

# Induction Talk

## Attention Getter:

Tell the children to listen carefully. If you say something that they should do or think about during the sacrament, they should stand up tall. If you say something they should not do or think about during the sacrament, they should bend over.

Read the following statements one at a time, giving the children time to respond.

1. Remember that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ love us. (Stand)
2. Think about going on a picnic. (Bend)
3. Remember that Jesus Christ made sick people well. (Stand)
4. Whisper and talk to your neighbor. (Bend)
5. Wiggle and move around in your seat. (Bend)
6. Say a prayer to Heavenly Father. (Stand)
7. Draw pictures or play with a toy. (Bend)
8. Remember stories about Jesus Christ. (Stand)

## Objective Lesson:

Supplies:

- 1 medium ice cream scoop
- 1 large ice cream scoop

Show two sizes of ice cream scoops to children and asked them "If I were serving up some ice cream, which scoop would you want me to use?" - Of course, everyone would want the big scoop. - Explain that when we serve others, we are offering service to Christ and expressing our love and commitment to him. Holding up the two scoops ask "Would you like to serve Christ just a little or a whole lot?" You can also ask "How would you like to be served? How do our friends/parents/teachers deserve to be served? How can you serve with a bigger scoop?"

## Meaning of the Altar

You have all observed that for our Induction Service an altar is before me. Parents and adventurers may ask, what does an altar have to do with an Induction Service? I am going to tell you.

When a person is inducted into an organization you have to make a commitment to that organization. In other words, an oath is taken. During Bible times, especially Abraham, Moses, Jacob, and Joshua, the Lord commanded that they build an altar when they arrived at a new place. They built altar for different purposes:

### The Sin Offering

The sin offering expiated (paid the debt in full) the worshippers unintentional weaknesses and failures before the Lord.

### The Trespass Offering

The trespass offering was very similar to that of the sin offering but the main difference was that the trespass offering was an offering of money for sins of ignorance connected with fraud.

### The Meal Offerings

The purpose of the meal offering was an offering of gifts and speaks of a life that is dedicated to generosity and giving.

Abram's response to God's promise of this land is profound. As soon as he hears that this is the land God will give his offspring, "he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him." In the very center of the land of Canaan, within view of the Canaanite shrine, Abram erects the first altar to the LORD. Then he moves further south to Bethel. And again, verse 8b, "he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD." Then he continues traveling south to the Negev. And if you check the last verse of chapter 13, you will see that in Hebron too, near the great trees of Mamre (another Canaanite shrine), Abram built an altar to the LORD. **By building altars to the LORD, Abram dedicates this land to the worship and service of the LORD; in this land the LORD will be worshipped and obeyed.**

### The Peace Offering

Jacob and Laban offered a peace offering when they made their treaty (Gen 31:43). It was required to make offerings while making a vow of one's life to God and thanking Him with praise while free-will offerings were voluntary.

### **The Burnt Offerings**

The Burnt offering was performed to atone for the peoples sins against the Lord and was a dedication offering of one's life before the Lord continually. The first thing Noah did when he came out of the ark was to build an altar to the LORD and offer burnt offerings (Gen. 8: 20). He dedicated this cleaned earth to God and his service

One individual that is mentioned is Joshua. The bible tell us in Joshua 8:30-33, *"Then Joshua built on Mount Ebal an altar to the Lord, the God of Israel, as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded the Israelites. He built it according to what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses—an altar of uncut stones, on which no iron tool had been used. On it they offered to the Lord burnt offerings and sacrificed fellowship offerings. There, in the presence of the Israelites, Joshua wrote on stones a copy of the Law of Moses. All the Israelites, with their elders, officials and judges, were standing on both sides of the ark of the covenant of the Lord, facing the Levitical priests who carried it. Both the foreigners living among them and the native-born were there. Half of the people stood in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the Lord had formerly commanded when he gave instructions to bless the people of Israel."*

The Lord asks of them that they write something such as the law on the stones. Today we are going to have an opportunity to do just that on this altar. We are going to "write" the Adventurer Law in the base of the altar, and to place our names on the rest of the stones. When we place our names in the stones is like taking an oath — an oath is a solemn formal calling upon God to witness that one sincerely intends to do what one says; something as a promise. - We are making a commitment to an organization, which is the Adventurer Club and to God. We have,

Little Lambs who want to dedicate their lives to Jesus because they know that Jesus is their Friend. Jesus wants you to be a gentle Little Lamb to everyone you meet.

Eager Beavers are curious and move around very fast. They are Eager to follow simple instructions and Jesus wants you to learn how to follow Him.

Busy Bees like to get things done. Jesus wants you to keep busy as you learn all the sweet things about Him.

Sunbeam you are bright and like to ask many questions about Jesus. By learning about Jesus, you will become a Sunbeam that shines for Him each day.

Builders enjoy memorizing bible verses and like to play in groups. Jesus wants you to be a Builder for His kingdom.

Helping Hands Jesus teaches you to help others with your hands.