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Family Home Evening Ideas

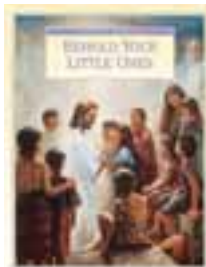
Look for the FHE symbol on the pages mentioned below.

1. Tell the story "Girlfriends and Gossip" (pp. 40–42). Why is it harmful to gossip about other people? Make a list of nice things you can say or do for people at school, in your ward, or in your neighborhood.
2. Sing "Did You Think to Pray?" (*Hymns*, no. 140), and begin the activity on pages 24–25. Then read "Pirates!" (pp. 4–6) and read Doctrine and Covenants 90:24. How can you remember to pray always? What are some of your prayers that have been answered?
3. Read "The Winner" (pp. 14–16). Talk about why it is sometimes hard when someone else wins, even in your own family. Invite each family member to tell one thing he or she appreciates about the other family members.

4. Read "Mikey's Gift" (pp. 34–35), and talk about other kinds of gifts you can give. Talk about how it feels when you do something nice for someone else.
5. Read "President Grant's Example" (pp. 46–47). Then read Ether 12:27 and talk about how you and your family members can improve a talent or strengthen a weakness.

Sidebar references

1. "Prayer," *Ensign*, May 1977, 34.
2. "Loyalty," *Ensign*, May 2003, 59.
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