

Station 1: The High Priest's Clothing

Our Purpose

Help each visitor feel the Spirit and learn that God loves them. God wants us to get ready to come into His presence.

Your Role

Tell the story below in your own words. It should take about 2–3 minutes. Let the Spirit guide you, and have fun! Your excitement can help others feel excited, too.

Main Message

Welcome! Please gather around.

We are standing in front of the High Priest's clothing. The High Priest wore special clothing when he was chosen to serve the Lord.

This clothing was sacred, or holy. It showed that the High Priest had a special job to do for God.

The High Priest helped the people come closer to God. He offered sacrifices to help the people become clean from sin and return to the Lord.

Why do you think the High Priest wore special clothing?

One possible answer: Special clothing helped show that the High Priest was set apart to serve God.

Today, the way we dress can show what we believe and how we feel about following Jesus Christ. We can show our love for Him through the choices we make.

The Bible teaches us to put on the Armor of God. Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who have received the temple endowment also wear sacred garments. These garments can remind them of Jesus Christ and their promises to follow Him.

Special Parts of the High Priest's Clothing

Let's look at a few special parts of the clothing.

1. The Colors

Look at the different colors you see in the High Priest's clothing.

2. The Breastplate

The breastplate had 12 stones. Each stone stood for one of the 12 tribes of Israel.

The High Priest wore the breastplate over his heart. This reminded the people that they were close to the Lord and that He loved them.

God knows each of His children. Every person is important to Him.

Behind the breastplate was a small pouch. It held the Urim and Thummim. These were special objects used to help people receive answers and guidance from God.

As we look at the High Priest's clothing, we can remember that God loves us, knows us, and wants us to come closer to Him.

3. Stones on the Shoulders

There are two onyx stones on the High Priest's shoulders. Each stone has the names of six tribes of Israel. These stones remind us that the Lord helps us carry our burdens.

4. Gold Plate on the Head

The High Priest wears a gold plate on his head. It has four words written on it: **"Holiness to the Lord."**

We can also see these same words on the outside of each of our holy temples.

Short Outline of the Script

- The High Priest wore special, holy clothing to serve the Lord.
- His special clothing showed that he was a servant and representative of the Lord.
- High Priests helped the people come closer to God. They offered sacrifices to help the people of Israel become clean from sin.

Special Parts of the High Priest's Clothing

- **Breastplate:** It had 12 stones, one for each of the 12 tribes of Israel.
- **Worn over the heart:** The breastplate was worn over the High Priest's heart. This reminds us that the Lord loves His children. He knows each of us and wants us to be close to Him.
- **Urim and Thummim:** Behind the breastplate was a small pouch that held the Urim and Thummim. These were used to help receive answers and guidance from God.
- **Stones on the shoulders:** The High Priest wore two onyx stones on his shoulders. Each stone had the names of six tribes of Israel. These stones remind us that the Lord helps us carry our burdens.
- **Gold plate on the head:** The High Priest wore a gold plate with the words "Holiness to the Lord." These same words are written on the outside of our holy temples.