

“Prove Me Now Herewith”

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THE BIG IDEA

When I pay tithing, the Lord opens the windows of heaven, often with quiet blessings I need to learn to notice.

You'll need: Paper and pens.

1 HOOK

2 MIN

QUESTION Has anything ever lasted way longer than it should have: shoes, a phone battery, a bottle of shampoo? Go around.

Then: A sister told Elder Villanueva her five-gallon propane tank lasted so long it seemed like it would never run out, and she saw it as a tender mercy for paying tithing. He remembered that the Lord told Israel their clothes and shoes did not wear out during 40 years in the wilderness (Deuteronomy 29:5).

2 KEY TEACHINGS FROM ELDER VILLANUEVA

8–10 MIN

1 A mother who trusted the promise

“Perhaps the change that required the greatest faith and sacrifice was to honorably pay a full tithe.”

— Elder Moisés Villanueva • exact words

FOR AGES 8–11: MAKE IT CONCRETE

Elder Villanueva's family was baptized when he was 10. His mother was raising eight children on her own and money was very tight. She chose to trust the Lord's promise in Malachi 3:10 and pay a full tithe.

DEEP CUT • AGES 12–16

The Lord taught that every blessing comes by obeying the law it depends on (D&C 130:20–21), and He asked: “Who am I, saith the Lord, that have promised and have not fulfilled?” (D&C 58:31). Which promise of God are you testing right now?

2 His way and His timing

“Sometimes we expect the Lord's blessings to come the way we would wish, rather than in His own way and timing.”

— Elder Moisés Villanueva • exact words

FOR AGES 8–11: MAKE IT CONCRETE

A sister had always paid tithing, but she never got the promotion or raise she'd hoped for, and her testimony started to weaken. Elder Villanueva told her to look for a different kind of blessing.

DEEP CUT • AGES 12–16

He shared Elder David A. Bednar's teaching that the blessings of tithing are often significant but subtle, not always what we expect, and easy to overlook. Why might God choose subtle blessings over obvious ones?

3 Make a list of the subtle blessings

“I have developed the gift of gratitude by learning to appreciate the Lord's hand in each of His tender mercies.”

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FOR AGES 8–11: MAKE IT CONCRETE

The widow of Zarephath had only enough flour and oil for one last meal, and she shared it with the prophet Elijah first. Her barrel of flour and jar of oil never ran out (1 Kings 17:8–16).

DEEP CUT • AGES 12–16

Elder Villanueva's own list: steady work, good health, a home preserved through hard times, the ability to get an education, the gift of gratitude, and recognizing the Holy Ghost in big decisions. He invited the discouraged sister to write her own list. What would be on yours?

3 INTERACTIVE MOMENT

2–3 MIN

BLESSING HUNT Three minutes on a timer: as a family, list as many quiet blessings as you can (things that lasted, help that came right on time, health, safety, good friends). Younger kids call them out; a teen writes.

Reveal: Count them. Then read his testimony: the Lord does open the windows of heaven, often in ways that are easy to miss unless we look.

4 TALK ABOUT IT

3 MIN

YOUNGER (8–11)

What's a blessing you might have missed because it was quiet or small?

OLDER (12–16)

Have you ever felt like a promise from God wasn't working? What did you do with that feeling?

5 RECAP: THE KIDS EXPLAIN IT

2 MIN

Ask the kids to explain: What did Elder Villanueva's mother do, and why was it hard? What did he tell the sister who didn't get her promotion? What did the widow of Zarephath do?

Listen for: Trust the promise. Blessings come His way and in His time. Subtle blessings are easy to overlook. Make a list.

6 TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST

1 MIN

A parent shares one subtle blessing your family has received, and your witness that the Lord keeps His promises.

7 THIS WEEK, AS A FAMILY

1 MIN

ONE THING TO DO This week, each person writes a list of subtle blessings, like Elder Villanueva did, and shares one at dinner on Sunday.

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Scripture: Malachi 3:10; 1 Kings 17:8–16; Doctrine and Covenants 130:20–21 · **Full talk:** [churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2026/10/53villanueva](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2026/10/53villanueva)

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