

1. **Watch chapter 9-10** from The Complete Learning System *Brother of Jared* DVD.

2. **Sing:** Children’s Songbook #160, “Choose the Right Way”

3. **Read:** Ether 2:22-23

“And he cried again unto the Lord saying: O Lord, behold I have done even as thou hast commanded me; and I have prepared the vessels for my people, and behold there is no light in them. Behold, O Lord, wilt thou suffer that we shall cross this great water in darkness?”

And the Lord said unto the brother of Jared: What will ye that I should do that ye may have light in your vessels? For behold, ye cannot have windows, for they will be dashed in pieces; neither shall ye take fire with you, for ye shall not go by the light of fire.”

4. **Why didn’t the Lord tell the Brother of Jared how to light the barges?** (Discuss ideas. Emphasize that the Lord was teaching the Brother of Jared how to make good decisions.)

There are many decisions in our lives, like lighting the barges, that we will need to make that are not between good and bad, but rather choosing the best thing to do at the time. These decisions should be made after carefully studying our options and then doing what we feel is best to do at the time. For many of the decisions we have to make there is not just one right answer.

5. **Was the Brother of Jared’s solution to lighting the barges the only thing that would have worked?** (Discuss ideas.)

6. **Are some of the decisions we make in life affected by our circumstances and opportunities?** (Discuss ideas.)

“The choices we make, however, determine to a large extent our happiness or our unhappiness, because we have to live with the consequences of our choices. ... Some choices present good opportunities no matter which road we take—for example, when deciding which career path to follow or which school to attend. I know one bright and able young man who wanted to become a doctor, but the opportunity did not open up for him; so he chose to follow the law. He has become a very successful lawyer, but I am satisfied he would have been equally successful as a doctor.”
James E. Faust, Liahona, May 2004 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

7. **What are some of the decisions you had to make today?** (Discuss ideas. Examples: What to wear, what to eat, who to play with, to tell the truth or to tell a lie, etc.)

8. Pick a few of the decisions your family had to make and discuss:

Why they made the decision?

Who helped them make the decision?

Did circumstances or opportunities affect the decision made?

Was there another decision (good or bad) they could have made?

Do you feel good about the decision you made? If not, what did you learn?

Will this decision affect your future happiness?

9. **Quote:**

“In the Book of Mormon, the brother of Jared sets a good example of how the Lord lets us solve our own problems with his guidance. ... We are thinking, reasoning human beings We have the ability to identify our needs, to plan, to set goals, and to solve our problems. ... May each of us use our creative reasoning to do all in our power to solve our problems and then look to the Lord for the reassuring, peaceful confirmation that we have made the right decision.” *Robert D. Hales, New Era, Feb 2004 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*