

By Small and Simple Things

My son Taylor (Elder Mulford) is serving a mission on the island of Bora Bora in Tahiti. He told me that not long ago the stake president came to Bora Bora and told the missionaries about how he had visited a barber, who was a member, for a haircut. He asked the barber why there were no *Liahona* magazines among the others he had for patrons to read. The barber promised him that the next time he came, there would be *Liahonas* there. However, the next time the stake president went to the barber, there were still no *Liahonas*. Disappointed, he asked the barber why. The barber explained that each time he put a *Liahona* out, someone would read it, ask him many questions, and then ask if he could keep the magazine. The barber said he had no more magazines to give away, but he added that many of the people who took the magazines were taking the missionary discussions.

Can you imagine what might happen if every doctor, dentist, and barber in the Church would put a few Church magazines in his or her waiting room? The Church is moving forward because of the small and simple things the members do.

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



"Building Faith in Christ,"

page 12: At the end of the article, Elder Christofferson talks about faith as a principle of action and of power. As a family, consider discussing some challenges you face and goals you can set to overcome them. Choose one goal to work on this week, remembering that with Jesus Christ's help, we have the power to do all things, according to His will and timing. In an upcoming family home evening, you might want to discuss your family's progress on the goal you set.

"Sharing the Gospel by Sharing You," page 16: As you share stories from the article, ask your family to think about friends and family members with whom you could share the gospel. Discuss how to be a friend and listen with love so that when opportunities to bear testimony come, you will be prepared.

"Personal Progress

Prayer," page 58: Read Amalia's experience about learning to pray both morning and night. Consider reading what Amulek teaches in Alma 34:17–27 about how we should pray. You may want to ask family members what insight these verses give about how and when we should pray. Conclude by bearing your testimony of the power of prayer.

"Missionary Friend," page 60: After reading the article, consider making a list of upcoming Church activities and meetings that might interest friends of individual family members. You may want to role-play ways to invite friends to one of the activities. Talk about what it means to be a true friend, especially to those who are not members of the Church. Conclude by making a plan to contact the friend and extend the invitation. ■

We Are a Happy Family

The family home evening we remember most fondly was one we held at a difficult time. Due to a change in management, my husband had gone through some challenges at work and felt discouraged.

We decided family home evening that week would be in his honor. Every member of the family wrote him a letter of thanks, saying why we love him and what we hope for him. Then we made an album of photographs of the family at important times, such as anniversaries, marriages, sealings, births, and other events. We wrote a comment by each one, ending each with "And so we are a happy family." At the close of the evening, my daughter and I sang a Primary song that contains a similar phrase (see "A Happy Family," *Children's Songbook*, 198).

During family home evening we could feel the Savior's love for us and the love we have for each other.

I am grateful for the inspired commandment to hold family home evening. Obeying it strengthens us, preparing us to be an eternal family. ■

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