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Family Home Evening Ideas

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



“Why We Share the Gospel,” page 34:
Consider reading as a family the missionary
purpose statement quoted from *Preach My
Gospel* on page 35 of the article. Suggest that

each family member select
a word or phrase in the
statement that is espe-
cially meaningful to them
and share why. You could
then discuss one or more
of Elder Christofferson’s
five examples of what
happens when we under-
stand our missionary pur-
pose. Consider selecting a
video from the “Members
and Missionaries” section
of hasteningthework.lids.
org to watch together.
Afterward, have each
family member choose
one way to keep the
missionary spirit during
the next week. You could
conclude by singing “I
Want to Be a Missionary
Now” (*Children’s
Songbook*, 168).

“Technicolor Isaiah,” page 60: Prior
to family home evening, select a chapter of
Isaiah to study and share with your family
(you may want to use the study aids listed on
page 62 or others). When
your family meets, read
the chapter together and
identify its major themes.
Consider marking these
themes in different colors
as described in the article.
Then talk about what
you’ve learned. You may
want to provide coloring
materials for younger
children to draw pictures
of some of the symbols
or images used in the
chapter. Close by discuss-
ing ideas about studying
Isaiah and ways your
family can make scripture
study more meaningful
and enjoyable.

Building Strong Walls

One of our favorite family home
evening lessons was one my hus-
band based on the story of the
Nephites building strong walls to
defend their cities against their
enemies, the Lamanites (see
Alma 48:7–10). After he read
the story to us, we talked about
the need to make our home
a place of safety from worldly
influences. We identified some
“stones” to use in building a
strong wall of protection: prayer,
scripture study, obedience to the
commandments, family home
evening, attending church and
the temple, and so on. Our
children loved the lesson and still
talk about defending our home
from the influences of the world.

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