

Description: In D&C 88:119, the Lord asks the Saints to prepare to build a house of God. In this activity, learn how you can make your home a "house of God" while preparing to go to the temple.

What you need:

- A copy of "Building Temples" activity (artwork included with this lesson) for each child, scissors and tape. Optional: Card stock and glue for added durability. Coloring tools.

Preparation:

1. Print out the artwork.
2. Optional: Glue artwork to card stock.
3. Cut along dotted lines.
4. Fold along solid lines.

Activity: (Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.)

Ask: Why is it important to live worthily to go to the temple? (Discuss ideas.)

Ask: How can we make our home a "house of God?"

Read Doctrine & Covenants 88:119 "Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing; and establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God;"

As we prepare ourselves by praying, studying the scriptures, and keeping the commandments, we are also helping our home to be a "house of God."

Play the "Building Temples" activity: (See instructions on next page.)

“Building a Temple” Activity Instructions

We build temples for:

- 1. Fold in tab A & B. Tape together to build walls. (Always apply tape to both sides.)**
The endowment ordinance (gift): In the temple we receive our own endowment (gift) from our Heavenly Father that helps prepare us for eternal life with Him.
- 2. Fold in tab C & D. Tape together to build walls.**
The sealing ordinance: In the temple, sealing ordinances are performed to help us be together forever as families. If a couple is married in the temple, all of their future children are also sealed to them. Families who have not yet been sealed should prepare to go to the temple. To be a family forever is a blessing given to those who are sealed in the temple and keep the promises they make there.
- 3. Fold in tab E. Tape part G to top to build roof.**
Baptisms for the dead: In the temple we can be vicariously (done by somebody as a substitute for someone else) baptized for people who have died and were not able to receive this ordinance while they lived on earth.
- 4. Fold in tab F. Tape part G to top to build roof.**
Endowment for the Dead: In the temple we can also be endowed vicariously for people who have died and were not able to receive this ordinance while they lived on the earth.
- 5. Fold and tape the Angel Moroni together to form a pocket. Slide onto steeple.**
Sealing for the Dead: In the temple we can also be sealed vicariously for families who have died and were not able to receive this ordinance while they lived on the earth.

Preparing to go to the temple:

Explain to your children that obeying these commandments will help them be worthy to go to the temple when they are older. (Read and discuss the words on the cards together. If time permits let children draw an illustration on the back of each card. Put cards into your temples with a promise to prepare and keep yourself worthy to go to the temple.



**A. Endowment.
Fold in.**

**B. Endowment.
Fold in.**

**F. Endowment for the Dead.
Fold in and then tape part "H" on top.**

**E. Baptisms for the dead.
Fold in and then tape part "G" on top.**

**D. Sealing.
Fold in.**

**C. Sealing.
Fold in.**

H. Tape on top of tab "F".

G. Tape on top of tab "E".

And verily, verily,
I say unto you,
that whatsoever
you seal on earth
shall be sealed
in heaven;
and whatsoever

you bind on earth,
in my name and
by my word, saith
the Lord, it shall be
eternally bound
in the heavens;...
(D&C 77:46)

PRAY

**OBEY
PARENTS**

**LOVE
ONE
ANOTHER**

**GO TO
CHURCH**

**PAY
TITHING**

**KEEP
THE
WORD
OF
WISDOM**

BE
HONEST

BE
CHASTE

SERVE
OTHERS

READ
SCRIPTURES

GAIN
AND
SHARE
TESTIMONY

HONOR
YOUR
CHURCH
LEADERS