**Why Are Temple Ordinances Important?**  
  
In August our lesson focus is "Eternal Marriage."  It's great that we can focus on temple ordinances first.  I think it is important for the girls to understand the ordinances, how to prepare to receive them, and the blessings that come from them.  
  
I used "True to the Faith" for a lot of the slides.  I also used quotes from President Monson's talk ["The Holy Temple-Beacon to the World"](https://www.lds.org/general-conference/2011/04/the-holy-temple-a-beacon-to-the-world?lang=eng" \o "" \t "_blank) provided for us in the lesson outline.  I found a New Era article from Oct 2004 that I used.  It is called ["Come to the Temple"](https://www.lds.org/new-era/2004/10/come-to-the-temple?lang=eng" \o "" \t "_blank).  It had some great advice on how to prepare for the temple.  The video in the outline ["Temples are a Beacon"](https://www.lds.org/youth/learn/yw/ordinances-covenants/temple?lang=eng" \l "video=temples-are-a-beacon" \o "" \t "_blank) comes directly from the conference talk by President Monson.  I included some of the quotes already on slides but if you have time the video is a good resource and a touching story about sacrificing to attend the temple.  
  
I found the handout image online [here](http://ldstempleart.bigcartel.com/products" \o "" \t "_blank). The photographer is Kris Sundberg.  Check out all the amazing photos at[http://ldstempleart.bigcartel.com/products](http://ldstempleart.bigcartel.com/products" \o "" \t "_blank).  
  
Have a wonderful lesson