

I Will Pour You Out a Blessing

PURPOSE

To help family members understand that paying tithing allows the Lord to pour out many more blessings upon us

MATERIALS

- A glass of juice or punch
- A drinking straw
- Story, [The Windows of Heaven](#) (younger or older children)
- Story, [Tithing Shoes](#) (younger or older children)

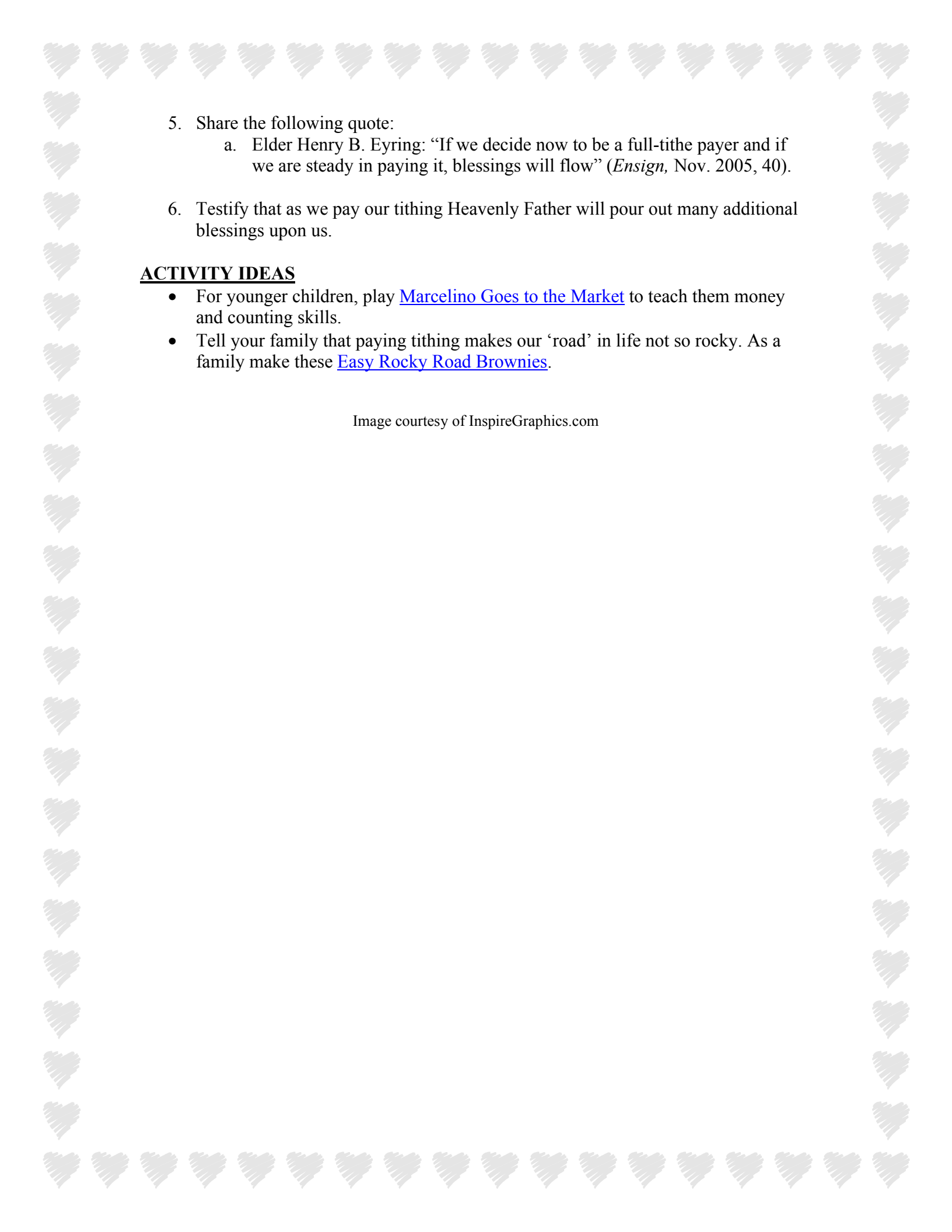


SONG SUGGESTION

- “I’m Glad to Pay a Tithing” page 150 in the *Children’s Songbook*

LESSON IDEAS

1. Tell your family you have something good for them to taste. Dip the straw in the juice and then (while the straw is still in the juice) put your finger over the end of the hole (the liquid will stay in the straw).
 - a. Ask if someone would like to have a taste. Hold the straw over the person’s mouth but don’t remove your finger. No liquid will come out.
 - b. Ask, “Why isn’t it coming out?”
2. Explain that today you are going to talk about tithing. Explain that like the straw, Heavenly Father has many blessings waiting for us that cannot be given until we pay our tithing.
 - a. Read (or tell in your own words) Malachi 3:8-12.
 - b. When we pay our tithing it allows Heavenly Father to ‘lift His finger’ and pour us out a blessing.
 - c. Dip the straw in the juice again and put your finger over the end. Hold it over the person’s mouth and lift your finger.
3. Share with your family one or more of the following stories. Ask them to watch for the blessings that come once tithing has been paid:
 - a. Story, [The Windows of Heaven](#) (younger or older children)
 - b. Story, [Tithing Shoes](#) (younger or older children)
 - c. A personal experience about paying tithing.
4. Older children might enjoy hearing testimonies about tithing from members around the world: [Not Room Enough To Receive It](#)

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5. Share the following quote:
 - a. Elder Henry B. Eyring: “If we decide now to be a full-tithe payer and if we are steady in paying it, blessings will flow” (*Ensign*, Nov. 2005, 40).
 6. Testify that as we pay our tithing Heavenly Father will pour out many additional blessings upon us.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

- For younger children, play [Marcelino Goes to the Market](#) to teach them money and counting skills.
- Tell your family that paying tithing makes our ‘road’ in life not so rocky. As a family make these [Easy Rocky Road Brownies](#).

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