



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12  
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi  
Unit 9, Lesson 47

## Malachi and God's Message of Tithing

Lesson Aim: To know we worship God with  
our tithes and offerings.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What would you do with one million dollars?

**GAME:** Malachi, Malachi, Where's Your Scroll?

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS LORD OF ALL

Read Worship Scripture: Ephesians 1:3.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

### THE WORD GOD WANTED THE PEOPLE TO TITHE

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Zechariah gave the people God's message to put Him first.

Point to Malachi (Circa 430 B.C.). **Malachi's message was for the people of Jerusalem.** Point to Jerusalem. **Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament. After Malachi, there were over 400 years of silence until Jesus was born.** Point to 400 Years of Silence (Circa 400-0 B.C.). **Malachi told the people God loved them and the Lord they were seeking would come. Malachi told them how to honor God—to show Him the respect He deserves.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Malachi 2:2; 3:1, 7-10. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Malachi 3:10. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY WORSHIP GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**What was God's warning to the people?** (For the people to set their hearts to honor God or He would send a curse.) **What are some ways we can honor (show respect) for God? One way to show respect to God is to obey His commands. One of His commands is to give our tithes and offerings to His house. An offering is something you give in addition to your tithe. What does it mean to tithe?** (To give one tenth of your riches to God's house.) **If you have no money, what offering can you give God?** (An offering of our time by serving God, offering of thanks, etc.) **What are some ways we can serve God? Tithing, thanking, and giving time are all ways to worship God.**

**How did God say the people were robbing Him?** (By not bringing their tithes and offerings into His house.) **Everything belongs to God, including our money and treasures. What are some ways we can rob God? The Bible says we should not test God, except in one way. What is it?** (To tithe to His house and see if He will bless those who tithe.) **What do you think the storehouse stands for? The storehouse stands for God's house where we share our money with those who will use it to build God's kingdom.**

**What does God promise to give those who give their tithes to His house?** (Blessings.) **Does God say what those blessings will be?** (No.) **Does God promise us blessings of money or good fortune?** (No.) **What kinds of blessings might we receive? When we trust God with our treasures, we grow much closer to Him and we get to help build His kingdom. Those are the greatest blessings of all!**

**God challenges us to test Him by tithing our own money. This week, take the money you have earned and subtract one tenth. To tithe, bring that portion to God's house, the church. If you have no money, give an offering of your time. See what blessings He pours out on you! Ask God to help you with this life-long habit of tithing.**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**The Lord of all does not need our money; He owns everything. Why do you think He wants us to give? Jesus gave us the answer over 400 years after God gave His message to Malachi.** Reveal Matthew 6:19-21, 24. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **How can giving your treasures to God help you keep Him first in your heart? What do you think Jesus meant by saying no one can serve both God and money? How is giving tithes and offerings an act of worship?**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Offerings Reminder
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #47
- OFFERING OF ART: You giving one tenth of your riches to God's house or giving your thanks and your time to serve Him
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Math Munchies

**GAME:** Tithe Toss

**CRAFT:** Tithe Jars

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Praise Tag, Four Praise Corners

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**