

Dedicating Our Home

Scripture: “Only the home can compare with the temple in sacredness.” - Bible Dictionary, *Temple*

Opening Song: [Love at Home - Hymn #297](#)

Lesson: (Show a picture of a temple) Ask your children about the temple. What makes a temple special? Whose house is it? Who can go inside temples? Would you go and play basketball at the temple, or go there to jump on a trampoline? Why not?

Explain that temples are sacred places that are built specifically for the worship of our Heavenly Father. Before we start to use a temple for the sacred ordinances that are performed there we have a special ceremony called a temple dedication. In this ceremony there is a special prayer given which sets the temple apart from the world for the special purposes that we use our temples for - such as sealings, baptisms for dead, endowments etc.

(Show a picture of a home) Ask your children how they think a home compares to the temple? Is it a place that we just live? What are some of the things that we do inside our homes or don't do inside of our home?

Explain that just like the temple, our homes are sacred places as well. In fact in the Bible Dictionary the definition for temple explains that “Only the home can compare with the temple in sacredness.” That's pretty significant! If the temple is one of the most sacred places on earth and our homes are supposed to compare with them in sacredness that means that our homes must be pretty important.

What are some of the things that we do in our homes that would make them so special? Some answers may include: teaching the gospel, praying together, loving one another, building a family.

So our home is a very sacred place with an important purpose. Does this mean that we need to always be quiet and reverent and somber at home? Does it mean we shouldn't play and have fun in our house? ABSOLUTELY NOT! Part of our home is having a place where we can have fun and enjoy ourselves and be happy! We just want to make sure that we're doing these things in a way that allows the Spirit to still be present in our home.

What might be some things that we *shouldn't* do in our home to show that it's a sacred place? Some answers may include: yelling, leaving it messy, watching bad shows, fighting, being disobedient.

Because our home is so special and important we've been given the privilege of being able to dedicate our home, just like we would dedicate a temple! While our home isn't consecrated for as specific uses as the temple we still set it apart for the special use of our family as a place where the Holy Spirit can be. We should also commit ourselves to making our home that kind of place.

Bear your testimony: about the importance of the home. Tell your family how important it is to make your home a safe haven from the world.

Closing Song: [Home Can Be a Heaven on Earth- Hymn #298](#)

Activity: Have the father or other worthy priesthood holder dedicate your home

Treat: Chocolate chip cookies or other treat that makes your house feel like a home