MORE ABOUT THE PLATES

- The pages were thin sheets of metal. Ancient symbols were carved onto the metal.
- The plates were written in a language called Reformed Egyptian.
- The plates probably weighed 40–60 pounds (18–27 kg). That’s about as much as five bowling balls!
- Part of the plates were sealed so they couldn’t be opened. The Book of Mormon comes from the unsealed part. Heavenly Father has promised that someday we will have the translation of the sealed part too (see Ether 3:27, 4:4–7).