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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Easter

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### **5 tips for successful Family Home Evenings**

- 1. Pray.** Pray about the needs of your family as you consider topics for home evenings, and pray as you prepare.
- 2. Prioritize.** Make Family Home Evening a priority; learn to say no to other activities.
- 3. Involvement.** Involve everyone in the family; help little children take part.
- 4. Commitment.** Be committed and be consistent. Set a designated time and stick to it. Holding Family Home Evening on a weekly basis takes dedication and planning on the part of all family members.
- 5. Relax** and enjoy it. The most important thing your children will remember is the spirit they feel in your family home evenings and activities. Be sure the atmosphere is one of love, understanding, and enjoyment.

# Easter

## **Thought:**

Easter is the celebration of the free gift of immortality given to all men, restoring life and healing all wounds. Though all will die as part of the eternal plan of growth and development, nevertheless we can all find comfort in the Psalmist's statement, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." (Ps. 30:5.)

(Howard W. Hunter, "An Apostle's Witness of the Resurrection," *Ensign*, May 1986, 15)

## **Song:**

"Did Jesus Really Live Again?," *Children's Songbook*, p. 64.

## **Scripture:**

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

(Matthew 28:5-6)

## **Lesson:**

Show the front page of the newspaper. The story that gets the highest or biggest headline on the front page is supposed to be the most important event or story of the day. Explain that they are going to learn about the most important event that has happened in the history of the world.

Tell the Easter story in your own words using Gospel Art Kit pictures: 227 Gethsemane, 230 The Crucifixion, and 233 Mary and the Resurrected Lord. Emphasize the important points of the Atonement and Resurrection through these stories.

(Beth Lefgren and Jennifer Jackson, *Sharing Time, Family Time, Anytime: Book Two*, [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1994], p. 3.)

## **Story:**

### **Don't Cry!**

(David O. McKay)

When I was but a boy, several of us had been playing with firecrackers on Twenty-eighth street in Ogden. We did not know then that one of our playmates had powder in his pocket. . . . Unfortunately, in a moment of thoughtlessness, this young boy broke what we called a "lighter," and while it still had sparks in it, he put it in his pocket where the powder lay, and an explosion occurred. His clothes were set on fire, which we, his associates, tried to extinguish as best we could; but he was very severely and fatally burned.

Two or three days later his playmates sat in the funeral services. I chanced to be near enough to the mother to hear [the Stake President] say: "Don't cry, Ann! Don't cry! You'll meet your boy again." And then . . . a cry came from that mother . . . "Oh, if I only knew!"

No parent can lay aside a child without longing, . . . No husband can kneel at the side of a departed wife; no wife can kneel at the side of a departed husband; not child can depart with a loving parent without being filled with an ardent desire to meet that loved one again somewhere in a better world.

To sincere believers in Christianity, to all who accept Christ as their Savior, his resurrection is not a symbolism but a reality.

As Christ lived after death, so shall all men, each taking his place in the next world. . . . Because our Redeemer lives, so shall we.

*(The Gift of the Atonement, [Salt Lake City: Eagle Gate, 2002], p. 81-2.)*

## **Activity:**

Read the scriptural passages as a family, then fill in the blanks.

John 19:38–42

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of Arimathaea was given the body of Jesus. (Joseph)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes to anoint the body of Jesus. (Nicodemus)
3. In the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a \_\_\_\_\_. (garden)
4. The Jews \_\_\_\_\_ day (Sabbath) was nigh at hand. (preparation)

Matthew 27:62–66

5. The chief priests and \_\_\_\_\_ came to Pilate. (Pharisees)
6. They were afraid the disciples would \_\_\_\_\_ the body of Jesus and claim that he was resurrected. (steal)
7. Pilate let them seal the \_\_\_\_\_ and set a guard to watch the tomb. (stone)

Matthew 28:2–4

8. An \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord rolled back the stone. (angel)
9. His face was like \_\_\_\_\_. (lightning)
10. The guards shook from fear and became as \_\_\_\_\_ men. (dead)

Matthew 28:11–15

11. Some of the soldiers told the \_\_\_\_\_ priests all that had happened. (chief)
12. The priests gave large sums of \_\_\_\_\_ to the soldiers to lie about what had happened. (money)
13. The soldiers' story that the disciples had stolen the body of Jesus was commonly \_\_\_\_\_ at the time Matthew wrote his book. (reported)

Matthew 27:52–53

14. Many \_\_\_\_\_ were opened and the bodies of dead saints were resurrected. (graves)
15. These saints went into the holy \_\_\_\_\_ (Jerusalem) and appeared to many. (city)

John 20:1–12

16. Mary Magdalene came to the tomb on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week. (first)
17. Mary ran and told \_\_\_\_\_ and the other disciple (John) that the tomb was empty. (Peter)
18. Both disciples ran to the tomb and saw the empty \_\_\_\_\_ clothes lying inside. (linen)

19. They did not understand the scripture that taught that Jesus would \_\_\_\_\_ again from the dead. (rise)
20. The disciples left, but Mary stood at the sepulchre \_\_\_\_\_. (weeping)
21. She saw two \_\_\_\_\_ who asked her why she cried. (angels)

John 20:13–18

22. She then saw \_\_\_\_\_ but did not recognize him. (Jesus)
23. Jesus said, “\_\_\_\_\_, why weepest thou?” (Woman)
24. Mary thought Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_ and she told him someone had taken the body of Jesus. (gardener)
25. When Jesus said, “\_\_\_\_\_,” she turned and recognized him. (Mary)
26. Jesus told Mary not to hold or embrace him because he had not as yet \_\_\_\_\_ to his Father. (ascended)
27. Mary told the disciples that she had seen the \_\_\_\_\_. (Lord)

Luke 24:36–39

28. Jesus appeared to the Apostles and said, “\_\_\_\_\_ be unto you.” (Peace)
29. The Apostles were frightened, thinking that Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_. (spirit)
30. Jesus asked them to handle him and see that he was not a spirit but that he had a body of flesh and \_\_\_\_\_. (bones)

(Max H. Molgard and Allan K. Burgess, *The Best of Fun for Family Night*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2003], p. 84-5.)

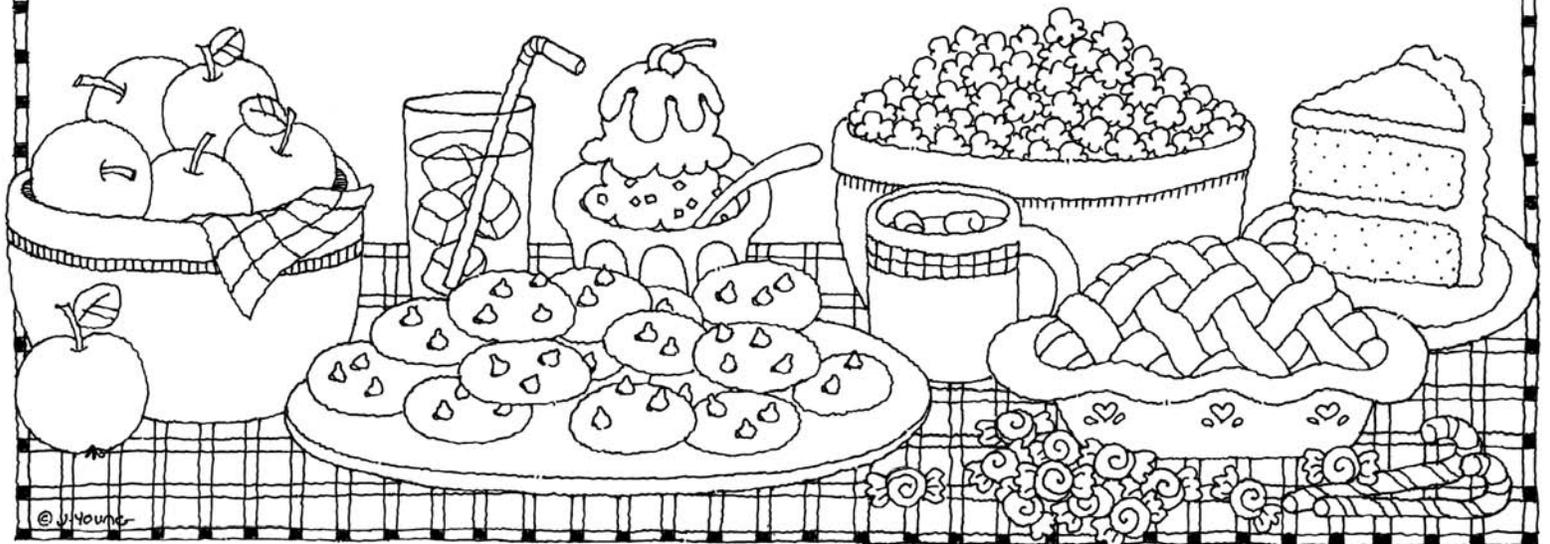
# Refreshment

## Little Nests

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup All-Bran® cereal
- 1 small package mini robin eggs

In a small saucepan, melt butter or margarine over low heat. Add miniature marshmallows. Stir until marshmallows are melted. Remove from heat: add cereal and stir just until coated. When cool enough to handle, form into eight little nests. Place on waxed paper. After about 1 hour, press in center of each nest to form indention. Place three robin eggs in center of each nest.

(Julie Badger Jensen, *Essential Mormon Celebrations*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2005] p. 44.)



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