

What You Can Teach Your Children



“The temple is a sacred place. Because of its sacredness we are sometimes reluctant to say anything about the temple to our children.

As a consequence, many do not develop a real desire to go to the temple, or when they go there, they do so without much background to prepare them for the obligations and covenants they enter into.”





The current Handbook of Instructions, which is posted online, has two sections on temple ordinances. If posted online, you can tell your kids about those topics mentioned.

Some things may surprise you.

A sacred, formal
act or ceremony
performed by a
worthy priesthood
holder.

Temple Ordinances

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Baptisms for the dead



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Sealing of wife and husband / children



Endowment

Endowment means “gift.”

A gift from God through which He blesses His children.

Only received in temples.

Temple Gifts



- Greater **knowledge** of the Lord's purposes and teachings.
- **Power** to do all that God wants us to do.
- Divine **guidance** when serving the Lord, our families, and others.
- Increased **hope, comfort, and peace**.

Now & Forever



Promised blessings are in force during our lives and into eternity.

Fulfillment of these blessings depends on faithfulness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Endowment

Two parts

- Initiatory
- Endowment

Initiatory = Washing, Anointing & Clothing

Exodus 29:4-9

It includes special blessings related to the person's divine heritage and potential.

Tabernacle of Moses (Ex. 40:12)

And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons
unto the door of the tabernacle of the
congregation, and **wash them with water.**

Tabernacle of Moses (Ex: 40:13)

And thou shalt put upon Aaron the **holy garments**, and **anoint** him, and **sanctify** him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Clothing with the garment

- We are authorized to wear the temple garment.
- It represents our personal relationship with God and commitment to obey covenants made in the temple.
- If we are faithful to our covenants and wear the garment properly throughout our lives, it also serves as a protection.

Tabernacle of Moses

Huntingon Beach, CA Stake

<https://youtu.be/9ZSfpYCIYoU>

Time 7:18

Endowment

- Plan of Salvation
- Creation of the earth
- Fall of Adam and Eve
- Atonement of Jesus Christ
- Apostasy
- Restoration of the Gospel
- How to return to the Lord's presence



5 Covenants

- **Law of Obedience** - keep the commandments
- **Law of Sacrifice** - support the Lord's work and repent with a broken heart and contrite spirit.
- **Law of the Gospel** - higher law that Jesus taught while on earth.
- **Law of Chastity** - no sexual activity other than spouse.
- **Law of Consecration** - dedication of time, talents, and all things given by the Lord to build up the Church on the earth.

God Promises

If faithful to your temple covenants, Heavenly Father promises you will be endowed with (given) “power from on high.”

D&C 38:32, 38

Luke 24:49

D&C 43:16



Sealing of Wife and Husband

To join husband and wife together for time and eternity if they are faithful to the covenants made in the temple.



Couples who are sealed are promised glory and joy throughout eternity.

Children may also be part of the eternal family.

See D&C 132:19-20

Sealing of Children

Children born to parents sealed in a temple are born **in the covenant** of that sealing.

Children not born in the covenant can become part of an eternal family by being sealed to their birth or adoptive parents and are entitled to the same blessings as those who were born in the covenant.



Temple Garments



As part of the endowment, we covenant to wear the garment throughout our lives.

It's an outward expression of our inner commitment to follow the Savior.

The garment is a reminder of temple covenants.

When worn properly throughout life, it will serve as a protection.

Temple Garments



Worn beneath the outer clothing

Should not be removed for activities that can reasonably be done while wearing the garment.

Should not be modified to accommodate different styles of clothing.

Temple Garments



The garment is sacred and should be treated with respect.

Endowed members should seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to answer personal questions about wearing the garment.

Temple Garments

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