

The Liahona

“Hey April?” May sat next to her sister on the couch. “Can you tell me about the Liahona?”

“Sure, May!” April closed her book. “What do you want to know?”

“Well,” May thought for a moment. “I know that the Liahona was a brass ball with pointers. Like ones you see on a clock or a compass. But what did it do? How did it work?”

“The Liahona is so interesting!” April began. “One morning, Lehi woke up and found the Liahona outside his tent! It was a gift from the Lord!”

“Heavenly Father gave it to Lehi?” May asked.

“Yes! To help Lehi and his family get to the promised land!” April exclaimed. “See, the spindles on the Liahona pointed which way to go. They would follow the spindles. And sometimes, the words written on the Liahona would change too! But there was a catch...”

“What, what?” May wondered.

“The Liahona would only lead the way if Lehi and his family made good choices. If they made bad choices, it wouldn’t work anymore!”

“Oh man, we would totally get lost on our car rides. We fight a lot in the car.” May admitted.

“Well,” April thought. “That did happen to the family! When they were on the ship to the promised land, Laman and Lemuel made bad choices. The Liahona stopped working and they were lost. Can you imagine being lost in the ocean?”

“That would be scary!” May shuddered.

“But then Laman and Lemuel repented and said they were sorry.” April smiled. “And then the Liahona started working again!”

“I wish I had a Liahona to help me.” May sighed.

“Oh but May, you sort of do!” April rubbed May’s shoulder. “We don’t have an actual Liahona to hold and carry, but if we pray, make good choices, and listen to the spirit, the Lord will guide us to where we need to go! Isn’t that great?”

“Wow!” May got excited. “I’ll have to try that! Thanks for telling me about the Liahona, April! I like learning about things from the Book of Mormon!”

“Me too!” April said as she hugged her sister.