

LESSON # 14

NO MORE WALLS

SCRIPTURE

D&C 163:8c This passage tells us that the Temple should be a place where all people can come and find safety. Jesus Christ's ministry is for all.

John 15:16 This passage tells us that Jesus has chosen us long before we chose him. It suggests that if Jesus has chosen us, he also chooses all people.

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—Doctrine and Covenants 163:8c adapted

OBJECTIVES

- Children will learn that the Temple is a safe place (a sanctuary) for all.
- Children will learn that Jesus loves everyone and all are a part of the kingdom.

MATERIALS

- a copy of D&C 163:8c, adapted, printed on paper for each student
- blocks (blank on all sides if possible)
- markers
- scissors
- paper

DISCOVERY

Doctrine and Covenants 163:8c tells us that when these ministries are known, congregations around the Temple and the world will be encouraged to share them with others. The scripture also tells us that the Temple should be a safe place, a sanctuary of Christ's peace. Being a sanctuary suggests that as Jesus has chosen all of us, we must also welcome all and not leave anyone out. When we do this, we can better understand that Jesus gave his life for our benefit.

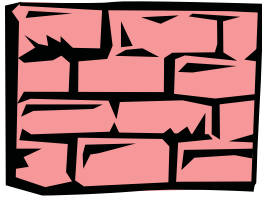
Provide blocks for each child—either wooden or cardboard—that are blank on all sides. Ask the children if there was ever a time they felt left out. Invite them



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to write their answer on one side of their block. Ask them if there was ever a time that they left someone out. Again invite them to write their answer on a side of their block. Continue to ask questions about inclusion and exclusion until all sides of their blocks are full. After this is completed, ask if the children want to share their answers with the class. (This may be difficult for them to do, so be cautious about forcing the children to respond.) At the conclusion, share with the children that Jesus loves us all and he does not exclude anyone. In addition it may be helpful for the children to have a discussion about why it is important for everyone to have a safe place. Use dictionary definitions of "sanctuary" to help the children understand the meaning.



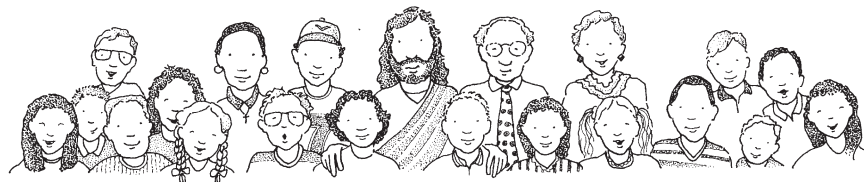
UNPACKING THE SCRIPTURE

THE PROBLEM WITH WALLS

Section 163:8c tells about the Temple and how its ministry can help all people feel the love and ministry of Jesus Christ. The Temple can be an example for congregations by showing them that all are welcome and the ministry of Jesus is for everyone. Gather the blocks from the children and build a wall. Remind the children of the things they've written on the blocks. Challenge the children to think of ways they can get from one side of a wall to the other without knocking it down. Allow the children to be creative; they may come up with answers like climb over, build a door, etc. After this discussion, talk with the children about the walls (differences) that may separate people in life. Jesus did not allow walls to prevent him from reaching out to everyone. He wants us to reach out to all people too.

THE TEMPLE AND A NEW WAY

Section 163:8c tells us how important it is for the Temple to be a sanctuary for all people. Sometimes we have not been included in activities or we have excluded others from our groups. Ask the children how they can share Jesus with others, making everyone feel welcome and not left out.



GOING HOME

The children have learned that the Temple is a place where all people can feel safe and feel the love of Jesus Christ. They have also learned that Jesus has chosen everyone; no one should be left out.

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 as a safe place (a sanctuary).

ARE WE THERE YET?

To extend this lesson for a rotation model or for intergenerational or more learning, read *Because of Winn-Dixie*.

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Children's Page

Doctrine and Covenants 163:8c suggests that the Temple will be a safe place for all to feel welcome. This can also happen in congregational life. How can you make others feel welcome in your congregation?

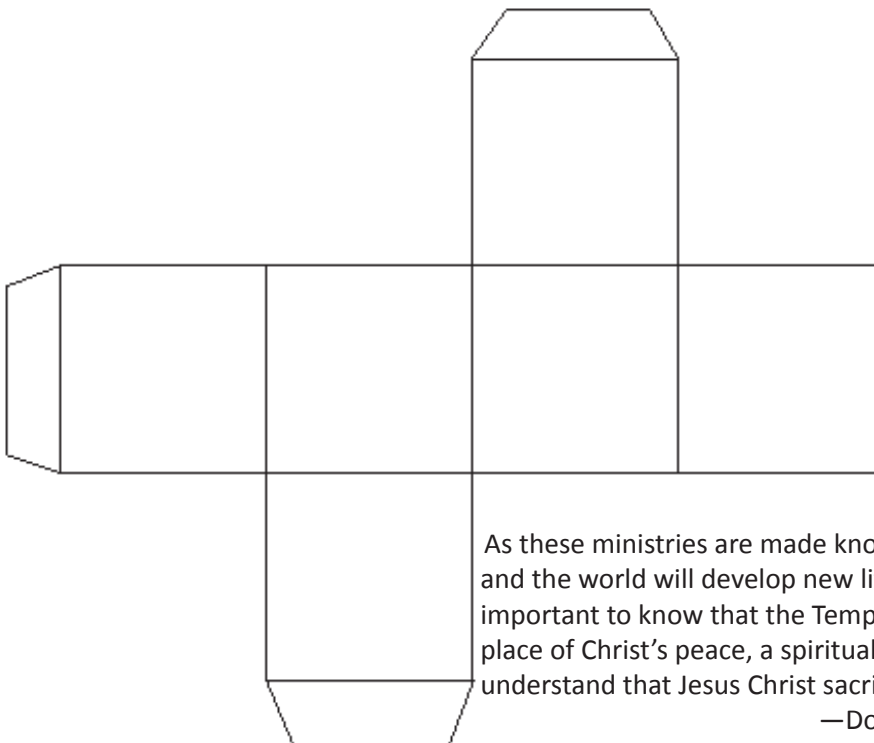
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This week I will share Christ's peace and include others by:

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Below is a pattern for a block. After enlarging it, cut the pattern out. On the sides of the block, write either the names of people you want to share with or ways you can share so others can feel safe and know Jesus. Assemble the block by folding on the lines and gluing down the tabs.



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