

LESSON # 13

TAKE A DRINK

SCRIPTURE

D&C 163:8b This passage tells us there are other ministries that will come from the Temple to help people who are hurting and feeling sick, sad, or unloved. The Temple will help people become followers of Jesus Christ.

John 4:7–31 This passage tells the story of the woman at the well. Its focus is on Jesus being living water that can change us.

There are other ministries that will come from the Temple like rivers of living water to help people who are hurting and feeling, sick, sad, or unloved. Let the Temple continue to be a place where people of all ages learn to be followers of Christ.

—Doctrine and Covenants 163:8b adapted

OBJECTIVES

- Children will learn how water helps us.
- Children will learn how Jesus can be living water for them.
- Children will learn ways they can share Jesus with others.

MATERIALS

- a copy of D&C 163:8b, adapted, printed on paper for each student
- a bucket or large container representing a well
- a ladle
- a cup
- a paper
- watercolors
- a picture of the Temple in Independence

DISCOVERY

Doctrine and Covenants 163:8b talks about more ministries that will flow from the Temple. Part of the scripture shares the idea of ministry flowing as living water. For many children this will be an abstract concept so it will be helpful to talk about the attributes of water. This discussion could include sharing with the children that we need Jesus just like fish need water to survive. People, animals, and plants need water too. This discussion can lead to talking about how Jesus is living water for us.



ALIYAH (ah-LEE-ah) is a new resource for children based on scripture, including Doctrine and Covenants 163. D&C 163 is an affirmation of paths taken and an encouragement of ways to move onward. ALIYAH is a Hebrew word meaning a journey toward God.

One lesson each month will be posted on this Web site to be downloaded and used for church school, junior church, or other times to connect children to the vision of the church. Parallel lessons are provided for youth and adults. Enjoy the journey together!

Read the scripture story of the woman at the well found in John 4:7–31. After the children have heard the story, invite them to take a ladle of water and pour it into a cup to use for painting. Provide watercolors for the children to use to paint the story of the woman at the well. When they finish, ask them to describe important parts of their painting. After completing this, read 163:8b and allow time for them to paint another picture, this time of the Temple in Independence.

UNPACKING THE SCRIPTURE

HOW I CAN SHARE THE WATER

Doctrine and Covenants 163:8b talks about the Temple and how the ministry of the Temple can help those who are hurting and feeling sick, sad, or unloved. Ask the children if they have ever been hurt or have hurt someone else (maybe by accident). When this happened, what were some of the things they did to either make themselves or someone else feel better? The scripture suggests that other ministries will come from the Temple that will help others. Ask the children, if they were hurting, what help they would like the church to provide. These may be added to their pictures of the Temple, either as words or an additional illustration.

THE TEMPLE AND LIVING WATER

Doctrine and Covenants 163:8b tells how important it will be for the Temple to be a place where people of all ages can learn how to be followers of Christ. This is one way to share the living water stories of Jesus with others. Ask the children how they can share the living water with others.



GOING HOME

The children have learned about the Temple as a place where more ministries may be discovered to help people who are hurting and feeling sick, sad, or unloved. They have also learned about what it means to receive and share living water.

PACKING FOR THE JOURNEY

It's time to pack for the journey ahead. Have children pack their children's pages in their backpacks or bags. Ask them what they have learned today about the Temple and living water.

ARE WE THERE YET?

To extend this lesson for a rotation model or for intergenerational or more learning, invite the class to take a walk to other classes and give them living water (arrange in advance). This can represent what they have learned in class.

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Aliyah

Equipping children and youth for the journey



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Children's Page

Doctrine and Covenants 163:8b suggests that the Temple will be a place from which living water flows. Similarly this may happen in your congregation also. How might living water flow from your congregation?

OWNER'S GUIDE

for _____
created by _____

This week I will share the living water with others by:

SHARING LIVING WATER

Below are drops of water that stand for the living water.

On the drops of water write ways you have received the living water and ways you can share it with others.



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