

Understanding the Vision For Younger Kids

“Mom?” Auggie called from the kitchen. “How would you explain Lehi’s vision to June?”

“The Tree of Life vision?” Mom came around the corner. “Why do you ask?”

“She asked me about the activity we did the other night. She keeps saying, ‘hold to the rod!’”

“Aw,” Mom gushed. “That’s so cute! Well, I’d explain it like this: We want to return to Jesus in the Kingdom of Heaven right? Well we can imagine the tree of life is like Jesus.”

“Okay, that makes sense,” Auggie thought.

“But how do we return to Jesus?”

“We need to make good choices?” Auggie guessed.

“Right!” Mom smiled. “Good choices like praying, reading our scriptures, going to church, and keeping the commandments! Making good choices is like holding on to the iron rod!”

“Making good choices leads us to Jesus like how the iron rod leads the people to the tree of life,” Auggie repeated. “Got it.”

“Yes!” Mom reassured. “But it won’t be easy. There will be darkness. The darkness in the vision is like temptations. Things we shouldn’t do. Bad choices. If we make bad choices, it’s like we let go of the iron rod. We will get lost in the darkness.”

“If we make bad choices, returning to Jesus would be hard, huh?” Auggie decided.

“Yes, it would!” Mom said with a sad face. “And not only that, but in the vision, there is a building full of laughing people. They make fun of the people holding on the iron rod.”

“Kind of like the kids on my team who make fun of me for not playing soccer on Sundays,” Auggie related.

“You’re right!” Mom liked his idea. “You are trying to keep the commandments and make good choices but the kids laugh at you. You don’t listen to them okay? Don’t let go of that iron rod. In the end of the vision, the big building fell.”

“I don’t think I want to be in a falling building!” Auggie laughed. “Thanks, Mom. I know I asked so I could explain to June, but it really helped me understand too.”