

## Sharing Time: March Week 4

### *I am blessed when I choose to follow the prophet*



*March Madness Edition*



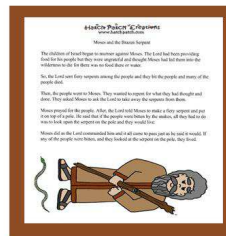
**ENCOURAGE UNDERSTANDING:** Being by citing examples of following the prophet and how they are blessed when they do. Enclosed is a short summary of Elijah and the widow as well as Moses and the serpent. Other examples could be:

“Nephi and the brass plates”

“President Monson”

“The Brother of Jared”

“Nephi and the broken bow”



Use the Gospel art picture kit or packets available through our web-site.



**ENCOURAGE APPLICATION:** Due to the fact that it is March Madness, I thought it would be fun to turn it into a game around basketball. Separate the primary into two different teams. On the board place both backboard sheets. (Print backboard twice, once for each team.) Cut out the basketballs for each team. Call one member of a team up. Ask detailed questions about the stories you just told. If they answer correctly let them add a ball to their backboard. Continue to play until you have a winner.

You can make this game as elaborate as you wish. Additional ideas could be:

Put all your questions on cards along with a few foul shot cards. If they draw the foul shot have them come up and tell of a time when they followed the prophet. Then let them shoot into a bowl, Nerf basket, etc. Then they get to add a ball to their backboard. You could also slip on a referee shirt over what you are wearing. To make your own ref shirt simply take a large white t-shirt, add strips of black duct tape into stripes. You can also control how

reverent they are by calling Technical Fouls if they get too rowdy. They can lose a ball as well as their turn. Through-out the game make sure there are plenty of opportunities for them to share how they choose the right by following the prophets. End with little bags of popcorn or other “game day” snacks.

### Elijah and the widow of Zarephath

The Lord told Elijah to go to the city of Zarephath to live. He told him that there would be a widow there who would take care of him.

When Elijah came to the gate of the city, the widow woman was there gathering sticks. Elijah called to her and asked her to bring him a little drink of water.

As she was getting the water, Elijah then asked her to bring him a piece of bread in her hand.

The humble widow told Elijah that she only had a handful of meal left in her barrel at home and very little oil. She had been gathering sticks so she could go back home, fix what food they had left, have dinner with her young son and prepare to die.

Elijah, who had great faith, told her to fear not but to go and do as she said, but to also make him a little cake first and bring it to him. Then, she could go back home and make dinner for her son.

Elijah told her that the Lord had said that the barrel of meal would not waste or the oil until it rained on the earth again.

The widow was a woman of faith also, and she did as she was told. From that day on, for a long time, both she and her son ate. The barrel of meal didn't waste, neither did the cruise of oil. All this was according to the word of the Lord which Elijah had spoken.



Elijah



Widow of Zarephath

## Moses and the Brazen Serpent

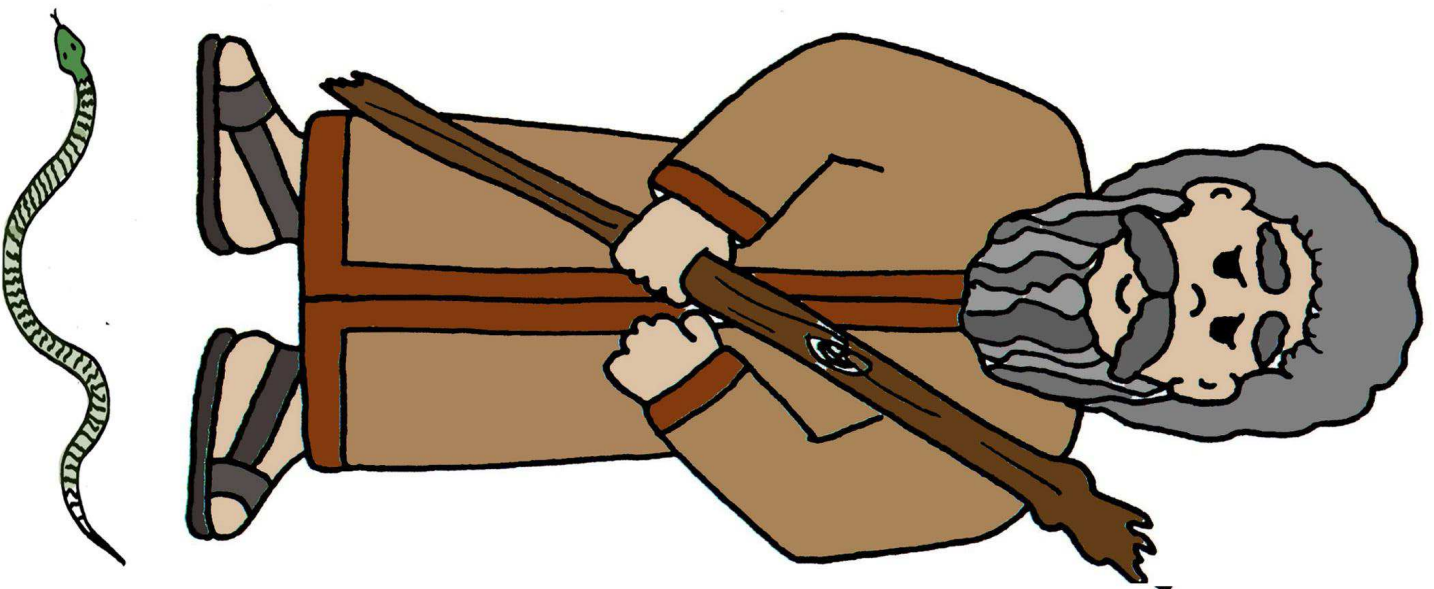
The children of Israel began to murmur against Moses. The Lord had been providing food for his people but they were ungrateful and thought Moses had led them into the wilderness to die for there was no food there or water.

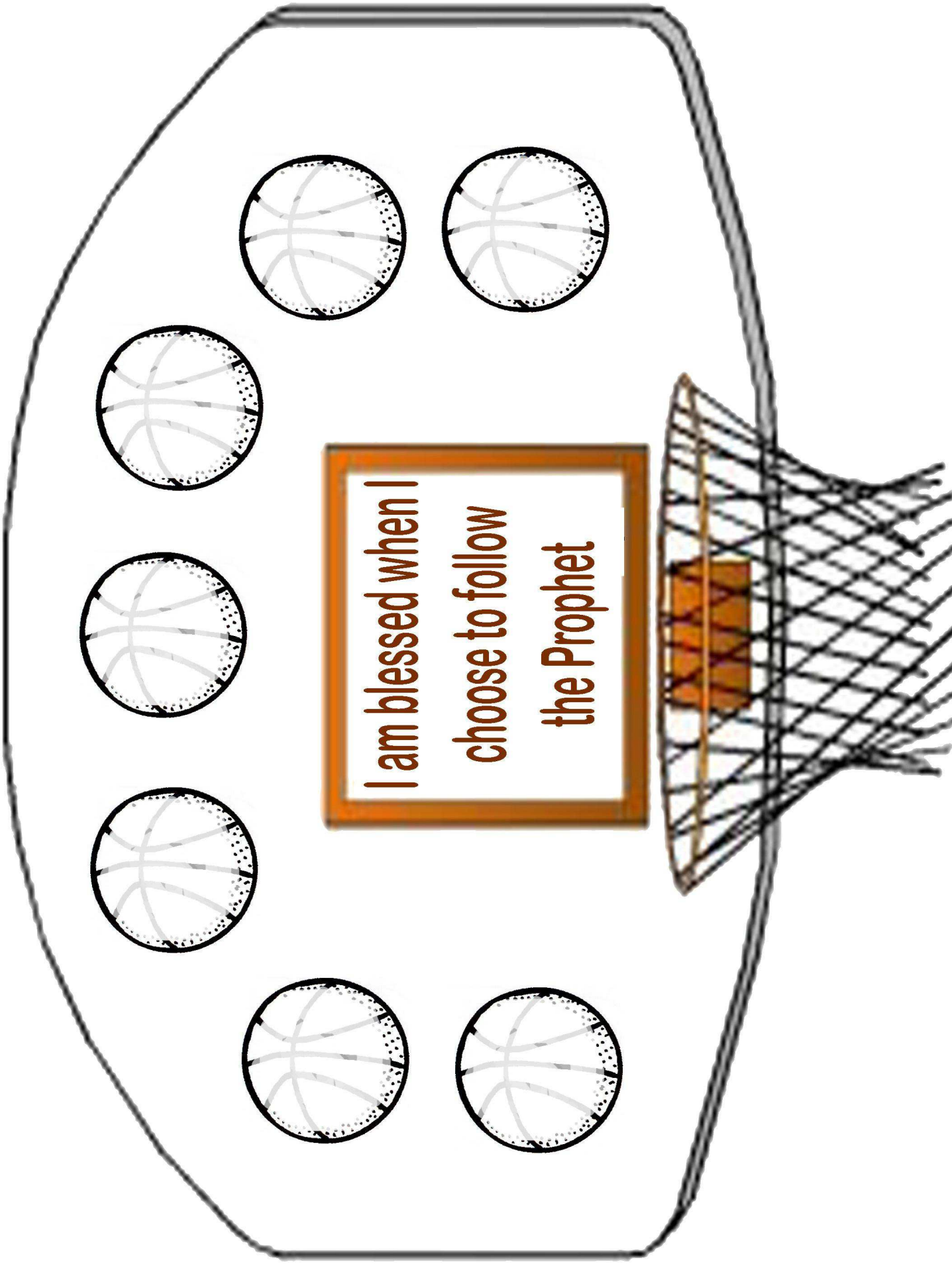
So, the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people and many of the people died.

Then, the people went to Moses. They wanted to repent for what they had thought and done. They asked Moses to ask the Lord to take away the serpents from them.

Moses prayed for the people. After, the Lord told Moses to make a fiery serpent and put it on top of a pole. He said that if the people were bitten by the snakes, all they had to do was to look upon the serpent on the pole and they would live.

Moses did as the Lord commanded him and it all came to pass just as he said it would. If any of the people were bitten, and they looked at the serpent on the pole, they lived.





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