

STAY FAITHFUL

PURPOSE

To illustrate how our decision to be active or inactive in the Church can affect our posterity

MATERIALS

• 10-15 dominoes

LESSON

1. Explain that some members of the Church feel that a decision not to remain active in the Church will affect only themselves.



- 2. Stand the dominoes on end. Place them close enough so that a falling domino will knock down the one next to it. However, leave enough space between the dominoes so that if one is removed it will break the chain reaction of the falling dominoes (you may want to practice this several times).
- 3. Ask the listeners what will happen when the first domino is knocked down. (It will cause a chain reaction, causing all of the dominoes to fall)
 - a. Ask, "What will happen if I remove one of the dominoes?" (It will stop those ahead of it from falling)
 - b. Remove a domino and then push the first domino down to show how the missing domino causes a break in the chain reaction.
- 4. Hold up the domino you removed and explain that the faithfulness of each of us will have a powerful effect on our posterity.
 - a. Share the following quote by Elder Neal A. Maxwell: "All are free to choose, of course, and we would not have it otherwise. Unfortunately, however, when some choose slackness, they are choosing not only for themselves, but for the next generation and the next. Small equivocations in parents can produce large deviations in their children!" (*Ensign*, Nov 1992, 65).
- 5. Testify that our posterity will be richly blessed if we are a "faithful follower" and not a "displaced domino".