



To tithe is to show that we care for the Church



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INTRODUCTION

Tithe: to give one out of every 10 of something; for example, one dollar of every 10 dollars.

In the Old Testament, God asked the Israelites to **tithe**. This means they gave back to God one basket out of every 10 baskets of vegetables they had grown and one sheep out of every 10 sheep from their flock. The things they gave went to support the priests and to help the poor.

One way we can love God and the Church is by giving money in the collection at Church. In the upcoming lessons, we'll learn about how the money that we give helps to make it possible for God's people to worship and serve.

DO THE MATH

This week, Sophia received her \$3 allowance, \$12 from her paper route, and a \$10 birthday gift from her aunt. She put \$5 in the collection at Church. What percentage did she give?

What is the total of your allowance, earnings from a job, and gifts?

How much did you receive this week?

How much is a tithe (10%) of that amount?

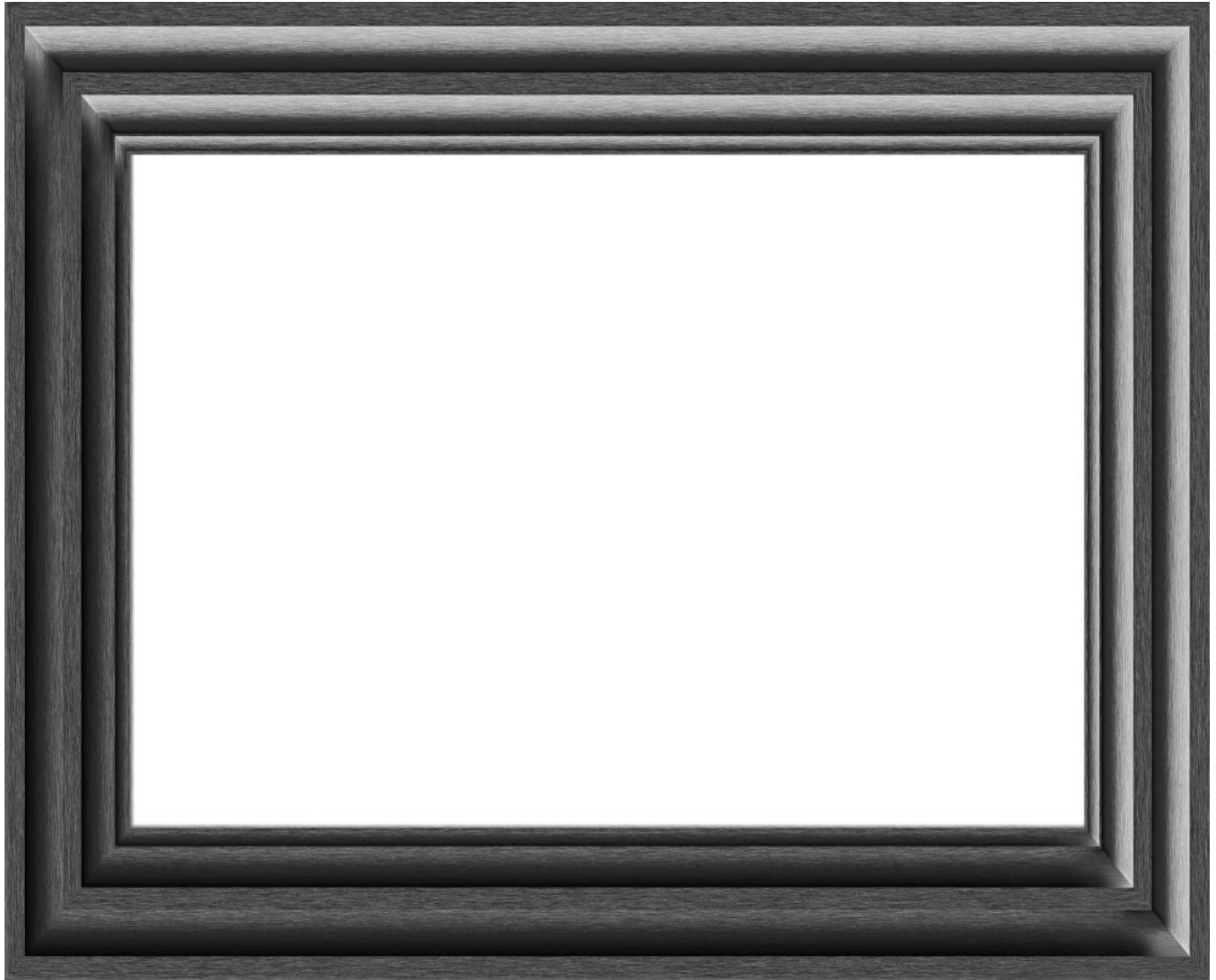
How much do you put in the collection?

Name:

Date:



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When I give money in the collection, some of it helps...

Name:

Date:



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CONCLUSION

The money you put in the collection helps the Church and the world in many ways. Can you figure out six main categories that your money supports, using the clues and examples below?

Books and classes to help learn about our faith.

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The Church building itself, and keeping it clean, safe, and beautiful.

scrambled clue: acfilty

Joining with other parishes to do more together than alone.

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LARGER FAMILY

Meeting needs in our neighborhoods and the world.

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Supporting our bishop, priest, and deacon.

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Music, icons, and incense are examples of ways to praise God.

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What is the word in the vertical box? _____

Name:

Date: