

STATION 1 STATION

HIGH PRIEST'S CLOTHING

Our Purpose: Help each visitor feel the spirit and learn that God loves them. God invites them to prepare to enter His presence.

Your Role: Share the story below in your words, in 2-3 minutes. Let the spirit guide you. *Have fun-your enthusiasm is contagious!*

Core Message:

Welcome. Please gather around. We are standing before the High Priest's clothing. The High Priest began wearing sacred clothing when he was set apart to serve the Lord. This sacred clothing helped identify him as the Lord's representative. The High Priests served as mediators on behalf of the people by performing sacrifices that made atonement for all of Israel.

Why do you think the High Priest wore sacred clothing?

Possible Answer: Sacred clothing has always been worn to set the person wearing it apart from the world.

Possible Answer: Today the way we dress should be an outward expression of an inward commitment to follow Jesus Christ. In this way, we "put on" the Armor of God. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who have been endowed, "put on Christ" each day by wearing a sacred garment.

Let me highlight a few distinctive features.

1. Note the colors you see in the High Priest's clothing.
2. The breastplate had 12 stones. Each was inscribed with the name of one of the 12 Tribes of Israel. It's worn over the heart to symbolize closeness to the Lord. He loves His children. Each one is known to Him. Behind the breastplate was a pouch containing the Urim and

Thummim which were used for divine revelation, including the "interpreters" or seer stones.

3. On the shoulders you can see 2 onyx stones. Each has the names of 6 tribes. They symbolize that the Lord helps bear our burdens.
4. On the bonnet is a gold plate. We can see four words here: "Holiness to the Lord." These same words are found on the outside of each of our holy temples.

Short outline of script:

- High Priest sacred clothing – set apart to serve the Lord
- Sacred clothing helped identify him as the Lord's representative.
- High Priests served as mediators on behalf of the people by performing sacrifices that made atonement for all of Israel
- Distinctive features include:
 - Breastplate – 12 stones representing each of the 12 tribes of Israel
 - Breastplate worn over the heart to symbolize closeness to the Lord, He loves his children and each child is known to Him
 - Behind the breastplate, a pouch containing the Urim and Thummim
 - On the shoulders, 2 onyx stones with names of 6 tribes symbolizing that the Lord helps bear our burdens
 - On the bonnet is a gold plate with the inscription "Holiness to the Lord" which is also inscribed on the outside all of our temples