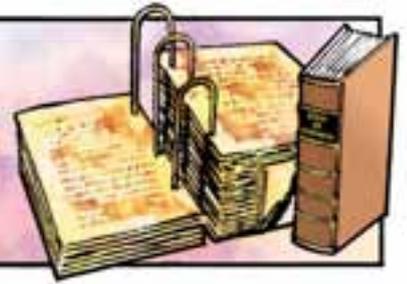




FROM THE LIFE OF THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH

Restoring Plain and Precious Truths



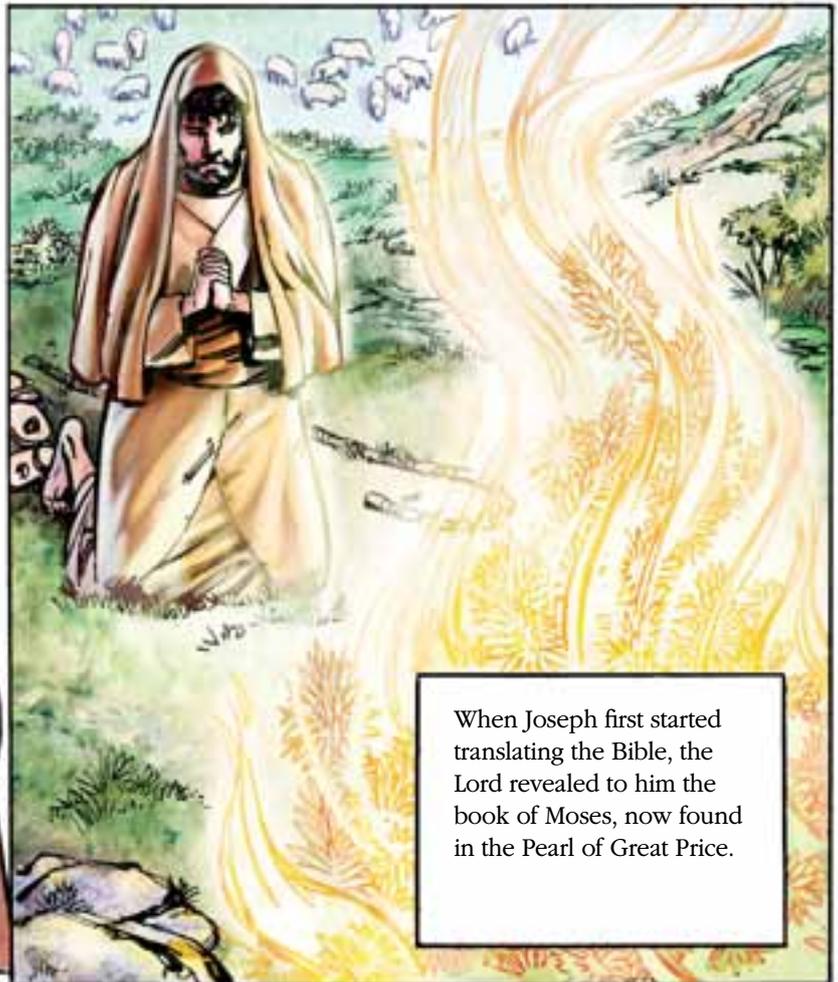
While translating the Book of Mormon, Joseph read about a book that had “many plain and precious things taken away from” it.¹

What book is it talking about?

The Bible.

1. 1 Nephi 13:28.

After the Book of Mormon was published, Joseph Smith began translating the Bible to put back the missing truths. Sidney Rigdon was one of his scribes.



When Joseph first started translating the Bible, the Lord revealed to him the book of Moses, now found in the Pearl of Great Price.

Later, the Prophet read a passage in John that talked about the plan of salvation. He and Sidney did not fully understand the scripture.

“They that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”²

What happens after we are resurrected, Joseph?

2. John 5:29.

While they pondered this scripture, the heavens were opened and they saw Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. They also saw the three degrees of glory.



After the vision, Joseph and Sidney wrote down what they saw and heard.



Joseph and Sidney: “After the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives! For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father.”³

3. D&C 76:22–23.

