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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Trust

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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.

# Trust

## Conference Talk:

For more information on this topic read "Trust in God, Then Go and Do", by Henry B. Eyring, *Ensign*, Nov. 2010, 70–73.

## Thought:

Those who lost the blessing of coming into mortality lacked sufficient trust in God to avoid eternal misery. [We should] trust in God and His servants enough that we will go out and obey His counsel.

(Henry B. Eyring, "Trust in God, Then Go and Do", *Ensign*, Nov. 2010, 70–73.)

## Song:

"Nephi's Courage," *Children's Songbook*, p. 120.

## Scripture:

For behold, the Lord doth grant unto all nations, of their own nation and tongue, to teach his word, yea, in wisdom, all that he seeth fit that they should have; therefore we see that the Lord doth counsel in wisdom, according to that which is just and true.

(Alma 29:8)

## Lesson and Story:

Hold up a coin and ask, "What motto is written on United States coins"? Have your family read Alma 38:1–5 and find a similar phrase (see verse 5). Then ask:

- What promises did Alma make to Shiblon if he would put his "trust" in God?
- How do we show our trust in God?
- How has putting your trust in God helped you during times of trial?

Have your family scan Alma 38:1–5 again and find another place where the word "trust" is used. (See verse 2.) Ask them who is expressing trust in whom. What qualities had Shiblon displayed that enabled Alma to trust him?

Tell your family that one of President David O. McKay's favorite sayings was, "To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved." (True to the Faith, p. 274.)

Share this story related by President N. Eldon Tanner. Explain that when he was fourteen years old, his father was serving as bishop and had gone to prepare for a funeral. He had asked Eldon and his brothers to do the chores while he was gone. President Tanner explained:

"We decided to ride some calves before we did what he had told us to do. We thought we would have plenty of time, but he came home while we were still riding those calves, and he called us over to him. . . . He pointed his finger at me and said, 'My boy, I thought I could depend on you.' That hurt me very much. I can still almost recall the exact feeling I had at that time. I made up my mind that he would never have a reason to say, 'I thought I could depend on you.' Right then I made up my mind that the Lord would never have reason to say, 'I thought I could depend on Eldon Tanner.'" ("In Memoriam: President N. Eldon Tanner," *New Era*, January–February 1983, p. 14.)

Ask family members to think of some ways they could earn the trust of parents, teachers, friends, and God. Have them share their ideas.

(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. 210.)

## Refreshment

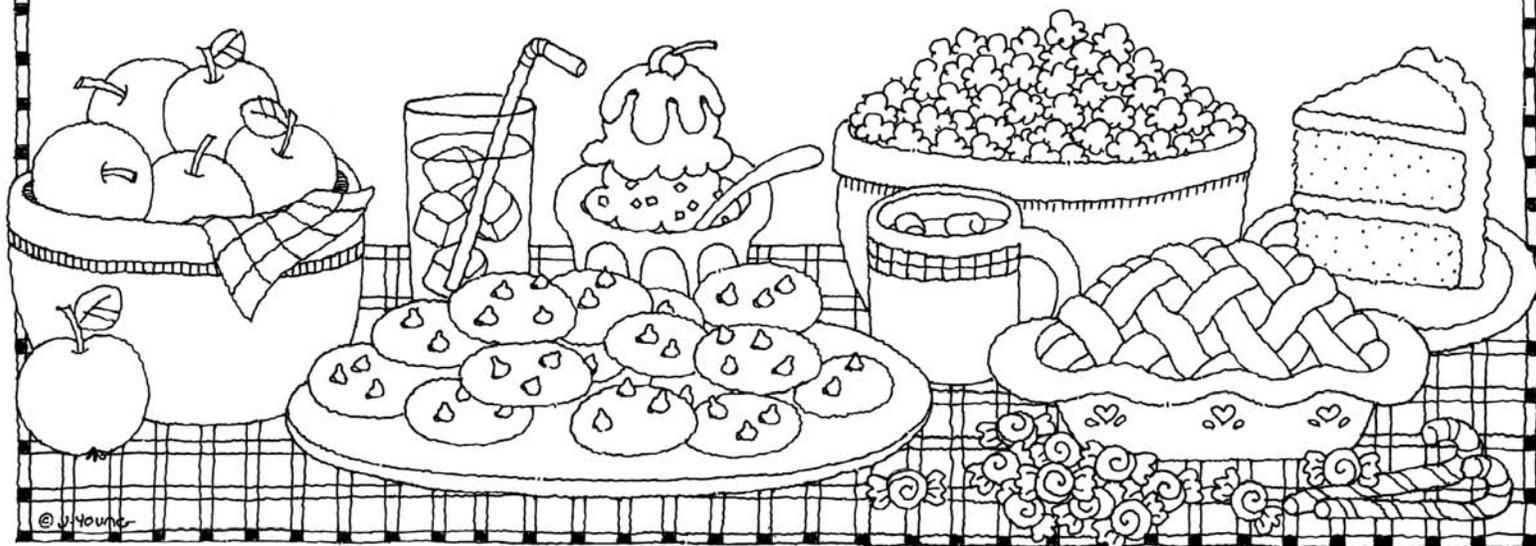
### Cream Cheese Brownies

- 1 package deluxe brownie mix
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons milk

Follow package directions for preheating oven and preparing cake-like brownies. Pour batter into a greased 9 x 9-inch pan. In a separate bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until creamy. Add egg and milk and mix until smooth. Drop cream cheese batter into the brownie pan in spoonfuls and swirl with a knife. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes. Cut into 3-inch squares or size desired. Makes 9 to 15 bars.

Variation: For Raspberry Cream Cheese Brownies, dollop approximately 1/2 cup raspberry jam by spoonfuls on top of cream cheese before swirling.

(*Lion House Bakery*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2009], p. 82.)



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