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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Leadership

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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.

Leadership

Conference Talk:

For more information on this topic read “The Why of Priesthood Service,” by President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, *Ensign*, May 2012, 58.

Thought:

These Brethren gave us the vision of what it means to establish the kingdom of God by building personal testimonies and strengthening families. They helped us see how to apply gospel truth and principles to our specific circumstances and for our specific time. To put it another way, inspired leaders helped us to see the why of the gospel, and then we had to roll up our sleeves and go to work.

(Dieter F. Uchtdorf, “The Why of Priesthood Service,” *Ensign*, May 2012, 58.)

Song:

“Dear to the Heart of the Shepherd,” *Hymns*, no. 221.

Scripture:

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

(Psalms 25:5)

Object Lesson:

Bring the vacuum cleaner to scripture study. Ask your family to list what might happen that would cause the vacuum cleaner to lose the power to clean. Explain to your family that D&C 121:34–46 is important counsel to those who hold the priesthood. While you read together verses 34–40 have family members mark those things that would keep a priesthood holder from having power in his priesthood. Invite family members to share what they marked and why they think it would prevent someone from having priesthood power. Compare the things marked in verses 34–40 with those things listed that would keep a vacuum from working properly.

Explain that D&C 121:34–40 tells those things the Lord would have priesthood holders avoid, but verses 41–46 tell those things the Lord wants priesthood holders to do. Invite your family to go through D&C 121:41–46 and mark those things that a priesthood holder should do. Have family members share what they found. Discuss as a family individuals you know who are examples of worthy priesthood holders. Ask, “What can we do to follow their examples”?

(Dennis H. Leavitt and Richard O. Christensen, *Scripture Study for Latter-day Saint Families: The Doctrine and Covenants*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2004], p. 115.)

Story:

This is not meant for flattery, President [David O.] McKay. It’s our humble feelings.
You have been our leader, ever since boyhood.
In your early youth, you inspired your playmates to live better lives.
As a young man, you were the peacemaker.

This incident was told me by Uncle Hyrum Ririe, now of Lewiston, and the last surviving member of Eden's ball team, who used to play with our President in his early youth. Huntsville and Eden were playing a game of ball. Huntsville won. The Huntsville crowd cheered at great length and perhaps booed the losing team. David O. McKay was then not more than sixteen but when he felt the hilarity had gone far enough, he stepped out raised his hand and said, "Sh!" The crowd immediately quieted down. Such leadership from so young a man endeared him to the hearts of his neighboring townsmen as well as to Huntsville.

The children of those friends of your age, held you and your family as ideals. And now our children of the third generation repeat your name with reverence.

(Llewelyn R. McKay, *Home Memories of President David O. McKay*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1956].)

Activity:

Play "Hero Bingo."

1. Ask family members to name twenty-four people who could be considered heroes. Write them down on the twenty-four blank strips.
2. Have family members decide whether they want to play as individuals or as pairs. Give each person (or pair) one Bingo sheet.
3. Each person or pair writes the names of the heroes in the squares of the Bingo sheet, in random order.
4. Put the twenty-four strips with the heroes' names written on them into a bowl or sack.
5. Give each individual or pair a set of markers.
6. Begin by drawing a name from the bowl and reading it. (For a more difficult version, give clues about the person rather than reading the name.) Each person or pair then places a marker on the square naming the correct person. The first person to get five markers in a row and yell "Bingo" wins. You might want to have some kind of reward for the winner of each game.
7. After someone has won, you may play again. Clear the cards of markers, put all the names back into the bowl, and begin again.

(Max H. Molgard and Allan K. Burgess, *The Best of Fun for Family Night*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2003]. p. 29.)

Refreshment

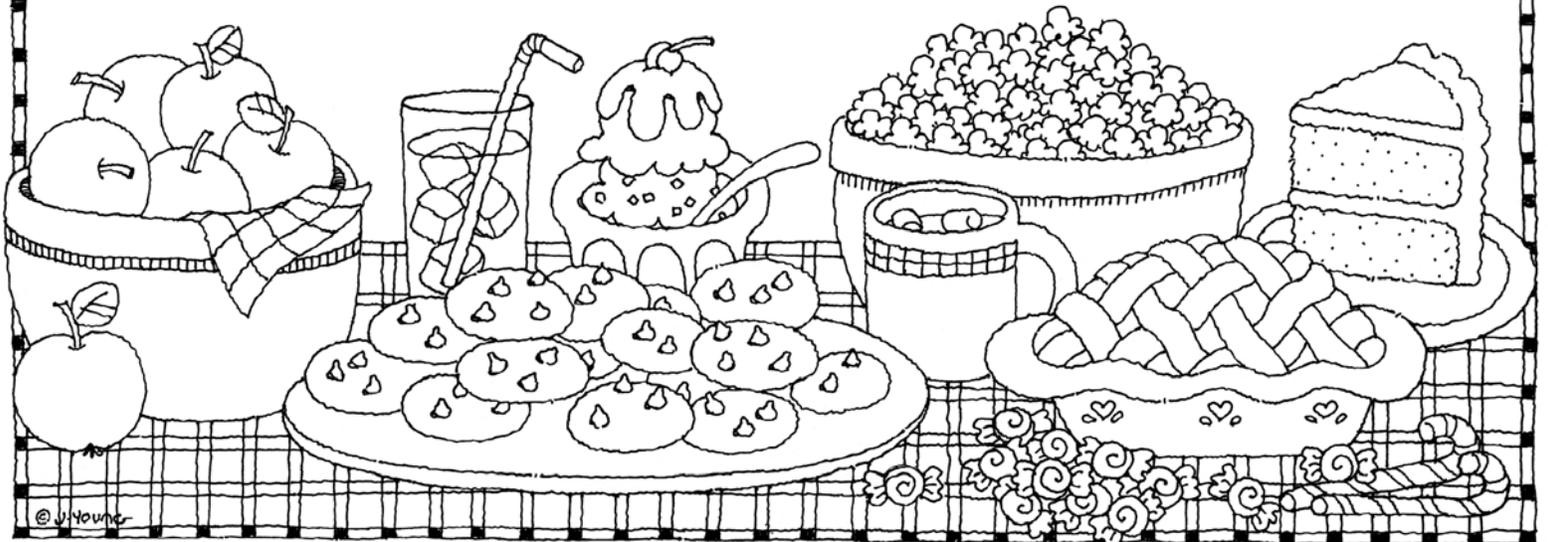
Mango Mash-up

- 3 mangoes, peeled and sliced
- 1 tray ice cubes
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1 2-liter bottle of ginger ale

COMBINE MANGOES, ICE, LIME JUICE, SUGAR, vanilla, and orange juice concentrate in the jar of a blender. Pulse until well blended. Add ginger ale until blender jar is nearly full. Blend again and enjoy.

Serves 4.

(Jill McKenzie, *52 Weeks of Proven Recipes for Picky Kids*, [Salt Lake City: Shadow Mountain, 2008], p. 74.)



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