

FAMILY HOME EVENING IDEAS

This issue contains articles and activities that could be used for family home evening. The following are a few examples.

“Becoming a Quality Person Now,” p. 45: Display several items (for example, a pencil, Book of Mormon, *Liahona*, pair of shoes), and invite family members to rank them from most valuable to least valuable. Discuss how they chose the rankings. What qualities make a person’s life valuable? Encourage each person to do something specific in the coming week to become a more quality person.



“Early Sunday Morning,” p. 56: Invite each family member to think of a neighbor who could use a visit or an act of service. Plan to do something this week for that person. Read Mosiah 18:7–10, and discuss how helping others is a way of keeping our baptismal covenant.

“When Ducks Don’t Float,” p. 58: List some of your family’s rules, and discuss how they protect your family. Also list some of Heavenly Father’s commandments, and discuss how they protect us physically or spiritually.

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The Happy Family Home Evening

Several years ago, my husband asked our family to prepare for a special home evening. Our four-year-old daughter asked to sing “I Am a Child of God.” Our 10-year-old son said the opening prayer. We felt the strong and marvelous presence of the Spirit.

My husband shared a few thoughts from Church leaders and encouraged us to remain united in the gospel of Jesus Christ. He then gave our little daughter a father’s blessing. My mother and I were also given blessings, and last was our son. Before placing his hands on our son’s head, my husband spoke of his gratitude for the priesthood and encouraged him to be worthy of this authority.

Nearly a year and a half later, our daughter said, “Let’s do another family home evening like we did that one time.” Knowing what she meant, still I asked her which one. She replied, “The one when we cried a lot and were very happy!”

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Your Favorite Family Home Evening

Send a description of *your* favorite family home evening to liahona@ldschurch.org. ■