

PRIESTHOOD AND PRIESTHOOD KEYS

“The keys of the kingdom of God are committed unto man on the earth” (D&C 65:2).

The outlines in this unit will help the young women understand the priesthood and how it can bless them now and in all their future roles as daughters of God. Young women can receive great strength and qualify for the blessings of exaltation as they continually rely upon priesthood authority and participate in priesthood ordinances. Help them learn that the priesthood is the power of God used to bless all of His children equally, both male and female.

What is the priesthood?

- What do you know about the priesthood? What do you feel inspired to learn about the priesthood?
- What could you do before class to find out what each young woman knows about the priesthood? How might this influence what you decide to teach?

What are the duties of priesthood holders?

- When have you seen the priesthood in action? What are some examples of priesthood holders fulfilling their duties that you could share?
- Why is it important for the young women to understand the duties of priesthood holders? What can you do to help them?

Activity idea: Write a note or do something special for a priesthood holder expressing gratitude for his priesthood service

How does the priesthood bless me?

- How have you been blessed by the priesthood? Do you have any experiences you could share with the young women?
- How have the young women in your class been blessed by the priesthood? What can you do to help them see how the priesthood can bless their lives?
- Ensure that that young women recognize that they have access to priesthood blessings regardless of their circumstances. These blessings can come through family members, priesthood leaders, and home teachers.

Activity idea: Get to know the Bishopric and make a “stache” jar for them! (<http://twoagainstone.blogspot.com/2012/03/yw-class-activity.html>)



What are the keys of the priesthood?

- Think of the priesthood leaders in your life. How did you gain a testimony that they are called of God? Why is it important for you to sustain those who hold priesthood keys?
- What can you do to help the young women understand the significance of priesthood keys in the Church? In what ways have the young women been blessed by the service of those who hold priesthood keys?

How do I honor and uphold the priesthood?

- What do you do to support and sustain priesthood authority? How have you been blessed for doing so?
- How do the young women in your class feel about priesthood authority? What experiences have they had? What can they do to support and sustain the priesthood?

Activity idea: Do something to help a young Aaronic Priesthood holder understand and honor his priesthood more fully. Here is a fun activity found in the Friend magazine: <http://www.lds.org/friend/2004/05/funstuff?lang=eng>

