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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: General Conference

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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.



# General Conference

## Conference Talk:

For more information on this topic read “At Parting,” by President Thomas S. Monson, *Ensign*, May 2011, 114

## Thought:

May we long remember the messages we have heard. As we receive the issues of the *Ensign* and *Liahona* magazines which will contain these messages in written form, may we read and study them.

(President Thomas S. Monson, “At Parting,” *Ensign*, May 2011, 114.)

## Song:

“Thy Spirit Lord, Has Stirred Our Souls,” *Hymns*, #157.

## Scripture:

And now, behold, I give unto you a commandment, that when ye are assembled together ye shall instruct and edify each other, that ye may know how to act and direct my church, how to act upon the points of my law and commandments, which I have given.

(Doctrine and Covenants 43:8)

## Lesson:

Ask family members to share some favorite things they enjoy about general conference. Read the following statement describing some purposes of general conference:

“To worship . . . the Lord . . . ; to build up in faith, testimony, and desires of righteousness; to transact the business of the Church; to sustain the officers whom the Lord has appointed to administer the affairs of his kingdom; and to receive, from those appointed so to serve, the counsel, inspiration, and revelations needed in both temporal and spiritual fields. . . . They consist of a series of meetings at which the mind and will of the Lord is manifest to the people by the mouth of his servants.” (Bruce R. McConkie, *Mormon Doctrine*, 155–56.)

Read D&C 44:1–5 together and find reasons why this fourth Church conference was called. Ask:

- According to verse 2, what blessing would the elders receive by assembling together?
- What requirements does verse 2 mention before the Lord’s Spirit would be poured out upon the people?
- Following the conference, where were the missionaries to focus their efforts? (See verse 3.)
- What blessings would come to the Church as they were obedient? (See verses 4–5.)
- How have we seen the fulfillment of those promises in the Church today?

(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. 90.)

**Story:**

At general conference in 1975, during the session when I was assigned to speak, my attention was drawn constantly to a little blond-haired girl seated on the first row in the balcony. That day I directed my remarks to my young friend in the balcony. I spoke of my experience with Christal Methvin, who was about her age.

Upon returning to my office, I found waiting for me this same young lady and also her grandmother. The young girl was Misti White from California. She said to me, “I have had a problem, Brother Monson, but not any longer. A person very dear to me told me to wait until I was eighteen to be baptized. My grandmother said I should be baptized now. I prayed for an answer and then said to Grandmother, ‘Take me with you to conference. There Jesus will help me.’”

To conference they came, and so did divine help. Eagerly Misti took my hand and exclaimed, “You helped Him answer my prayer. Thank you.”

Upon returning to California, Misti sent me a treasured letter, with this beautiful ending: “Brother Monson, I was baptized on November 29th. I am now very happy. Love, Misti.” Faith does precede the miracle.

(Thomas S. Monson, *Inspiring Experiences That Build Faith: From the Life and Ministry of Thomas S. Monson*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1994].)

**Activity:**

Working together as a family, memorize the names of the First Presidency and Twelve Apostles in order.

Thomas S. Monson  
Henry B. Eyring  
Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Boyd K. Packer  
L. Tom Perry  
Russell M. Nelson  
Dallin H. Oaks  
M. Russell Ballard  
Richard G. Scott  
Robert D. Hales  
Jeffrey R. Holland  
David A. Bednar  
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Neil L. Andersen

Note: If you'd like to do it to music, see “LDS Apostle Song-April 2009” on You Tube.

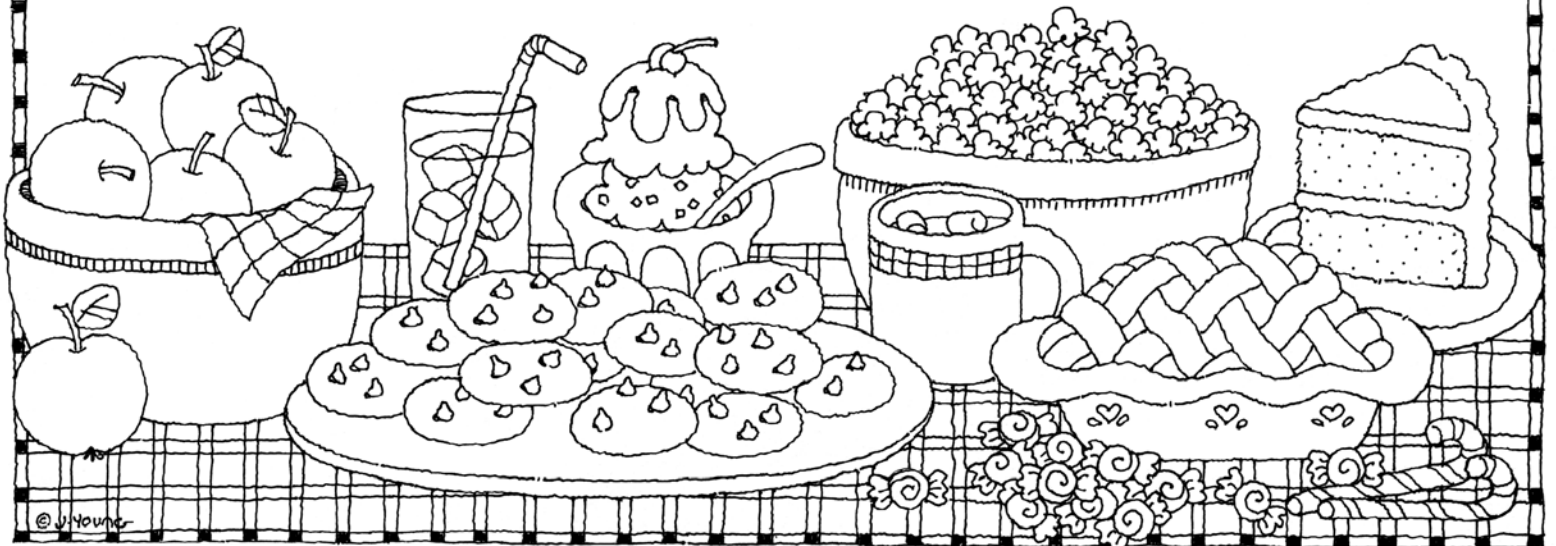
# Refreshment

## Honey Taffy Popcorn

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup light honey
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1/8 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 quarts popped corn, lightly salted and buttered

Combine sugar, honey, and cream in a heavy saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat. Adjust temperature to maintain a steady boil and cook to 269 degrees. Remove from heat and stir in baking soda, stirring until bubbles subside (syrup will turn a light golden color); add vanilla. Pour over popped corn, stirring until coated. Cool and break into chunks. Makes 12 servings.

(*Lion House Christmas*, [Salt Lake City: Shadow Mountain, 2006], p. 37.)



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