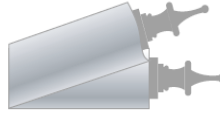




CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible
The Book of Mormon



'...and they shall become one in thine hand.' Ezekiel 37.17

LESSON TITLE

Freewill Giving

UNIT 2 - Love, Kinship, Worship

GRADES 1-3

THE HOLY BIBLE (KJV)

Malachi 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

THE BOOK OF MORMON

3 Nephi 24:8, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say: Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."

OBJECTIVES

The student will be able to:

- Through guided discussion, recognize that giving to God should come from a grateful heart, Genesis 28:20-22, Proverbs 3:9-10, 2 Corinthians 9:7, Mosiah 18:27-29.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- What type of giver makes God happy?
- Can you think of a way to give to God?

MATERIALS

Holy Bible (KJV) and The Book of Mormon

Object Lesson: 2- clear plastic cups per student. 10 each of various objects (pennies, candy, pretzels, etc.),

Task: 3-containers per student (to collect coins, e.g. cup, can, or jar),. Supplies to decorate containers.

Video: [What Is Tithing?](#) 2.58 mins.

TEACHER NOTES

45- Minute lesson

To prepare for this lesson, study the scriptural references in OBJECTIVES.

Note: The Church of Jesus Christ uses the Authorized King James Version of The Holy Bible and The Book of Mormon published by The Church of Jesus Christ.

PROCEDURE

Motivation/Introduction (5 minutes)

Engage students in a discussion to recognize God's bounties and provisions, and Relate to having gratitude toward God (See Teacher's Supplement.)

Goal: Through guided discussion, Recognize that giving to God should come from a grateful heart.

Lesson Development (35 minutes)

(See Teacher's Supplement for guidance with step 1, 2 & 7.)

1. Object Lesson: Discuss and demonstrate concept of tithing.
2. Discuss how to give talents to God.
3. Video: Watch (Link page 1)
4. Scripture Cheer: (Lead Students)
"...for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7.
5. Discuss Essential Questions (Page 1).
6. Task: Giving Containers
Students decorate containers.
Send home a note of explanation to parents.

Key words: Love to God, tithing, talents, giving

Teacher's Supplement

Motivation/Introduction

Recognize God's Bounties and Provisions and Relate to Gratitude

Q: Who is the Father of all people? Q: Can you think of one way God provides for His children? (He created food sources like trees, plants, and animals. He created resources to make houses, clothes, and toys. He gives us a brain with the ability to think, make decisions, and solve problems.)

Q: Why does God provide for His children? (Because He loves them. Just like parents who give their children the things they need to survive because they love them.)

Q: When someone is given a gift, how should they respond? (Joy/Thankfulness/ gratitude)

Q: Can you think of a way to say "Thank you" to God? (By giving to Him or His church)

Q: What types of things can we give to God? (Love, Money, Talents... God, in His word, tells us to bring our tithes to His church, and when we do, He will greatly bless us.)

Q: Have you heard the word tithe before? What does it mean to tithe?

Lesson Development

Discuss and Demonstrate Tithing

Write Tithe on the board.

Q: What letter does 'tithe' begin with?

- a. Tell a student to outline the word 'tithe' on the board as he/she pronounces each letter.
- b. Tell all students to say the word - Tithe. Explain: Tithe means 1 from every 10 that is earned.

Object Lesson: Demonstrate Tithing.

- a. Place ten items on a table in front of students.
- b. Tell students to count the items.
- c. Remove one item and hold it in your hand. Tell students to count aloud the remaining items on the table.
Explain: The one item in my hand is the amount that God wants us to give to His church. The nine remaining items are ours to keep. God asks for one (1) and He allows us to keep nine (9).

Students Practice Concept of Tithing:

- a. Give each child: 2- clear cups and 10 objects. Use a variety of objects.
- b. Tell students to count the objects.
- c. Tell each student to place one item in one cup and the other nine items in the other cup, while saying aloud, "One for God and nine for me."
- d. Repeat a few times until children understand the concept of giving one (1) to God and keeping nine (9) for themselves.
- e. Reiterate that one way to say, "Thank you" to God is to tithe.

Discuss Giving Of Our Talents to God

Another way to show appreciation to God is to use the talents He gives us.

A talent is an ability to do something or a skill.

Q: Can you think of something that you are really good at that you can give to God?

- Can you sing? Can you praise God with a song?
- Are you good at helping? Can you help put supplies away after Sunday school?
- Do you have a great smile? Can you smile and say, "God bless you," to people at church?

Q: How does giving to God make Him feel? (Loved) How should giving to God make us feel? (Happy)

Q: Can you think of an example of how our money helps the Church? (It pays for the water, the electricity, and heating/cooling, classroom supplies, etc. in the church. Our money helps the Church grow. It pays for missionaries to travel around the world to tell others about Jesus.

Q: Who needs to know about Jesus? (Everyone!)

Task: Make Giving Containers

Prior to class: Compose a note of explanation to parents, asking for support in reinforcing the act of tithing. (See below).

In Class:

1. Each child decorates three containers. On one container write "For God," On another write "Save" and on the third write "Spend".
2. Tell students to take the containers home.
Explain: When you earn 10 cents, put one cent in the "For God" container and the remaining nine cents in the containers to Save and Spend. After one month, bring your "Thank you God" tithe money to church to give to God.
3. When tithe money is brought to church, instruct students how to give to church (Put in a donation envelope/collection basket).

Sample Parent Letter:

Dear Parents,

Today we learned about tithing – giving 1 of every 10 earned to God to say "Thank you" for all that He gives us.

Over the next month, think of ways your child can earn 10 cents for completing a task. When you "pay" them the money earned, remind them to put 1 cent into the container to give back to God and the remainder in the Save and Spend containers. After 1 month, have your child bring their tithe to church to place in a donation envelope and into the donation box.

Thank you for teaching the concept of giving back to God.

Scripture Cheer:

"...for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7