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Sharing Time May 2013

Week 3 "Prophets teach me to pay tithing"

Identify the doctrine: Show the picture of Malachi. (Secret: This is actually my graphic of King Benjamin, but I changed his clothes. Shhhh I don't think anyone will notice.) I have included a word strip of the first part of Malachi 3:10. Have the children learn the scripture.

Windows of Heaven activity:

- I have attached 1 window shutter graphic. This needs to be printed at least 8 times. You will be making windows on the board. Take two of the window shutters and tape the outer edge of each window shutter to the board, so that it can open up to reveal the board behind it. I have given 4 suggested "blessings" of tithing. You can create more windows by printing additional window shutters and coming up with additional blessing cards.
- Print out the cards that list the blessings received from paying tithing. (There is one blank sheet for you to copy and create more blessing cards as needed.)
- After you make your windows on the board, tape the cards with the listed blessings behind the windows. When they open a window, the blessing card will be revealed.
- Print out the scenario cards.
- Split the room into two groups.
- Open each window and have a child read the listed blessing. Teach about that blessing. I have attached a list of quotes from General Authorities to go along with each blessing. Tell the children to pay close attention to which blessing is behind which door. They will have to remember where the different blessings are.
- Playing the game: Each team is trying to remember what blessing is hidden behind each window. Take turns calling on one child from each team. Have them draw and read a scenario card. If the card tells them to choose a blessing, they must first reveal where the blessing is. If they answer correctly they get to claim that window card for their team. The group that collects the most "window blessings" at the end of the activity wins. (For senior primary it would be best if you create more windows. This will also make the game last longer.)

Encourage Understanding:

- I have attached a sheet with colored as well as black and white apples to use along with the
 official outline.
- Hand out the cards that demonstrate how to figure their tithing.





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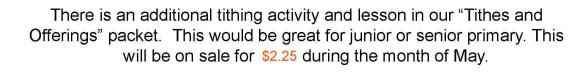
Example of window

on the board







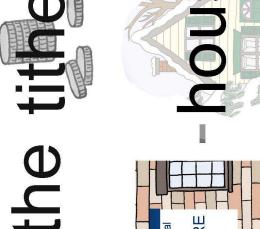


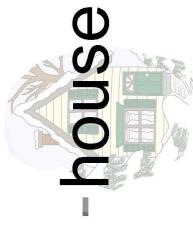


Open you the windows of heaven



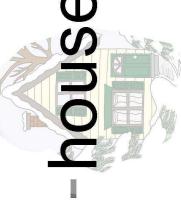






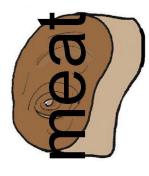


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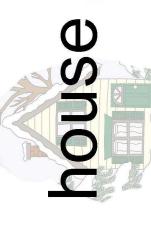


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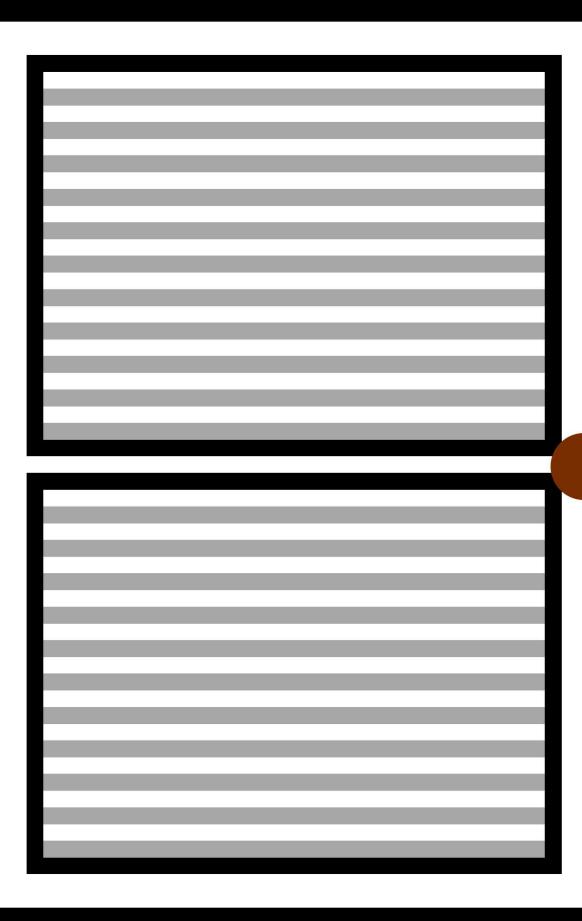








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"meat in mine house"

Quote #1

Place Behind Windows

Peace

Quote #2

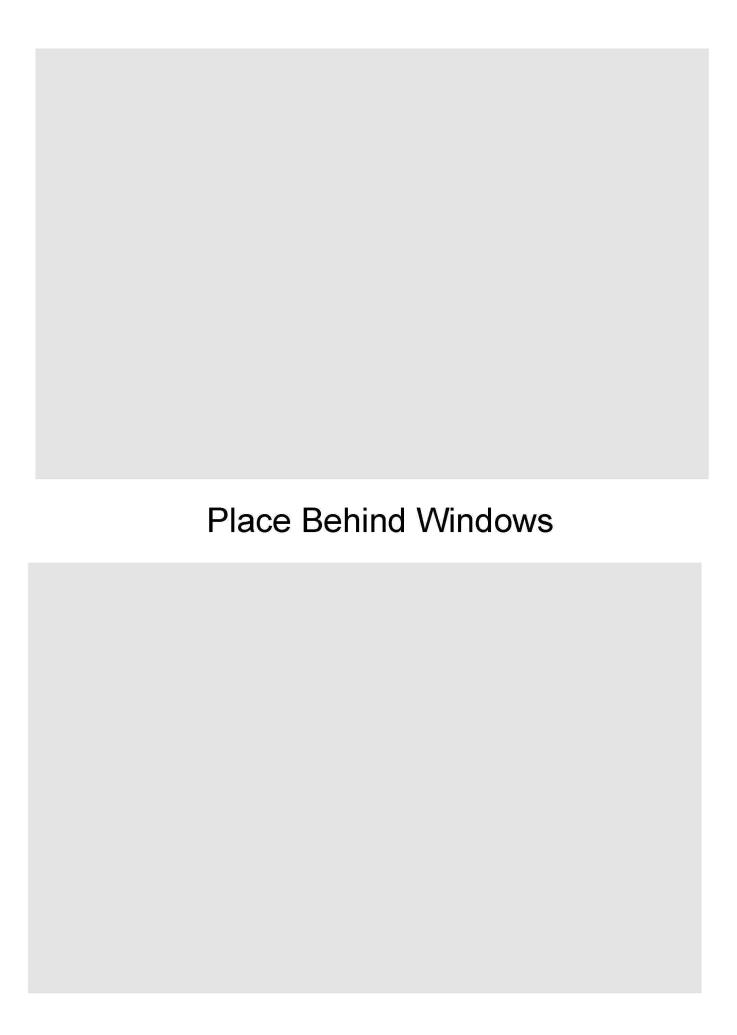
"Helps Prevent Greed"

Quote #3

Place Behind Windows

"Confidence"

Quote #4



Quotes from General Authorities

"Tithing Brings Blessings"

Blessing Scripture #1

Read through Malachi 3:10 (The word strip that I attached is only the first part.)

Blessing Quote # 2

President Henry B. Eyring: "As we keep our promises, He will keep His. A feeling of peace is one of the great blessings of paying a full tithe. Those who have kept the commandment of tithing can testify that the blessing of peace is real and precious."

Blessing Quote #3

Elder Robert D. Hales of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles says an honest tithe teaches self-control over worldly desires. He also says obedience to the law of tithing cultivates a trust that through individual, diligent efforts, and with the Lord's blessings, we will have temporal and spiritual blessings sufficient to our needs.

"One of the great blessings of tithing is that it helps prevent greed," Elder Hales says. "It is best to start paying tithing early. . . . Decide to pay your tithing now; don't put it off."

Blessing Quote #4

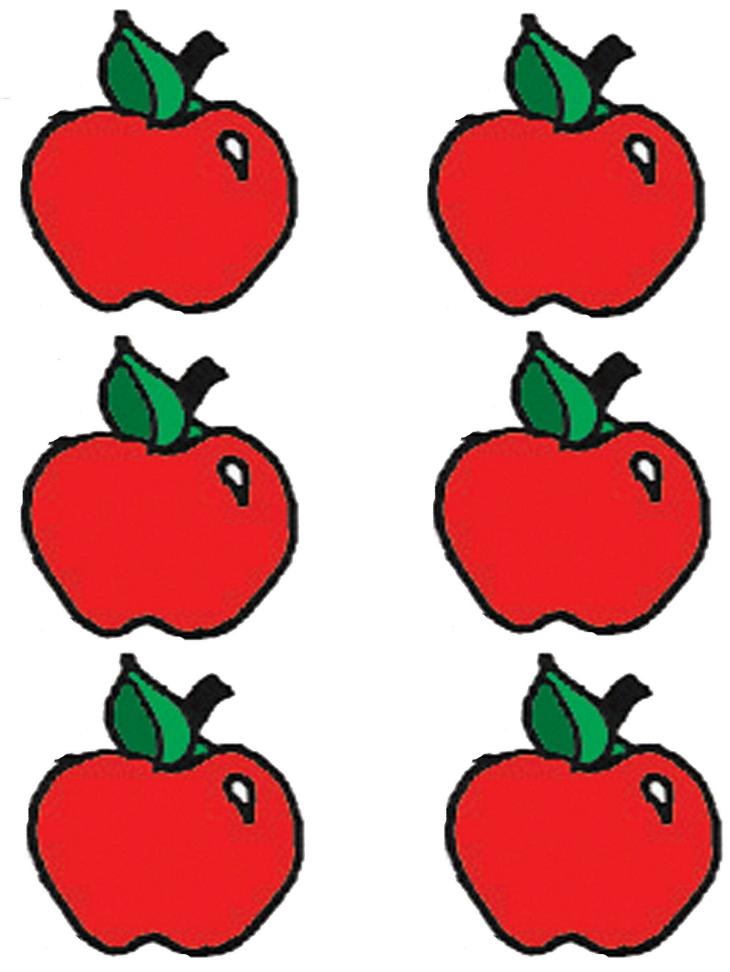
President Henry B Eyring teaches: "All of us who have paid a consistent full tithe *feel* greater confidence in asking God for what we and our families need."

Create as many windows as you have time for. Here are a few more Ideas for additional windows.

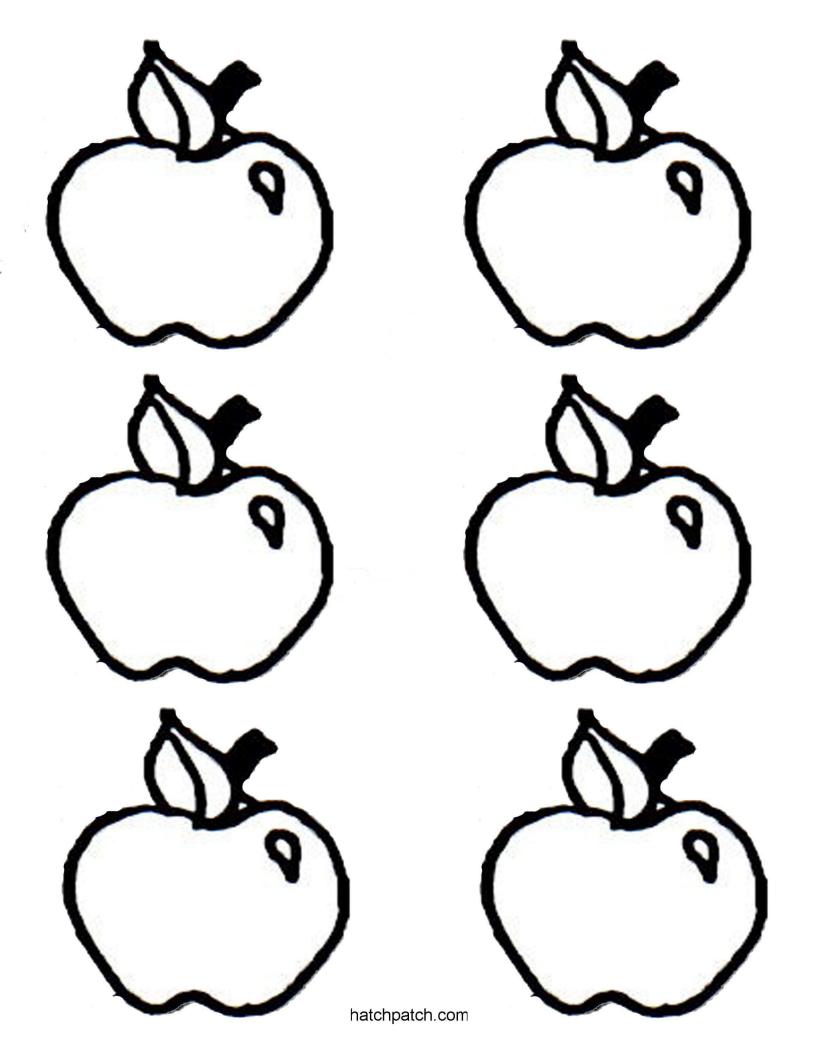
Spiritual and Temporal Blessings: Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles says the Lord will bless, both temporally and spiritually, those who faithfully pay a full tithe. He also said that the Lord will bless their nations as well.

Protection: D&C 85:3

You earned \$10.00 mowing your grandma's lawn. You paid \$1.00 to the bishop for tithing. Choose a blessing.	You need \$40.00 for a new pair of shoes. You've saved exactly \$40.00 but you pay the \$4.00 tithing and keep saving. Choose a Blessing.	You gave a friend \$5.00 but paid the tithing on it first. Choose a Blessing.
On your way home, you lost a \$10.00 bill you just earned. You pay the tithing on it anyway. Choose a Blessing.	A friend wants to go to the movies. The only money you have is in your tithing envelope. You pay your tithing and go to the movies another time. Choose a Blessing.	Your friend thinks 10% is too much to pay for tithing. You pay 10% anyway. Choose a Blessing.
You pay your tithing on the money you have earned but you only pay 5%.	You lost the envelope that had your tithing in it so you don't pay tithing this time.	You want a candy bar from the vending machine. You use your tithing money to buy it.
Oops, wrong choice.	Oops, wrong choice.	Oops, wrong choice.
You're just a kid. You think you shouldn't have to pay your tithing until you are older.	You forgot to pay your tithing this month. You don't think it will matter.	You want a new DVD. You skip paying your tithing this month to buy it.
 Oops, wrong choice. 	Oops, wrong choice.	Oops, wrong choice.



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