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“His Sacrifice Shall Be More Sacred Unto Me Than His Increase”

- Scripture Hop** – Follow instructions on page 3 below for a scripture hop for D&C 117:13.
 - Oliver Granger:** Show picture on page 6 below (drawn by Crystal from www.theredcrystal.org) and read/discuss/summarize what made him so great. Emphasize that Oliver didn’t succeed in certain things, but the Lord was proud of him because he was such a good person and did his best. Talk about how this applies to each of us.
- Fall/Get Back Up Again Game** – Do this game to practice rising again after we fall like D&C 117:13 talks about. Have everyone walk around in a circle or dance around the room. One person will randomly call out, “Fall!” or “Dun! Dun! Dunnn!” to cue everyone else to pretend to fall to the floor (you might want to tell them to fall silently to help avoid things getting TOO crazy with this 😊). After they fall, have them show you that they can rise again. Do this as many times as wanted.
 - Talk about some real-life applications of this lesson (you invite a friend to church but they say no, you try to read and understand some scripture verses by yourself but you’re confused, you fail a test at school, you are mean to a sibling, etc.). How can we “rise again” in these situations?
- Name of Church-** Read “[Jesus Christ Named His Church](#)” and practice saying the name of the church. Sing “[The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints](#)” and talk about what it means to be a part of His church. Remind them that being part of the church doesn’t mean we never “fall” or make mistakes.
- Church Name Scramble/Matching Activity** – If you want to get extra practice with saying and understanding the name of the church, you can print up the pieces from [page 3 of this past lesson plan](#).

Church Name Scramble/Matching Activity

Cut apart each of the pieces below and lay them upside-down. Take turns trying to find a match. After all of the matches have been found, unscramble the words to show the name of the church (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints). Spend a little time talking about what each of the words mean.

The name the Savior has given to His Church tells us exactly who we are and what we believe.

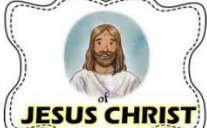
The word **THE** indicates the unique position of the restored Church among the religions of the world.

The words **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST** assure that it is His Church. In the Book of Mormon, Jesus taught: “And now tell if my church have it be called in my name? For if a church be called in Moses’ name then it be Moses’ church; or if it be called in the name of a man then it be the church of a man; but if it be called in my name then it is my church, if it so be that they are built upon my gospel.” (3 Nephi 17:8)

OF LATTER-DAY explains that it is the same church that Jesus Christ established during His mortal ministry but restored in these latter days.

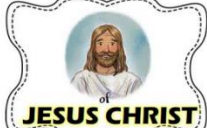
SAINTS means that its members follow Him and strive to do His will, keep His commandments, and prepare once again to live with Him and our Heavenly Father in the future. **SAINT** simply refers to those who seek to make their lives holy by consenting to follow Christ.

(M. Russell Ballard The Importance of a Name)




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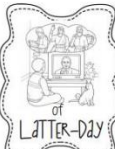


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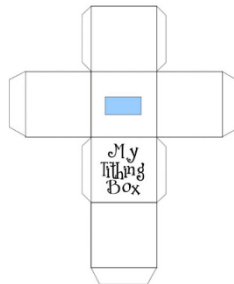


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5. Tithing – One thing that we’re asked to do as members of the church is to pay tithing. Review what they know about this. Read/watch “[Chapter 44: Tithing](#)” and/or “[Tithing](#)” kids video from the church’s website. “[The Two Envelopes](#)” Friend story about tithing would also be great to read while discussing this.
6. Tithing Walk – Follow directions on pages 4-5 below to help the kids be more comfortable with the tithing process and understand it better. (*Pictures and wording for tithing steps come from the manual*). When my husband and I taught primary, we gave each kid ten coins to keep and let them practice filling out a tithing slip for one of the coins. It wasn’t a huge amount of money, but I think it helped them feel more comfortable with the process. If you want a pretend printable tithing form for practicing this, [this website](#) has one that can be used (or click on the picture below).

Tithing and Other Offerings	
Name	Ward or Branch
Please don't forget to check the box for each offering on all your forms.	
Member's record number	
Tithing	\$
Fast offering	\$
General missionary	\$
Ward missionary	\$
Humanitarian aid	\$
Other (specify)	\$
Total	\$

- [This website](#) also has a printable tithing box you can have each kid make.



- Testify of the blessings we get from paying our tithing and share personal stories.
7. Edible Play Dough Things Jesus Christ Created – Talk about how the amount of blessings the Lord gives us is way higher than the amount He asks us to give Him. He made the whole earth and everything that is in it for us (D&C 117:6)!
 - Take turns making things that Jesus created for us out of play-dough (or edible play-dough [like this recipe](#) if you have a sweet tooth like our kids do). Let everyone else guess what the item is and then talk about why we’re grateful for that thing. Remind them that Jesus Christ loves us!

Additional Ideas:

More Great Free Ideas at www.theredcrystal.org

“[Tithing Puzzler](#)” for older kids

“[The Correct Name of the Church](#)” from The Friend

“[Chapter 43: Jesus Christ Names His Church](#)” from the church’s website

SCRIPTURE Hop

(D&C 117:13)

Cut apart the following strips and spread them out far enough in a room so that the kids will need to hop from one strip to another. Make sure to keep them in the correct order. Have them stand by the first one and help them say the top line out loud. Explain what it means. Then have them jump to the next one and do the same thing until they've jumped on each of them, said them out loud, and discussed them one at a time. Then have them start back at the beginning and practice saying the phrases from this verse in order while hopping from strip to strip again. Try going a little faster each time. Repeat as many times as wanted/needed. These can also be used as flash cards, taped onto the wall to practice throughout the week, etc.



When you



Fall



You shall



Rise again

Note: We shortened this verse a lot and changed the word "he" to "you." The whole verse says, "Therefore, let him contend earnestly for the redemption of the First Presidency of my Church, saith the Lord; and when he falls he shall rise again, for his sacrifice shall be more sacred unto me than his increase, saith the Lord."

Tithing Walk

Cut each card apart and place them in different areas of the room or tape them on the walls of a hallway in order. Have everyone walk in order from one number to the next. Read/discuss each card as you get to it and do any activities the cards instructs you to do.

1 I set aside 10% for the Lord.



Practice this! Count out ten items. Place one of those items on a picture of Christ to represent giving it to Him.

2 I fill out a tithing slip.



Practice this! Complete a tithing slip form. Fill out the information with help from an adult if needed.

3 I put my tithing in an envelope.



Practice this! Put your money and tithing slip into an envelope.

4 I give my tithing to the bishop.



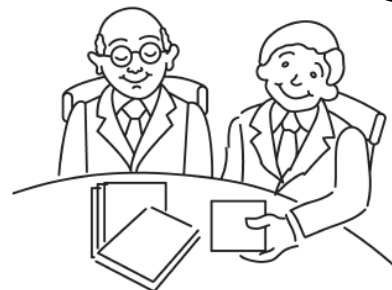
Practice this! Pretend to hand your envelope to the bishop.

5 The tithing is sent to Church headquarters.



Choose one person to pretend to drive your tithing to another area!

6 Church leaders decide how to use the tithing.



What do you think tithing is used for?
Do church leaders use it to buy themselves new trampolines to play on? (No!) They use it to help us and the church!

7 Tithing helps us in many ways.



Look at the pictures on this card.
Take turns naming one way tithing helps us based on these pictures!

8 Draw pictures of blessings we receive from paying our tithing.

OLIVER GRANGER

There is a message for Latter-day Saints in a seldom quoted revelation given to the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1838. "I remember my servant Oliver Granger; behold, verily I say unto him that his name shall be had in sacred remembrance from generation to generation, forever and ever, saith the Lord" ([D&C 117:12](#)).

Oliver Granger was a very ordinary man. He was mostly blind having "lost his sight by cold and exposure" (*History of the Church*, 4:408). The First Presidency described him as "a man of the most strict integrity and moral virtue; and in fine, to be a man of God" (*History of the Church*, 3:350).

When the Saints were driven from Kirtland, Ohio, in a scene that would be repeated in Independence, Far West, and in Nauvoo, Oliver was left behind to sell their properties for what little he could. There was not much chance that he could succeed. And, really, he did not succeed!

But the Lord said, "Let him contend earnestly for the redemption of the First Presidency of my Church, saith the Lord; and when he falls he shall rise again, for his sacrifice shall be more sacred unto me than his increase, saith the Lord" ([D&C 117:13](#)). What did Oliver Granger do that his name should be held in sacred remembrance? Nothing much, really. It was not so much what he did as what he was.

The Lord did not expect Oliver to be perfect, perhaps not even to succeed. "When he falls he shall rise again, for his sacrifice shall be more sacred unto me than his increase, saith the Lord" ([D&C 117:13](#)).

The Lord did not say of Oliver, "[If] he falls," but "When he falls he shall rise again" ([D&C 117:13](#); emphasis added).

We cannot always expect to succeed, but we should try the best we can.

Today we fulfill the prophecy "that [Oliver Granger's] name shall be had in sacred remembrance from generation to generation, forever and ever" ([D&C 117:12](#)). He was not a great man in terms of the world. Nevertheless, the Lord said, "Let no man despise my servant Oliver Granger, but let the blessings ... be on him forever and ever" ([D&C 117:15](#)).

Let no one underestimate the power of faith in the ordinary Latter-day Saints.

(Boyd K. Packer "[The Least of These](#)")

