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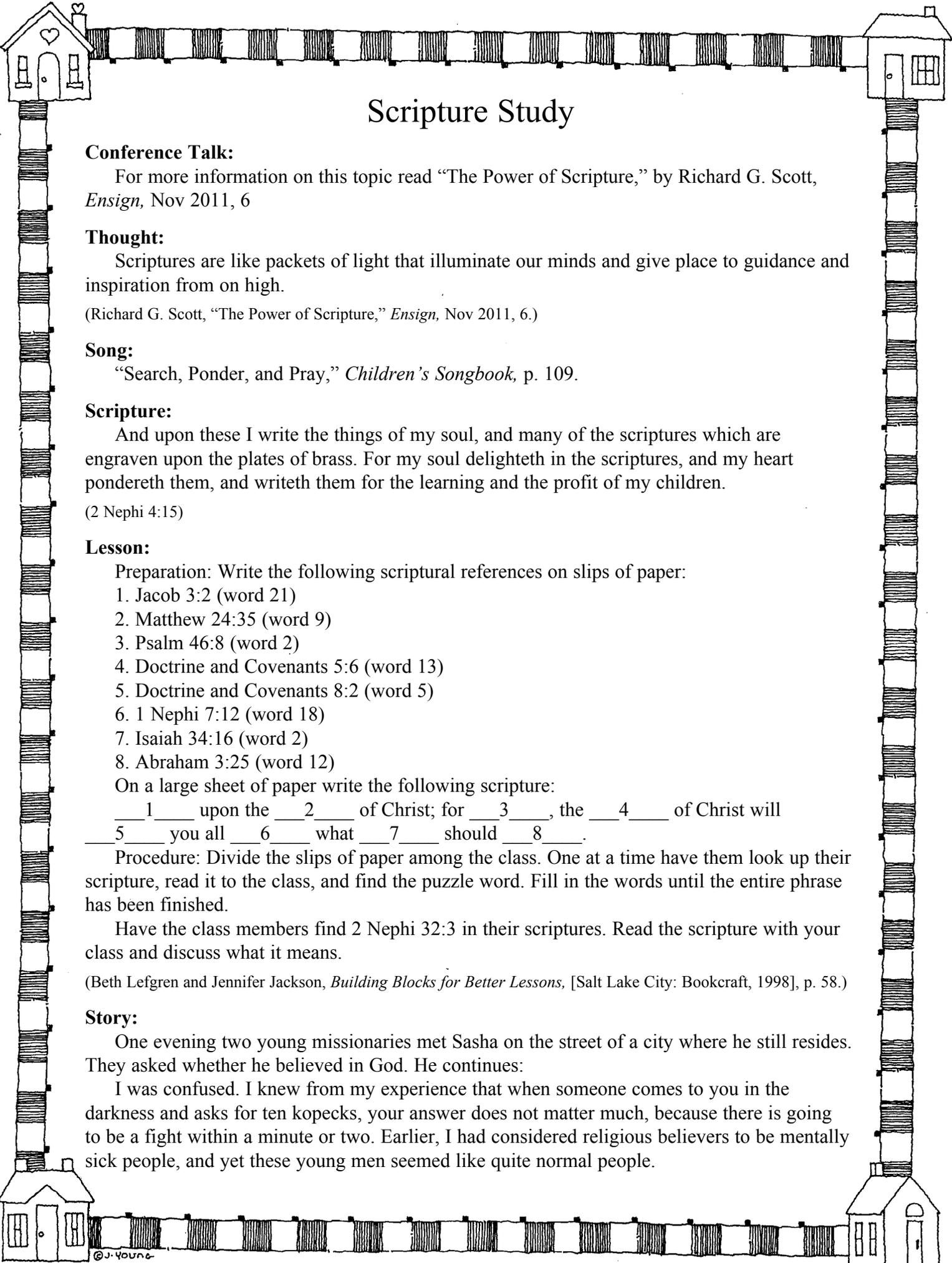
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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Scripture Study

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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.



Scripture Study

Conference Talk:

For more information on this topic read “The Power of Scripture,” by Richard G. Scott, *Ensign*, Nov 2011, 6

Thought:

Scriptures are like packets of light that illuminate our minds and give place to guidance and inspiration from on high.

(Richard G. Scott, “The Power of Scripture,” *Ensign*, Nov 2011, 6.)

Song:

“Search, Ponder, and Pray,” *Children’s Songbook*, p. 109.

Scripture:

And upon these I write the things of my soul, and many of the scriptures which are engraven upon the plates of brass. For my soul delighteth in the scriptures, and my heart pondereth them, and writeth them for the learning and the profit of my children.

(2 Nephi 4:15)

Lesson:

Preparation: Write the following scriptural references on slips of paper:

1. Jacob 3:2 (word 21)
2. Matthew 24:35 (word 9)
3. Psalm 46:8 (word 2)
4. Doctrine and Covenants 5:6 (word 13)
5. Doctrine and Covenants 8:2 (word 5)
6. 1 Nephi 7:12 (word 18)
7. Isaiah 34:16 (word 2)
8. Abraham 3:25 (word 12)

On a large sheet of paper write the following scripture:

___1___ upon the ___2___ of Christ; for ___3___, the ___4___ of Christ will ___5___ you all ___6___ what ___7___ should ___8___.

Procedure: Divide the slips of paper among the class. One at a time have them look up their scripture, read it to the class, and find the puzzle word. Fill in the words until the entire phrase has been finished.

Have the class members find 2 Nephi 32:3 in their scriptures. Read the scripture with your class and discuss what it means.

(Beth Lefgren and Jennifer Jackson, *Building Blocks for Better Lessons*, [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1998], p. 58.)

Story:

One evening two young missionaries met Sasha on the street of a city where he still resides. They asked whether he believed in God. He continues:

I was confused. I knew from my experience that when someone comes to you in the darkness and asks for ten kopecks, your answer does not matter much, because there is going to be a fight within a minute or two. Earlier, I had considered religious believers to be mentally sick people, and yet these young men seemed like quite normal people.

I agreed to make an appointment with the missionaries. Oh, I tortured them so much! I asked them many silly, cynical questions, and I even supposed that they were agents of the CIA.

Unfortunately (or perhaps fortunately!), I had lost my job then and had time to read the Book of Mormon and the Bible all day long. The experience of reading these two books of scripture hour after hour, day after day, completely transformed my life. I found the truth. As I met with these wonderful young men, my cynicism gradually but fully dissolved. In our meetings and through my personal reading of the scriptures day after day, I became a new person, with a new outlook on the world.

As I read the Book of Mormon, I realized that there are not inherently good and bad people in the world. All of them have a choice, either to follow the power of good or the power of evil. Life on this earth may be unjust, but there is a future existence—even a new world—where justice and mercy will reign, and where we will be judged with mercy and righteousness by our Savior.

Instead of contempt for people, I have come to see that we need to help them overcome their weaknesses and temptations. The gospel helped me to understand the reason for the actions of people. Now I am sorry for the rich man who spends his life concerned only for his wealth. I am sorry for my neighbor who killed a cat that had scratched his new car by accident. I began to care for wicked people, flatterers, and impudent fellows—not condoning their actions, but feeling concern for their welfare. They are all unhappy people, alienated from God, and I need to help them find him.

Since my baptism and the receiving of the gift of the Holy Ghost, I have committed to our Heavenly Father that I will always try to help lift others throughout the rest of my life. As Alma explained [see Mosiah 18:8-10], when I accepted baptism I promised to be a comfort and a strength to others. And I will.

Sasha is a dedicated servant of the Lord who holds the Melchizedek Priesthood. He is a man who shows great love to others. He now manages a new private company in his city.

(Howard L. Biddulph, *Morning Breaks: Stories of Conversion and Faith in the Former Soviet Union*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1996].)

Activity:

All titles to the books of the Bible can be found among these letters. Those books which are prefixed with Roman numerals appear only once and so there are fifty-seven titles to be found. Draw a circle around each title as you find it. The titles are written forward, backward, up, down, or diagonally in any direction. Work together as a family or give each person their own copy.

(Alma Heaton, *The LDS Game Book*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1968], p.37.)

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Refreshment

Fruit Pizza Dessert

- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 recipe Cream Cheese Topping
- 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries
- 2 kiwi fruit, peeled and sliced
- 3 fresh peaches, sliced, or 1 (11-ounce) can mandarin oranges, drained

Cream Cheese Topping

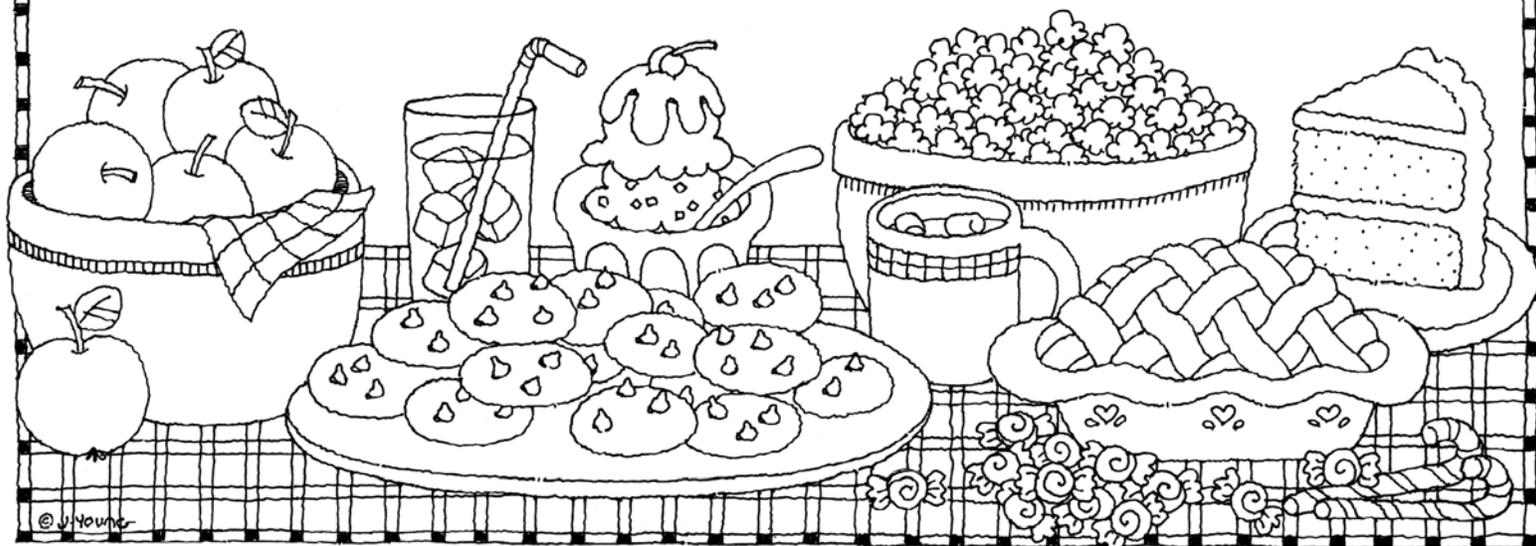
- 12 ounces cream cheese
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 cup non-dairy frozen whipped topping

In a large bowl combine cream cheese and butter or margarine. Mix until well blended. Add flour and salt. Mix well. Form into a ball, wrap with plastic wrap, and chill for at least 1 hour. On a lightly floured surface, roll out dough to form a 12-inch circle. Place in a 12-inch greased tart or pizza pan. Prick the bottom and sides with a fork. Bake at 425° F. for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and cool.

Meanwhile, prepare the Cream Cheese Topping by combining cream cheese, sugar, and lemon juice. Mix until well blended. Fold in whipped topping.

Spoon over crust. Arrange fruits in circles atop the filling, working toward the center of the tart—arrange strawberries around outer edge of pan, then kiwi fruit slices, fresh peach slices or mandarin oranges, and more strawberries in the center. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

(Julie Badger Jensen, *The Essential Mormon Cookbook*, [Salt Lake City: Shadow Mountain, 2004], p. 18.)



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