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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Jesus Christ

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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.

thank you so very much

Jesus Christ

Conference Talk:

For more information on this topic read “That Our Children Might See the Face of the Savior,” by Cheryl C. Lant, *Ensign*, May 2010, 81–83.

Thought:

Christ’s invitation to seek Him is an invitation to know who He is, what He has done for us, and what He has asked us to do. Coming to Christ, and eventually seeing His face, comes only as we draw close to Him through our faith and our actions.

(Cheryl C. Lant, “That Our Children Might See the Face of the Savior,” *Ensign*, May 2010, 81–83.)

Song:

“I Feel My Savior’s Love,” *Children’s Songbook*, p. 74.

Scripture:

And seek the face of the Lord always, that in patience ye may possess your souls, and ye shall have eternal life.

(Doctrine and Covenants 101:38)

Object Lesson:

Materials Needed: Two small pieces of PVC pipe (same size) and a coupler that will link them together.

Procedure: Ask: What should be our ultimate goal in life? (To return to live with Heavenly Father.) Show the two pieces of PVC pipe to the group. Liken one to us and the other to Heavenly Father. Point out that there is no way that these two pieces can join together by themselves. Show the PVC coupler and liken it to Jesus Christ, who is our mediator. Show how the coupler is used to bring the two pieces together. Explain that Christ made it possible for us to return to Heavenly Father through his Atonement. Only through his sacrifice can we receive eternal life. As we believe in him, keep his commandments, and repent, we can return to Heavenly Father.

(Beth Lefgren and Jennifer Jackson, *Object Lessons Made Easy*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2010], p. 50.)

Story:

A man in India was accused of stealing a sheep. He was brought before the judge, and the supposed owner of the sheep was present. Both claimed the sheep, and had witnesses to prove their claims, so it was not easy to decide to whom the sheep belonged. Knowing the habits of the shepherds and the sheep, the judge ordered the animal to be brought into court, and sent one of the two men into another room, while he told the other to call the sheep, and see whether it would come to him. But the poor sheep, not knowing the voice of a stranger, would not go to him. In the meantime, the other man in the adjoining room, growing impatient, gave a kind of “chuck,” upon which the sheep bounded away towards him at once. This “chuck” was the way in which he had been used to calling the sheep,

I love you • hugs • you're the best!

please • you're welcome • yes!

I'm so grateful • thanks

and it was at once decided that he was the real owner.

Just as the sheep know the shepherd, we should be familiar with our Savior's voice. We know that the Lord will never lead us astray or give us untruth, we need to learn to distinguish His voice from the noise all around us.

(edited by Rick Walton and Fern Oviatt, *Stories for Mormons*, [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1983], p.74.)

Activity:

Review the First Article of Faith until everyone can repeat it from memory.

Refreshment

Blueberry Pizza

Crust:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup flour

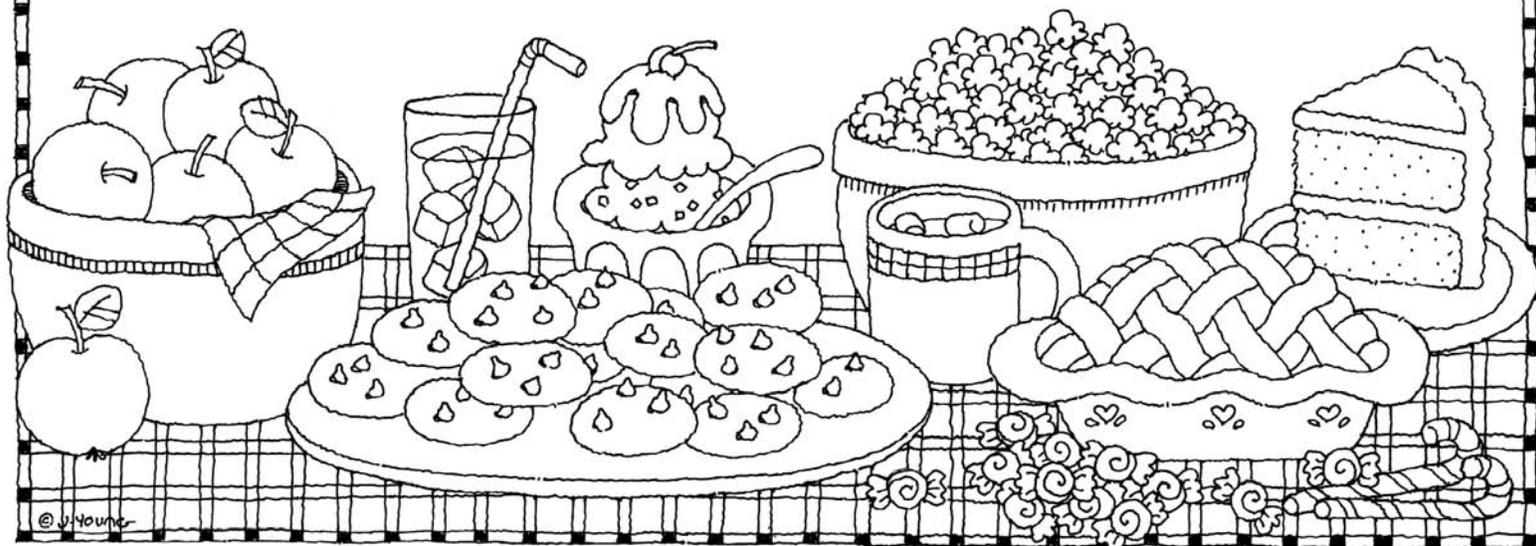
Filling:

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups whipped topping
- 8 ounces blueberry jam

Mix crust ingredients and pat into a well-greased round pizza pan. Bake for 15 minutes at 325 degrees. Let cool.

Beat powdered sugar and cream cheese; fold in whipped topping and spread over crust. Top with jam and chill.

(Holle Eckman and Heather Higgins, *All that Jam*, [Salt Lake City: Shadow Mountain, 2003], p. 102.)



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