

TITHING

The Best Choice

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Served as a member of the Seventy from 1996 to 2008

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse” (3 Nephi 24:10).



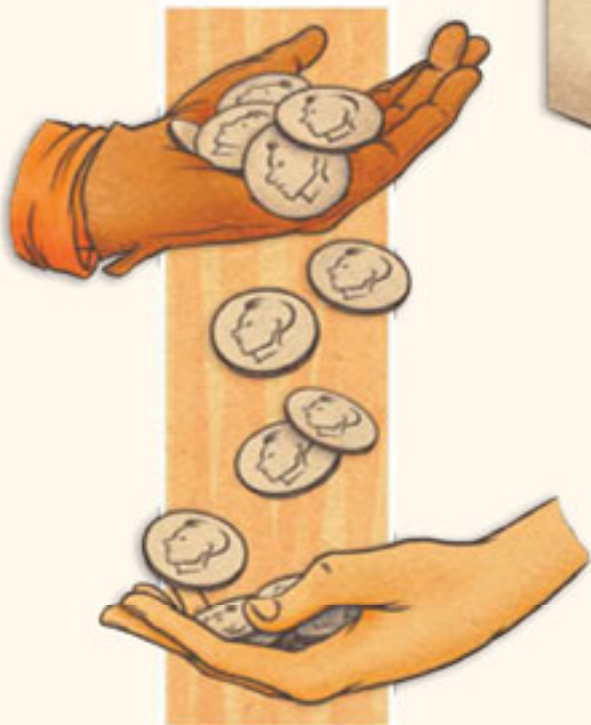
2. Raising a calf was hard work. I took care of it and fed it.



1. When I was young, a neighbor gave me a newborn calf.



3. The day Dad sold the calf was a day of mixed feelings. I was going to miss the calf, but I looked forward to being rewarded for my hard work.



4. When Dad came home, he dropped 20 silver dollars into my hands. I felt like I had all the money in the world.



6. On Sunday I put two of the silver dollars into my pocket before I went to church so I could pay my tithing.

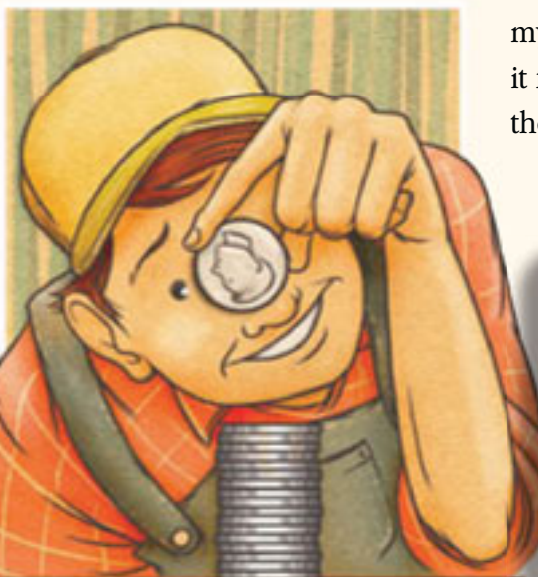


7. It was hard for me to give my tithing to the bishop, but it felt good to be obedient to the Lord.



8. My mother told me she was proud of me. She told me I would be blessed for paying tithing and that it was the best investment I could ever make. ■

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5. I counted, polished, and admired each coin.

HELPS FOR PARENTS

We are blessed when we pay tithing (see 3 Nephi 24:10–12). You can use the activities in this section to help teach about tithing.

- You can tell the story about Elder Child or an experience of your own to teach how we feel when we live the Lord's law of tithing.
- You can use the hidden picture on the next page or an activity of your own to help teach how much to pay for tithing.
- You can use the tithing jar craft idea on the next page or one of your own to encourage children to begin paying tithing now.
- You can use the maze on page 73 to teach where tithing goes.

MAKE A TITHING JAR

By Paula Weed

You will need a small glass jar, colored rubber bands or yarn, and colored paper.

1. Wash and dry the jar.
2. Decorate the outside of the jar with the rubber bands. If you don't have rubber bands, you can use string or yarn.
3. Cut two large circles out of the paper. Place the circles over the top of the jar, and secure them with a rubber band around the rim. Trim the extra paper.
4. Cut a slit in the top of the paper for the money to slide through.



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FIND THE COINS

Maria earned 10 coins, but she dropped them in the park. Find and circle all 10 coins that she lost. How many of these coins will Maria give to pay tithing?

TITHING MAZE

By Anna Culp

1. Paying tithing is a commandment from God. We pay one-tenth of what we earn. Amal has earned 10 coins.



He will pay one coin as tithing.

2. Amal fills out a tithing slip.



3. Amal places the tithing slip and the coin in an envelope.



4. Amal gives the envelope to a member of the bishopric or branch presidency.



5. The tithing money is sent to Church leaders.



6. The leaders of the Church decide where the money is needed most.



7. Tithing is used to build temples and meetinghouses. It also pays for printing items like hymnbooks and scriptures.

