

# Come, Follow Me

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## Windows of Heaven

Malachi

### Objectives:

- Talk about the teachings of Malachi, including tithing and Elijah's return.

### Reinforces Principles of:

- Tithing, Sealing Power

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## Reverence Time

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### Song:

The Hearts of the Children, Children's Songbook page 92

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/the-hearts-of-the-children>

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### Scripture:

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."

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### Video:

Watch this week's clip from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. Find the clip at <https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-windows>

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## Lesson Time

## The Windows of Heaven

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### Lesson

#### Summary:

The Book of Malachi records some of the teachings and prophecies of the prophet Malachi. Some of the people during Malachi's day were using sick or blemished animals as sacrifices. The Lord had commanded them to offer their best and purest offerings. Malachi warned the people of his day not to pollute their offerings.

Some of the people were being mean to their neighbors and families. Malachi warned the people to keep their covenants and the laws of God.

Some of the people had forgotten to pay their tithes and offerings. Malachi promised them if they paid their tithes and offerings, the windows of heaven would be opened and blessings would be poured out upon the people.

Some of the people thought that it was vain or worthless to serve God. Malachi taught the people that those who remembered God would be his jewels and he would spare them from the judgements that would come upon the proud and wicked.

Malachi prophesied of the return of Elijah the prophet who would "turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers." Elijah did come and he restored the sealing keys to Joseph Smith in the Kirtland Temple in 1836.

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#### Quote:

*"The imagery of the 'windows' of heaven used by Malachi is most instructive. Windows allow natural light to enter into a building. In like manner, spiritual illumination and perspective are poured out through the windows of heaven and into our lives as we honor the law of tithing. I promise that as you and I observe and keep the law of tithing, indeed the windows of heaven will be opened and spiritual and temporal blessings will be poured out such that there shall not be room enough to receive them (see Malachi 3:10)."*  
David A. Bednar

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#### Questions:

Why is it important to offer our best to the Lord?

Why did Malachi remind the people to keep their covenants and the laws of God?

What are we promised if we pay our tithes and offerings? What blessings has our family seen from paying tithing and offerings?

Why did Elijah return in 1836? What does the sealing power do?

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## Activity Time

## Linking Family Members

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**Description:** Create a paper chain with heart shaped links and write the names of your immediate and extended family members on each link. Talk about how the sealing power of the priesthood can link us together.

**What you need:**

- A copy of the of the “Linking Family Members” pattern (artwork included with this lesson, optional: print on colored paper), scissors for each family member old enough to use them.

**Preparation:**

1. Print out several copies of the “Linking Family Members” pattern (at least one per family member).

**Activity:** Explain that Moroni told Joseph Smith that Elijah would restore the priesthood power needed to seal family members together for eternity. That means we can be eternally linked to our ancestors and our decedents, just like a long chain.

Hand out a printed pattern to each family member to cut and assemble. (Young children will need help from an older sibling or parent.) Follow the instructions below to cut heart shaped paper links that can be linked together to form a chain.

1. Cut on the pink lines. Discard the “copyright” strip. You should now have 4 identical rectangle sheets of paper.
2. Fold on the green dotted lines of each sheet (vertically).
3. Then fold on the yellow dotted lines of each sheet (horizontally). You should now have one folded edge on the left side, two folded edges on the bottom, and four edges on the right side and top.
4. Cut along the blue lines on each sheet. Unfold. Each family member should now have 4 heart shaped links.
5. To link two links together, vertically fold one link and feed it through a horizontally folded link. Repeat this process until you've reached the end of your chain. Secure the last link with a small piece of tape.
6. Write a name of a family member on each link. Start with immediate family members. Then add grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, etc. to fill the number of links you have made. (If you'd like to make more links, repeat the process above).
7. Display your paper chain where you can see it this week.

Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4

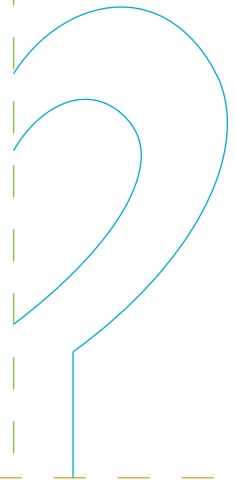
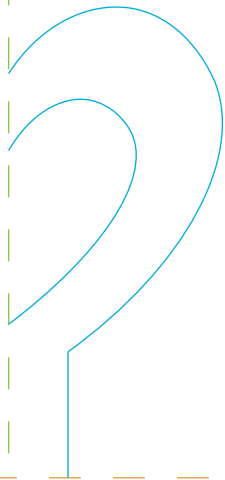
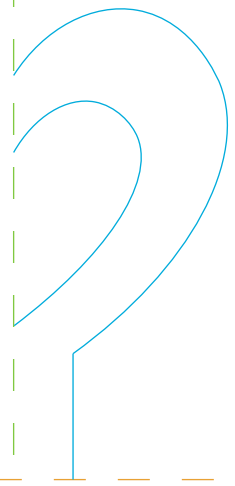
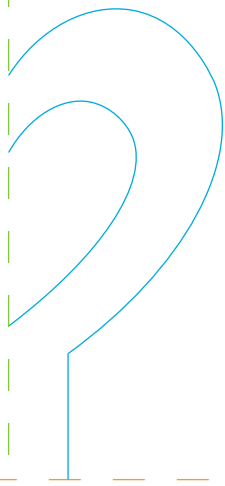


Step 5



Step 6





**Prep Time:** 50 minutes  
**Chill Time:** At least 1 hour



**Ingredients:** 2 cups finely crushed chocolate sandwich cookies (about 24)  
3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted  
3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened  
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk  
3 eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1/2 cup white chocolate chips  
5 drops red food coloring

**Instructions:** Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Combine cookie crumbs and butter; press firmly on bottom of 9x13 inch baking pan. With mixer, beat cream cheese in a large bowl until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add eggs and vanilla; mix well. Pour half of the batter evenly over prepared crust.

Melt white chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir in food coloring. Heat for an additional 3 seconds and stir until completely melted. Stir melted chocolate chips into remaining batter; spoon over vanilla batter. With table knife or metal spatula, gently swirl chocolate batter through vanilla batter to marble. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until set. Cool. Chill at least 1 hour.

Treat Time: Help children cut out individual servings with heart-shaped cookie cutter.

Optional: Share heart treats or recipe with grandparents or extended family members.