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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Ancestors

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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.



# Ancestors

## Conference Talk:

For more information on this topic read “Faith of Our Father,” by Dieter F. Uchtdorf, *Ensign*, May 2008, 68–70, 75.

## Thought:

I marvel at the different backgrounds of members of the Church. You come from all walks of life—all cultures, languages, political circumstances, and religious traditions.

(Dieter F. Uchtdorf, “Faith of Our Father,” *Ensign*, May 2008, 68–70, 75.)

## Song:

“Family History,” *Children’s Songbook*, p. 94

## Scripture:

And he shall plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers.

(Doctrine and Covenants 2:2)

## Lesson:

Ask your family, “What is the only passage of scripture quoted in all four standard works of the Church?”

Write the following scripture passages on four slips of paper and give them to four different family members: 3 Nephi 25:5–6; Malachi 4:5–6; D&C 2:2 and 110:15; Joseph Smith—History 1:38–39. Have each one read aloud his or her verses. Then discuss the following questions:

- When did the Lord promise to send Elijah?
- Why must Elijah come?
- What happens if he doesn’t come?
- Has Elijah come, or are we still waiting for him?

Share the following statement from President Ezra Taft Benson:

“Elijah brought the keys of sealing powers—that power which seals a man to a woman and seals their posterity to them endlessly, that which seals their forefathers to them all the way back to Adam. This is the power and order that Elijah revealed—that same order of priesthood which God gave to Adam and to all the ancient patriarchs which followed after him.” (“What I Hope You Will Teach Your Children about the Temple,” *Ensign*, August 1985, pp. 9–10.)

(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. 311.)

## Story:

Ardeth G. Kapp

Months ago we had talked about the forthcoming Christmas and made the traditional gift list that ranged from the ridiculous to the sublime. . . . Heber's list of wants was short, as usual; but he did express a concern for the responsibility he had as a stake president to lead the way, and it bothered him that his family history was not compiled. His family group sheets were incomplete. While the information was probably available from aunts and uncles, his own brothers and sisters had little or no information. He felt anxious about this, but wasn't sure it was a Christmas list item, at least not the kind you could get from the mail-order catalog or

even ZCMI. That was months ago, and now my prayer was being answered. The hands on my watch seemed to stand still while I worked. Everything was coming together so beautifully.

The gift was finally wrapped. I could hardly believe I had done it, but there it was—the evidence of hours and hours of work. I hurried back and slipped into bed. It was 5:45 a.m. I had made it! It didn't matter now, and it's a good thing, because children's voices were heard from the other room. "Grandpa says it's time we can get up. Hurry, hurry. We can't wait," they said. And neither could I. There were so many gifts for everyone. . . .

I handed Heber my gift. He tore off the cover. A book. A book of remembrance—full. Pages and pages with pictures and stories never before recorded, a result of many secret trips to Ogden while he was in his many meetings, interviewing relatives and sorting through records and histories. The first page of the gift began with a letter, "Dear Heber. As I have copied, reviewed, and prepared these sheets and interviewed family members, your ancestors have become very real to me, and I have an increased appreciation and understanding of the greatness and nobility in the man I married. In interviews with those who knew and remembered your parents, I learned that your father always wanted your mother to be with him, in the fields if possible, and even wherever he was in the house. You must have inherited that. Although I never met your father, and your mother only once, when we meet, I know I'll love them and know them better because of this gift I have prepared for you, which really has been a gift for me."

I don't remember any of the other gifts that year, but Heber and I will never forget the spirit of that glorious Christmas celebration.

*(Celebration of Christmas: A Collection of Stories, Poems, Essays, and Traditions by Favorite LDS Authors, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Company, 1988].)*

### **Activity:**

Fill in the names of a family tree for your family. If possible, show pictures of or share stories about the family members on your family tree.

## Refreshment

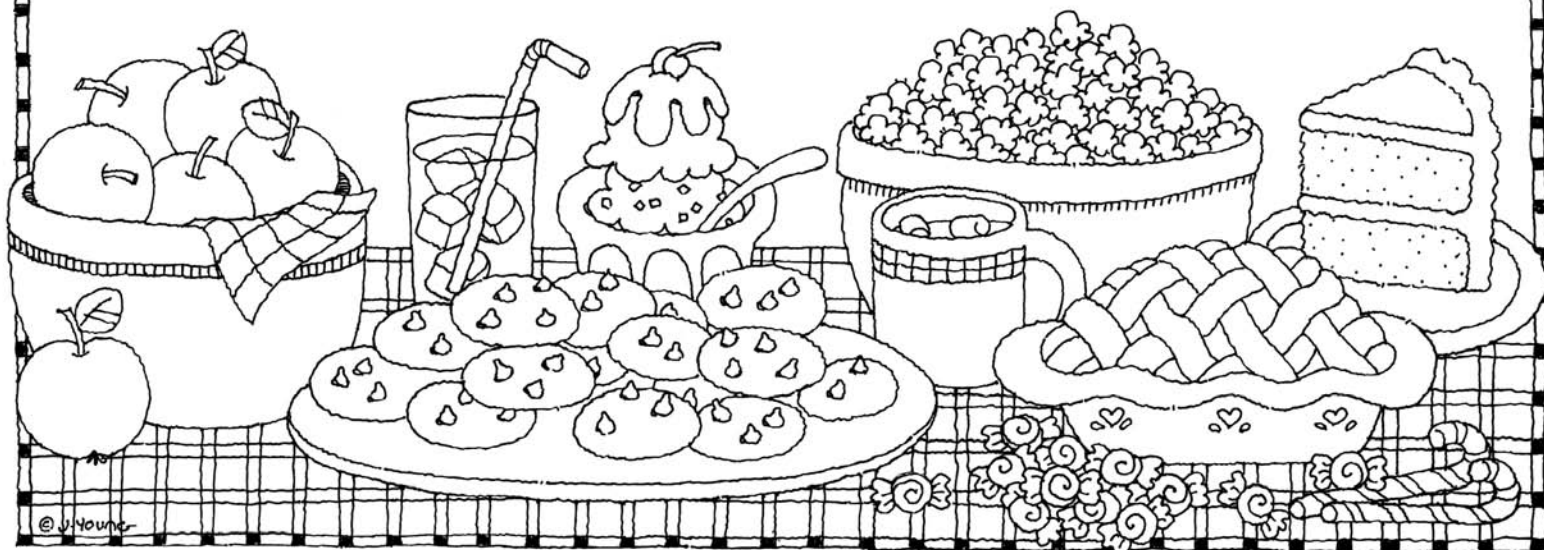
### Cherry Crisp

- 2 (21-ounce) cans cherry pie filling
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 3/4 cups chopped pecans
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Pour the pie filling into the bottom of a 9x13-inch glass baking dish. Sprinkle the cake mix over the top but do not stir. Top with the chopped pecans, then pour the melted butter on top of that. Bake for about 30 minutes. Cool and then serve. Optionally, top with some vanilla ice cream or freshly whipped cream.

Serves 6 to 8.

(Clark L. and Kathryn H. Kidd, *52 Weeks of Recipes for Students, Missionaries, and Nervous Cooks*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2007] p. 106.)



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