

1. Sing: Children's Songbook #150b "I Want to Give the Lord My Tenth."

2. Read: 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."

3. Watch: chapter 25 from the Modern Prophets, Lorenzo Snow DVD. (Video clip is also provided for viewing online.)

4. What existing principle did the Lord reveal to President Snow to help the church members and the church solve their financial problems? (Discuss ideas.)

"President Snow had promised that if the people would pay their tithing and plant their crops, it would rain and they would have food for the coming year. ... During the hot, dry weeks that followed, the people of St. George paid their tithing, planted their fields, prayed, and watched the cloudless sky for rain. ... Two months after the conference, it began to rain. The crops grew in abundance that year!" *Diane Nichols, Friend, Sep 2001 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

5. Does the Lord promise blessings to everyone who pays their tithing? (Discuss ideas.)

"To those who faithfully and honestly live the law of tithing, the Lord promises an abundance of blessings. Some of these blessings are temporal, just as tithes are temporal. But like the outward physical ordinances of baptism and the sacrament, the commandment to pay tithing requires temporal sacrifice, which ultimately yields great spiritual blessings. ... The temporal and spiritual blessings of tithing are specifically tailored to us and our families, according to the Lord's will." *Robert D. Hales, Liahona, Nov 2002 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

6. What are some of the blessings our family has received by paying tithing? (Discuss ideas. Besides individual blessings emphasize: churches to meet in, missionary work, temples, etc.)

7. Does our faith increase when we pay an honest tithe? (Discuss ideas.)

"It is important that you live the law of tithing now because it will strengthen your faith and prepare you for trials later on." *H. Bryan Richards, New Era, Apr 2007 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

8. How does paying an honest tithe affect our relationship with the Lord? (Discuss ideas.)

We serve the Lord by generously supporting His work and help for persons in need. As we reflect on the generosity of the Lord's forgiveness to us we become moved to generously and cheerfully give out of love and not out of mere obligation. (2 Cor. 8:8-9, 9:6-7)

9. Why do we pay tithing? (Discuss ideas.)

President Hinckley said, "We did not did not pay tithing with the expectation of material blessings, although we can testify that we have been so blessed. The Lord has opened the windows of heaven and poured out his blessings in marvelous measure." *Gordon B. Hinckley, Ensign, Dec 1989 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

10. When establishing a budget or after receiving an increase, what is the first thing we should do? (Pay tithing.)

11. What are the greatest blessings that come from paying tithing?

"The greatest blessings from paying tithing are spiritual, and not material" The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1988]

12. Paying tithing takes faith, discipline and budgeting.

Quote: "The Lord allows us to use everything on this earth. He only asks us to return one-tenth. Tithing is a token of gratitude, obedience, and thanksgiving—a token of our willingness and dedication. ... Paying tithing increases our love for the Lord." *Yoshihiko Kikuchi, Liahona, May 2007 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*