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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Endure to the End

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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.



## Endure to the End

### Thought:

We learn to endure to the end by learning to finish our current responsibilities, and we simply continue doing it all of our lives. We cannot expect to learn endurance in our later years if we have developed the habit of quitting when things get difficult now.

(Robert D. Hales, “Behold, We Count Them Happy Which Endure,” *Ensign*, May 1998, 75)

### Song:

“Go the Second Mile,” *Children’s Songbook*, p. 167

### Scripture:

Wherefore, if ye shall be obedient to the commandments, and endure to the end, ye shall be saved at the last day. And thus it is.

(1 Ne. 22:31)

### Lesson:

Ask family members to share any experiences they have had with racing. Invite a family member to read Hebrews 12:1 and discuss the following questions:

- What kind of a race do you think Paul was referring to? (The race of life.)
- Is the race of life like a sprint or a marathon?
- What “weights” should we set aside to enable us to run better?

Read together Hebrews 12:2–4 and ask:

- Who should we look to as an example of how to run the race?
- What did Jesus endure to finish His race?
- What helped Him endure His race of life? (The joy that was set before Him.)

(Dennis H. Leavitt and Richard O. Christensen, *Scripture Study for Latter-day Saint Families: The Book of Mormon*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2003], p. 114.)

### Story:

In the early days of the Church, Stillman Pond was a member of the second quorum of the seventy in Nauvoo. He was an early convert to the Church, having come from Hubbardston, Massachusetts. Like others, he and his wife, Maria, and their children were harassed and driven out of Nauvoo. In September 1846 they became part of the great western migration. The early winter that year brought extreme hardships, including malaria, cholera, and consumption. The family was visited by all three of these diseases.

Maria contracted consumption, and all of the children were stricken with malaria. Three of the children died while moving through the early snows. Stillman buried them on the plains. Maria’s condition worsened because of the grief, pain, and the fever of malaria. She could no longer walk. Weakened and sickly, she gave birth to twins. They were named Joseph and Hyrum, and both died within a few days.

The Stillman Pond family arrived at Winter Quarters, and like many other families, they suffered

bitterly while living in a tent. The death of five children coming across the plains to Winter Quarters was but a beginning.

The journal of Horace K. and Helen Mar Whitney verifies . . . four more of the children of Stillman Pond perished . . . with chills and fever.

Four months later, on May 17, 1847, his wife, Maria Davis Pond, also died. Crossing the plains, Stillman Pond lost nine children and a wife. He became an outstanding colonizer in Utah and later became a leader in the quorums of the seventy. Having lost these nine children and his wife in crossing the plains, Stillman Pond did not lose his faith. He did not quit. He went forward.”

(James E. Faust, *Ensign*, Feb. 2006, 6–7.)

### **Activities:**

Play Bumblebee Buzz. Two family members at a time stand back to back. At the signal they take a long breath, turn and face each other, and begin to buzz like bees. The one wins who buzzes the longest with one breath without stopping. If one starts laughing and thus stops buzzing he loses. Continue until a champion is determined.

(Alma Heaton, *The LDS Game Book*, [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1968], p. 243.)

# Refreshment

## Kelli's Rocky Road Pie

- 1 package instant chocolate pudding  
(3 3/4-ounce size)
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 carton non-dairy whipped topping  
(12-ounce size)
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

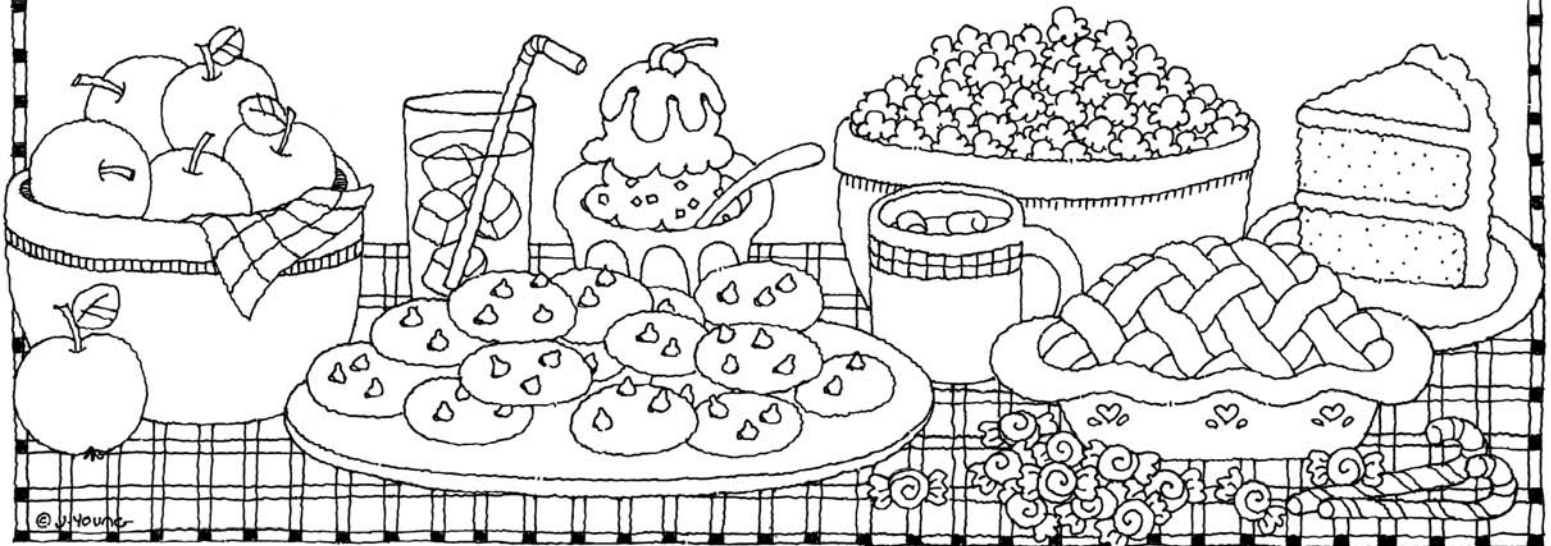
## Kelli's Krumbly Pie Krust

- 1 cube margarine
- 8 whole graham crackers
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 cups instant oats

Pour milk into a blender and add pudding. Blend until the pudding is mixed well. Pour into a bowl. Add marshmallows and 6 heaping tablespoons of whipped topping. Mix all ingredients gently. Use one of Kelli's Krumbly Pie Crusts and put 6 heaping tablespoons of whipped topping in the pie shell. Then pour pudding mixture on top of the whipped topping. Sprinkle nuts on top. Put in the refrigerator for two hours before serving. This pie may be frozen overnight (put plastic wrap over the top and sides) and it will taste delicious on a hot day. Serves 6 to 8.

*Crust:* Melt margarine in a small saucepan over the stove. Put graham crackers into a heavy plastic bag and tie the end of the bag. With a rolling pin, crush the graham crackers until they are smooth. Pour the crumbs into a bowl. Add brown sugar and oats and mix well. Pour melted margarine over the cracker mixture and mix well. Pat half of the mixture into a 9-inch pie pan, makes two 9-inch pie crusts.

(Karla C. Erickson, *Kids in the Kitchen*, [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1980] p. 23.)



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