

1. How do we know that Christ appeared to the people on the American Continent?

(Discuss ideas. Emphasize that not only can we read in the Book of Mormon about Christ appearing to the people in ancient times, we can also read about Him appearing to Joseph Smith in Joseph Smith–History, found in the Pearl of Great Price.)

2. Watch chapter 8 from the animated Complete Learning System, *The Savior in America* DVD. (Video clip is also provided for viewing online.)

3. Sing: Children’s Songbook #76 “This Is My Beloved Son.”

4. Some people say that we have our own Bible [The Book of Mormon] and that we do not believe in the Holy Bible. **Is this true?** (No. Have family members repeat the 8th Article of Faith.)

Explain that the Scriptures of the Restoration do not compete with the Bible; they complement the Bible. These scriptures, along with the Bible testify of Christ. They teach that He is the Son of God, that He atoned for our sins, that He died upon the cross and was resurrected. By reading the scriptures we learn of Jesus Christ and what we must do to live with Him, our Heavenly Father and our families for eternity.

5. Read: Nephi 29:7-8

“Know ye not that there are more nations than one? Know ye not that I, the Lord your God, have created all men, and that I remember those who are upon the isles of the sea; and that I rule in the heavens above and in the earth beneath; and I bring forth my word unto the children of men, yea, even upon all the nations of the earth? Wherefore murmur ye, because that ye shall receive more of my word? Know ye not that the testimony of two nations is a witness unto you that I am God, that I remember one nation like unto another? Wherefore, I speak the same words unto one nation like unto another. And when the two nations shall run together the testimony of the two nations shall run together also.”

6. What does it mean to testify? (Discuss ideas.)

The Scriptures Testify of Jesus Christ. When holy men of God write or speak by the power of the Holy Ghost, their words “shall be scripture...shall be the word of the Lord, shall be the voice of the Lord, and the power of God unto salvation” (D&C 68:4). We believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God. The Book of Mormon’s subtitle “Another Testament of Jesus Christ” tells us that we believe in other books of scripture that also testify of Jesus Christ.

7. Do the Bible and Book of Mormon both testify of Christ? (Yes.)

“The first testament of Christ is the Bible’s Old Testament, which predicted and prophesied of the coming of the Savior, His transcendent life, and His liberating Atonement. The second Bible testament of Christ is the New Testament, which records His birth, His life, His ministry, His gospel, His Church, His Atonement, and His Resurrection, as well as the testimonies of His Apostles. The third testament of Christ is the Book of Mormon, which also foretells Christ’s coming, confirms the Bible’s account of His saving Atonement, and then reveals the resurrected Lord’s visit to the earth’s other hemisphere.”

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8. Use the Scripture Index to cross reference several scripture verses. (See activity for additional help.)