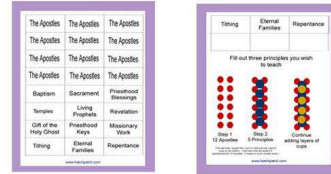


## “Restoration Object Lesson”

This object lesson demonstrates that when Christ’s apostles died, gospel truths were lost to the world. It also shows the importance of the Restoration by returning these truths to the Earth.

### Preparation:

- You will need at least 27 large plastic cups.
- Cut out word strips (See Attached).
- Attach each word strip to a cup (one strip per cup).
- You will need a flat surface (one of the small classroom tables would be ideal).



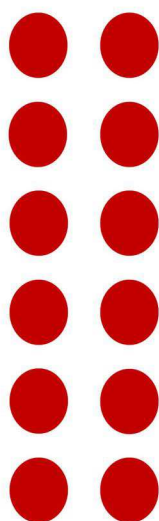
### Teaching:

- During this object lesson you will be building a pyramid using the cups with the word strips. At different points in the lesson, you will be removing the cups one at a time, so at one point the pyramid will come crashing down. During the remainder of the lesson you will use the cups to re-build the pyramid.
- Explain that when Christ was on the earth he ordained apostles who held the Priesthood.
- As you explain, place the 12 cups with the word Apostles/Priesthood in two rows of six, side by side. (This is the foundation of your pyramid.)
- Explain that the earth now had the priesthood (point to the bottom row of cups). Because we had the priesthood other gospel truths followed.
- Start with the cup labeled, “Sacrament” (place the “Sacrament” cup so that it is balancing on top of four of the “Apostle” cups), and take time to mention a little bit about that principle.
- Continue adding cups, building the pyramid. Teach about each gospel principle as you add the cup to the pyramid.
- After all the principles have been added, you should have a pyramid of cups.
- Ask the primary children, “What happened after His apostles all died?”
- Have one child come to the front. Ask them to carefully remove one of the apostle cups (like they are playing Jenga). Explain that the gospel still stood because there were still those who held the priesthood.
- Continue to call children up to remove Apostle cups until the pyramid falls.
- Explain how other men throughout history tried to create other churches. They took different parts and tried to create a church (Take small amounts of cups and put together in small pyramids.)
- Teach how they couldn’t build the entire pyramid because they didn’t have all of the truths. The Saviors church had to be restored.
- Then explain how Joseph Smith, through the direction of our Heavenly Father restored the gospel in its fullness.
- Repeat the first steps of this object lesson by re-building the pyramid in its entirety.

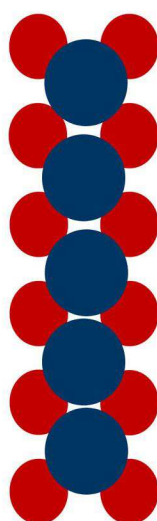
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| Baptism                | Sacrament        | Priesthood Blessings |
| Temples                | Living Prophets  | Revelation           |
| Gift of the Holy Ghost | Priesthood Keys  | Missionary Work      |
| Tithing                | Eternal Families | Repentance           |

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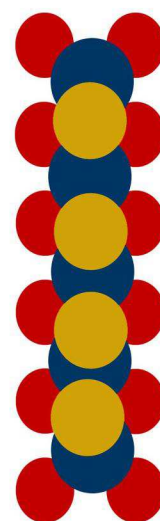
Fill out three principles you wish to teach



Step 1  
12 Apostles



Step 2  
5 Principles



Continue  
adding layers of  
cups

*(The last time I taught this I cut it in half and only used 6 cups on the bottom. I told them that the bottom 6 represented the 12 Apostles. It makes a much smaller tower.)*

I would like to thank my friend Kathy Dickemore, she taught this object lesson while serving her mission in Hawaii. I thought it was fantastic and I wanted to pass it on.