

# The Parable of *P.* the Princesses

*Script for  
Relief Society Birthday Programs*

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## **Songs in the Program:**

1. “Fit for His Kingdom” (from the CD *Light Keepers: Be Thou an Example*)
2. Optional: “Nothing Matters More” (from the CD included in the book *The Parable of the Princesses*)
3. Optional: “Beautiful Heart” (from the CD included in the book *The Parable of the Princesses*)
4. Optional: “Sisters Rejoice” (from the CD *Sisters, Rejoice!*)

## **Narrator #1:**

Mary Ellen Smoot said: “Do you ever like to imagine someday you will be invited to something grand, some event that will acknowledge your significance, your immeasurable worth? . . . the Relief Society . . . would like to extend an invitation to each of you: “Come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord” (**Isa. 2:5**).

As we walk in His light, we become women of courage and conviction. We become women of vision, women of destiny, and women of eternal value.

Join with us to build spiritual strength, to radiate truth to the world and to celebrate the family. We are a worldwide circle of sisters—a circle of safety and protection. We are [5.6 million women in 170 countries, we are] the Relief Society organization of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints . . .”

## **Narrator #2:**

The relief society organization was established on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1842. Julie B. Beck said in 2008: “The purpose of Relief Society, as established by the Lord, is to organize, teach, and inspire His daughters to prepare them for the blessings of eternal life.” (end quote).

Everything we do in relief society is ultimately designed to help us achieve the blessings of eternal life. But what is eternal life? Elder Bruce R. McConkie explained: “Eternal life is not a name that has reference only to the unending duration of a future life; immortality is to live forever in the resurrected state, and by the grace of God all men will gain this unending continuance of life. But only those who obey the fulness of the gospel law will inherit eternal life. . . . It is ‘the greatest of all the gifts of God . . . , for it is the kind, status, type, and quality of life that God himself enjoys. Thus those who gain eternal life receive exaltation; they are sons of God, joint-heirs with Christ, members of the Church of the Firstborn; they overcome all things, have all power, and receive the fulness of the Father” (*Mormon Doctrine*, 2nd ed. [1966], 237).

## **Perform Song: Fit for His Kingdom**

**Narrator #3:**

Newborn babies are such an incredible reminder of where we came from. There's no way that you can look into the eyes of a newborn child and doubt that they are divine. When you were born, and people looked into your face, they could see and feel of the power of your divinity. The challenge in this life, is to remember who we are and why we are here in this mortal existence. To not become distracted by all the things and messages around us.

You are not simply a mortal being. You are a child of the almighty God. You are a righteous spirit that has existed for ages. You fought for truth, and you sided with God before this life. You earned the blessing to come to this earth. Henry B. Eyring said: "You are remarkable, even among those who chose right in the contest in the spirit world . . . among the billions of Heavenly Father's children now living, you were privileged to find the gospel of Jesus Christ and His true Church" ("Walk in the Light," *Ensign*, May 2008, 123).

Tonight we are going to read the book "The Parable of the Princesses," by Jenny Phillips. It is our prayer tonight that this program will be a reminder to you of that divinity you were born with, and that you can understand that that same power of divinity is still inside you. We pray that the spirit will remind you of your purpose here on the earth.

**Read the Story: The Parable of the Princesses**

**\*Optional: Perform the song "Nothing Matters More" after the section about Rose.**

**\* Optional: Perform the song "Beautiful Heart" after the section about Hazel.**

Finish the Story

**Relief Society Leader:**

\*Read the following or speak in your own words to conclude the program.

Our Heavenly wants you to remember that He is your Father. He wants you to remember your divine potential. There are so many things we can fill our time with. The adversary wants life to distract us, sidetrack us, diverts us, amuse us, and entertain us. Anything but remind us. He wants us to be too busy, too tired, too involved in other things to remember the great importance of this life. Sisters, may we never forget our mission here. May the great purpose of Relief Society, to prepare us for eternal life, be achieved in each of our lives. May we walk every day with our Savior and let Him lift us beyond our own abilities. May we let Him heal us and mold us. Trust in Him.

\*You may choose to end with your personal testimony of the Savior, the Relief Society Organization, the plan of salvation, etc.

**Optional: Perform the Song "Sisters, Rejoice"**

(choir)