

**Introduction to the Book of Mormon**

**Play idea:**

Act out the story of Joseph Smith's vision of the angel Moroni and then finding the plates.

**Play script:**

Joseph: (praying before bed at night)

Moroni appears-

Angel Moroni: (light, in white robe) "Joseph, I am a messenger sent from the presence of God to you. My name is Moroni. God has a work for you. There is a book written on golden plates that teaches the Gospel and teaches of Jesus Christ. There are also two stones in silver bows that are tied on a breastplate (called the Urim and Thummim) that are used to translate. You can't show anyone or use them for your gain. Let me show you in your mind where they are hidden (Joseph saw in a vision where it was located). (Angel Moroni then leaves)

Joseph: (shocked in bed)

Angel Moroni: (appears again #2) (light, in white robe) "Joseph, I am a messenger sent from the presence of God to you. My name is Moroni. God has a work for you. There is a book written on golden plates that teaches the Gospel and teaches of Jesus Christ. There are also two stones in silver bows that are tied on a breastplate (called the Urim and Thummim) that are used to translate. You can't show anyone or use them for your gain. Let me show you in your mind where they are hidden (Joseph saw in a vision where it was located). (Angel Moroni then leaves)

Joseph: (astonished on his bed)

Angel Moroni: (appears again #3) (light, in white robe) "Joseph, I am a messenger sent from the presence of God to you. My name is Moroni. God has a work for you. There is a book written on golden plates that teaches the Gospel and teaches of Jesus Christ. There are also two stones in silver bows that are tied on a breastplate (called the Urim and Thummim) that are used to translate. You can't show anyone or use them for your gain. Let me show you in your mind where they are hidden (Joseph saw in a vision where it was located). (Angel Moroni then leaves)

Sun: It's now morning. (Someone could act out the sun rising)

Joseph: (gets up and starts to do his chores with his dad with a fence

and acts tired)

Joseph's dad: "Go home, Joseph"

Joseph: (starts walking home and falls to the ground because he is exhausted)

Angel Moroni (appears)

Angel Moroni: (appears again #4) (light, in white robe) "Joseph, I am a messenger sent from the presence of God to you. My name is Moroni. God has a work for you. There is a book written on golden plates that teaches the Gospel and teaches of Jesus Christ. There are also two stones in silver bows that are tied on a breastplate (called the Urim and Thummim) that are used to translate. You can't show anyone or use them for your gain. Let me show you in your mind where they are hidden (Joseph saw in a vision where it was located). Now go tell your father what you just saw.

Moroni (leaves)

Joseph: (walks to his dad) "dad an angel came and visited me last night 3 times and once today and told me about some gold plates

Joseph's dad: Joseph this is from God. You should go where the messenger told you the plates were.

Joseph: (left his father to find the plates on the side of a hill under a stone inside a stone box. He opened the box with a lever. He saw the plates, the Urim and Thummim, and the breastplate)

Joseph tried to take the items out of the box.

Moroni (appears) "Joseph, you can't get the plates yet. You can take them in 4 years but come back next year on the same date and time and I'll teach you more."

—4 years later—

Joseph and Moroni (at the hill)

Moroni: "be careful with the plates, people will try and steal them from you"

Joseph: "I will"

Robbers: (try and get the plates)

Joseph: hides the plates

END

You could finish playing hide and seek with the plates