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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Priesthood Role

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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.



## Priesthood Role

### Conference Talk:

For more information on this topic read “Brethren, We Have Work to Do,” by Elder D. Todd Christofferson, *Ensign*, Nov. 2012, 47.

### Thought:

As men of the priesthood, we have an essential role to play in society, at home, and in the Church.

(Elder D. Todd Christofferson, “Brethren, We Have Work to Do,” *Ensign*, Nov. 2012, 47.)

### Song:

“Rise Up, O Men of God,” *Hymns*, #324.

### Scripture:

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

(1 Timothy 6:11–12)

### Lesson:

Give each family member a pencil and a sheet of paper. Have them fold the paper in half, label the left side “Characteristics of high priests,” and label the right side “Characteristics of those who reject the Spirit of God.” Ask your family to read Alma 13:3–13 and list all the characteristics they can find under the appropriate title. Have older children help younger ones. When they are finished, discuss the following:

- What are the characteristics of faithful high priests?
- What are the characteristics of those who reject the Spirit of God?
- What can we do to be more like faithful high priests?
- What does it mean to “look upon sin . . . with abhorrence”? (Verse 12.)
- Can you share an experience when you successfully did so?
- What do you think it means to enter into the Savior’s “rest”? (Verse 13; see also D&C 84:23–24.)

This would be a good time to discuss appropriate topics in *For the Strength of Youth* pamphlet (such as dress, media, music, language, and so on).

(Dennis H. Leavitt and Richard O. Christensen, *Scripture Study for Latter-day Saint Family: The Book of Mormon*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2003], p. 174.)

**Story:**

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I heard a noble mother speak once in a stake conference in response to invitation. I'll never forget her. She and her husband and twelve-year-old son lived on a ranch fourteen miles away from the place where they worshiped every Sunday. Saturday night the telephone rang, and the twelve-year-old came to his mother with the news that it was Bruce Brown, who was asking if he could go with Bruce and another friend and their fathers on a hunting and shooting trip the next morning. He wanted to know what he should tell Bruce.

The mother, as she stood at the pulpit fighting a problem of a lump in the throat, said, "My first impulse was to respond: 'Of course you can't go. Tomorrow is the Sabbath; tomorrow morning is priesthood meeting and Sunday School, and you have obligations.' But I didn't say that." She said she was also tempted to say, "You wait till your father comes in and ask him. He'll have an answer for you." But she didn't say that, either.

Somehow, she found the wisdom and restraint and faith to say: "Son, you're twelve years old. You hold the priesthood of God. You can make up your own mind about that."

He turned away without another word; she went with a prayer in her heart—a prayer with which mothers and fathers, I testify, are familiar: "Lord, Lord, please"—to her own room and knelt down and talked with the Lord. Nothing more was said about the incident.

Father came in; the three of them had their family prayer, went to bed, awakened early the next morning, and prepared for and then went in to priesthood meeting and Sunday School. They parked their pickup truck across the street in a parking lot and were crossing toward the chapel when a truck drove by with guns slung in the window, snowmobiles in the back, and two boys and two laughing men in the front.

The lady at the pulpit then had her hardest moment. She said, "I had hold of the hands of my two men, and as the truck passed the one on the right said, almost inaudibly, 'Gee, I wish . . . ' and my heart clutched a moment; then he finished: 'Gee, I wish I could have convinced Bruce that he and Bob ought to be in priesthood meeting this morning.'"

And then we found out the reason for the big lump in the speaker's throat. She said, "We've been particularly grateful we were able to be with him that Sabbath morning, because it was the last Sunday we had him in this world. He was killed in a farm accident that week."

(Jay A. Parry, *Everyday Answers: True Stories about God's Presence in Our Lives*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2003], p. 226.)

**Activity:**

Give each person a copy of these scrambled word and a paper. Have them decipher what the words really are. Explain that each of these words describe one of the roles of priesthood bearers.

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ESPREID

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Answers: bless, missionary, preside, provide, rescue, protect, teach, courageous, strong, sacrament, ordinances.

## Refreshment

### Easy Chocolate Mousse

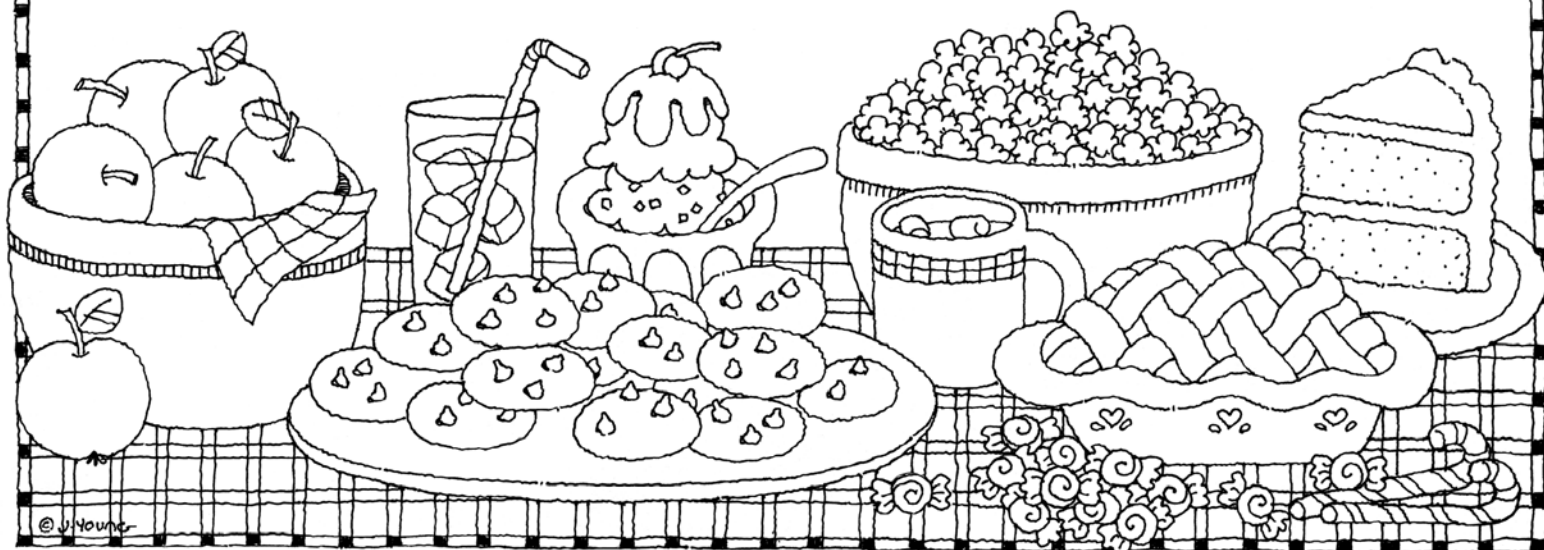
Try it with a dollop of whipped cream and some fresh berries for an easy, yet elegant dessert.

- 1 teaspoon unflavored gelatin
- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 2 tablespoons boiling water (just heat it in a small bowl in your microwave)
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

1. In a small bowl, combine gelatin and cold water and allow to stand for about 1 minute. While gelatin is softening, bring 2 tablespoons water to a boil in the microwave. Whisk into the softened gelatin and allow to cool.

2. In a medium mixing bowl, combine sugar, cocoa powder, cream, and vanilla. Beat with an electric mixer until medium-stiff peaks form. Mix in gelatin mixture until combined and refrigerate for 30 minutes. If serving in individual cups, place mousse in cups or bowls before refrigerating.

(Sara Wells and Kate Jones, *Our Best Bites*, [Salt Lake City: Shadow Mountain, 2011], p. 234.)



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