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1. Our Father has a family. It's me! It's you, all others too: we are His children.
He sent each one of us to earth, through birth, To live and learn here in fam'lies.

[Chorus] God gave us families to help us become what He wants us to be—
This is how He shares His love, for the fam'ly is of God.

2. A father's place is to preside, provide, To love and teach the gospel to his children.
A father leads in fam'ly prayer to share Their love for Father in Heaven. *[Chorus]*

3. A mother's purpose is to care, prepare, To nurture and to strengthen all her children.
She teaches children to obey, to pray, To love and serve in the fam'ly. *[Chorus]*

4. I'll love and serve my family and be A good example to each fam'ly member.
And when I am a mom or dad, so glad, I'll help my fam'ly remember *[Chorus]*

A3 **Short Message 1: (Connie)**

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*(For lyrics, see Proclamation – 6 songs: “The Family is Central” “His Plan” “The First Commandment”
“Husband and Wife” “Happiness in Family Life” “Strengthen the Family”)
(After this, the Book of Mormon Family Musical cast leaves the chapel to get costumed.)*

A3 **Short Message 2 (Delese)**

*Family connections extend beyond this world; We complete their work.
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A4-6, S-1 **Plan of Family Love** (*Delese* **A4**, *Carrie* **S1**, *backed up by Angel Choir,* **A5-6**) **3:48**

A4 **Delese** (*as ancestor who has passed on*)

Oh, children of time, hear us call out your name:
May we not be forgotten, for we died without blame.
We've been taught and we know the way, And in faith, trust the part you'll play.
Give us fire, Give us freedom, in God's name – His holy name.

S1 **Carrie** (*as a living family member, doing family history work*)

I've been searching, And I'm hoping that you know
Of the promise that will help us both to grow.
Working in faith with the angels up above, since we all play a part in this plan of family love.
Help me find you, help me bind you to our Father's holy name: His holy name.

Delese + A5-6 Angel Choir:

Oh, children of time...
Hear us call out your name,
May we not be forgotten
For we died without blame

We've been taught and we know the way
And in faith, trust the part you'll play
In this plan of family love, In this plan of family love!

Give us fire, give us freedom in God's name!
To our Father's holy name: His holy name.

Oh, children of time
Hear us call out your name!
May we not be forgotten
In this plan... Of family love.

Carrie:

*I've been searching
And I'm hoping that you know
I remember the promise
That will help us both to grow.*

*Working in faith with the angels up above
Since we all play a part
In this plan of family love, In this plan of family love!*

*Help me find you, help me bind you
To our Father's holy name, His holy name.*

*I've been searching
Helped by the angels up above
Never forgotten
In this plan... Of family love.*

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*Bringing forth "Press Forward: A Book of Mormon Family Musical" – The Book of Mormon is a labor of family love, and its work goes forth through us. We want to give you a sample of the show to be performed on April.)
(Matthew concludes by introducing the musical cast:*

"This is a musical play, featuring:

*Lehi
And his sons.*

*Ishmael
And his family (in which I play a part.)*

The prophets of Jerusalem.

*The people of Jerusalem,
including: Laban
And his warriors.*

*A choir of angels, including
Two narrator angels, with special watch over Lehi's family.*

*Last of all we have another narrator:
Nephi as an older man
With his wife.*

*The events portrayed
Constitute his memoirs-,
His sacred family history.*

Now, please enjoy this preview of:

***"Press Forward, Steadfast in Christ:
A Book of Mormon Family Musical."***

(Matthew returns to his seat, and Jaron enters the stage area, as intro music begins.)

-ALL- Press Forward Medley (Performed by various members of the cast and choruses for the musical) **11:10**

B1 Older Nephi: Having been born of goodly parents, Having been taught in the ways of God,
And having seen many afflictions In the course of my days - nevertheless,
Having been highly favored of the Lord, Having great knowledge of his goodness and his myst'ries,
Therefore I make a record Of my proceedings in my days.

B2 Nar. 1: This is not a show about... A perfect family.

B3 Nar. 2: This is not a show about... A perfect world.

Nar. 1: This not a show where roses bloom beneath our feet,
Or where all is nice and sweet – No, not at all. (Add angels, **A-6**)

Nar. 2: This is gonna show that we will all sometimes face sorrow, (Angel Chorus: Ah..)
Even if we know that we are doing the best we can;

N. 1&2: But this is gonna show that there's a power we can borrow,
That can guide us through tomorrow, And help us to stand!

B4 Jeremiah/: People of Jerusalem (People of Jerusalem)

B5 Hezekiah: Gather and hear my words (Gather and hear my words)

For God has spoken to me (For God has spoken to me)

And I must tell you what I've heard (And I must tell you what I've heard)

(In harmony:) Jerusalem, our mighty city, is about to be destroyed, **A1 People of Jerusalem:**
And there is only one way to escape it: (You both are crazy!)

You must repent (How dare you?)
Of your abominations; (We're all good people!)
Repent of your wickedness, your pride; (It's not for you to say...)
Turn to God with your whole heart and mind,
Then perhaps, you may find deliverance
From what is sure to come! (Oh...)

People: Who in the world do you think you are, trying to tell us what to do?
You're no better than any of us, why should we listen to you?
We're good people, just doing our best, and it's not for you to say
What we should do, or how we should lives our lives, so please just go away!

Jer/Hez: Repent! **People:** Just go away!
Please... Repent! **People:** Who asked you anyway?

A1 Lehi: My friends and my neighbors,
My kindred and my people... **People:** (deep and menacing) Just go away!

B6, A3 Nephi: You've heard all the prophecies – You know what's going to be –
(Singing) You've seen here in Jerusalem Corruption, depravity.

You know that when God speaks, he carries out his every word;

+B8-9 Brothers: Now we have shared a message, and we hope that you have heard: **Ishmael's Family:** **S-1, A1-5**

Laman: Come with us, and we will be a family out there; (Ishmael's Family: A family out there,)

Lemuel: Come with us, for we have got a new world to share. (Ishmael's Family: New world to share)

LLNS: Come with us to a land of promise, choice above all other lands;

L&L: Oh, hear and understand:

Brothers: And come with us.

L&L: Oh, hear and understand: (Ishmael's Family: Ah...)

Brothers: And come with us.

B2 Nar. 1: So the families were joined in their journey,
B3 Nar. 2: But sad to say, they weren't united long;
Narrators 1-2: For when the rigors and realities hit among the wild brambled trees,
They soon were singing quite another kind of song.

A1-5, S-1 Wives: Out here, there isn't even bread; Out here, we're barely even fed.
And my father would be alive, not dead, If we hadn't come out here.

Out here, it's either hot or cold; Out here, we simply do what we are told.
Going this way, going that way, on the whim of a silly ball, If you ask me, it just makes no sense at all!

+4Men: Coming out here – I didn't have a choice. Out here – I haven't got a voice.
What I hope for doesn't matter – What is dear to me is gone –

+Sam/Ne: And the answer is we simply must go on - Out here!

Ishmael's Children: Our father would not have died, if we were not...
+ Company: Out here!
+Lehi: We can't say we haven't tried our best...
+ Company: Out here!
+Ishmael's Family: Oh, the endless tears we've cried.
+ Nephi, Lehi, Sam: We have prayed, no one's replied.
+ Laman, Lemuel: To the questions burning here inside....
Out here!

B6 Nephi: Father, please show me the way –

+Lehi: Make thy will clear.

Faithful women: *Make thy will clear*

All: Out here!

B7 Nephi's Wife: Just when the night turns its darkest, Just when the wind howls its worst;
Just when you almost have given up hope, Just when you think you're at the end of your rope,

+B6 Nephi: He sends his tender mercies, (*Tender mercies*)
That pick you up, and keep you going,
Tender mercies, (*Tender mercies*)
That sustain your soul, and keep you knowing
That no matter what, he's always there, and you're always in his constant care,
Tender mercies..

+ A1-5, S-1, B8-9 Women: We grow stronger and stronger, With every passing day.

Men: Though the journey seems longer and longer,

Families: We know he is there for us, all the way, with his (*Keychange*)

Families: Tender mercies (*tender mercies*) That keep us safe, and keep us going,
Tender mercies, (*tender mercies*) that guide us on, And keep us knowing
That his love for us is always there,
And we're always in his constant care,
And there's really nothing we can't bear,
Nourished by his daily, tender mercies,
Tender mercies, tender mercies, His tender mercies.

(Savage music erupts, as Laman pulls away fiercely)

B2-3 Narrators *(This is not a show about a perfect family...)*

B8 Laman: Hey, little brother, You think that you're so tough!
Hey, little brother, I've had about enough
Of your lectures and your endless words - There's none left that I haven't heard -
No outrage that you've left unstirred today!

Oh, I never wanted to be your enemy; *(His anger begins growing to a boiling point)*
But you're the one who couldn't just let things be!

(Ferociously) Hey, little brother, Don't push me against a wall,
'Cause if it comes to a battle, brother, It ain't me who's gonna fall!
I won't let you take from me What is mine and what will always be!
Even if I have to free myself from you, Little brother!
Hey, little brother... Little brother! Little brother! Little brother - Hey!

+B9, A1 Lamanites: Wronged! Robbed! We'll see that they're gonna pay
Generation after generation, Day after day! *(Sariah's mourning riff, warcry style.)*

Lamanite Women and Children: For we were wronged in Jerusalem, *(Wronged!)*
(Men,:) The land of our inheritance; *(Ha!)*
Wronged while crossing over the sea, *(Wronged! – Ha! Ha! Ha!)*
Wronged in the wilderness; *(Wronged!)*
Wronged in the promised land, *(Wronged!)*
Wronged in every way that there could be! *(Wronged!)*

Lamanites: We all are.... Wronged! Robbed! We'll see that you're gonna pay
Generation after generation, Day after day! *(Sariah's riff: Ah...!)*

A1-6, B2,3,7; S1 F.Women, Narrators: Oh, love is the longest road

On which you can embark.
+B6 , A1 +Y. Nephi: 'Cause it goes on forever – **Angels:** Ah...
A3 +Sam From the moment that you start, *(Keychange)*

+B4-5 +Lehi Oh, you'll never stop loving them; **Angels:** Oh... Never stop...Loving them.
+Prophets: No, you'll never stop loving them. *Never stop...Loving them.*

And you never will stop hoping, *Ah...*
And you never will stop groping
For the tiniest strand of a reason to believe

F.Women, That they will finally find their way back home,
Lehi: And their hearts won't always be as stone;
Y. Nephi: Somehow they'll find their answers on their own...
(They'll find their answers on their own)

Y. Nephi: Eventually...
Therefore I make a record....

B1 Older Nephi

Y. Nephi: Eventually.
Narrators: *This is not a show about a perfect family...*

Cast: Press forward! **Angels:** Ah!

A3 Short Message 4 (Terri Smith, 8th)

“Not a Perfect Family” – How we can liken the Lehi’s family challenges to our own – and keep loving in the Lord’s way. Finding safety and peace by following the words of the prophets – the Lord’s liahona to those of our day.

A2-4 Liahona of Light (Performed by Young Women and cast). 3:04

YW: Long, long ago, in a land far away A faithful father found, outside his tent one day,
A small round compass that could sit in his hand And lead his family to their promised land.

+Cast: This Liahona of light Pointed the way to go, and what to do;
It led them through the desert - through mortal dangers -
And got them safely through.

YW: We have a compass, a guide of our own; And it can point the way, and lead us safely Home.
If we remember to look and obey, We can find direction day by day.

+Cast: Our Liahona of light Points us the way to go, and what to do;
It leads us through our deserts - our modern dangers -
And guides us safely through.

YW: It is as easy for us to give heed To the words of Christ, to point the way to what we need,
As for the ancients to follow the lead Of their Liahona of light.

+Cast: Feast on the words of Christ, For they will tell you all that you should do;
They’ll cut through the darkness - through grey half-truths -
And guide you safely through.

Feast on the words of Christ, For they will tell you all that you should do;
They’ll lead you through the desert - through darkness and danger -
And guide you safely through.

YW: It’s your Liahona of light

+Cast: To feast on the words of Christ.

A3 Short Message 5 (President John Andrus, 8th)

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-ALL- **We Talk of Christ** *(Performed by Older Nephi and cast of the musical, 3:48*

B1 Older Nephi: Jesus is my friend - No other has given me so much.
His love for me is boundless, without an end,
And I've felt His tender, healing touch.

S2 +Nephi's Wife: Jesus is my guide - His light shows me the way.
And my dearest hope is that I might become
A little more like Him each day.

Older Nephi: We talk of Christ - we rejoice in Christ -
+Nephi's Wife: And we write according to our prophecies
That our children may know to whom they may look
For their salvation, for healing, for hope.

B4-6 Nephi/Prophets Jesus is my light: Most joyous to my soul!
A3 +Lehi, Sam: He has lifted my eyes, He has healed my heart:
He has made me whole!

B8-9 +Laman/Lem: Jesus is my Savior: He pays the awful cost **A1-6, S1, B7 Wives, Angels:** Ah...
Of my sins and my sorrows - He rescues me -
And without Him, I would be forever lost!

+Cast: We talk of Christ - we rejoice in Christ -
Prophets, Prophets, O. Nephi: And we write according to our prophecies
Cast: That our children may know to whom they may look
For their salvation, for healing, for hope.

He is my King! *(He is my King!)* the great Creator; *(Great Creator)*
And someday He'll come, and He'll come again! *(He'll come again!)*
And when I see Him, *(When I see Him,)* sooner or later *(sooner or later)*
B1 Older Nephi: I hope He'll know me as His friend.

S2 +ON's wife: We talk of Christ -
B4-5, A3 + Prophets, Lehi: We rejoice in Christ -
+Cast: And we write according to our prophecies
That our children may know to whom they may look
For their salvation, for healing, for hope!

A3 *Closing Prayer*