

Penny Bath

Materials

Several dirty pennies
1/4 cup white vinegar
1 tsp. salt
shallow bowl

Mix the vinegar and salt together in the bowl. Add pennies and let sit for 5 minutes. While you are waiting for the pennies to become clean, explain the following to your children:

In D&C 18:10, we learn that “the worth of souls is great in the sight of God.”

How much is each of these pennies worth? (Wait for children to answer, or answer for them if they are too young to understand the concept of money.)



Do you think they're worth less because they are dirty? Of course not. They are still valuable, and we can still use them to buy things. But if you had a coin collection, would you choose to display these pennies, or some shiny, new pennies?

When we sin, our spirits become dirty, just like these pennies. Heavenly Father still loves us. We are still very valuable to Him. But we must be clean to return to Him. Just like these pennies are becoming clean, we can become clean when we repent and are baptized. We become new again, and we can start over as a disciple of Jesus Christ.