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Come, Follow Me: Book of Mormon

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Priesthood Power

"I can't wait to get the priesthood!" Auggie exclaimed. "Then I'll have POWER!"

"Whoa, whoa, whoa," Dad interrupted Auggie's excitement. "I think we need to talk about a few things."

"Like what?" Auggie asked.

"Well, for starters, the priesthood is the power of God," Dad explained. "Not yours."

"Really?" Auggie wondered.

"Yes," Dad went on. "God gives worthy men and young men His priesthood power. Because God is not on the earth, he allows men to act in His name. But only if they are righteous."

"Act in His name?" Auggie repeated. "What does that mean?"

"Do you remember when you were really sick? And I gave you a priesthood blessing?" Dad asked.

"Yeah," Auggie remembered. "Then I got better after that!"

"That's right. God could not come to give you the blessing, but I was able to use the power God gave me to help heal you. Priesthood power is used to bless and serve others. I do not use the priesthood power for myself."

"That's true." Auggie thought. "I've never seen a man give himself a blessing."

"Right," Dad snapped his fingers. "The priesthood is also used to bless and pass the sacrament so we can remember Jesus. That is also another way the priesthood is used to serve others. But just remember Auggie- God only lets men use the priesthood power if they are good, faithful, and obedient."

"Well then, I can't wait to receive the priesthood!" Auggie announced again. "And when I am righteous, God will let me use His power to bless and serve others."