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Family Home Evening Materials

Temples

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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.

Temples

Thought:

We remember before thee, our Father, the youth of Zion. Bear them up that they shall not falter in defending truth and right. Help them to be clean and worthy and instill in them a desire for eternal marriage in thy Holy Temple.

(Spencer W. Kimball, Seattle Temple dedication)

Purpose:

Help our family understand the eternal nature of the Lord's temples on earth.

Song:

"I Love to See the Temple," *Children's Songbook*, 95.

Scripture:

Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.

(Matthew 16:19)

Object Lesson:

Hold up a ring and explain that when a couple is married they often exchange rings. Because a ring has no beginning and no end, it represents the never ending love that family members have for one another—the ring reminds us that families can be together forever when sealed in the temple.

(Christena C. Nelson, *The Temple: I'm Going There Someday*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2001] p. 7.)

Story:

Of the \$600,000 contributed toward financing the construction of the Logan Utah Temple, \$2,300 came from children in the Cache Valley Stake who contributed to a Sunday School "nickel fund." One curious young boy who had contributed to this fund visited the temple during its construction. While attempting to examine the temple by climbing its scaffolding, he was stopped by a guard, who asked him what he was doing. The boy said he had paid his nickel to the temple nickel fund and therefore felt he had the right to see it.

As the Saints willingly sacrificed time and money to build the temple, God's power was witnessed in the preservation of many lives, including that of a nineteen-year-old Brother James, who was returning to Logan with a large wagonload of lumber for the temple.

All went well for a short distance, until the wagon wheel hit a soft spot. The riverbank caved in, dropping the two wheels and throwing Brother James on the bottom of the stream, with his big load upside down on top of him. It took the workmen nearly half an hour to break the binding and to roll the wagon and lumber from the river. Brother James had been under water for this full length of time. They laid his body on the bank, covered it with a blanket and told

one of the boys to get on a horse and come to Logan to tell the parents what had happened to their son. Before the horse could be bridled, the blanket began to move and Brother James was up on his feet. Evidently his wind had been knocked out as his load went over, and he had not breathed for thirty minutes, and had no water in his lungs. The ice-cold water had slowed his body processes, and he had no brain or bodily damage of any kind. He was none the worse for the experience, and reloaded his wagon and brought it on down to the temple.

The following year, the young man was called on a mission to England.

(Chad Hawkins, *Youth and the Temple*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book 2002], p. 13–15.)

Activity:

Play a ring toss game. Gather a large ring (such a a ring from a canning jar lid) and a box or a basket. Tape a picture of a temple on the box or basket. Copy the questions below onto separate pieces of paper, fold them and place them in the box.

Have the family members take turns tossing the ring into the basket or box. When they throw the ring inside, he or she may pull out a paper and respond to the question.

Name the members of your family.

Fill in the blank: when a couple or family is sealed in the temple they kneel at an _____.

True or false? Since biblical times, the Lord has asked his people to build temples on the earth.

Fill in the blank: Joseph Smith had to receive _____ power before temple work could be performed on the earth again.

True or false? When a person dies, he does not exist anymore and his family can never see him again.

Name three activities a family can do together.

Tell us the names of your grandparents.

When members go to the temple, what color do they wear to represent purity and cleanness.

True or false? Not everyone can enter into the temple. First, you must live righteously and be worthy to hold a temple recommend.

What does it mean to be sealed together.

True or false? If parents adopt a child, they can have that child sealed to them in a temple.

Tell us why it is important to be sealed to your family.

How should we act if we want to be worthy to go to the temple? Name the things that are important to do.

True or false? If my ancestors died before the receiving the gospel and their temple blessing, members of my family can go to the temple and be baptized, endowed, and sealed for them.

True or false? When a husband and wife are sealed in the temple, they make special promises to each other and to Heavenly Father.

(Christena C. Nelson, *The Temple: I'm Going There Someday*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2001] p. 7.)

Extras:

- Make a paper chain representing each member of your family linked together.
- Use a map or globe to find the location of temples around the world.
- Talk about the symbols found on the exterior of some of the temples (such as sun, moon, and stars).

Refreshment

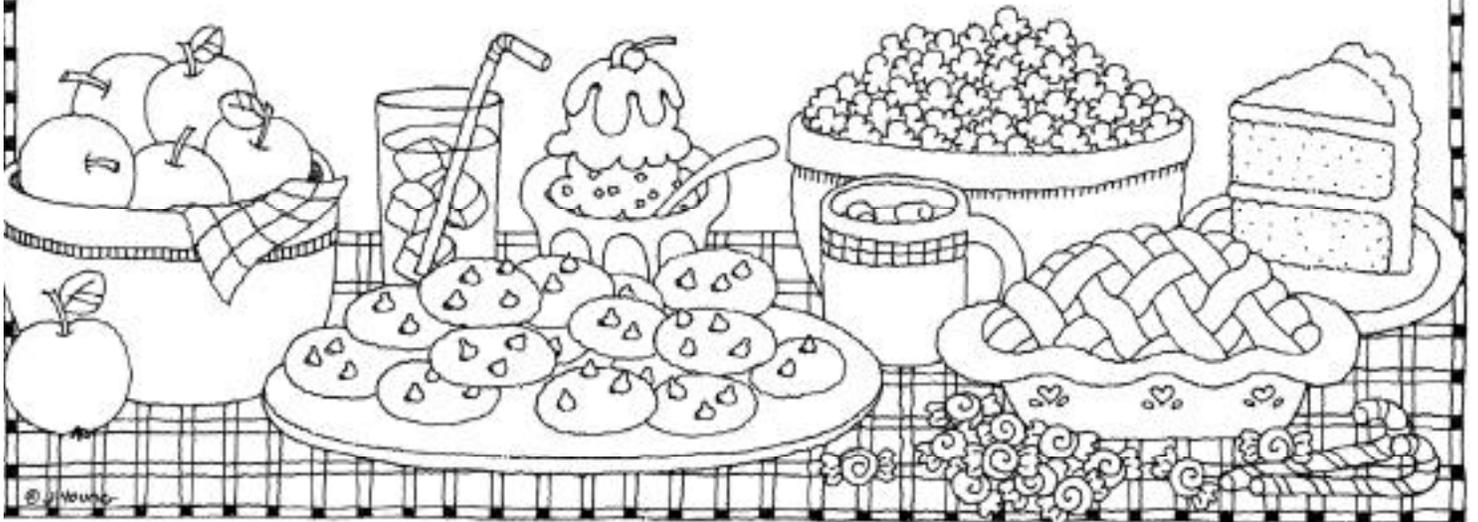
Strawberry Danish Parfaits

These eye-catching treats are beautiful and so easy to make.

- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3 cups sliced fresh strawberries
- 1 (4 3/4-ounce) package Strawberry Danish Dessert®
- 1 (6-ounce) package vanilla instant pudding
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 pint whipping cream

Sprinkle sugar over berries and let stand about 15 minutes. Make Danish Dessert according to package directions for pudding. Cool completely. Make vanilla instant pudding according to package directions, using only 2 cups milk. Let set 30 minutes or longer. Whip cream. Fold whipped cream into vanilla pudding. Layer all ingredients in parfait glasses, ending with strawberries. Makes 6 parfaits.

(Julie Badger Jensen, *The Essential Mormon Cookbook*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2004], p. 13.)



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