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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Prophets

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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.



Prophets

Conference Talk:

For more information on this topic read “Looking Back and Moving Forward,” by Thomas S. Monson, *Ensign*, May 2008, 87–90.

Thought:

I have the sure knowledge . . . that God directs His prophet.

(Thomas S. Monson, “Looking Back and Moving Forward,” *Ensign*, May 2008, 87–90.)

Song:

“Latter-day Prophets” *Children’s Songbook*, p.134.

Updated words from the June 2008 *Friend*:

Latter-day prophets are: number one,
Joseph Smith; then Brigham Young;
John Taylor came third, we know;
Then Wilford Woodruff; Lorenzo Snow;
Joseph F. Smith (remember the F);
Heber J. Grant; and George Albert Smith;
David O. McKay was followed by Joseph Fielding Smith,
Then Harold B. Lee, Spencer W. Kimball,
Ezra Taft Benson, Howard W. Hunter.
Gordon B. Hinckley, Thomas S. Monson.
These are the latter-day prophets.

Scripture:

Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

(Amos 3:7)

Lesson:

Before telling the story of Samuel the Lamanite, have a bag of large marshmallows on hand.

The story of Samuel the Lamanite is found in Helaman, chapters 13 through 15. The following scriptures are significant: Helaman 13:2–6; 14:2–5, 9–11, 20–21, 29–31; 16:1–2. How we respond to the prophet’s counsel is a good indication of how committed we are to the Lord.

Have Dad (or Mom or another family member) play the role of the prophet Samuel. He can stand on a table, at the top of the stairs, or somewhere else where he is higher than the rest of the family. He will then call out to the family, admonishing them to live gospel standards. The family, on the other hand, will role-play the part of the wicked Nephites who refused to hearken to the prophet. They will refuse to keep the standards and will attempt to hit the prophet (Dad) with stones (marshmallows).

For example, Dad could say, “The Lord commands you to dress modestly.” The family would respond, “No! We don’t care what the Lord wants. We won’t dress modestly!” Dad could say, “Don’t date until you’re sixteen.” The family could shout back, “We will date when we are fifteen if we want to!”

At the end of the activity, ask the family how it felt to reject the prophet. Read in the Book of

Mormon about the consequences the Nephites faced for rejecting Samuel the Lamanite and stoning other prophets in their day (3 Nephi 9:1–4, 10–12).

The consequences for not following the prophet today are just as serious. The Savior is coming soon and we need to be prepared. The prophet is like a watchman on a tower. Just like Samuel the Lamanite, he is standing on higher ground and can see farther ahead. He is a prophet, seer, and revelator, which means that Heavenly Father shows him the future and lets him know what we need to do to be prepared. Even if we aren't physically throwing rocks at the prophet, we are still rejecting him when we do not do what he says.

(Deborah Pace Rowley, *Before They Turn Twelve*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2007], p. 6.)

Story:

by Arch Madsen

I remember being in New York when President [David O.] McKay returned from Europe. Arrangements had been made for pictures to be taken, but the regular photographer was unable to go, so in desperation the United Press picked their crime photographer—a man accustomed to the toughest type of work in New York. He went to the airport, stayed there two hours, and returned later from the darkroom with a tremendous sheaf of pictures. He was supposed to take only two. His boss immediately chided him. "What in the world are you wasting time and all those photographic supplies for?"

The photographer replied very curtly, saying he would gladly pay for the extra materials, and they could even dock him for the extra time he took. It was obvious that he was very touchy about it. Several hours later the vice-president called him to his office, wanting to learn what happened. The crime photographer said, "When I was a little boy, my mother used to read to me out of the Old Testament, and all my life I have wondered what a prophet of God must really look like. Well, today I found one."

(Edited by Jay A. Parry, Jack M. Lyon, and Linda Rire Gundry, *Best-Loved Stories of the LDS People, Vol. 2*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1999]. p.390.)

Activity:

Obtain pictures of several latter-day prophets (from the Gospel Art Kit or lds.org). Have a family member select one picture without the others seeing which one they selected. The other family members ask yes and no questions (such as "Does he have a beard?" "Is he wearing glasses?" etc.) to determine which prophet they have chosen.

Refreshment

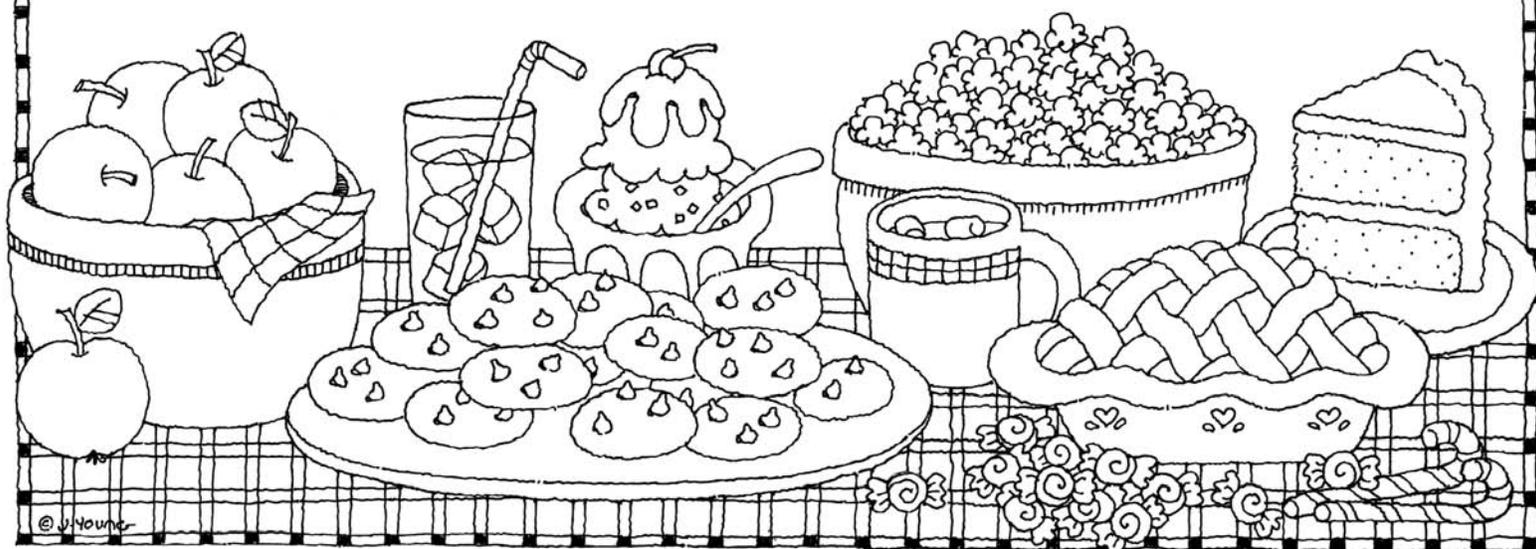
Peanut Butter Yummies

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 2 1/2 cups Rice Chex® cereal
- 2 1/2 cups Rice Krispies® cereal

Combine the sugar and corn syrup in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring often. Maintain a rolling boil for about 1 minute. Remove from heat. Add the peanut butter to the hot syrup and stir until thoroughly mixed. Combine cereals in a large bowl. Pour hot peanut butter syrup over the cereals and stir with a large wooden spoon. Spoon cookie-sized amounts onto waxed paper and let cool before serving.

Makes 2 dozen.

(Jill McKenzie, *52 Weeks of Proven Recipes for Picky Kids*, [Salt Lake City: Shadow Mountain, 2008] p. 57.)



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