: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/1994/08/isaiah-and-the-time-machine?lang=eng>

More Great Ideas: <https://www.theredcrystal.org/post/come-follow-me-2020-feb-17-23-2-nephi-11-25-we-rejoice-in-christ>

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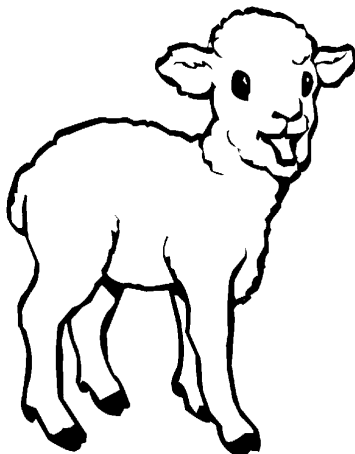
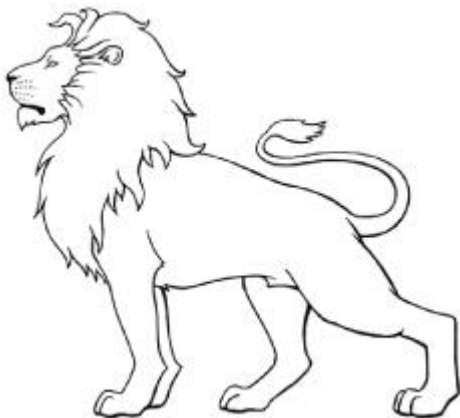
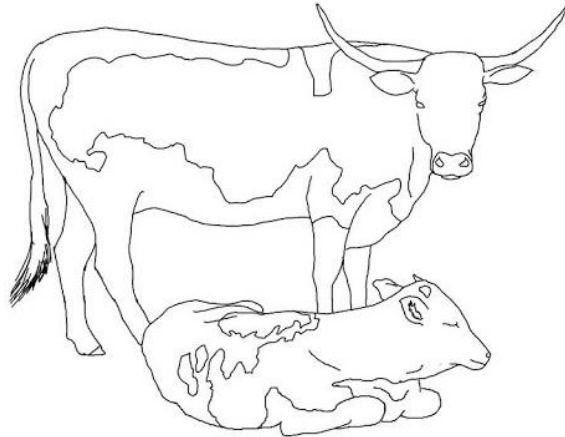


Glue/tape edges together to make hat. Glue smiley faces onto the hat after discussing.



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Stories of Jesus Pictures

