SEALED TOGETHER FOREVER

PURPOSE
To illustrate the importance of:
1. Being sealed together as a family in the temple
2. Living in a way to continue enjoying the blessings of the temple

MATERIALS
- An envelope
- Photos of family members or cut-outs (below)
- A picture of a temple

LESSON
1. Ask, “What is the most important organization on the earth?” (The family!) Explain that President Gordon B. Hinckley stated: “I believe the family to be the basic and most important unit of society” (Ensign August 1992, 5).

2. Hold up the cut-outs. Explain that Heavenly Father loves us so much that He has allowed us to live together in this life as families. Put the photos/cut-outs in the envelope.

3. Explain: “Someday every family member will die and will not be able to live together as a family in the next life unless they are sealed together.” Shake the envelope until allow the cut-outs/photos to fall to the floor.

4. Explain that because Heavenly Father wants families to be together forever He has special buildings called temples where families can be sealed together. Show a picture of a temple.

5. Put the family cut-outs back into the envelope, lick the seal and close it. Shake the envelope to show that none of the cut-outs will fall out. Explain that when families are sealed and keep the commandments, Heavenly Father has promised us that they can all be together forever.

6. Discuss some of the things all family members must do to allow them to be sealed in the temple and to continue to qualify for those blessings:
   a. Pray
   b. Attend church
   c. Live the Word of Wisdom
   d. Pay a full tithing
   e. Follow the prophet
   f. Be morally clean

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7. Testify how important it is for all families to keep the commandments so that all may be able to be together as a family in the celestial kingdom.

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