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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Service

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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.

Service

Conference Talk:

For more information on this topic read “O Ye That Embark,” by Henry B. Eyring, *Ensign*, Nov 2008, 57–60.

Thought:

When we give our all in . . . service, the Lord will give us all the courage we need and the assurance that He goes with us and that angels will bear us up.

(Henry B. Eyring, “O Ye That Embark,” *Ensign*, Nov 2008, 57–60.)

Song:

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

Scripture:

Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day.

(Doctrine and Covenants 4:2)

Lesson and Activity:

Explain that as we try to become like Christ, we can follow his example of serving others. Have a family discussion. Ask: What is foster care? How would it feel to be a foster child? How important are simple things, like saying “I love you!” to children in foster care?

Tell your family that they are going to do a service project making birthday cards for children in foster care. Brainstorm ideas about what kinds of cards these children would like.

Gather materials to be used for making birthday cards— blank note cards, envelopes, colored paper, cardstock, stickers, markers, crayons, glue, scissors, and so on. Have a card- making night where you make many cards, for all age groups and genders, that say “Happy Birthday” or “We love you!” Let young children color and cut to their hearts' content! Let teens or older children design their own cards—ones that are suitable for other teens.

Have the entire family sign each card. Do not seal the cards in the envelopes; simply slip them in the envelopes without sealing so the foster care people can decide who is an appropriate recipient of the card. Have fun making tons of cards!

Deliver the cards to your local children’s foster-care facility. (Call your county government if you’re not familiar with the location or contact information.)

(Merrilee Boyack, *52 Weeks of Fun Family Service*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2007], p. 9, 102.)

Story:

She Saw My Need

Jenna Trevors

Soon after the birth of my fifth child, I bought a new home and was preparing to make the big move. I was very tired. I hardly had the energy to care for my children, let alone do all the other things that now faced me with the move to another home—unpacking, putting things in order, and even painting the outside of the house.

We finally got all of our possessions moved to the new house. As I sat in the living room holding my newborn daughter, surrounded by many boxes and feeling overwhelmed by all the

work that was left to do, a knock sounded at my door. I opened the door and there stood Susan, one of my new neighbors, a woman who lived just down the street. She said, “I am here to help you.” I couldn’t believe she would be so concerned about me. She saw my circumstances but made no judgments. And she didn’t offer to help—she just informed me that that’s what she was going to do.

Susan showed up every day, cheerful, willing, and energetic. She stayed at least eight hours a day for many days, until everything in the house was put away. Then she continued to come for two more weeks to help me paint the outside of my house. I never called her to ask her to help. But each morning as I went out to start painting I would see her walking up the street in her “paint clothes.” Through it all, we laughed, groaned under the load, and shared deep feelings with one another.

But that wasn’t all she did. After a time Susan saw another need. She began to help me sort and organize all of my papers. Though the task was tedious and very time consuming, she helped me go through every paper I had. She showed me how to set up files and keep things in order. She also helped me organize everything else in my house, making it easier to care for and keep clean.

It wasn’t that Susan was bored and had nothing to do. She had a busy home and six children of her own to care for. She just saw a need, and she and her family made sacrifices to fill that need.

I can’t imagine how I would have survived those days without Susan. She was able to turn a huge trial into a blessing—and became my dear friend forever.

(Leon R. Hartshorn, *Inspiring Stories for Young Latter-day Saints*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1975].)

Refreshment

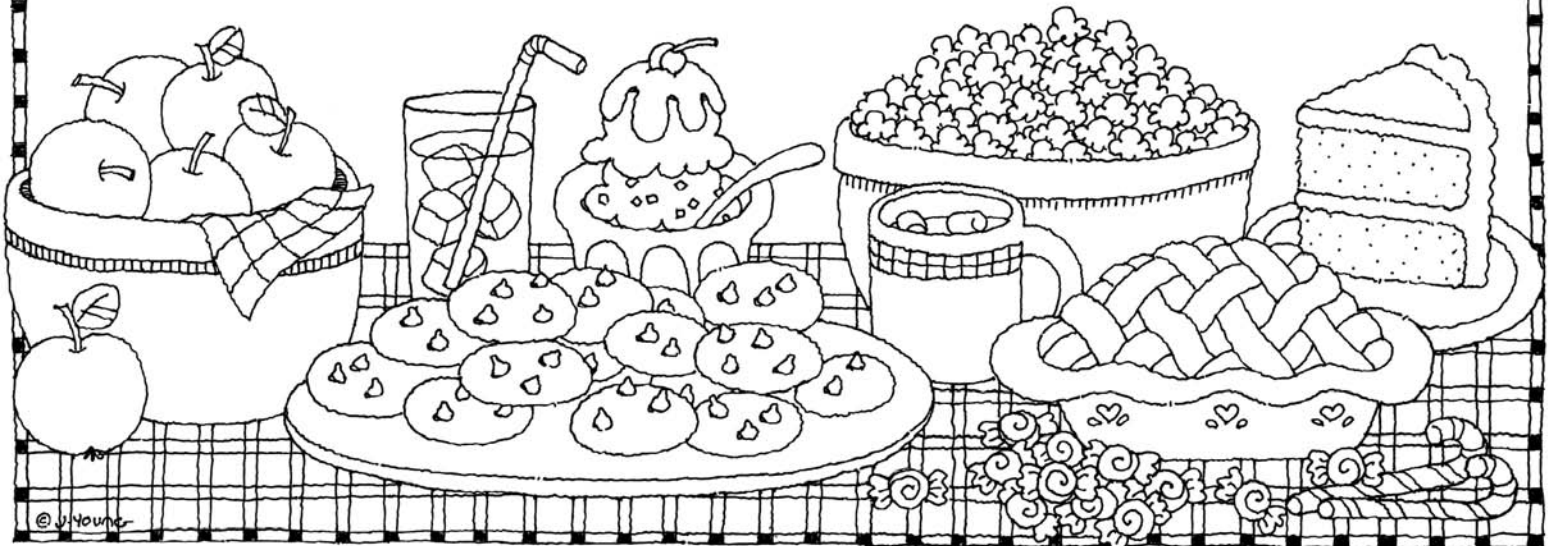
Ice Cream Sundae Pie

1 graham cracker pie crust (buy it pre-made at the grocery store)
4 cups ice cream, slightly softened, any flavor
1 cup ice cream topping (fudge sauce, caramel, or butterscotch)
Whipped cream, for topping
Nuts, for topping
Maraschino cherries, for topping

Place a thin layer of ice cream on top of the pie crust; cover it with a thin layer of ice cream topping. Continue alternating layers of softened ice cream and topping. Cover the pie with foil or plastic wrap and place it in the freezer. Freeze until the pie is firm, at least four or five hours. To serve, slice it into wedges and top with whipped cream, nuts, cherries, and extra topping.

Serves 6 to 8.

(Clark L. and Kathryn H. Kidd, *52 Weeks of Recipes for Students, Missionaries, and Nervous Cooks*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2007] p. 101.)



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