

## WINDOWS OF HEAVEN

(Ages  $\sim$ 7 and older)



### **PURPOSE**

To help family members better understand the blessings that come to those who are faithful in paying their tithing.

### **MATERIALS**

• Copy of picture below

### SONG SUGGESTION

• "I Want to Give the Lord My Tenth" page 150 in Children's Songbook

### **LESSON IDEAS**

- 1. Show your family the picture below.
  - a. Ask, "What does the picture have to do with Malachi 3:8-9?"
  - b. Read Malachi 3:8-9 as a family
  - c. Point out that the Lord said that those who do not pay a faithful tithing have robbed Him.
- 2. Ask, "What does He promise those who pay their tithing?"
  - a. Read and discuss Malachi 3:10
- 3. Explain that it often isn't easy to pay our tithing.
  - a. Show the video, "I Will Make the Leap of Faith"
  - b. Discuss the trial of faith and the blessings that came as a result of exercising faith in the Lord's law of tithing.
- 4. Younger children may enjoy watching, "Tithing".
  - a. Ask, "Why was it hard for Elder Child to pay his tithing?"
  - b. Ask, "Why was he glad he did?"
- 5. You may want to share one or more of the following stories with your family. Discuss the trial of faith each person faced and the blessings that resulted from paying their tithing.
  - a. "We Walk by Faith" (scroll down to the 18th paragraph "Let me give you a story. . .")
  - b. "Why That Gift?" (scroll down to fourth story)
- 6. Testify that the Lord keeps His promises and will pour out abundant blessings on those who faithfully pay their tithing.

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# **ACTIVITY IDEAS** 1. Since the paying of tithing involves some simple math, younger children may enjoy these math games. 2. Older children may enjoy the following <u>math exercises</u>.

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## Malachi 3:8-9