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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Sacrifice

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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.

Sacrifice

Conference Talk:

For more information on this topic read “A Broken Heart and a Contrite Spirit,” by Bruce D. Porter, *Ensign*, Nov 2007, 31–32.

Thought:

As we make the sacrifice to Him of all that we have and all that we are, the Lord will fill our hearts with peace.

(Bruce D. Porter, “A Broken Heart and a Contrite Spirit,” *Ensign*, Nov 2007, 31–32)

Song:

“Give, Said the Little Stream,” *Children’s Songbook*, p. 236.

Scripture:

Verily I say unto you, all among them who know their hearts are honest, and are broken, and their spirits contrite, and are willing to observe their covenants by sacrifice—yea, every sacrifice which I, the Lord, shall command—they are accepted of me.

(Doctrine and Covenants 97:8)

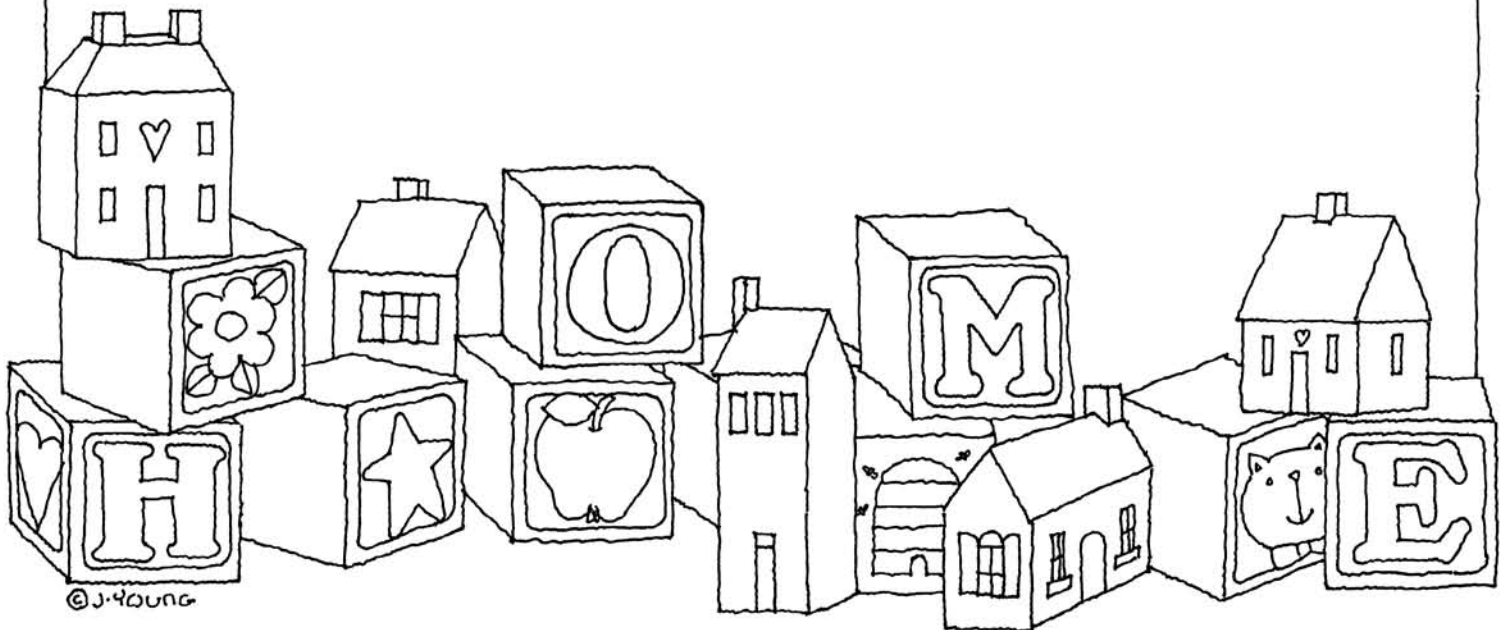
Lesson:

Materials needed: A glass of ice water.

Display the glass of ice water and ask the class if the water appears desirable. Most will express a fairly positive attitude toward it. Then ask them to imagine that they have been working in the garden on a hot summer day. There is no shade. They are bent over pulling weeds all afternoon. They are sweating and their mouth is dry from the dust. Ask them how desirable the glass of water will appear after this hard day of work.

State that we experience a similar feeling in life when we sacrifice time, effort, or means for any good thing. This holy act of sacrifice leads us to a greater appreciation of what we do have. It helps us focus on our many blessings that we take for granted.

(Beth Lefgren and Jennifer Jackson, *More Power Tools for Teaching*, [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1991], p. 64.)



Story:

Elder W. Craig Zwick served as president of the Chile Santiago South Mission from 1989 to 1992. He presided over a mission that saw more than five thousand convert baptisms per year. The growth was exciting as well as challenging for President Zwick and his wife, Jan. But one of the most satisfying experiences of their mission was to see young Chileans come into the mission field and not only experience success but also develop the leadership skills they needed to serve in their home wards and stakes.

Some of the Chilean missionaries had to sell musical instruments or other possessions to finance their missions. Many worked multiple jobs to raise sufficient funds for their missions, and many served in spite of parents who would not or could not support them. Most came from humble backgrounds. In many cases the missionaries who came from LDS families had never been sealed in the temple. But at the end of their missions, the families would often travel, at great sacrifice, to Santiago, where they could pick up their missionary and receive their endowments and sealings in the Santiago Chile Temple. These families would then return home, and the young returned missionaries would use the faith and understanding they had gained to strengthen the members in their wards and stakes.

(Dean and Tom Hughes, *We'll Bring the World His Truth: Missionary Adventures from Around the World*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1995].)

Activity:

Have everyone sit in chairs formed into a circle.

Let each person pick a favorite scripture character and tell the group who they have chosen.

Have someone in the circle come forward, take a rolled-up piece of newspaper, and stand in the center.

Start by calling out the name of one of the scripture characters.

The person with that name must stand up and call out another name before the person in the center swats him on the side with the newspaper.

The person whose name is called out keeps the game going by standing and calling out another name.

A person must take the place of the person in the center if he gets swatted before calling out another name (or by mistake calls out his own name or the name of the person in the center).

Any person replacing the center person must swat that person if he sits down before calling out a new name. If he remembers and gets back up before being hit he is safe; otherwise, he goes right back into the center.

(George and Jeane Chipman *Games! Games! Games!*, [Salt Lake City: Shadow Mountain, 1983], p. 50.)

Refreshment

Impossibly Easy French Apple Pie

3 large all-purpose apples (Braeburn, Gala, or Haralson),
peeled and thinly sliced (3 cups)
1/2 cup Bisquick mix
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup milk
1 tablespoon margarine or butter, softened
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 eggs

Streusel Topping

1/2 cup Bisquick mix
1/4 cup chopped nuts
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons firm margarine or butter

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease pie plate, 9 x 1 1/4 inches.

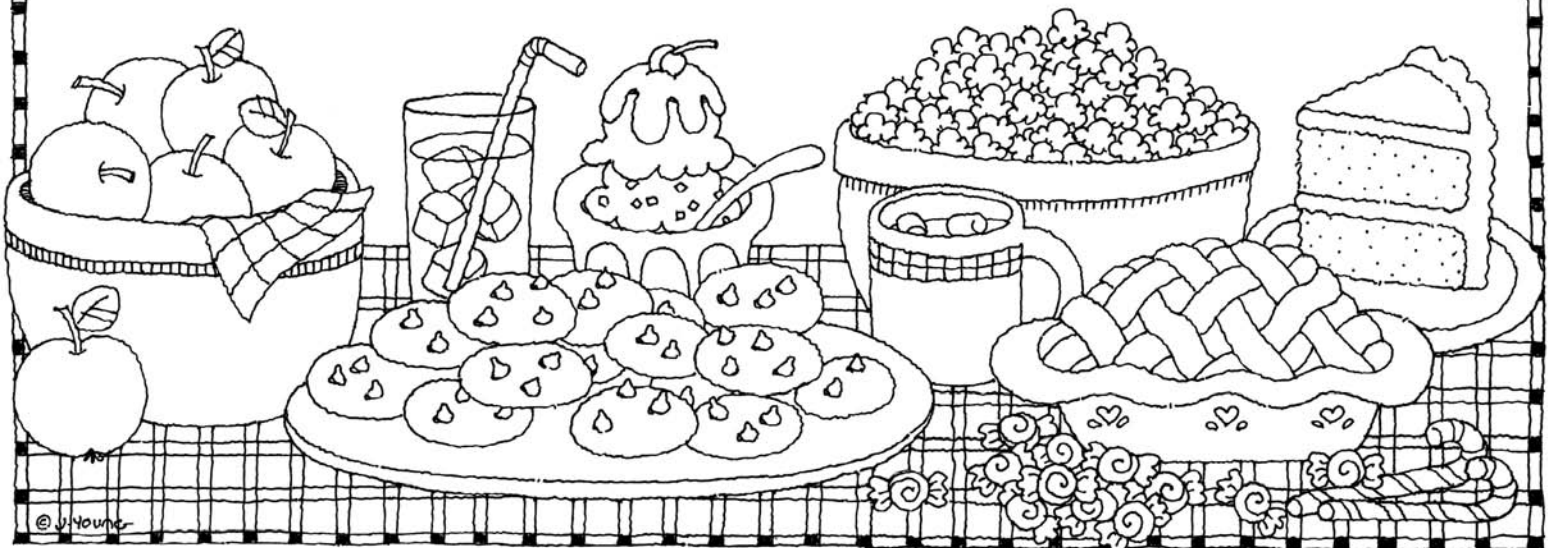
Make Streusel topping by mixing Bisquick, nuts and brown sugar. Cut in margarine, using fork or pastry blender, until mixture is crumbly.

Spread apples in pie plate.

In separate bowl, stir in remaining ingredients until blended. Pour over apples. Sprinkle with topping.

Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes.

(*Betty Crocker Sunday Dinner Cookbook*, [Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Publishing and Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2007], p. 172.)



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