BLESSINGS BEYOND PRICE

PURPOSE
To help listeners better understand the importance of temples and the wonderful gifts the Lord has waiting for us in them

MATERIALS
- Scriptures
- Several pieces of candy
- Coins
- A $10 bill (or similar currency)
- A picture/advertisement of something expensive (car, house, etc.)
- A picture of a temple

LESSON IDEAS
1. Show listeners the candy, coins, $10 bill and the picture of an expensive item. Ask listeners which of these items a three year old child would be most interested in. (Most children would want the candy or the coins)
   a. Ask, “Which of these is the most expensive? Why don’t most little children choose the most expensive?” (They don’t understand the value)

2. Explain that some people don’t understand the value of temples so they make choices that keep them from entering the temple.
   a. Ask listeners to name several things that stop people from entering temples. (Not paying tithing, Word of Wisdom problems, immorality, etc.)

3. Ask, “Why are temples so important?”
   a. Read D&C 14:7. Explain that eternal life is the opportunity to live with Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ and to become like Them. Help listeners understand that eternal life is Heavenly Father’s greatest gift and is only offered to those who enter into and remain faithful to promises made in the temple.
   b. You may want to discuss other gifts Heavenly Father has waiting for us in temples:
      - Being sealed as a family
      - Greater understanding
      - Promises of greater spiritual protection
      - Personal revelation
      - Personal peace

4. Explain that those who truly understand the importance of temples are willing to sacrifice other choices in order to enter the temple.
5. Challenge listeners not to do anything that would stop them from entering the temple. Testify of the importance of doing all that is necessary to obtain the priceless blessings the Lord has waiting for us in His temples.

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