

# Simplify

## TITHES AND OFFERING – LESSON 1

Hold up the appropriate icon at the start of each element of worship. Describe what is being pictured in each one. Have children help as much as possible.



Sing “Holy, Holy, Holy,” the hymn learned last month in the unit on Praise.



First Catechism – Question 106



Begin teaching this month’s hymn: “This Is My Father’s World.” Use pictures of the world (globe), ears, nature, universe, person resting, rock, trees, skies, seas to remind them of the words.



Read the very short, but deep passage of Scripture from Malachi 3:8-12 directly from the Bible. Ask students to listen to what God is telling the people not to do, and what He will do if they obey.



After introducing the ministry project which will receive the children’s offering this month, suggest ways they may gather money to bring next week: chores, piggy bank, saving money that would have bought candy, etc. Sing the Doxology.



Teach directly from the full lesson. Review the other elements of worship that have been taught and emphasize 1) that everything belongs to God and 2) we are robbing Him when we do not give back to God a portion of what He has given us. We worship by giving to Him.



Pray the Lord’s Prayer together.



May the God of peace be with you all. Amen (Rom. 15:33).

### What did we learn today about God?

- 1) God gives us all things. All that we have really belongs to Him. When we do not give our tithes and offerings, God says that we are robbing or stealing from Him.
- 2) We are to give back to God as an act of worship. He asks us to give to Him and He will bless us.
- 3) God loves a cheerful giver. We should praise and thank Him for all we have and worship Him by giving back.

### ACTIVITIES:

- 1) The House That God Built – Have lots of pictures from magazines or copy clip art and cut out for kids to glue onto their houses.
- 2) Have a time of prayer when every child gives thanks.
- 3) While completing the coloring page, listen to this month’s hymn and work on the memory verse.
- 4) Talk about bringing an offering for your ministry project this month. You may want to send a special reminder to the parents.