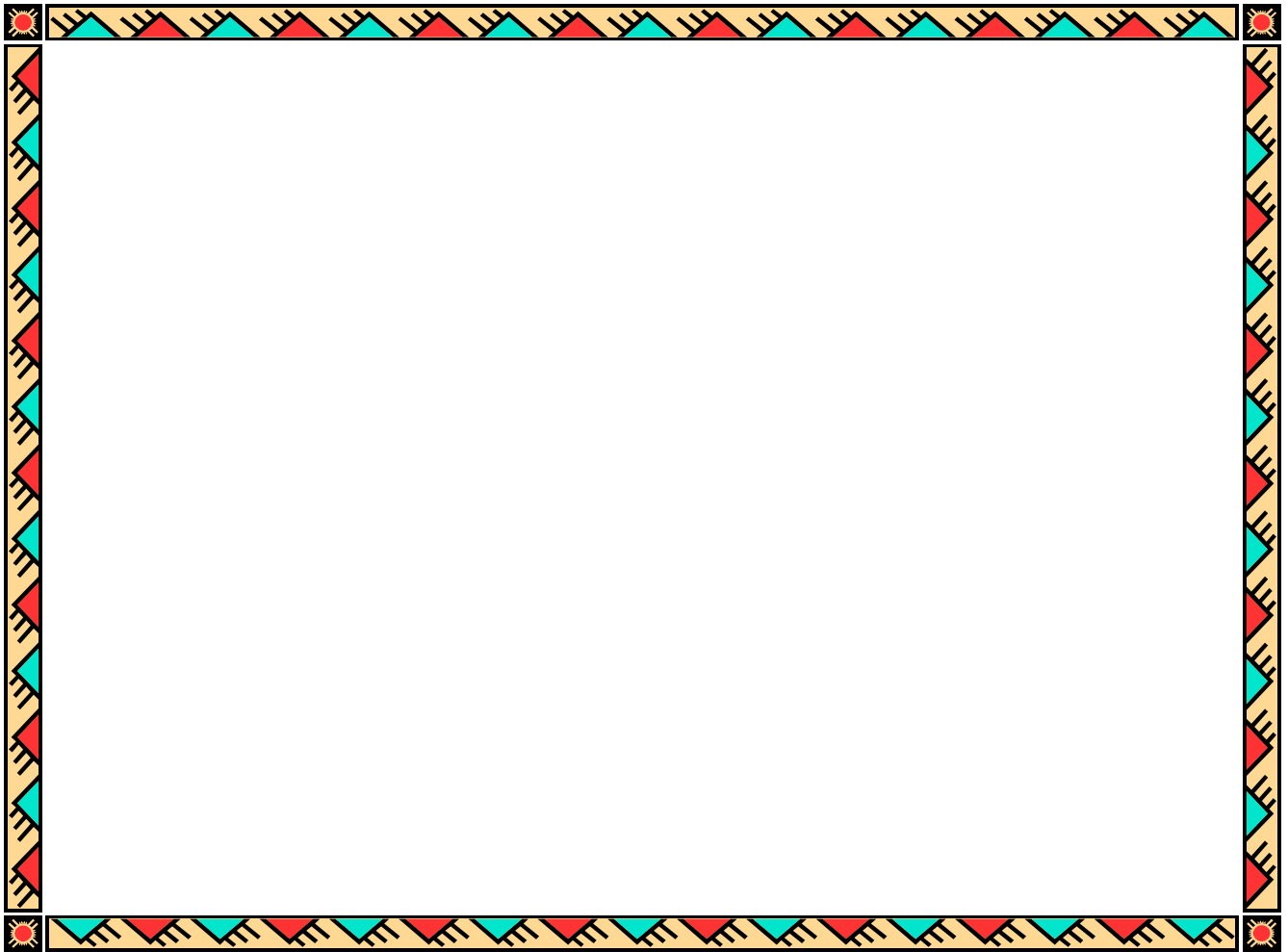


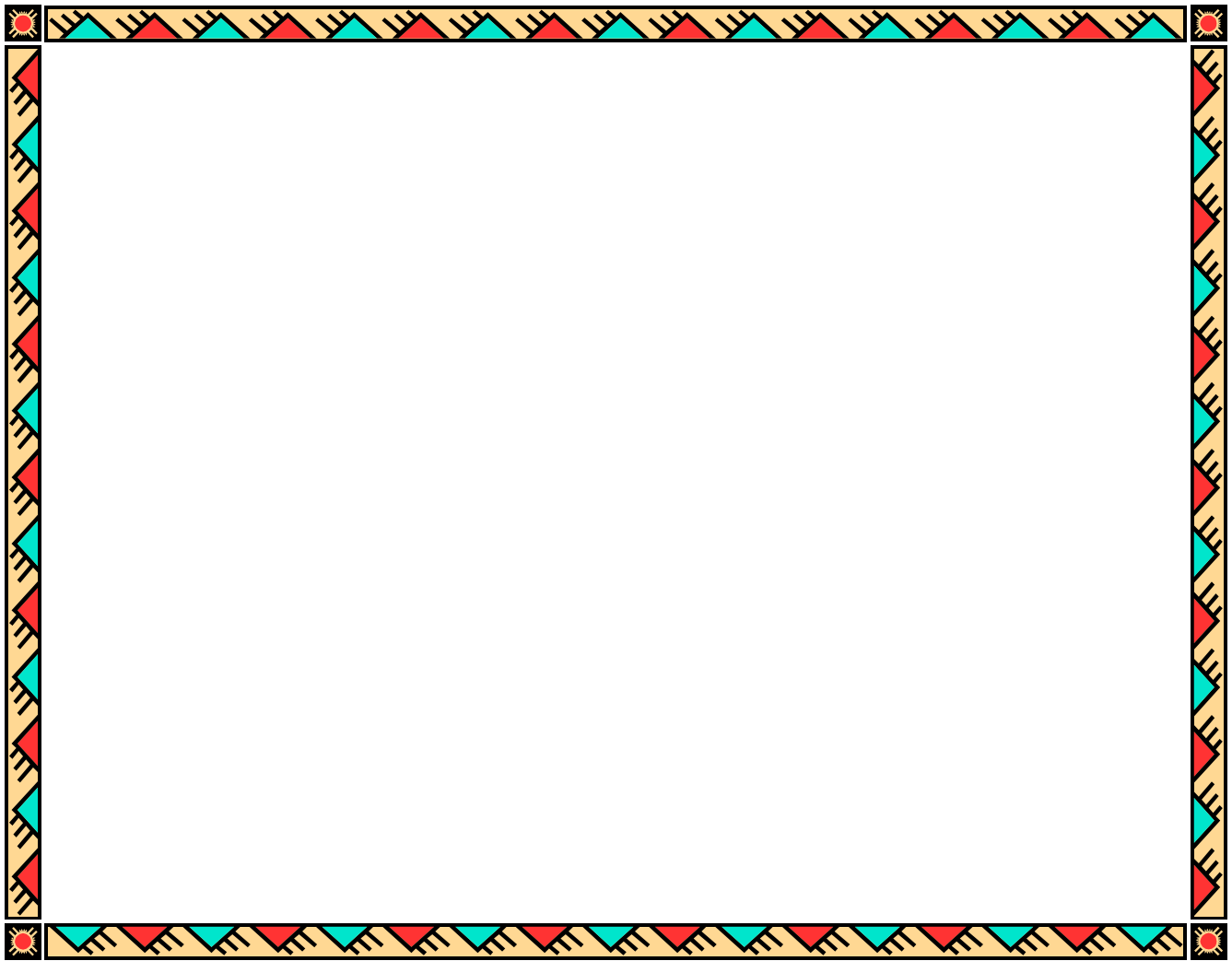
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Jared and his people lived near the Tower of Babel. People were building the tower to try to get to heaven. They did not want to obey God's laws. God was angry with the people. He changed their languages so they could not work on the tower anymore.



Jared and his brother prayed that God would not change the language of their family and friends. The Lord told them to leave Babel. He told them to build ships and sail to a promised land. They obeyed the Lord and were blessed. They sailed to America.



Lehi lived in Jerusalem. He was a prophet. He told the wicked people to repent. The people wanted to hurt him. The Lord told Lehi to leave Jerusalem with his family. They traveled to the wilderness.



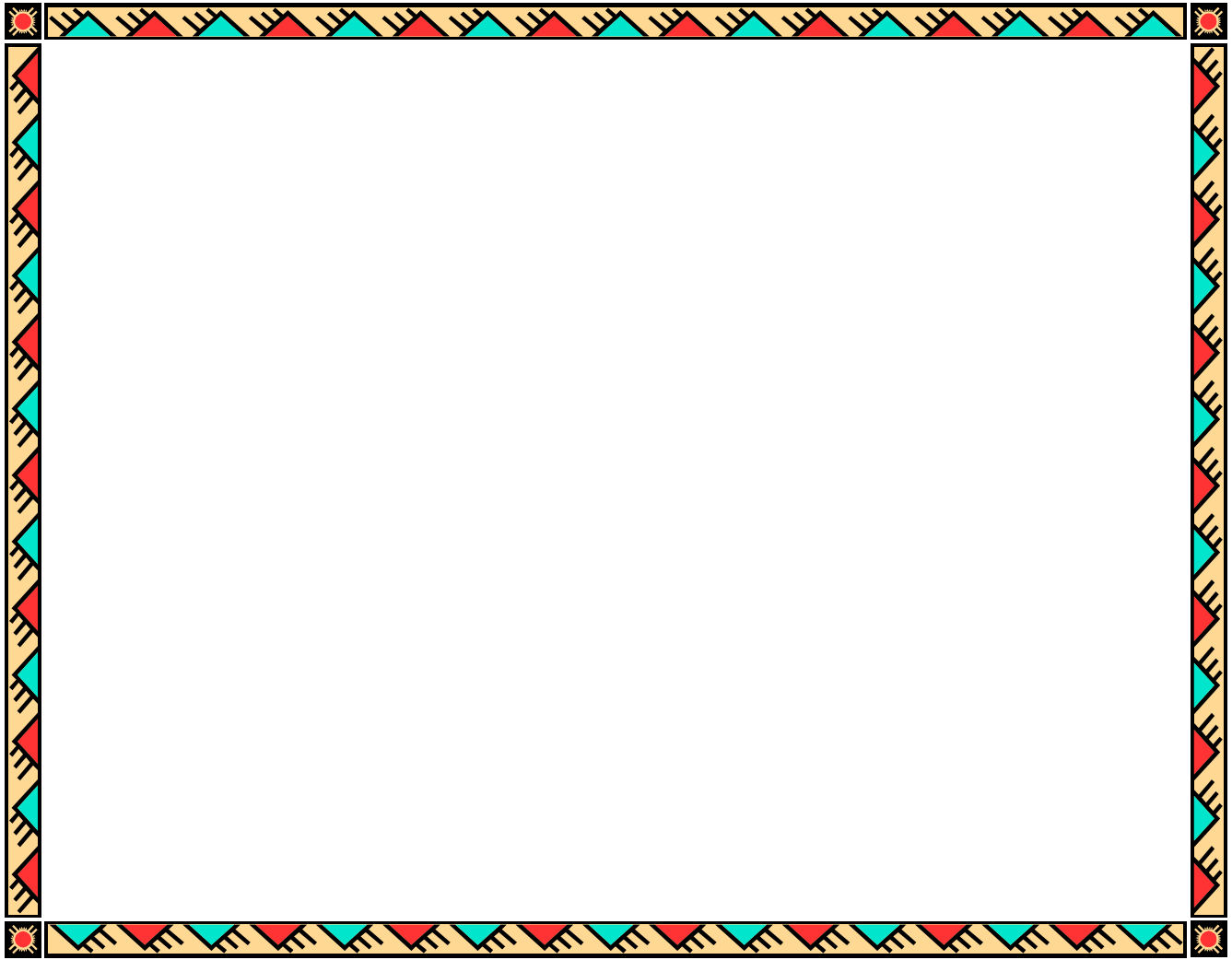
Lehi's sons were Laman, Lemuel, Sam and Nephi. He asked them to go back to Jerusalem to get the brass plates from wicked Laban. Nephi said, "I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded."



Nephi built a boat for his family. The Lord showed him how to build it. Laman and Lemuel did not want to help their brother at first. Finally the boat was finished. The family sailed across the ocean to the Promised Land.

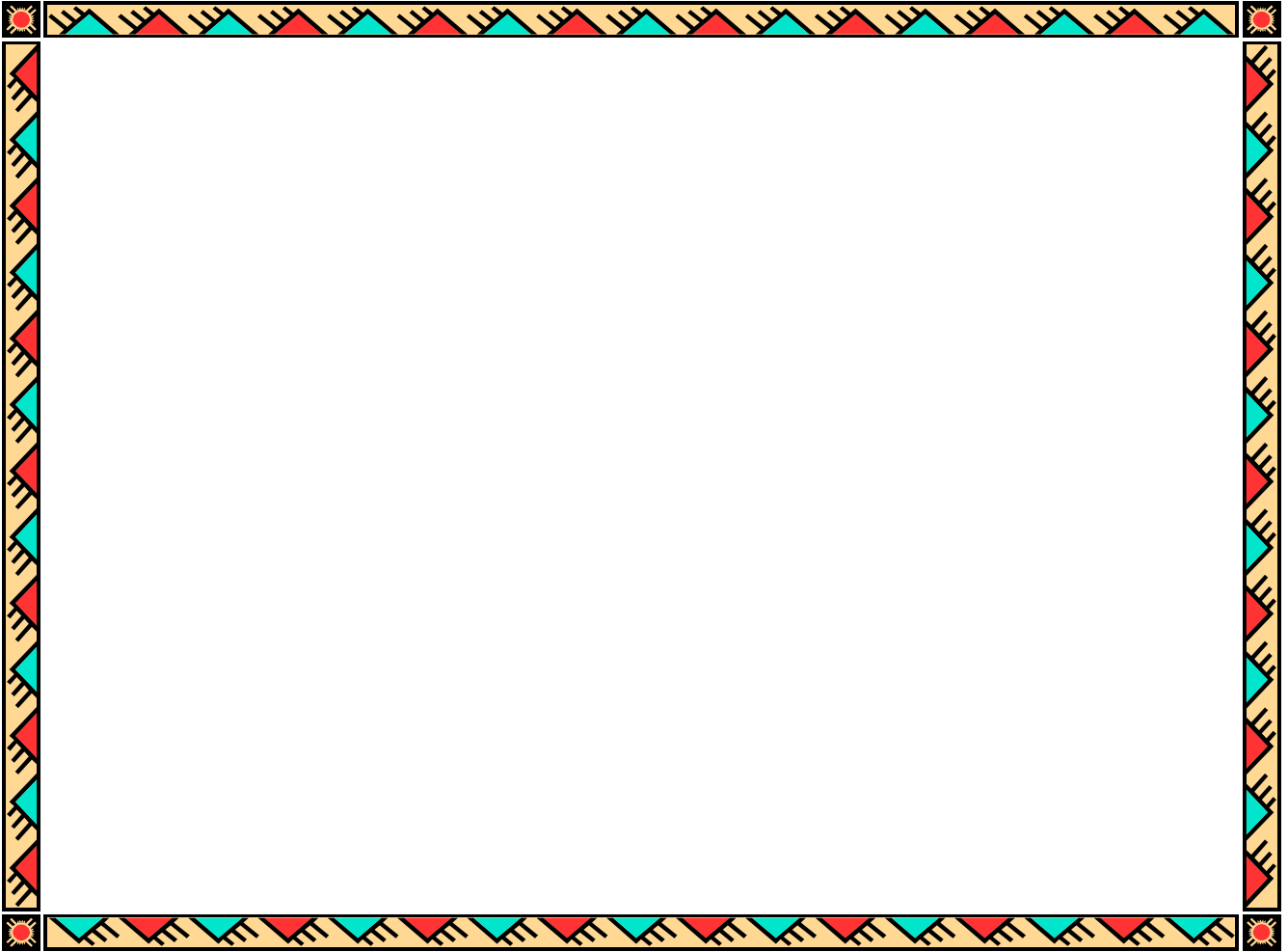


In the Promised Land, the people who followed Nephi were called Nephites. They were righteous and good. They kept the commandments. They read the scriptures. They built a temple. The people who followed Laman and Lemuel were called Lamanites.



Nephi's had two younger brothers: Jacob and Joseph. Jacob was a leader in the Church. He saw Jesus. He testified of Jesus' life on earth. He taught the people the gospel. Then he passed the sacred records to his son, Enos.





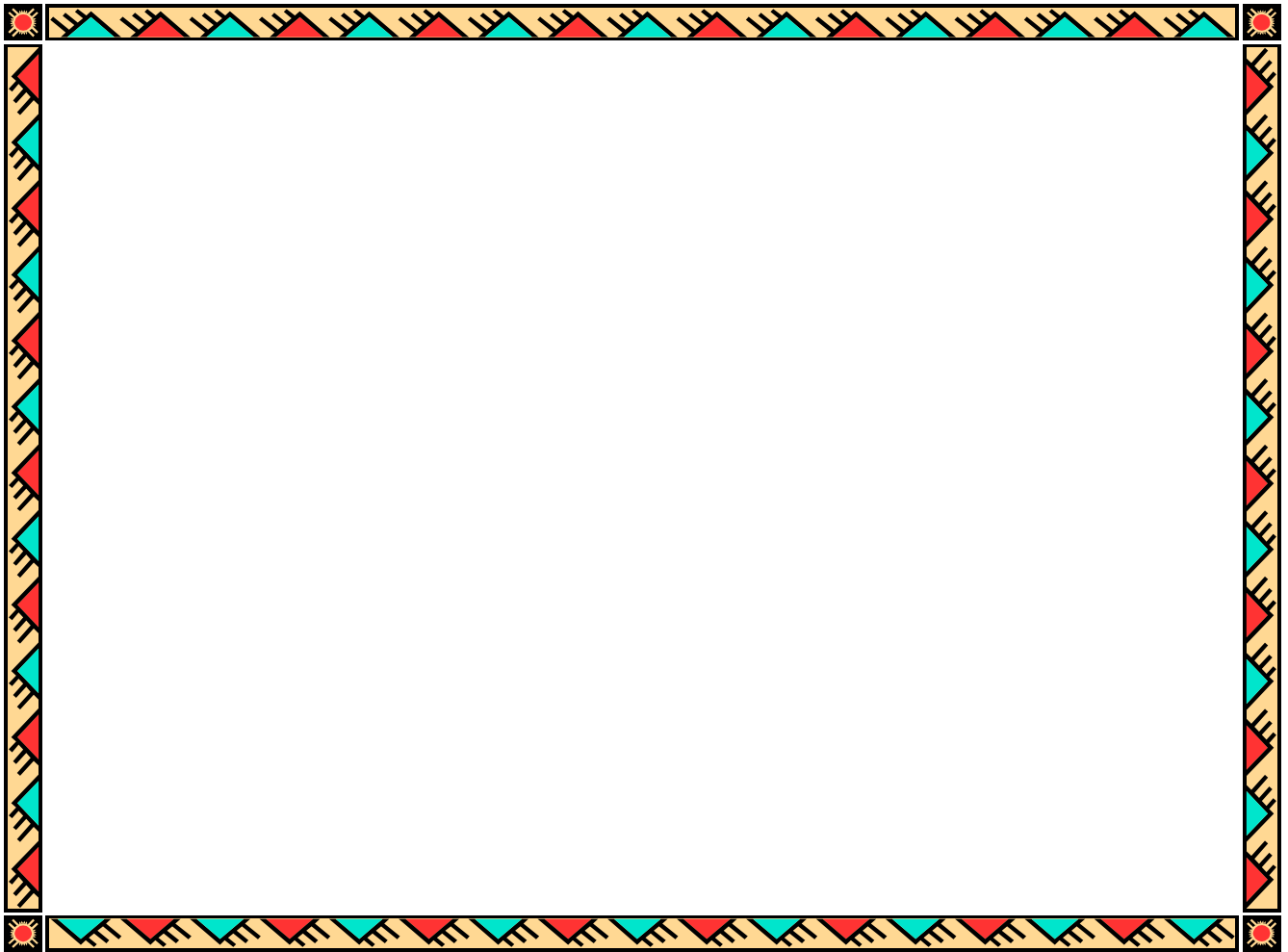
Enos went to the woods to hunt. He began to pray. He asked God to forgive his sins. He asked God to bless his family and friends. He asked God to bless his enemies. He prayed all day and into the night. Enos had faith that God would answer his prayer.



King Benjamin was a good king. He ruled the Nephites in righteousness. He called all of his people together. He wanted to talk to them, so he built a large tower where they could all hear him speak.



King Benjamin told his people to be good. He told them to serve each other and remember that Jesus Christ would soon come. He told them to make good choices. They all agreed to follow God's plan.



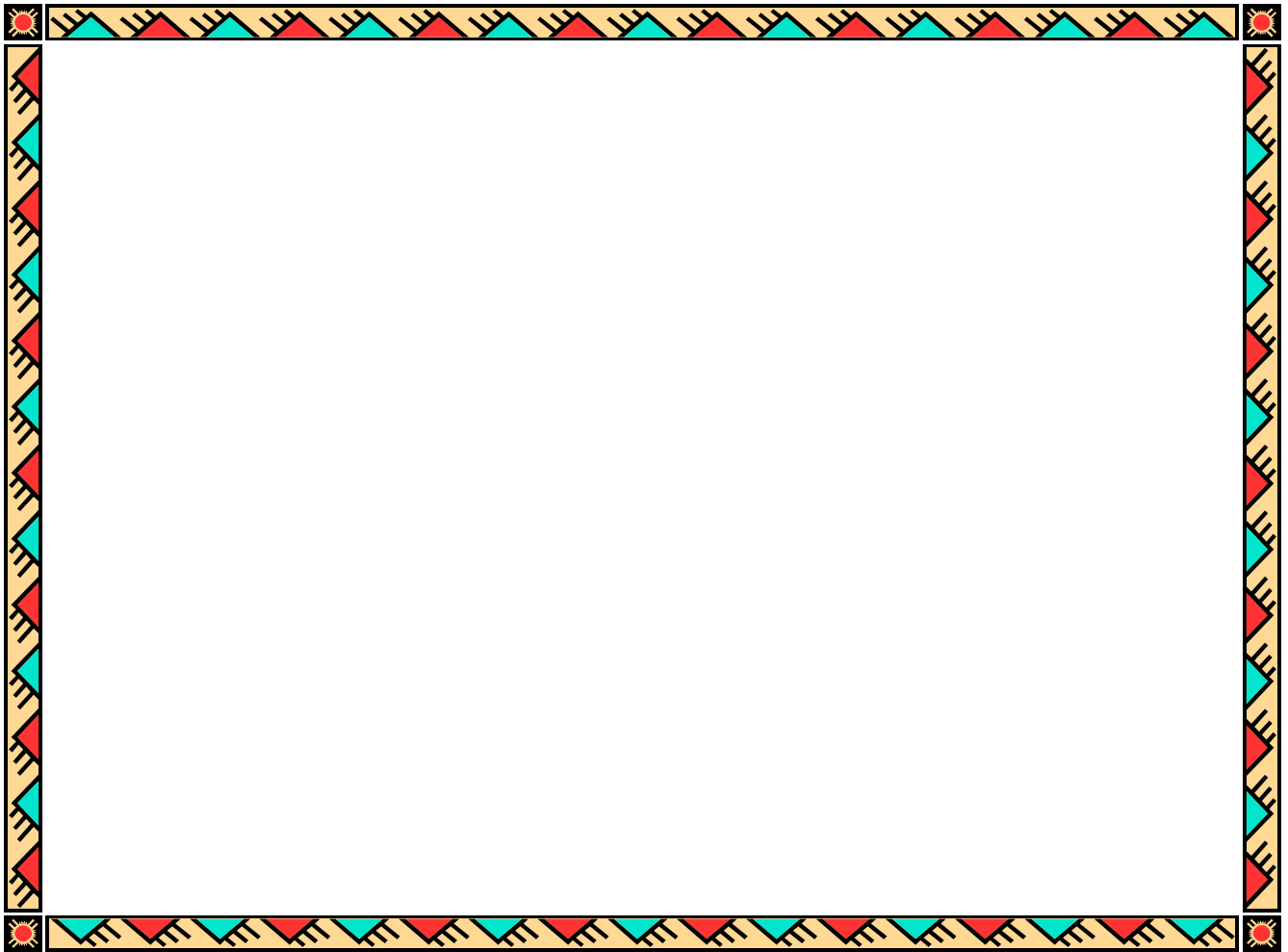
Zeniff led a group of people into the Lamanite land where the Nephites had once lived. They began to live there and build houses. They lived in peace for many years. Then Zeniff's son Noah became king. He was wicked. He did not obey God.



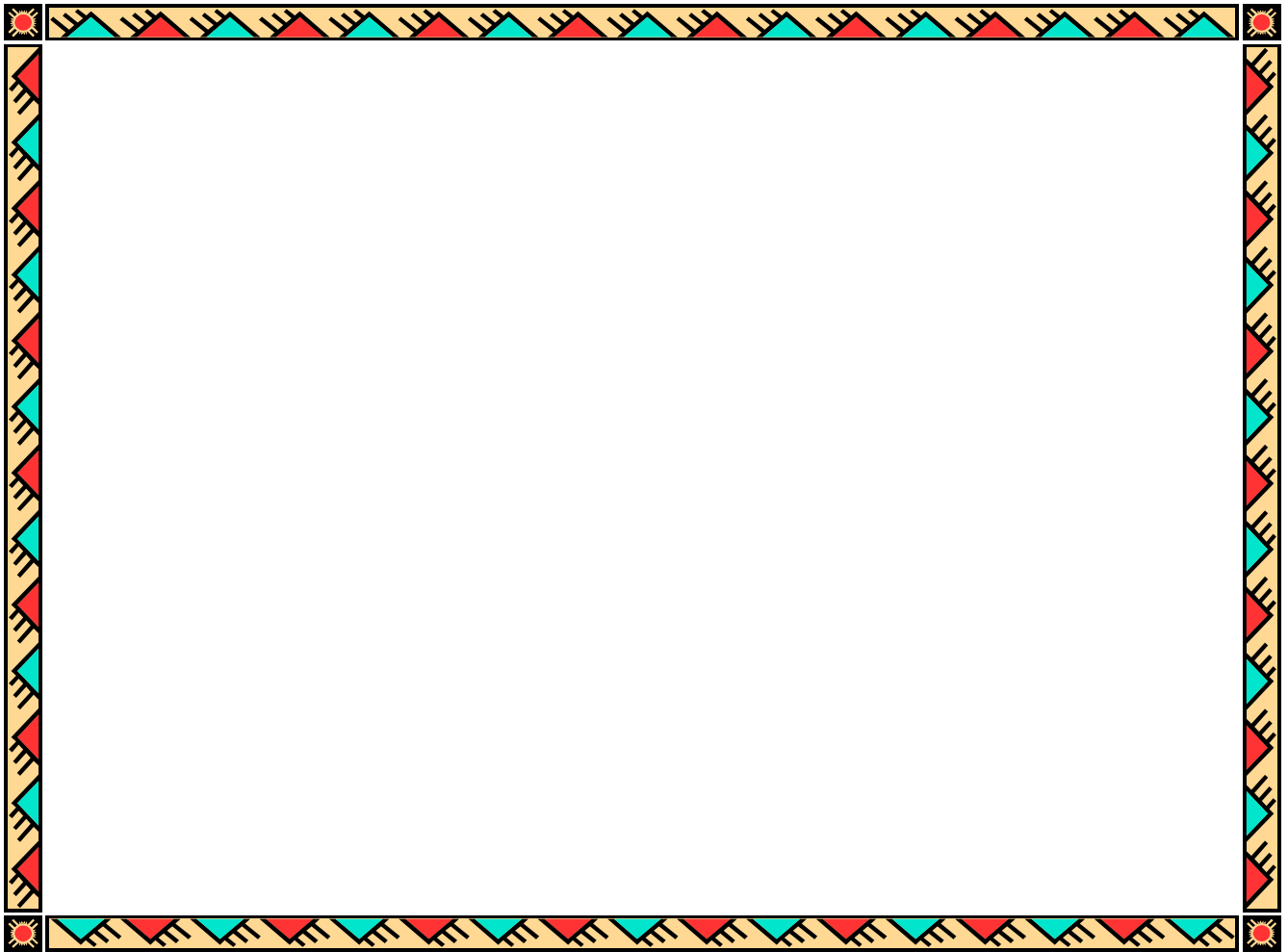
King Noah was a bad king. He caused his people to be wicked, too. The prophet Abinadi came to King Noah and told him to repent. King Noah had Abinadi killed! Alma was a priest of King Noah. He believed Abinadi's words.



Alma repented. He began secretly teaching the people God's plan. He baptized them in the Waters of Mormon. He and his people escaped from King Noah's armies. They eventually went to Zarahemla to live with the other righteous Nephites.

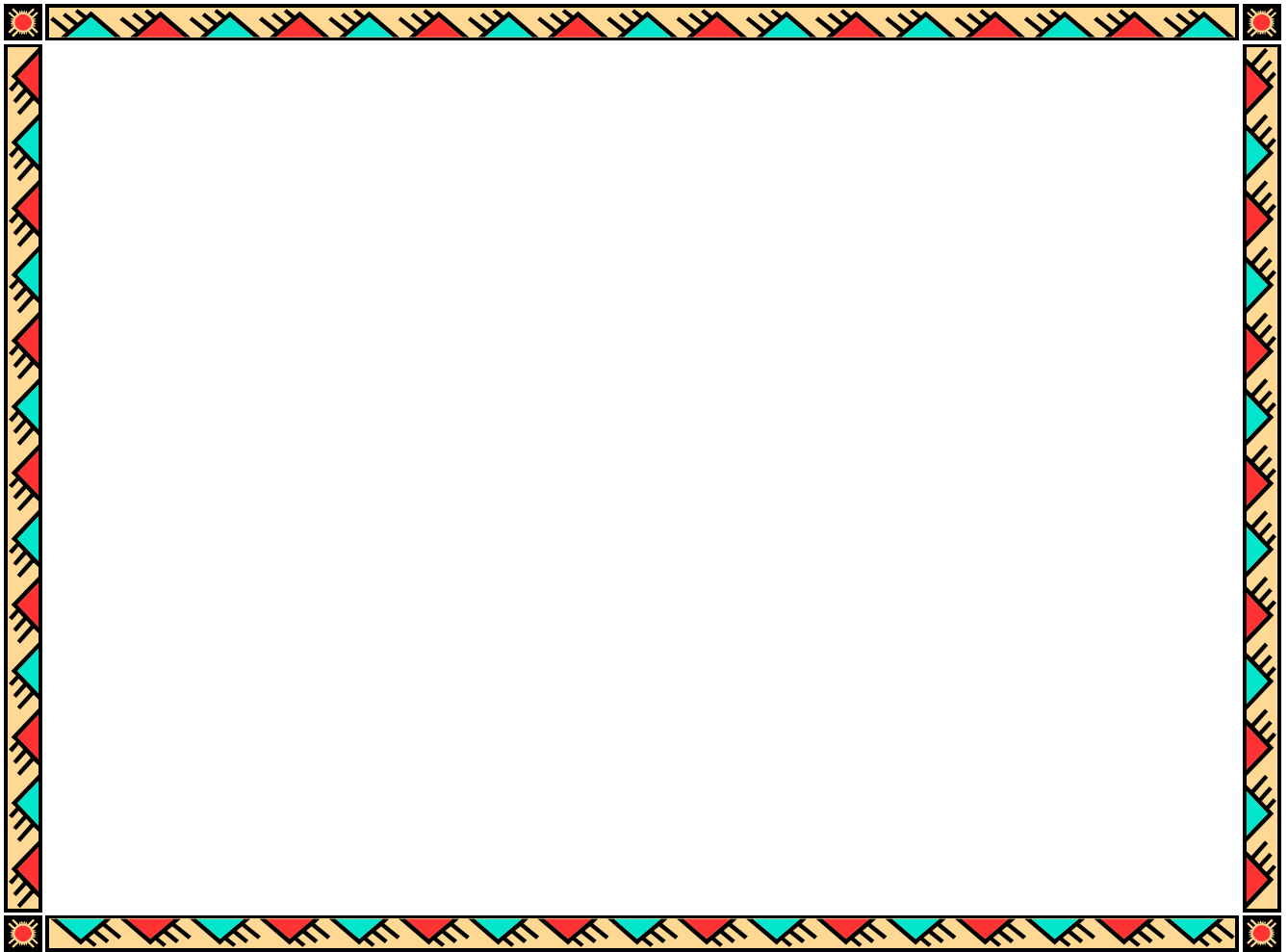


King Limhi was Noah's son. He repented. He followed God. A man named Ammon came to the city. He was a righteous Nephite. He taught Limhi's people more about God. He helped them escape from the Lamanites.

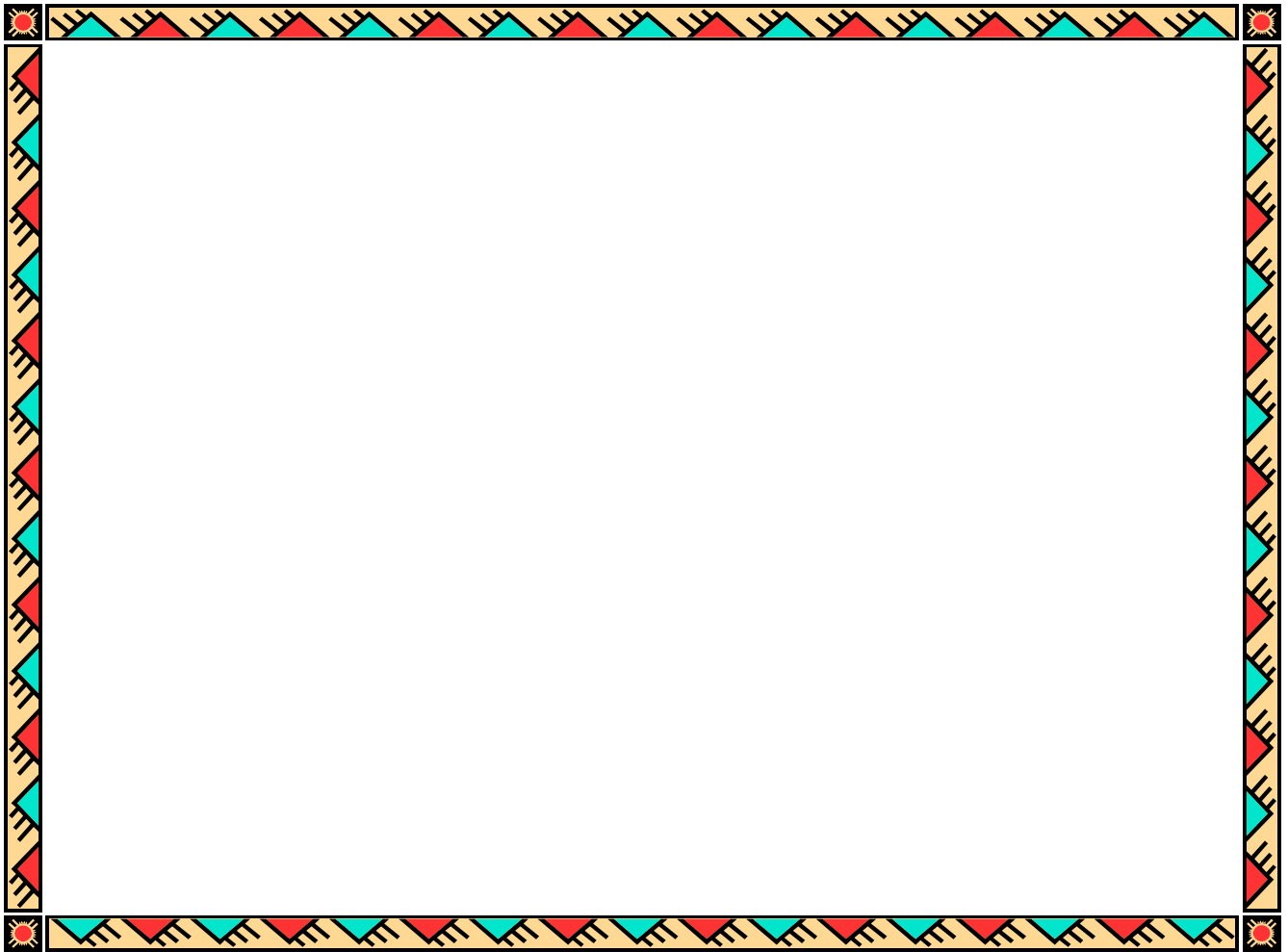


Alma lived in Zarahemla. He became the leader of the church. His son did not believe Alma's words, though. Alma the Younger and the sons of King Mosiah persecuted the members of the church. Alma prayed that his son would repent.





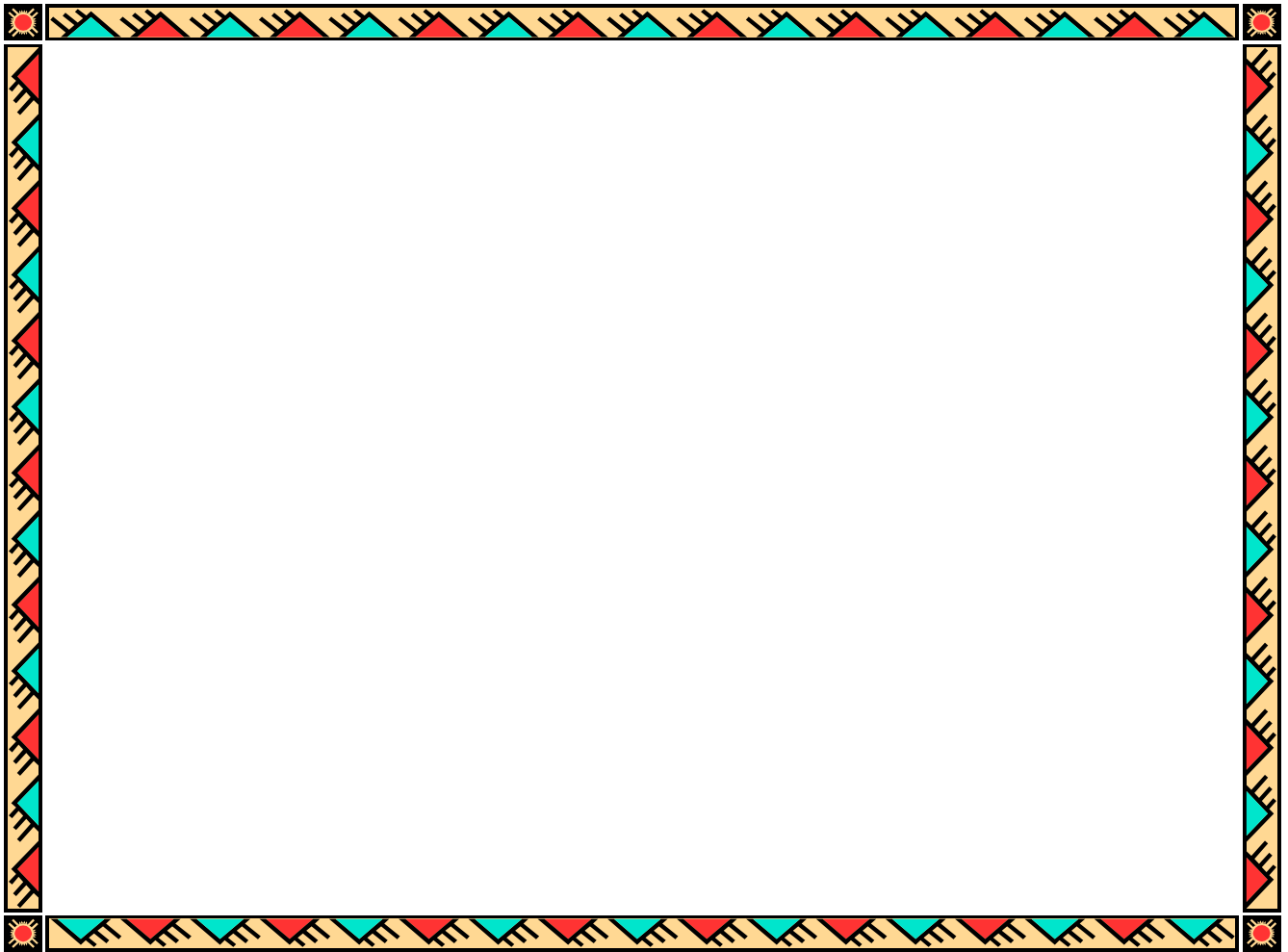
One day Alma the Younger and the sons of Mosiah were out persecuting the church members. An angel appeared to them and they fell to the earth. He told them to repent. The sons of Mosiah carried Alma the Younger home because he couldn't walk. He was very sick.



Alma the Younger repented! He was righteous. He began to teach the Nephites to follow God. When he was older, he became a great leader in the church. Many people repented and were baptized because of him.



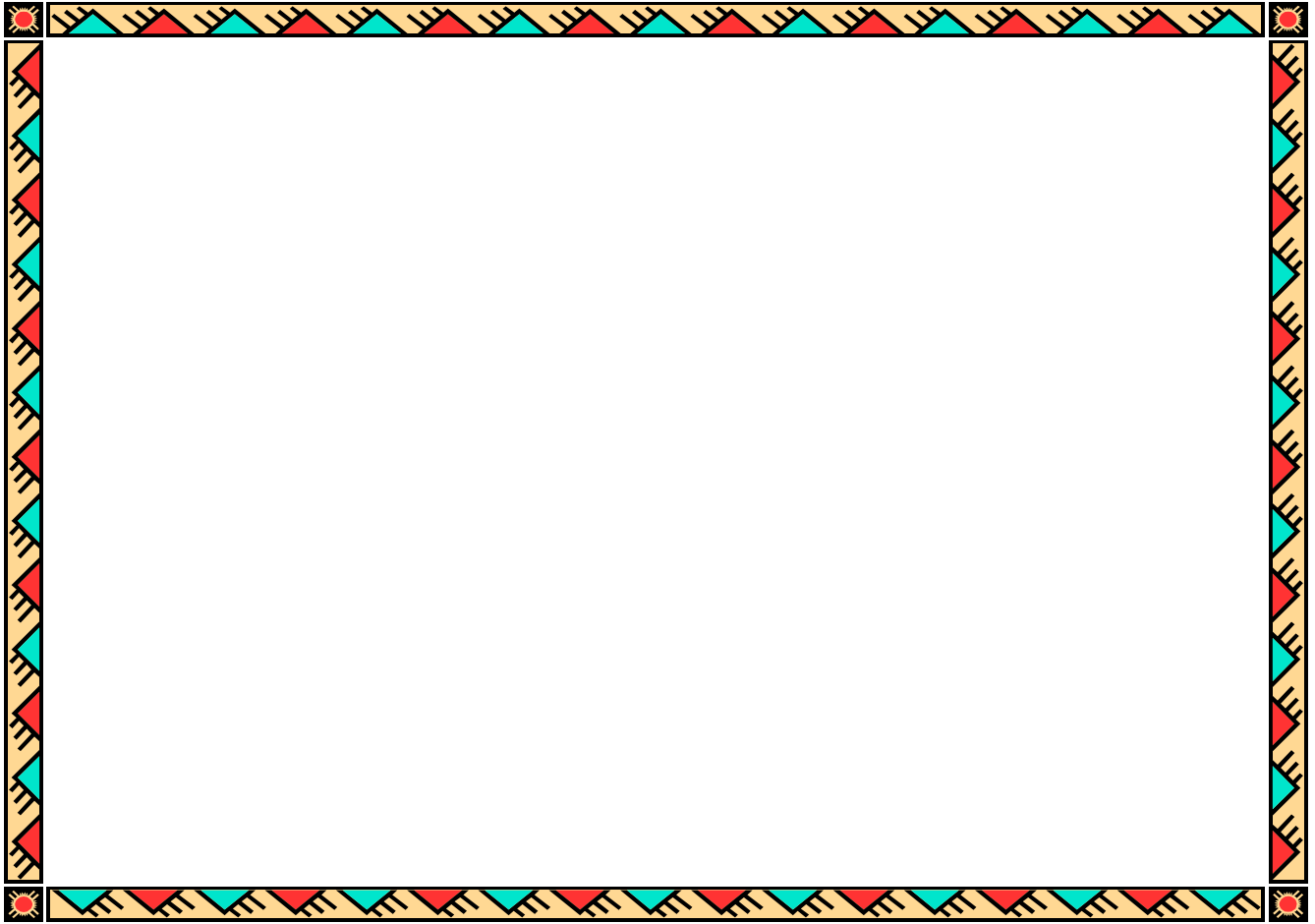
The sons of King Mosiah repented, too. They decided to be missionaries to the Lamanites. Ammon, Aaron, Omner, and Himni were their names. They served missions for fourteen years! They baptized many Lamanites!



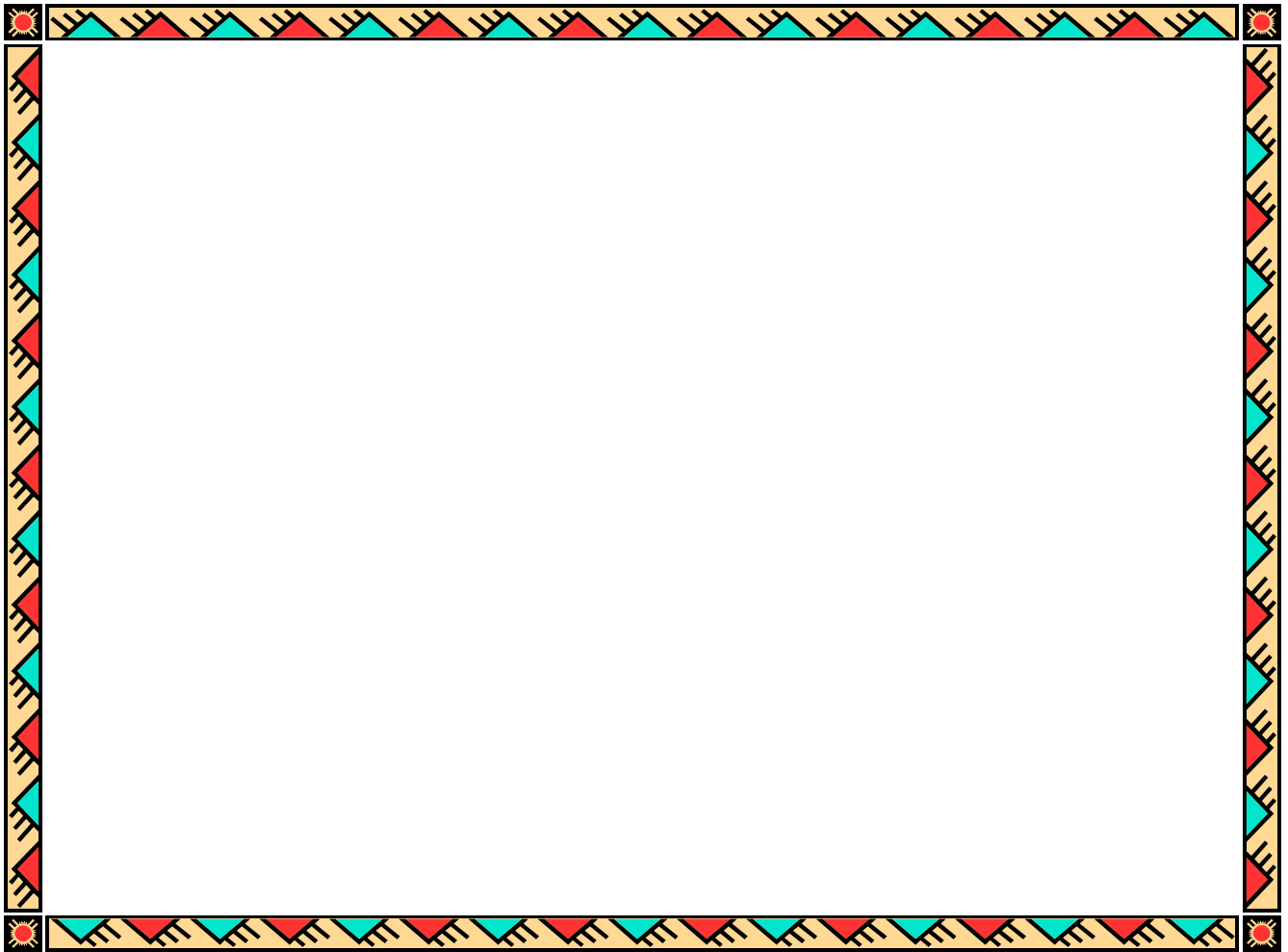
Alma the Younger went on a mission to Ammonihah. He preached with a moan named Amulek. They were thrown in prison by wicked men! Everyone who believed Alma and Amulek's words were thrown out of the city or killed.



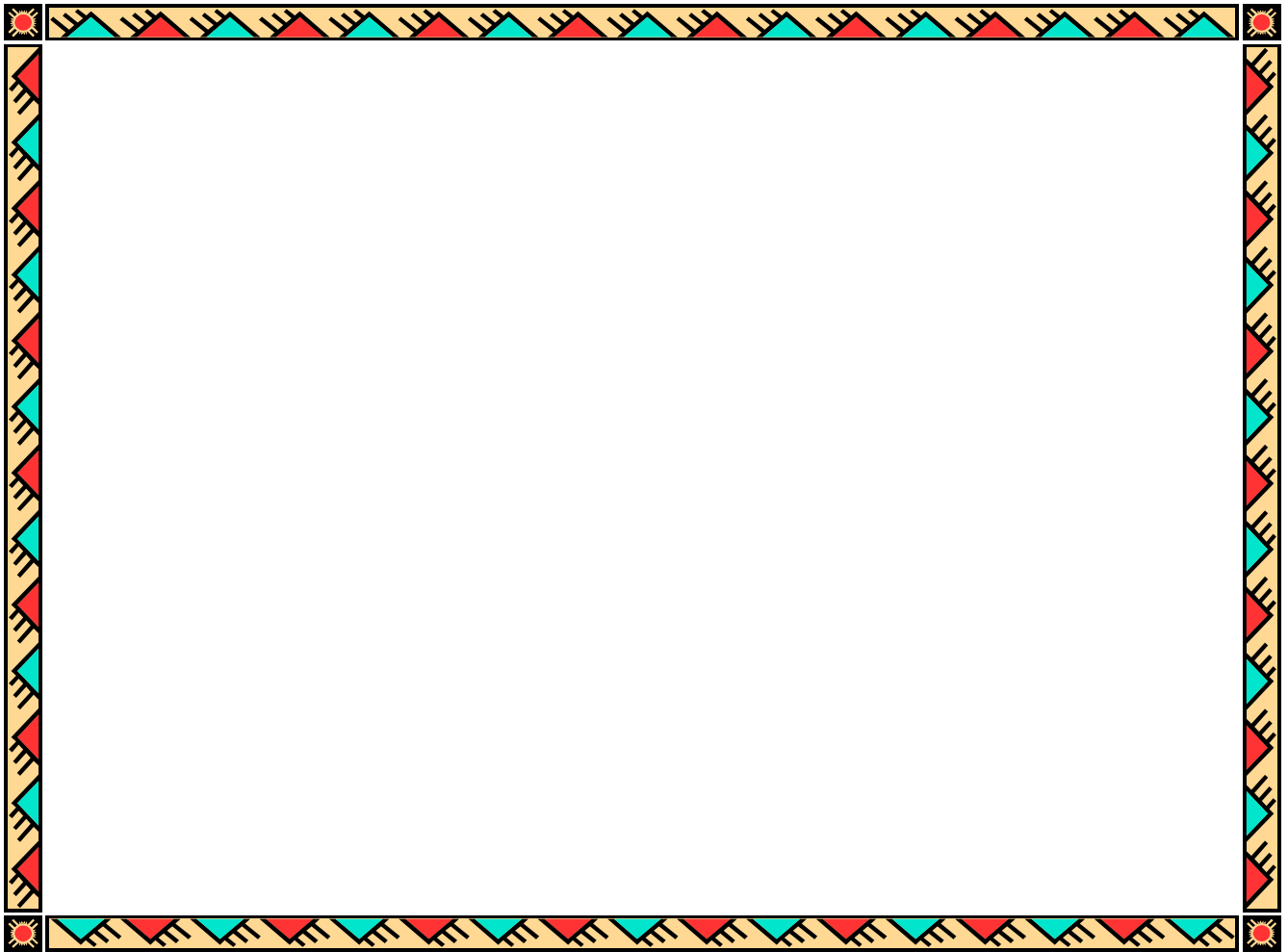
Alma the Younger and Amulek were in prison for a long time. Then the Lord broke the ropes that held them. The prison walls shook and fell down! Alma and Amulek were free again! They went to another city to preach.



Alma the Younger and some other missionaries went to teach the Zoramites. They had once believed in God, but now they were wicked and prideful. They wanted to join the Lamanites. Alma found some humble people there. He taught them to have faith in God.

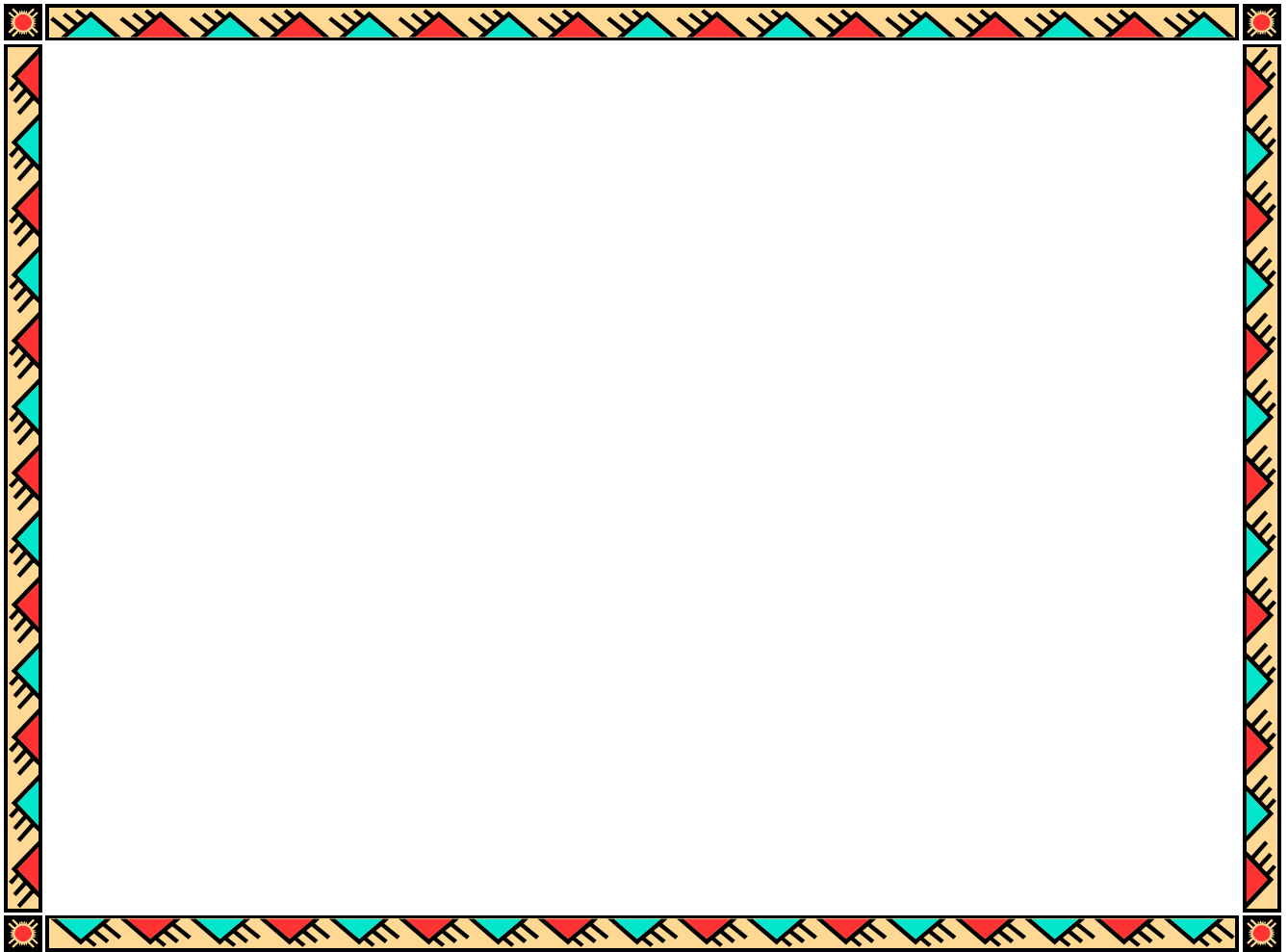


Captain Moroni was the leader of the Nephite armies. There were many wars with the Lamanites. Captain Moroni made a flag from his coat. He wrote on it to remind the people to defend their religion, their freedom, and their peace. He called it the Title of Liberty.

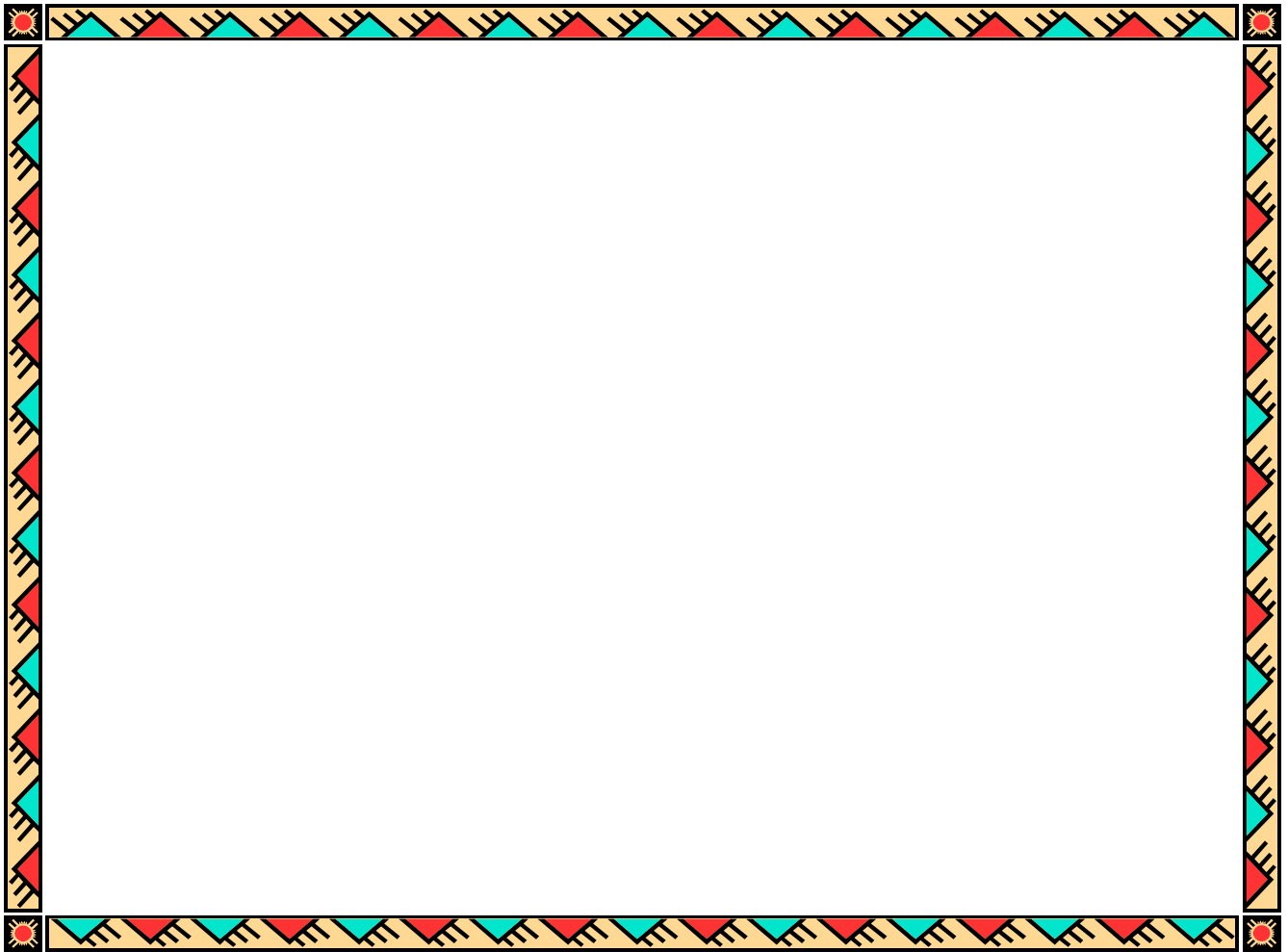


Helaman was an army commander. He led 2,000 young, brave, and valiant men. They all trusted God. They believed the things their mothers and fathers had taught them. They went into battle with faith. God protected them! Helaman's warriors were safe!





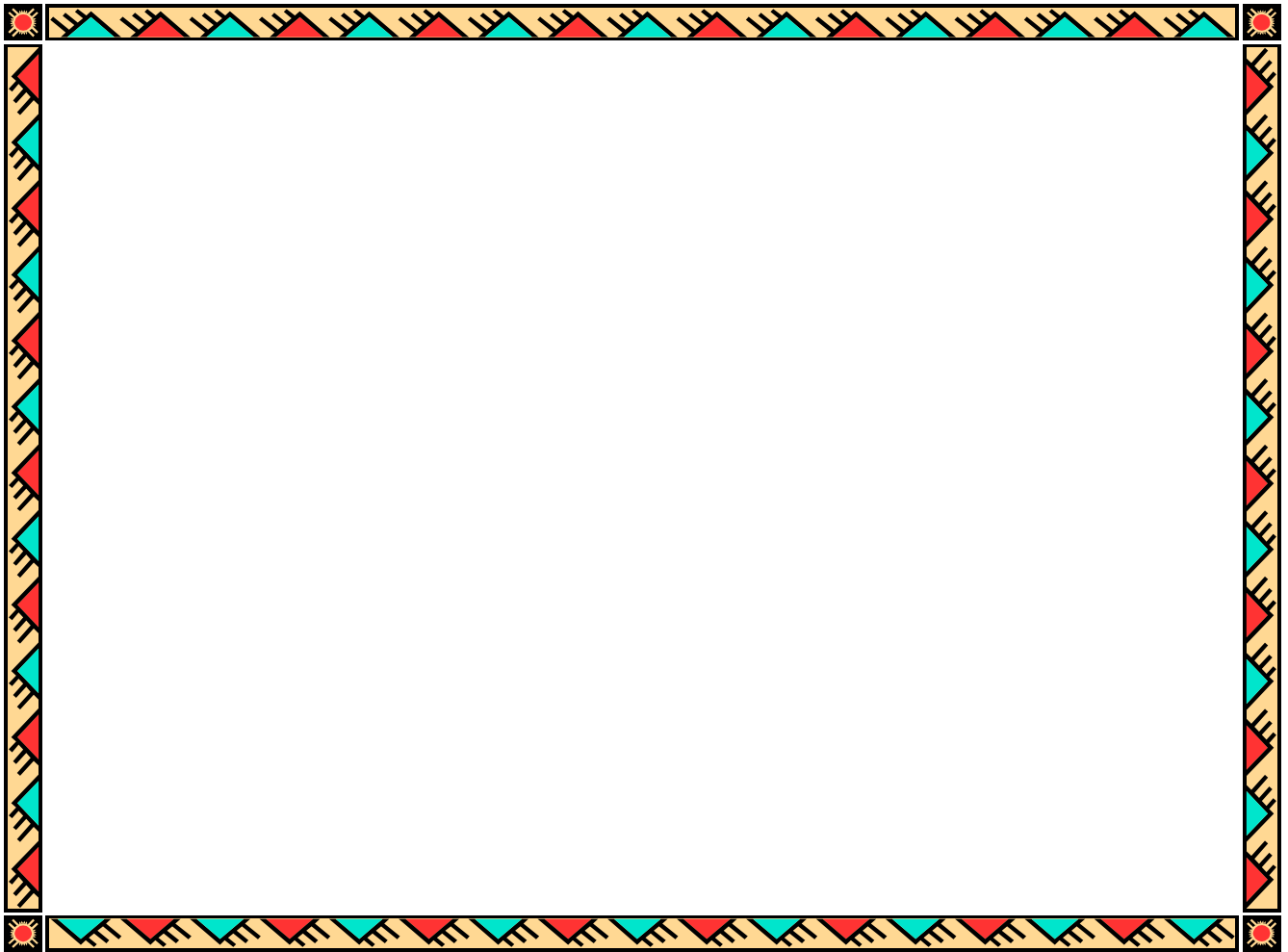
Helaman had two righteous sons: Nephi and Lehi. They preached the gospel together. The Lamanites threw them in prison! The Lord protected them by surrounding them with fire so that no one could touch them!



Nephi and Lehi were in prison. Fire surrounded them. They were praying to God. The Lamanites in the prison heard a voice from heaven telling them to repent. The Lamanites felt great joy. About 300 people were converted. They went and shared the news with their families.



Samuel was a Lamanite prophet. He preached to the Nephites. He told them to repent. He said Jesus would be born in five years. A new star would appear. There would be a night with no darkness when Jesus was born.



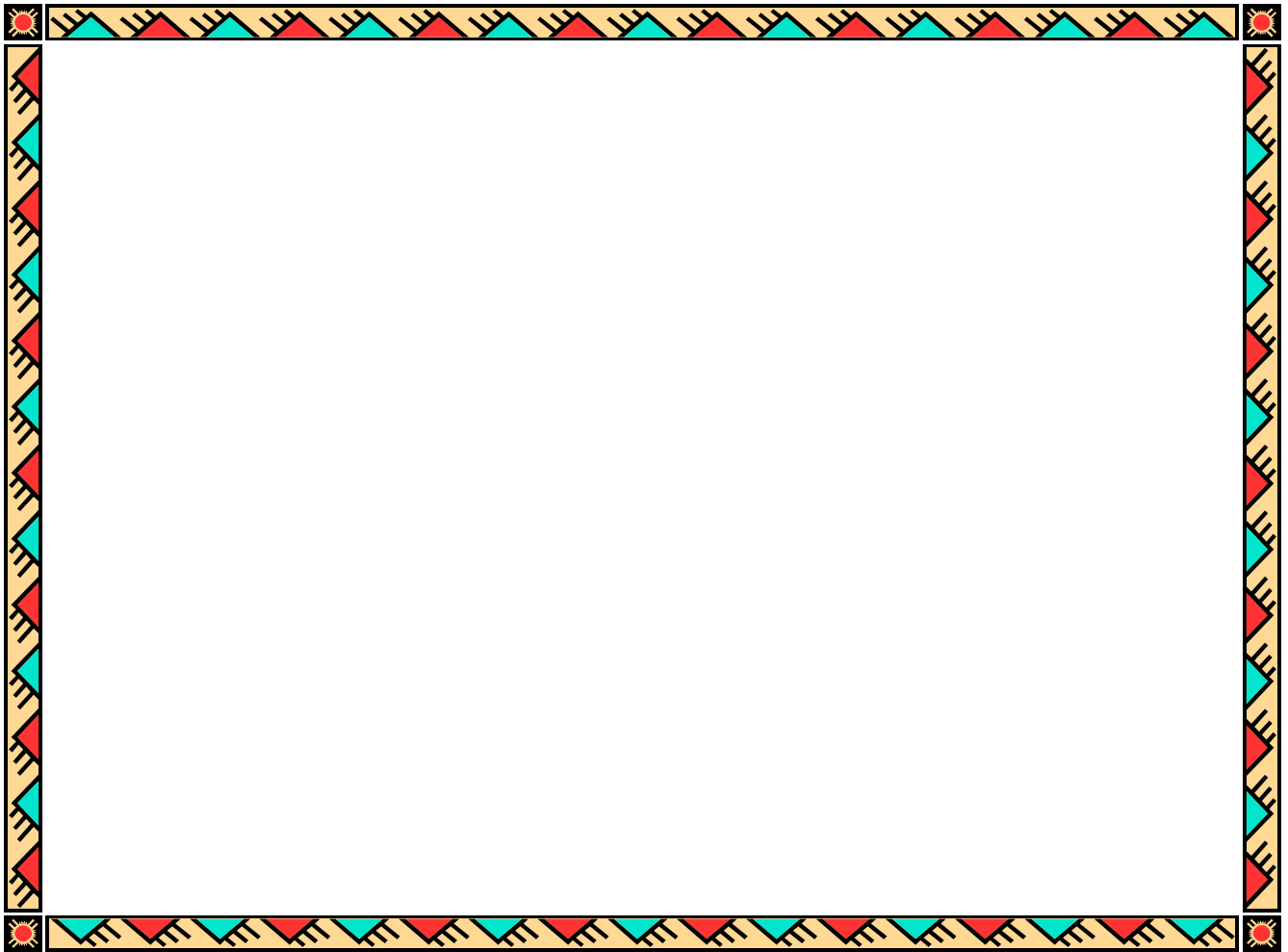
Samuel told the Nephites that Christ would die for our sins. He said when Christ died there would be three days of darkness in the Americas. There would be earthquakes and great storms. Many cities would fall. Wicked people would be destroyed.



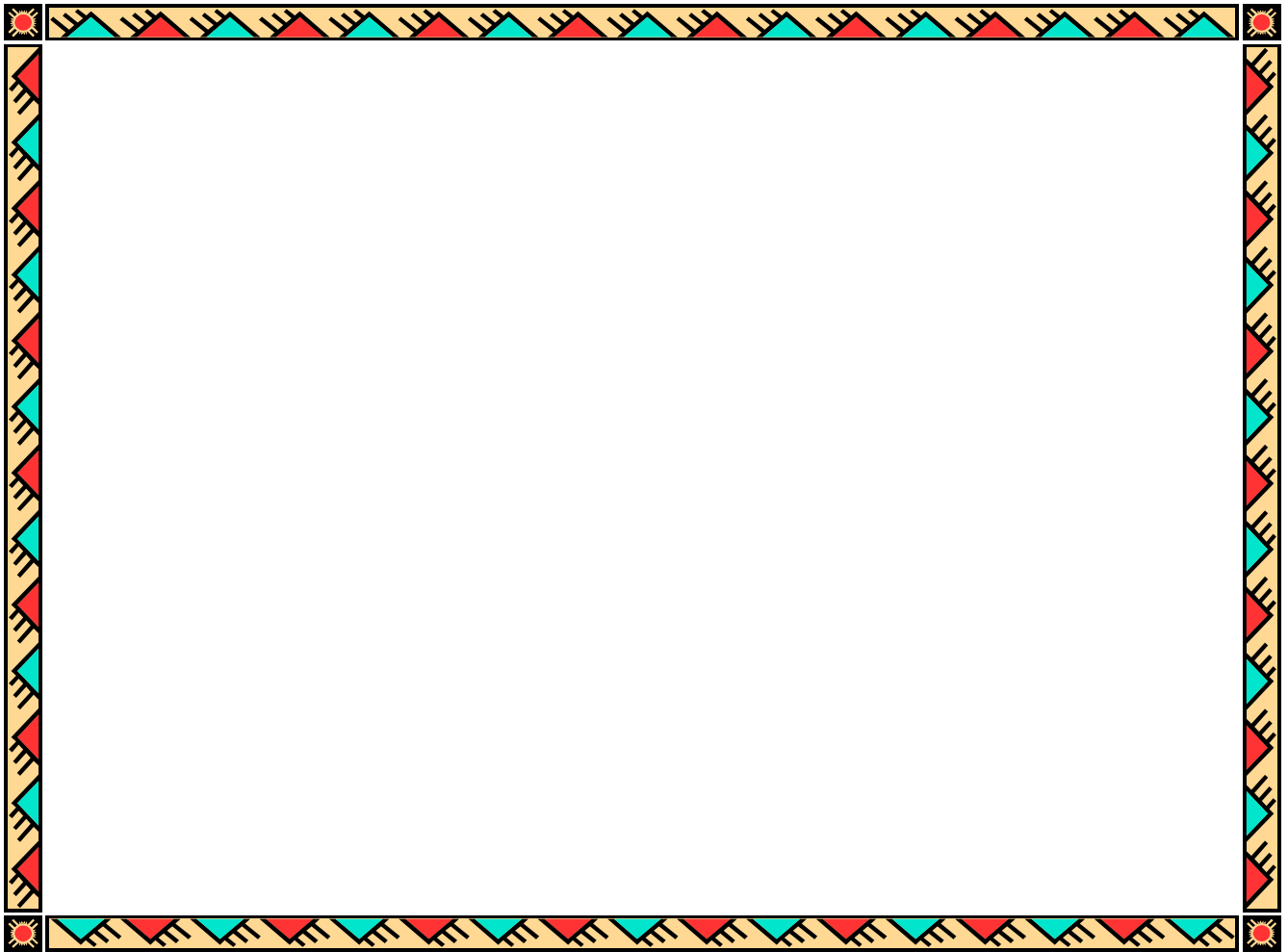
When Jesus died, Samuel's prophecies came true. The righteous people were kept safe. Then Jesus appeared to them! They touched his hands and feet. They bowed down before him. Jesus called the children to him. He blessed each one.



The children came to see Jesus. He blessed them. Then angels came down out of heaven. They surrounded the children. They blessed them.

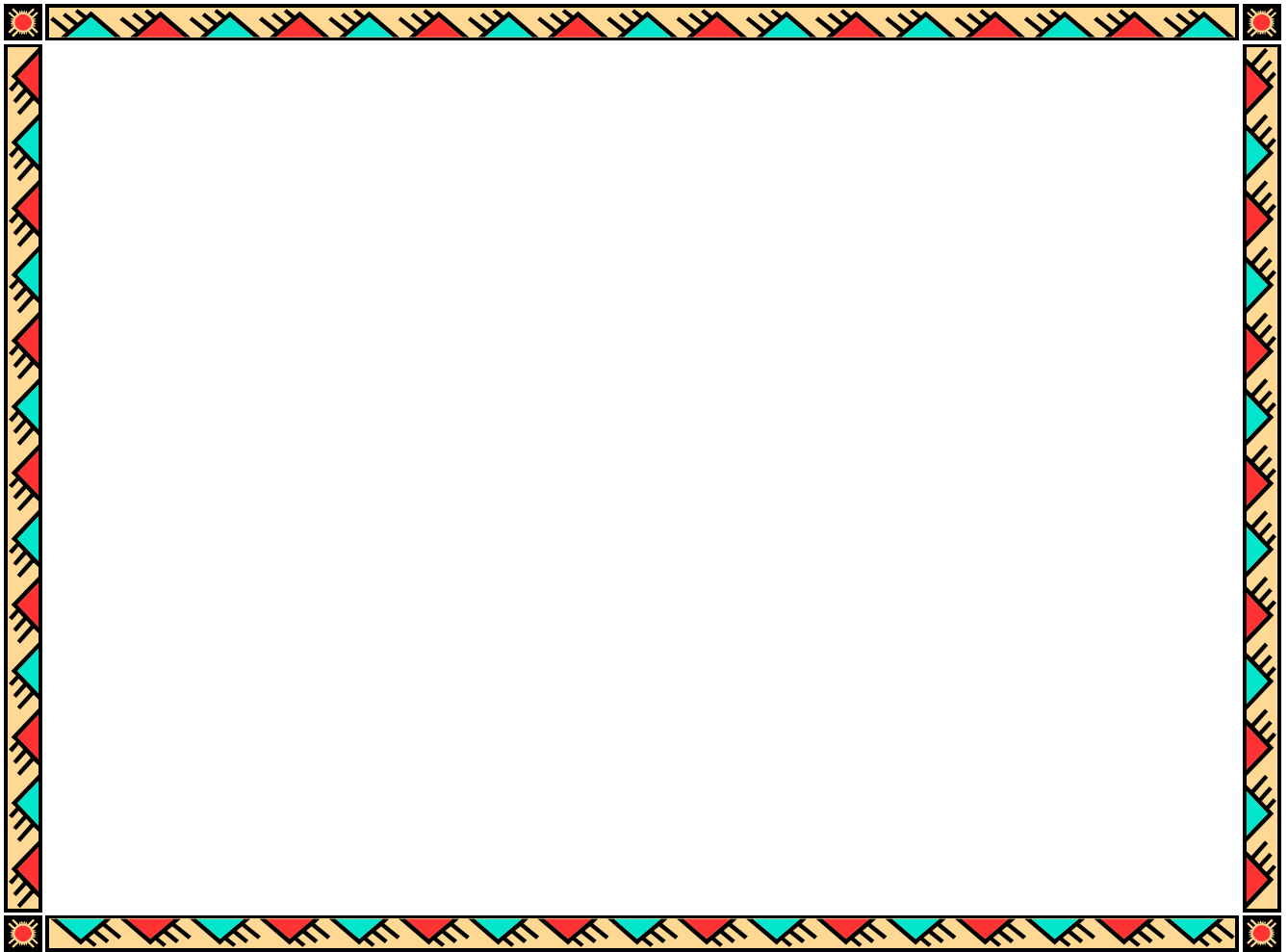


Jesus taught the people the gospel. He told them about the sacrament. He called twelve disciples to lead his church. He taught the people about faith, repentance, and baptism. He told the people to teach their children.



Mormon was a Nephite prophet. He took many records from other Nephite prophets and kings. He read them all. Then he wrote the most important parts in a book on metal plates. He gave the plates to his son Moroni.





Moroni wrote on the plates his father had given him. He left us his testimony. Then he buried the plates in a hill. More than a thousand years went by. Moroni appeared as an angel to Joseph Smith. He told Joseph where to find the sacred record. Joseph translated into English.



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