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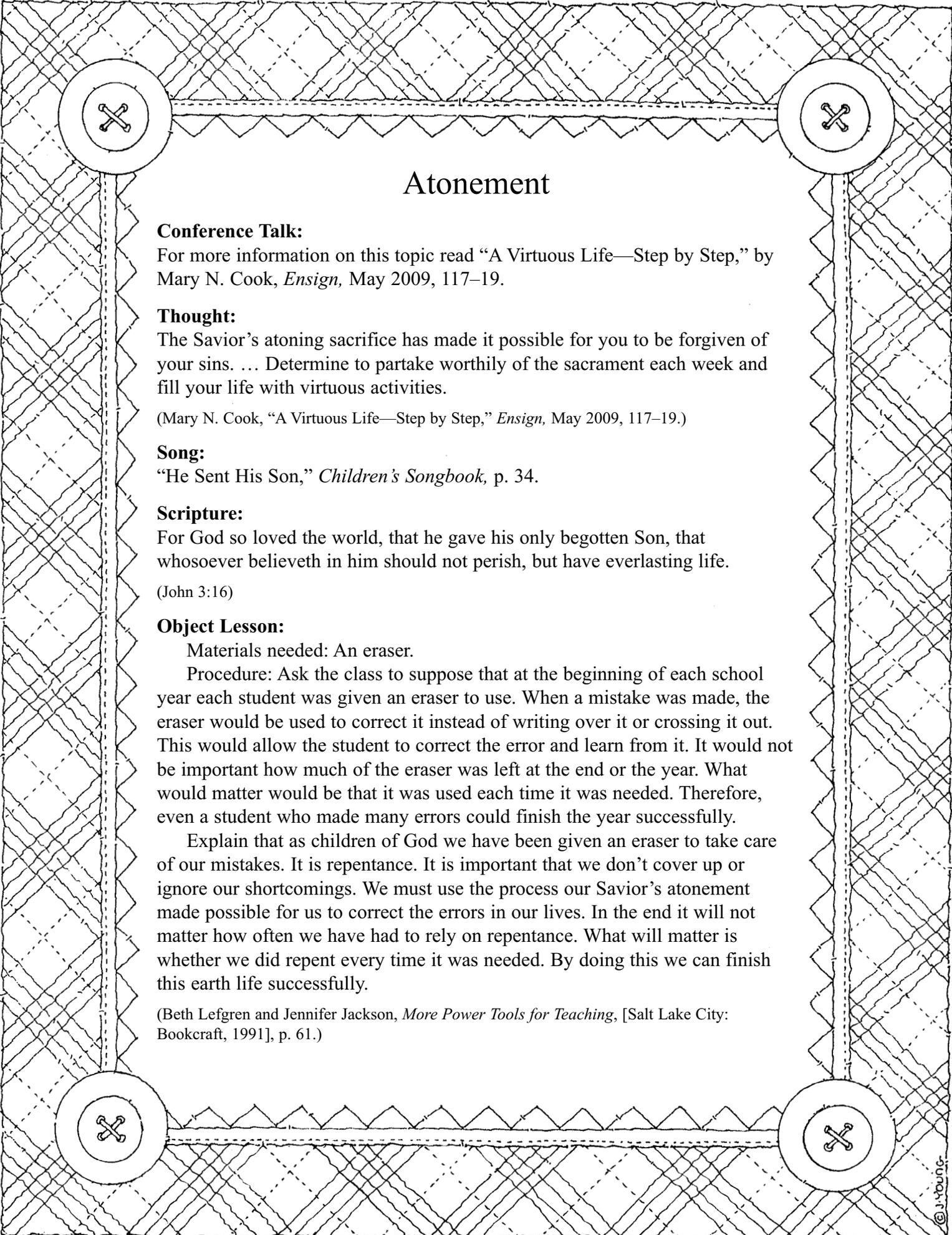
Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Atonement

Packet #120309

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.



Atonement

Conference Talk:

For more information on this topic read “A Virtuous Life—Step by Step,” by Mary N. Cook, *Ensign*, May 2009, 117–19.

Thought:

The Savior’s atoning sacrifice has made it possible for you to be forgiven of your sins. . . . Determine to partake worthily of the sacrament each week and fill your life with virtuous activities.

(Mary N. Cook, “A Virtuous Life—Step by Step,” *Ensign*, May 2009, 117–19.)

Song:

“He Sent His Son,” *Children’s Songbook*, p. 34.

Scripture:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(John 3:16)

Object Lesson:

Materials needed: An eraser.

Procedure: Ask the class to suppose that at the beginning of each school year each student was given an eraser to use. When a mistake was made, the eraser would be used to correct it instead of writing over it or crossing it out. This would allow the student to correct the error and learn from it. It would not be important how much of the eraser was left at the end or the year. What would matter would be that it was used each time it was needed. Therefore, even a student who made many errors could finish the year successfully.

Explain that as children of God we have been given an eraser to take care of our mistakes. It is repentance. It is important that we don’t cover up or ignore our shortcomings. We must use the process our Savior’s atonement made possible for us to correct the errors in our lives. In the end it will not matter how often we have had to rely on repentance. What will matter is whether we did repent every time it was needed. By doing this we can finish this earth life successfully.

(Beth Lefgren and Jennifer Jackson, *More Power Tools for Teaching*, [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1991], p. 61.)

Story:

I once asked a young boy graduating from Primary what was his favorite scripture story. “The Tower of Babel,” he quickly responded. His answer was somewhat of a shock for me, so I asked him what that story taught him. “It teaches me that there is only one way to get to heaven,” he said.

We cannot build our own stairway to heaven; we must climb the one the Lord has provided. This stairway is constructed by the Lord, for He stands waiting for His children to climb toward Him. Far too many people want to build their own stairway, and though they may proceed with their construction plans, they never reach high enough to achieve the goal of reunion with our Father in Heaven. There is no other stair!

(S. Michael Wilcox, *Don't Leap With the Sheep*, [Salt Lake City, Deseret Book, 2001], p. 166.)

Activity:

Show the family a picture of Jesus Christ.

Pass the picture around the family. As each family member holds it, have them express their feelings for the Savior.

Refreshment

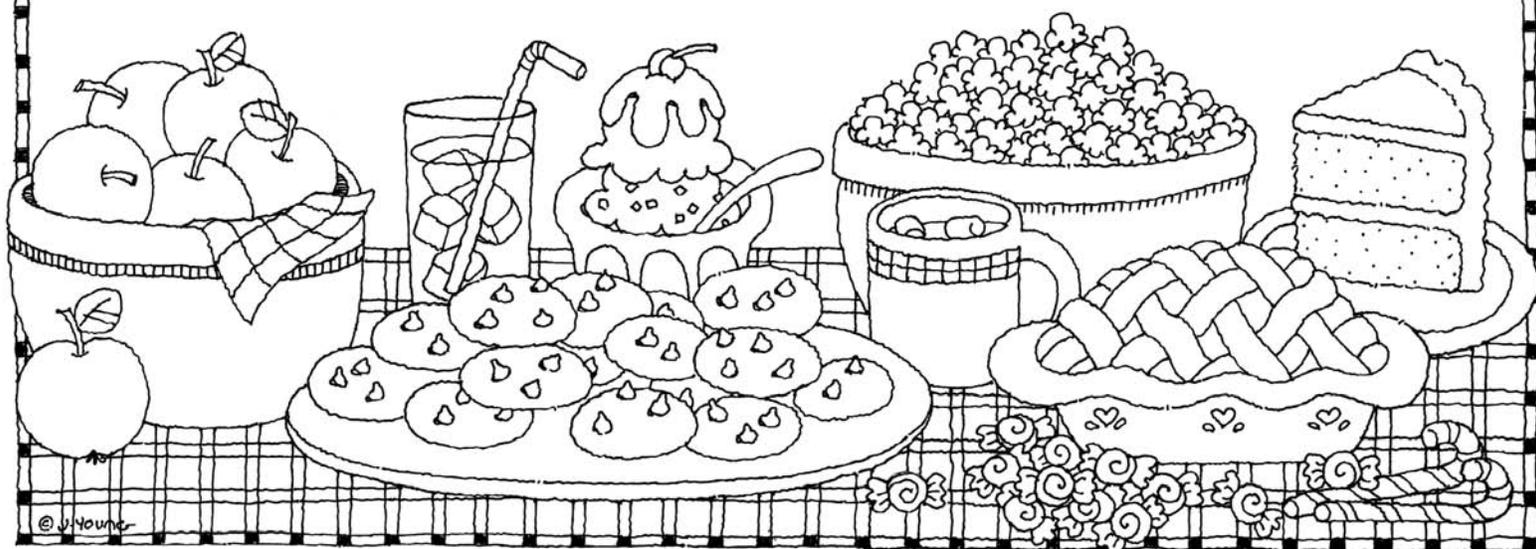
Chip/Vegetable Dip

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 1 16-ounce package frozen broccoli, chopped
- 1 package Italian dressing mix

Combine all ingredients in a medium-sized baking dish and bake at 350° F. for 15 to 20 minutes.

Serve with your favorite chips or raw vegetables.

(Janeen W. Baadsgaard, *The LDS Mother's Almanac*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2003], p. 331.)



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