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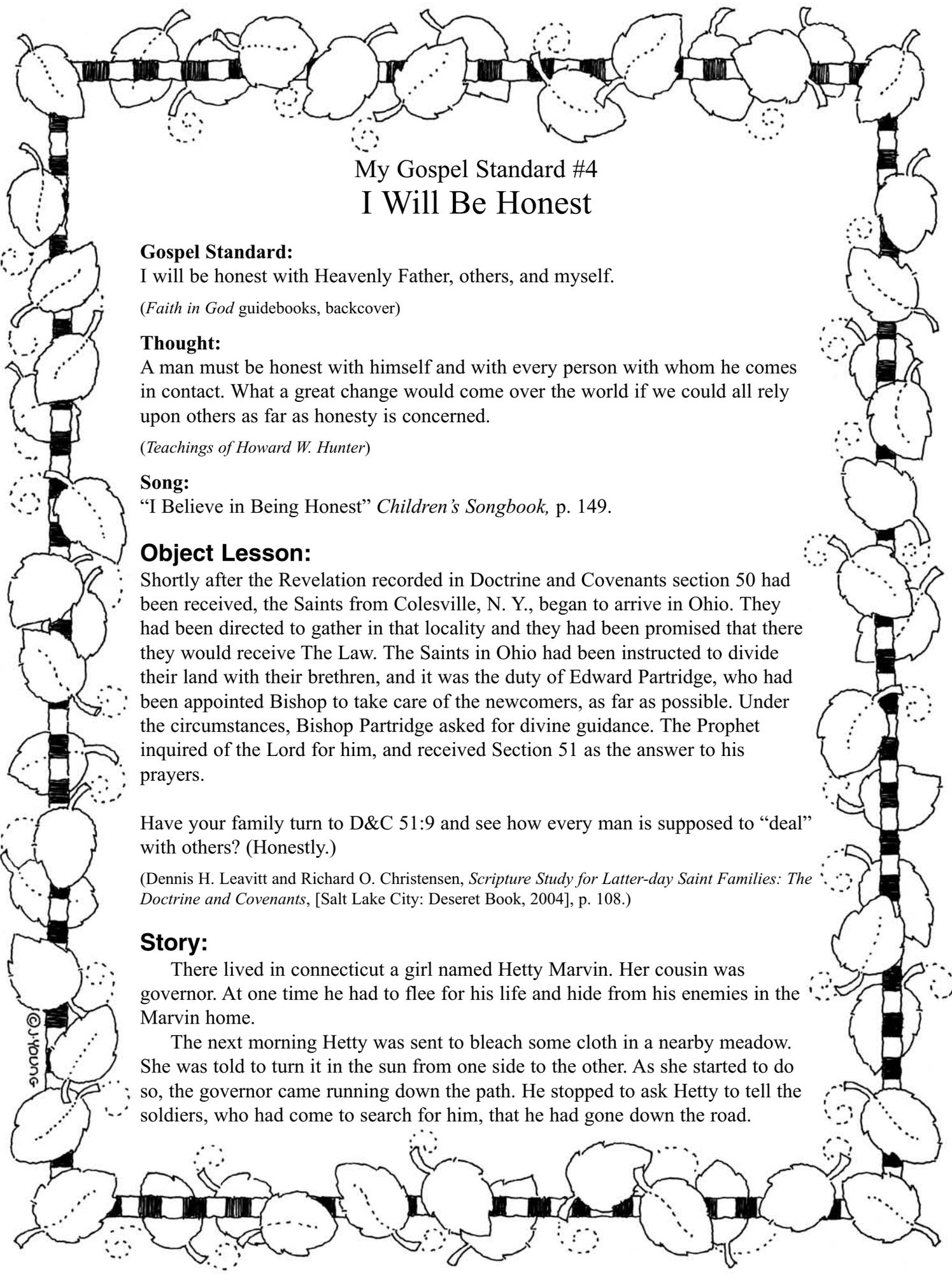
Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: I Will Be Honest

Packet #010407

### **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.



## My Gospel Standard #4 I Will Be Honest

### **Gospel Standard:**

I will be honest with Heavenly Father, others, and myself.

(*Faith in God* guidebooks, backcover)

### **Thought:**

A man must be honest with himself and with every person with whom he comes in contact. What a great change would come over the world if we could all rely upon others as far as honesty is concerned.

(*Teachings of Howard W. Hunter*)

### **Song:**

“I Believe in Being Honest” *Children’s Songbook*, p. 149.

### **Object Lesson:**

Shortly after the Revelation recorded in Doctrine and Covenants section 50 had been received, the Saints from Colesville, N. Y., began to arrive in Ohio. They had been directed to gather in that locality and they had been promised that there they would receive The Law. The Saints in Ohio had been instructed to divide their land with their brethren, and it was the duty of Edward Partridge, who had been appointed Bishop to take care of the newcomers, as far as possible. Under the circumstances, Bishop Partridge asked for divine guidance. The Prophet inquired of the Lord for him, and received Section 51 as the answer to his prayers.

Have your family turn to D&C 51:9 and see how every man is supposed to “deal” with others? (Honestly.)

(Dennis H. Leavitt and Richard O. Christensen, *Scripture Study for Latter-day Saint Families: The Doctrine and Covenants*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2004], p. 108.)

### **Story:**

There lived in Connecticut a girl named Hetty Marvin. Her cousin was governor. At one time he had to flee for his life and hide from his enemies in the Marvin home.

The next morning Hetty was sent to bleach some cloth in a nearby meadow. She was told to turn it in the sun from one side to the other. As she started to do so, the governor came running down the path. He stopped to ask Hetty to tell the soldiers, who had come to search for him, that he had gone down the road.

“Then,” said the governor, “I’ll go the opposite direction down to the river, and they won’t be able to catch me.”

“I can’t do that,” answered Hetty, “for I’d be telling a lie.”

“But you must help me,” he begged, “or I may lose my life.”

“Hide under this pile of linen,” Hetty said, “and I won’t tell anyone where you are even if I am killed for it.”

The sound of horses coming toward them could be heard in the distance. “It’s my only chance,” he said. “I’ll get down as you say.”

The young girl covered him completely just as the soldiers on horseback rode up to her.

“Did you see a man running by here?” asked the captain.

Hetty nodded.

“Which way did he go, child?”

“I promised not to tell, sir.” said Hetty quietly.

“But you must,” said the captain, “or you’ll be punished.”

Hetty refused to answer even though others in the group tried to get her to do so. Finally one of the men said, “If you won’t tell us which way the governor went, then just tell us the last thing he said to you.”

“His last words were, ‘It’s my only chance. I’ll get down as you say.’”

The men nodded in silent agreement and then turned their horses toward the river, thinking the words went that the governor would get down to the river.

(Lucile C. Reading, *Shining Moments, Volume 2*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1987], p. 13.)

### **Activity:**

Play “Live-the-Truth” game. Make a gameboard with 30 to 40 squares in a row. Write “Answer a question” on 12 to 15 of the spaces. Use a button or coin as your marker. Try to get from the “start” to the “finish.” Have the whole family work together as a team. Have family members take turns rolling a dice or spinning a spinner from a game you have at home and moving the marker the number of spaces indicated. When a person lands on “Answer a question,” he or she reads one of the questions on the list aloud. The other members, acting as the Spirit, encourage them by whispering together, “Live the truth. Live the truth. Choose the right. Live the truth.” The person then states what he or she would do. Continue until the marker reaches the finish. Reemphasize that to choose the right is to be honest, to live the truth.

1. Your parents want you to get an achievement award. You are tempted to lie and say you have done some of the requirements that you really haven’t completed. What will you do?
2. Some kids at school are making fun of “Mormons.” They ask you if you are one. What will you say?
3. You heard some gossip you are pretty sure is true. You think it would be exciting to pass it along to all your friends. What will you do?
4. Your mother asks you to deliver something to someone around the block. When you get to the next block, you cannot find the right place, so you go home. You are afraid your mom will be mad if you tell her what happened. You are thinking about just not saying anything and hoping she will not notice. What will you do?

5. You forgot about your Primary activity day. When your teacher asks you why you did not attend, you are embarrassed to tell her the truth. You are tempted to tell her you were sick. What will you say?
6. Your father tells you he will give you two dollars for every half hour that you spend weeding the garden. You are tempted to tell him it took longer than it really did, to get more money. What will you do?
7. It is the day of the school field trip, but you forgot all week to bring your money. When your teacher questions you about it, you are tempted to tell her you handed it in. What will you say?
8. You buy some candy at the store. The cashier gives you too much change back. What will you do?
9. You want your friends to think you are a good ball player. So when they ask you how you played, you are tempted to stretch the truth. What will you say?
10. You are tempted to change your report card before showing it to your parents. What will you do?
11. Your older brother asks you not to play with his video game. When he is gone, you are tempted to sneak in and play with it. What will you do?
12. Your teacher assigns you to write a poem. You do not enjoy writing. You are tempted to copy a poem your older sister wrote a few years ago. What will you do?
13. You find a wallet with \$50 in it. You are tempted to keep it, even though there is a name and address inside. What will you do?
14. Your parents are gone. You are tempted to watch a television show that they have asked you not to watch. What will you do?

(adapted from Christena C. Nelson, *Choose the Right*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1996], p. 80.)

## Refreshment

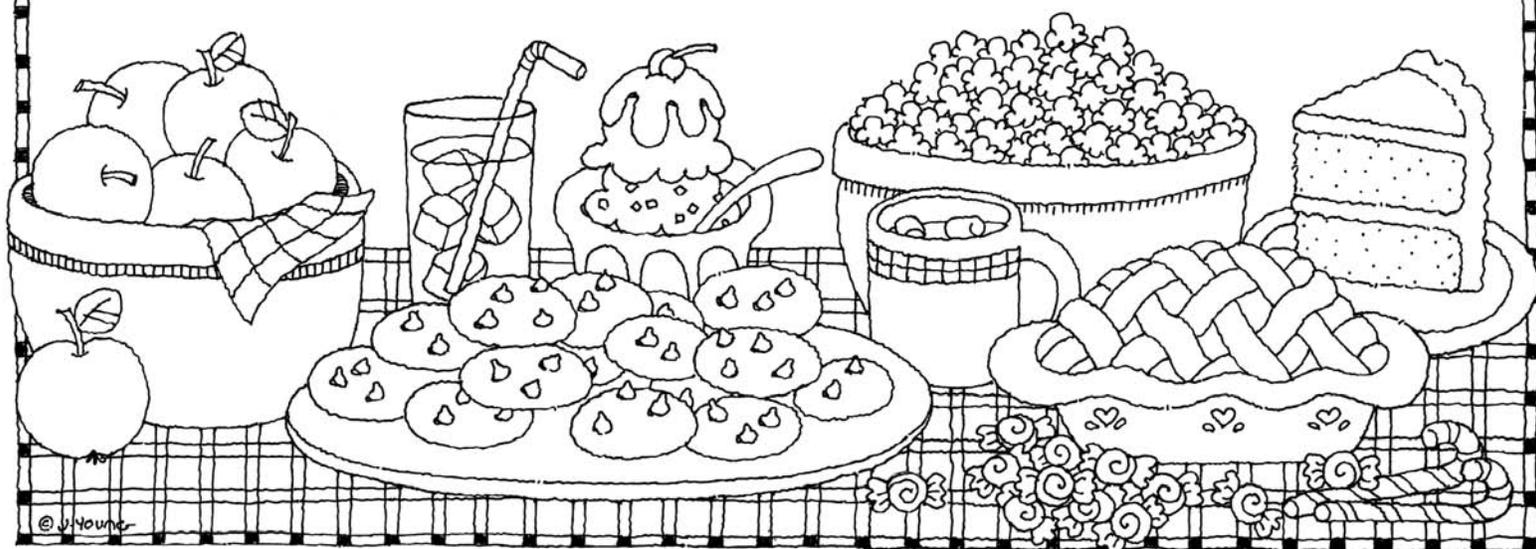
### Speedy Cinnamon Sticks

These breadsticks are fast and fun.

- 1 loaf frozen bread dough
- 1/2 cup brown or white sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

Thaw frozen bread dough for about 3 hours. Mix sugar with cinnamon. Cut loaf lengthwise into 4 strips. Cut strips horizontally in thirds, making 12 strips. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Roll each piece of dough in butter, then in sugar cinnamon mixture. Stretch and twist. Place on greased baking sheet and let raise 1 hour; bake at 400° F. for about 12 minutes or until lightly browned; sprinkle with additional sugar. Makes 12 cinnamon sticks.

(Julie Badger Jensen, *The Essential Mormon Cookbook*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2004], p. 153.)



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