

Book of Mormon Stories Come Alive in Updated Videos

Book of Mormon stories are coming alive with the updated *Book of Mormon Stories* videos, available now in Cantonese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish at the scripture stories section of LDS.org.

Originally available online as slide shows, images were given an animated, three-dimensional look



using a technique called parallax animation. Figures are cut out and moved around the canvas, and panning, blurring, and zooming provide additional visual interest.

The videos also feature sound effects and an original soundtrack.

“These scriptural stories help to plant the seed of testimony in the hearts of children and others who view these videos by teaching gospel truths,” said Brent Meisinger, project manager in the Scriptures Coordination Division of the Church Curriculum Department. “The videos provide a learning experience that

will encourage regular interaction with the scriptures and teach skills that will prepare viewers for further scripture study.”

The video makeover contains more than three hours of content spread over 54 separate episodes, ranging from “How We Got the Book of Mormon” (Chapter 1) to “The Promise of the Book of Mormon” (Chapter 54).

The images in the videos are illustrations created by Jerry Thompson and Robert T. Barrett. Their hand-painted artwork was published serially in the *Friend* and *Liahona* for almost a decade, beginning in 1989, and then was printed together in 1997 as *Book of Mormon Stories*.

Viewers can also watch the videos as podcasts in iTunes and as clips on YouTube and Roku. Families may also enjoy the Mormon Channel’s “Scripture Stories” program, in which children and a moderator read from the stories, discuss them, sing songs, and share testimonies about the lessons in the scriptures.

The *New Testament Stories* videos were also recently animated in 11 languages. They too are available on the LDS scriptures page, iTunes, and the Mormon Channel on YouTube. ■

I Feel the Spirit When I Read

I appreciate all the effort made to produce the *Liahona*, and I feel the Spirit when I read it. Lately I have been studying and pondering President Dieter F. Uchtdorf’s message, “Waiting on the Road to Damascus” (*Liahona*, May 2011, 70). This and the other articles in the magazine have helped me to improve and to find solutions to my weaknesses.

**Elder Emined Edward Ashaba, South Africa
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Messages from God

In the *Liahona* I find messages from God—sent through His servants, the living prophets and apostles. Those who seek spiritual guidance will readily find it if they study the magazine with a sincere heart.

Manuel de Araujo Fernandes, Mozambique

I Always Find Answers

The *Liahona* strengthens my testimony that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ love and care for each of us. I’m excited to read the magazine each month because I always find answers to my prayers. I’m grateful for the opportunity to receive the Lord’s words in this way.

Carlota A. Bosotros, Philippines

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