

Living the Teachings of JESUS CHRIST Strengthens Me and My Family

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When Jesus Christ was on the earth, He taught many wonderful things. He taught about being kind when He healed people who were sick. He taught about forgiving when He ate dinner at a Pharisee's house. He taught about faith when He walked on water. He taught about love when He gathered children around Him. He taught about service when He washed His disciples' feet.

You can be like Jesus by doing the things He taught. You can



be kind and look for the good in others. You can be polite. You can say, "I'm sorry." In these small ways you can make a difference in your family. Living the teachings of Jesus can help make you and others happy. By following His example, you can help strengthen your family.

Jesus said that we should never be tired of doing good because great things grow from small things. Strengthening your family is a great thing! ◆

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THE ROAD TO A STRONG FAMILY

Cut out the game board and puzzle. Glue onto heavy paper. Mix up the puzzle pieces and place them upside down near the game board. You will need a different-colored button for each player, and a die or number cube.

To play: Each player chooses a button and places it on START. Take turns rolling the die and moving your game piece forward that many spaces. When you land on a space that tells something that *will* strengthen your family, choose a puzzle piece and place it in the center of the game board or move a misplaced puzzle piece. If you land on a STOP space or on a space that tells something that will *not* strengthen your family, the next player takes a turn. Keep playing until the puzzle is finished.

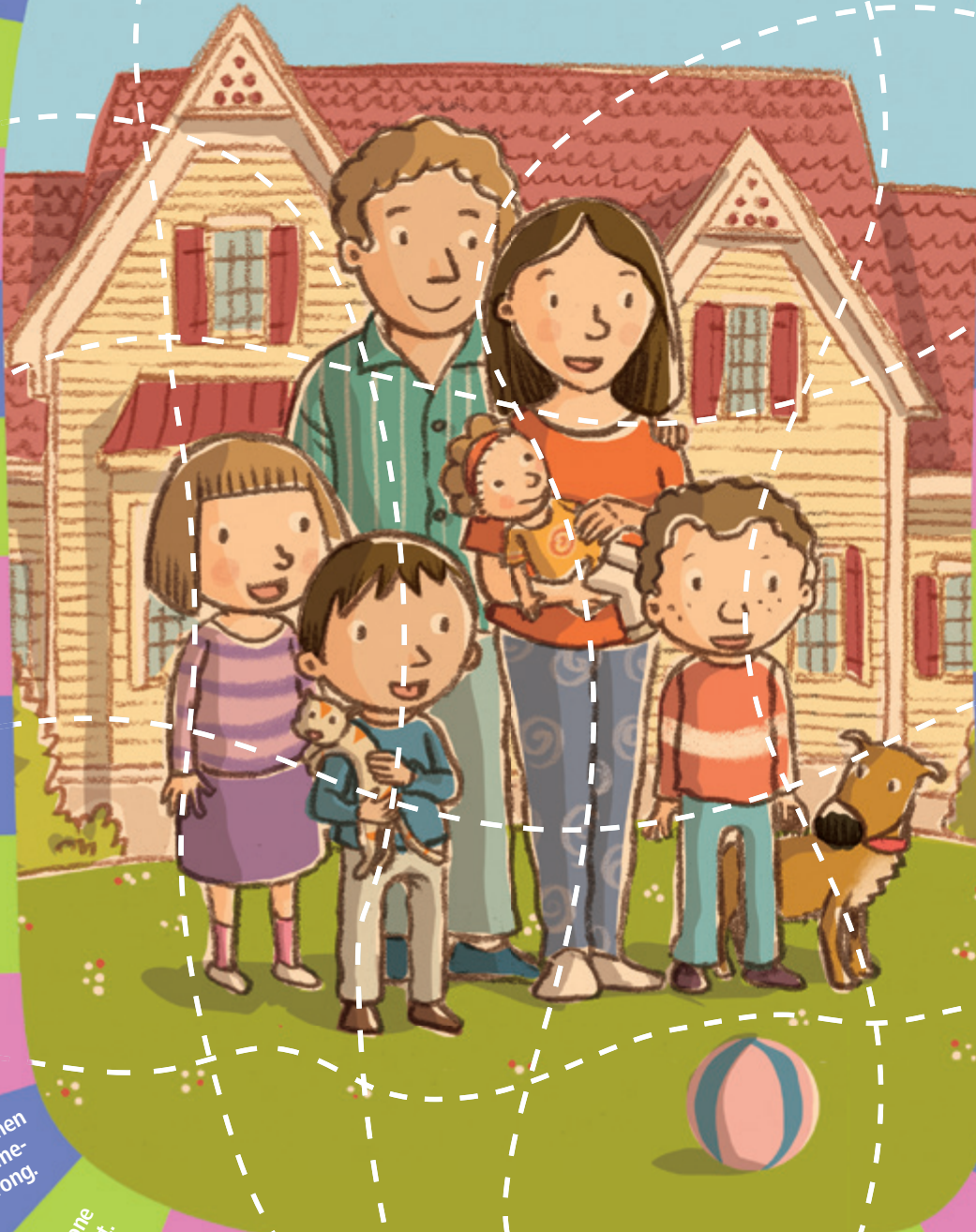
SONG AND SCRIPTURE

- "I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus" (*Children's Songbook*, 78–79)
- John 13:15

IDEAS FOR FAMILY TALK

Share your favorite stories about Jesus. What example did He set for us in these stories? How can following His example strengthen your family?

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START

Don't come home when your dad calls.

Apologize when you do something wrong.

Let someone else be first.

Do a chore without being asked.

Don't attend scripture study.

Write in your journal.

STOP

Read the Friend to someone.

Obey your mom and dad.

Be reverent in sacrament meeting.

Cheat to win a game.

Help someone with a task.

STOP

Listen to the family home evening lesson.

Don't do your chores.

Read the Book of Mormon.

Be kind to your family.

Try to choose the right all day.

Pray to Heavenly Father every night.

Skip family home evening.

Say "please" and "thank you."

STOP

Share your toys.

Tell your family you love them.

Talk back to your dad.

Take care of the pet.

Go to bed on time.

Set a good example.

STOP

Leave love notes for your family.

Argue with your mom.

Help with dinner.

List the things you're grateful for.

Be grumpy.

Tell the truth.