

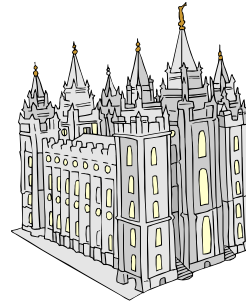
## **Blessings Beyond Price**

### **PURPOSE**

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

### **MATERIALS**

- Several pieces of candy
- Coins
- A \$10 bill (or similar currency)
- A picture or advertisement of something expensive (car, house, etc.)
- A picture of a temple (inexpensive pictures can be ordered online from [LDS Distribution Services](#)). See “Note” at the bottom of the page for downloading a free photo of the temple.
- Story, [Questions Answered](#) (for younger children)
- Story, [This Is a Day of Sacrifice](#) (for older children)

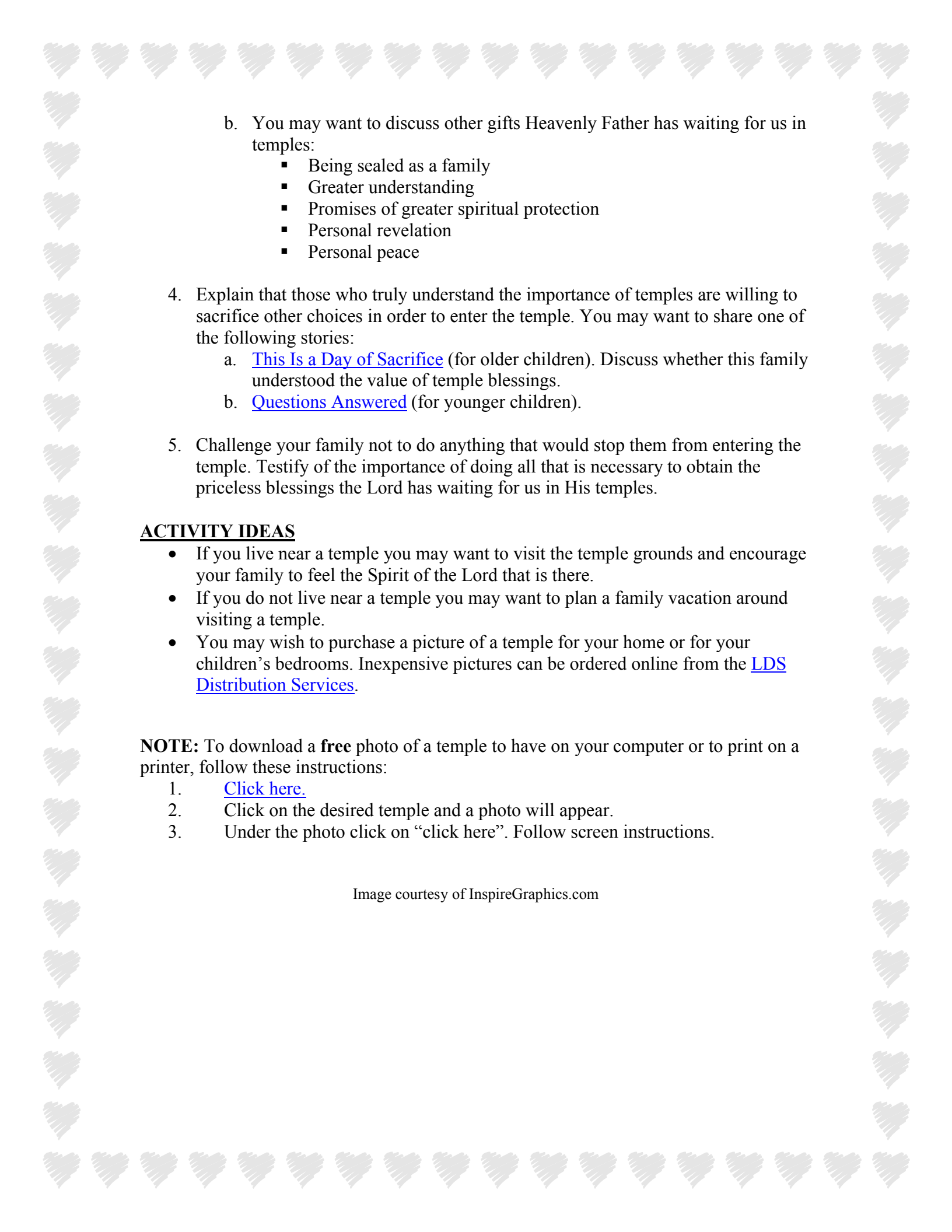


### **SONG SUGGESTION**

- “I Love to See the Temple” page 95 in the *Children’s Songbook*

### **LESSON IDEAS**

1. Show your family the candy, coins, \$10 bill and the picture of an expensive item. If you have a young child (3-5 years old), ask him/her which item he/she would like most. If you don’t have very young children, ask your family which of these items a three year old child would be most interested in. (Most children will 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 to your family that some people don’t understand the value of temples so they make choices that keep them from entering the temple.
  - a. Ask your family 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 as a family. Explain that eternal life is the opportunity to live with Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ and to become like Them. Help your family 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.

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- 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. You may want to share one of the following stories:
- a. [This Is a Day of Sacrifice](#) (for older children). Discuss whether this family understood the value of temple blessings.
  - b. [Questions Answered](#) (for younger children).
5. Challenge your family 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.

#### **ACTIVITY IDEAS**

- If you live near a temple you may want to visit the temple grounds and encourage your family to feel the Spirit of the Lord that is there.
- If you do not live near a temple you may want to plan a family vacation around visiting a temple.
- You may wish to purchase a picture of a temple for your home or for your children's bedrooms. Inexpensive pictures can be ordered online from the [LDS Distribution Services](#).

**NOTE:** To download a **free** photo of a temple to have on your computer or to print on a printer, follow these instructions:

1. [Click here](#).
2. Click on the desired temple and a photo will appear.
3. Under the photo click on "click here". Follow screen instructions.

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