

## Full Time Mission Message #16

Elder / Sister xxxxx,

Most people are afraid to ask their friends about the church. So we have the solution to that problem. What is it? How about if we **ASK THE LORD TO ASK SOMEONE TO ASK YOU...**

When I was the ward mission leader several years ago the Bishop asked me to give a talk at a youth fireside. I had heard several of the kids say that they were just too afraid to ask anyone about the church. So I decided to try an experiment with the kids to see if they would be willing to exercise their faith in finding friends to bring into the church. In my talk I showed them this picture of the Brother of Jared asking the Lord to touch the stones.



I then related the story to them about how the Lord asked the Brother of Jared what he wanted Him to do rather than just showing him how to get light in the barges. So the Brother of Jared asked the Lord to touch the stones to give them light.

I then told the kids I knew they were afraid to ask their friends so I challenged them to take a Book of Mormon and then like the Brother of Jared, ask the Lord to touch their Book of Mormon so it was not just any book but a special Book of Mormon. Then I asked them to put it in their backpack. Then each morning as they went out the door, I asked them to stop on the front step, say a little prayer and tell the Lord that they had their special Book of Mormon in their back pack and then **ASK THE LORD TO ASK SOMEONE TO ASK THEM ABOUT THE BOOK**. I assumed no one would be afraid to answer questions if the person was asking them. Then we gave each one of the youth a Book of Mormon to be their special book.

The next Sunday one of the young women came up to me and said that she had done what I had asked with her Special Book of Mormon and said the prayer before she left for school. Then she got on the bus headed for school. She said there was a girl sitting behind her that she knew but not very well. That girl tapped her on the shoulder and asked her if she could look in her back pack. She was pretty surprised at that request but said yes. The girl opened her back pack and looked inside. Then she pulled out the "SPECIAL BOOK OF MORMON" that was in the back pack and asked her what it was.

The kids in our ward baptized 21 youth that next year. I have always been amazed at the faith the youth of the church have. Truly they are a chosen generation and we have much we can learn from them.

Brother and Sister Vail

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