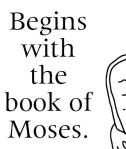
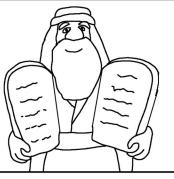
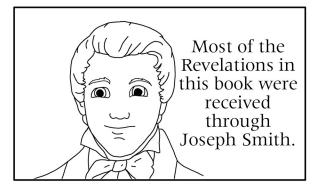
Doctrine & Covenants

Book of Mormon









The Book of Mormon begins with the story of Lehi and Nephi.

The kingdom of God on earth is likened to a "pearl of great price" (Matt. 13:45–46).

This book is unique, because it is not a translation of ancient documents; the Lord gave these revelations to His chosen prophets in this modern day in order to restore His kingdom.

It is an abridgment by an ancient prophet named Mormon of the records of ancient inhabitants of the Americas. It was written to testify that Jesus is the Christ.

The first edition of the Pearl of Great Price was published in 1851 and contained some material that is now in the Doctrine and Covenants.

In the revelations one hears the tender but firm voice of the Lord Jesus Christ (D&C 18:35–36).

"I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book" (see the introduction at the front of the Book of Mormon).

This book contains the Articles of Faith.

The revelations in it initiate the work of preparing the way for the Lord's Second Coming, in fulfillment of all the words spoken by the prophets since the world began.

Moroni, the last of the Nephite prophet-historians, sealed up the abridged records of these people and hid them in about A.D. 421. In 1823, the resurrected Moroni visited Joseph Smith and later delivered to him these ancient and sacred records to be translated and brought forth to the world as another testament of Jesus Christ.