



# Tithes & Offerings

## LESSONS THIS MONTH

**Week One**—The Right Reason

**Week Three**—The Right Focus

**Week Two**—The Right Offering

**Week Four**—The Right Amount

## THIS MONTH WE WILL...

### Sing

- “This Is My Father’s World”

### Read

- Malachi 3:8-12
- Genesis 4:1-7
- Ezra 2:68-69
- Exodus 35:4-5, 20-22, & 29
- Luke 21:1-4

### Memorize

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, **for God loves a cheerful giver.**”

— 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

## WHAT WE’LL Learn

Presents are always so exciting. They make us feel loved; they make us feel good; they make us happy—only if they are good gifts. If they don’t have any meaning, we can tend to think they are worthless.

Gratefully, God has always given us good gifts—moments with loved ones, rides in the sunshine, books to be read when it’s raining outside. Could our lives really be full without these gifts? What about the greatest gift of all? Christ’s love for us is the gift that motivates us to pursue more and more for the sake of the Kingdom. Yet, the amount of thanksgiving that emanates from our lips is minimal. What a waste if God gives us things and we don’t reciprocate in any manner! In Malachi, the Israelites were in the midst of many blessings—returned from Babylon, given a homeland again, blessed with bountiful crops—and how did they react? They wondered what God meant when He showed them their faults.

Giving back to God is something we often don’t think is important, but it is through our gifts of tithes and offerings we give something back to the God who gave it all in the first place. Upon receiving our thanks, what is His response? He gives us even more. What a mighty God we serve!

*This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.*

(Verse from “This Is My Father’s World”)