

An Angel Came to Joseph Smith

Senses & Nature

1st Verse - Joseph Smith

Supplies:

- Plastic tub
- Garden soil
- Book of Mormon
- Ziploc bag
- (Optional) Small trinkets to discover in the soil – coin, fake worm, small toy

Prep:

Fill a small plastic tote with gardening soil. Place a copy of the Book of Mormon inside a ziploc bag. Then, bury the book beneath the soil. You can also hide other small objects like a coin, fake worm, or small toys for a sensory activity.

Singing Time Plan:

- Have you ever dug in the ground looking for treasures?
- Can you guess what might be below the soil in my tub.

Tell the kids you'll let them get a little clue, but they can't uncover what's hidden – yet! You'll let them put their fingers in, but not dig up your treasures. Walk up to the kids by class and have them huddle around to feel the soil.

- Do you know of any prophets who found something really special hidden in the ground?
- Would you like to see what I have hidden?

Call up a helper or two to help find the scriptures buried inside the tub.

- How did Joseph Smith find the scriptures?
- Did you know that one of our songs talks about this story?
- Who knows what song I'm thinking about?

Sing through the verse. Let one class come up to feel the soil while we sing through the song. Repeat until each class has a turn.

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2nd Verse: Lehi's People

Supplies:

- Compass
- Squirt bottle with "ocean" water

Prep:

- Prepare an "ocean" mist by adding 2 cups of room temperature water into a clean squirt bottle. Add 2.5 tsp salt. Kosher salt works best, but you can use any type of salt. Stir or shake until the salt dissolves.

I'll show everyone the compass.

- Who knows what this is?
- Does it remind you of anything we read about in the scriptures? (Hint, if needed: I'm thinking of something that helped Lehi, Nephi, and their families.)

Explain that Lehi's family had a special director that was sort of like a compass. But unlike a compass, the Liahona pointed the way they should travel and helped guide them, so they could stay safe while they were journeying in the wilderness.

- Where did the Liahona lead Lehi's people?

Explain that it brought them to the coast where Nephi was instructed to build a boat. Their journey would take them across the ocean to reach the Promised land.

Pull out a squirt bottle filled with "ocean" water. Using the "mist" setting, mist the Primary kids with a little bit of "ocean" mist.

- Would you be scared to cross the ocean?
- What if you knew that Heavenly Father prepared a special place for your family?

Now we will sing the verse together as I let you pass around my compass. Explain that you want the kids to look at the compass for just a few seconds, then pass it to their friend sitting next to them so everyone will get a chance to look at the compass. Hand the compass to one of the Primary kids and begin singing through the 2nd verse. Repeat singing the verse until everyone has a chance with the compass.