

HOLD TO THE ROD

Press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end (2 Nephi 31:20).

Living the teachings of Jesus Christ will keep us on the strait and narrow path that leads to eternal life and happiness. In a dream, the Book of Mormon prophet Lehi saw an iron rod that helped people find happiness. Those who held on to the rod, who lived according to His teachings, were happy. Here is a game based on the meaning of Lehi's dream. The game can be played by one or more players or by teams. Play it with your family.



Instructions

1. Mount game board on lightweight cardboard.
2. Each player or team should select marker (button, rock, coin, etc.) and place it on Prayer at edge of Dark and Dreary Waste.
3. When it is his turn, each player rolls die and moves his marker the number of

spaces indicated. Unless there are directions to be followed immediately, arrows on spaces show direction to go on next turn.

4. If a three is rolled, it may be used at face value or, if player is in Mists of Darkness, Fountain of Filthy Water, or Great and Spacious Building, a three is signal that player has repented, and he

moves his marker to adjacent Forgiveness Exit.

5. When player reaches Tree of Life, he eats some of its fruit (on each subsequent turn, he looks up one of the scripture references listed on game board and reads it aloud.) Game ends when all players have reached Tree of Life. (See Sharing Time Ideas on page 5.)

Mists of Darkness
[Temptations of the Devil]
(See 1 Nephi 8:23; 12:17.)

Tree of Life
[Love of God]
(See 1 Nephi 8:10; 11:8-9, 21-25;
Genesis 2:9; Revelation 2:7.)

Iron Rod

[Word of God]

Strait and Narrow Path

[Path Leading to Eternal Life]

(See 1 Nephi 8:19, 30; 11:25; 15:23-24.)

(See 1 Nephi 8:20; 2 Nephi 31:18; Matthew 7:14.)

Dark and Dreary Waste
(See 1 Nephi 8:7-8.)

Prayer
(See 1 Nephi 8:8-9.)

For your birthday your grandma gave you the bike that you've been wanting. But you didn't bother to send her a thank-you letter.

Your brother messed up your favorite computer game, so you kicked him. Follow arrow immediately.

You forgot about Fast Sunday until you got to the party Saturday night, but you just smiled and shook your head when offered refreshments and didn't make a big deal out of it. Go forward 3 spaces.

You received a box of candy and shared it with everyone. Go forward 2 spaces.

A video your friend's family rented was rated R, but you watched it anyway. Go directly to Fountain of Filthy Water.

You didn't study for your math test because you knew that you could use your classmate's paper, and copy her answers, and she always gets A's. Follow arrow immediately.

A toddler was lost in the supermarket, and you helped him find his parents. Go forward 1 space.

Your friends began using swear words, and you didn't say anything. Then you started using them too. Follow arrow immediately.

When your elderly neighbor was gone for the day, her home teacher cut her grass. Then you took credit for doing it and let her pay you. Go directly to Great and Spacious Building.

A classmate invited you to a swim party; then your best friend invited you to a pizza party being held at the same time. You go to the pizza party.

You played outside with your friends instead of doing the supper dishes as you had promised.

You were jealous of a popular classmate, so you passed around a note saying that you saw her stealing, even though you knew that she hadn't.

Fountain of Filthy Water
[Depths of Hell]
(See 1 Nephi 8:13;
12:16.)

Large and Spacious Field
[The World]
(See 1 Nephi 8:9; Matthew 13:38.)

Great and Spacious Building
[Vain Imaginings and Pride of the World]
(See 1 Nephi 8:26, 33; 12:18.)