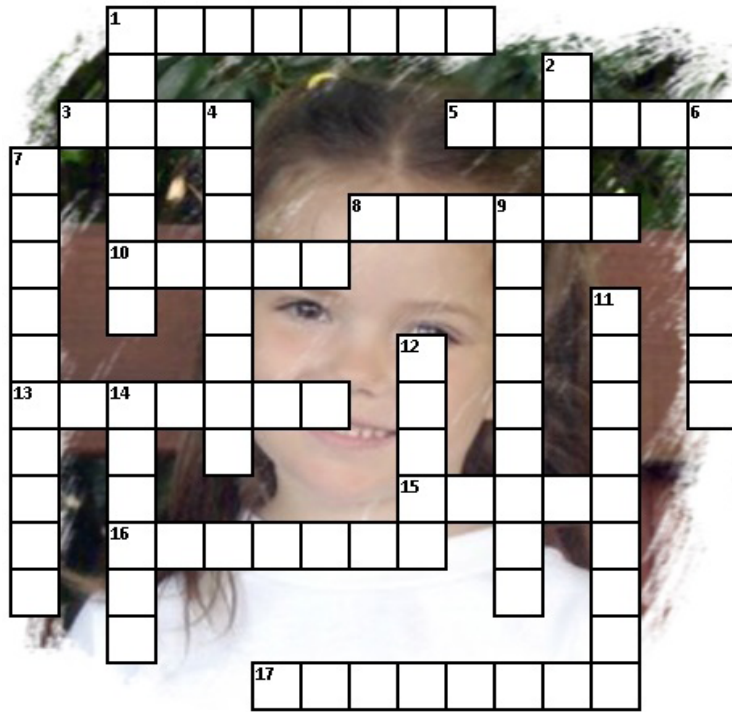


Crossword Puzzle

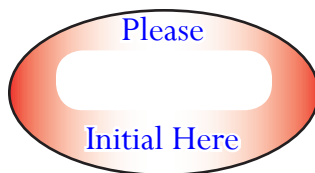


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| 1. Some saints might need food or _____. | 1. Money is needed for heating and _____ so we can be comfortable |
| 3. Some saints might need _____ or clothing... | 2. Some saints serve _____-time. |
| 5. The _____ cares for God's interests on the earth. | 4. We cannot give to God _____ |
| 8. Full-time workers are worthy of _____ honor. | 6. ..._____ and cooling... |
| 10. The church cares for those who have _____. | 7. The church may also need to buy _____ equipment or toys... |
| 13. Full-time workers don't have time for a _____ job... | 9. The _____ used by the church cost lots of money to buy or build. |
| 15. ...worth of double _____. | 11. The church bears the burden of God's _____ on the earth... |
| 16. ...carries out God's _____. | 12. One part out of ten. |
| 17. ... saints or _____ may have needs. | 14. Full-time ones preach the _____. |

Parent's Initials:



Giving to the Church

I. Overview.

In the previous lesson we saw that it is right and proper for us to give a “tithe” back to God from all of the things that He first gives to us. We saw that God has created all things and that He provides to us the things we need for our lives.



God desires that we would be kind to one another and care for each other.

We also saw that the word “tithe” means “one tenth”, or one part out of ten. We should give back to God “one tenth” of what He gives to us.

In this lesson we will see that the practical way for us to give back to God is for us to give to the church. The church is where God’s purpose is carried out on the earth. The church bears the burden of God’s interests on the earth and has many practical needs such as paying for buildings and utilities. There are also some saints in the church that have needs that the church should help take care of. The church should also support some who work for God’s interests with all their time.

II. Memory Verse.

“As it is written, He who gathered much had no excess, and he who gathered little had no lack.”

(2 Cor. 8:15)

III. Lesson

The way we can give our “tithe” back to God is to give money or other things to the church. We cannot give these things to God directly, but indirectly, by giving to the church. God carries out His purpose on the earth today through the church. God is focused on the church. As the church cares for God’s interests there are many things that must be taken care of.

Buildings and Expenses

The church needs a place for the saints to meet and for the children to be cared for. The buildings used by the church cost a lot of money to buy or build. Money is required for heating and cooling so the saints will be comfortable. The church may also need to buy playground equipment and toys for the children. All of these things cost money and that money only comes from our giving back to God.

Caring for Saints with Needs

Often among the members of the church, there are saints or families that may have needs. They might need food, or clothing or other practical things to care for their lives. God encourages us to care for one another. He wants us to care for others and know that one day others might need to care for us.



God’s interests on the earth are cared for by the church.

The money that the church uses to help those who have needs only comes from the giving of the saints.

When we give to the church, the church has the money to care for those who have needs. It is a very sweet matter for us to care for those who have needs.

Caring for Those who Labor Full-Time

Some of the saints in the church have given themselves to work for the Lord with all of their time. This means that these dear saints don’t have time for a regular job to earn money to care for their own needs. They spend all of their time laboring for God, preaching the gospel or caring for the saints.

The Bible tells us that these ones should be worthy of double honor. This means that we should be sure to give to the church so that the church can take care of the needs of these laboring ones and their families. When we care for God’s interest in these ways, God will be very pleased with us.

--- QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ---

1. How can we give our tithe back to God practically?

2. Name some of the things that the church needs to take care of with money given by the saints.

3. How are the saints who have needs cared for?

4. Who meets the needs of the full-time workers?

