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I Can Pay Tithing

"Wow, May!" April sat next to her sister who was counting dollar bills. "How much money did you earn this weekend?"

"Ten dollars!" May exclaimed. "It was a lot of work, but I did it!"

"I'm really proud of you!" April hugged her. "Make sure you put aside one dollar, though!"

"What?" May was confused. "Why?"

"For tithing, silly!" April replied.

"I have to pay a whole dollar in tithing?" May sunk deep into the couch.

"The word 'tithe' means one-tenth," April explained. "And one-tenth of your ten dollars is one dollar!"

"Yeah, but why do I need to pay tithing?" May moaned. "I worked hard for this money."

"Everything we have is a blessing from Heavenly Father," April began. "Giving back to Him is a way to show that we are grateful for those blessings. And if we pay our tithing, we are promised that the 'windows of heaven' will be open to us and He will bless us!"

"You are right," May thought. "Heavenly Father has given us lots of things. Where does my tithing go?"

"Well," April sat up straight. "It can help pay for the building of temples or churches! It can help in many ways by spreading the gospel throughout the world!"

"Oh cool!" May smiled as she pulled one dollar out from her bounty. "I want to help spread the gospel!"