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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Holy Ghost

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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.

The Holy Ghost

Conference Talk:

For more information on this topic read “Testimony as a Process,” by Carlos A. Godoy, *Ensign*, Nov 2008, 100–102.

Thought:

To receive the witness of the “still small voice” sometimes can have a stronger impact on our testimonies than the visit of an angel.

(Carlos A. Godoy, “Testimony as a Process,” *Ensign*, Nov 2008, 100–102.)

Song:

“The Holy Ghost,” *Children’s Songbook*, p.105.

Scripture:

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

(John 14:26)

Lesson:

Tell the story of Lehi’s family and the Liahona in your own words. Discuss the following questions with your family:

What was the Liahona? (A ball that pointed the way Lehi and his family should go.)

What did it do for them? (It showed them the way to travel, gave instruction, and showed them where to get food.)

How did it work? (Through their obedience.)

Write the following letters on a large piece of paper. Tell your family to unscramble the phrase to discover something that works similarly to the Liahona.

LSOGOHTY (Holy Ghost)

(Beth Lefgren and Jennifer Jackson, *Sharing Time, Family Time, Anytime: Book Two*, [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1994], p. 48.)

Story:

My first radio was a crystal set. It was hard to tune to the frequency of a particular radio station. One had to literally scratch the receiving wire whisker over the top of the rough crystal to find the right pinpoint, a little valley or peak on the crystal, where the signal was received. Just a millimeter off on one side or the other of that point and you would lose the signal and get scratchy static. Over time, with patience and perseverance, good eyesight and a steady hand, you could learn to find the signal point on the crystal without too much difficulty.

So it is in learning to attune ourselves to the inspiration from God and tune out the scratchy static. We have to work at being tuned in. Most of us need a long time to become tuned in most of the time. When I was a young General Authority, President Marion G. Romney, who was in his seventies at the time, told us, “I know when I am working under the Spirit and when I am not.” To be able to recognize when one is being guided by the Spirit is a supernal gift.

(James E. Faust, *Stories From My Life*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2001], p. 49.)

Activity:

Play “Ships in the Fog.”

Blindfold everyone except for one person. He is the captain.

Line up single file with each family members’ hands on the shoulders of the person in front of them. Set up a route with pillows that represent dangerous reefs. Mark off the harbor on the far side of the room. The captain is not in the line but will call out instructions from a distance.

The captain calls out signals to the ship to help them navigate across the room among the pillows and into the harbor.

Repeat with a new captain until everyone who wishes has had a turn.

(adapted from George and Jeane Chipman, *Games! Games! Games!*, [Salt Lake City: Shadow Mountain, 1983], p. 41.)

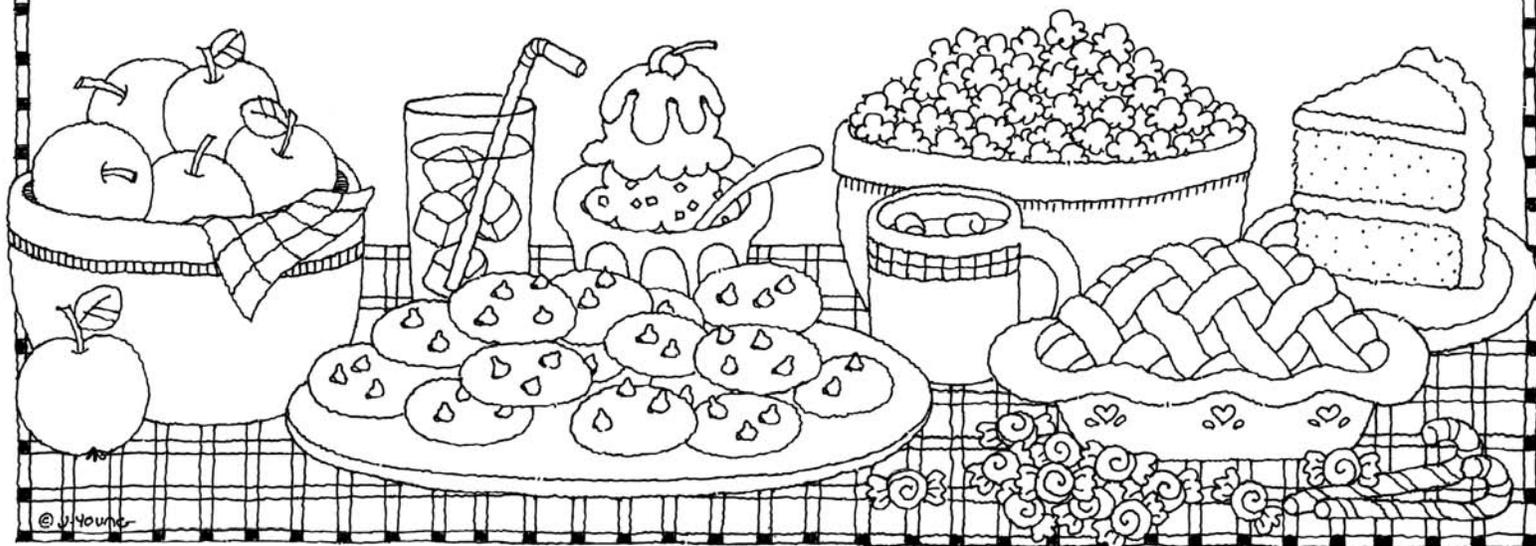
Refreshment

Grandma's Favorite Iced

- 1 6-ounce can frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 16 large ice cubes

Put all ingredients into blender. Blend until smooth. Serves 3 to 5 people.

(Karla C. Erickson, *Kids in the Kitchen*, [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1980] p. 7.)



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