

f Family Study fun

Consider these activities during family scripture study or home evening.



Masterpiece Testimony Theater

July 29–August 4 (Acts 22:1–21; 26:1–29)

Paul bore bold testimony, even in the face of danger.

- 1 Create an everyday scenario for each family member to role-play bearing testimony. Emphasize that testimonies in conversation need not end in “amen” or include every element of a typical testimony. (Example: A coworker asks why we don’t drink alcohol.)
- 2 Act out each scenario, being as sincere and authentic as possible.

Discussion: What was easy and difficult about the role-play? What motivated Paul to bear such powerful testimony? How can we build our courage to testify?



Grace Carry

August 5–11 (Romans 3:23–24)

All of us fall “short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). But with Jesus Christ we can be saved.

- 1 Designate the sofa as “the celestial kingdom.”
- 2 Have everyone stand, face the sofa, and take three giant steps backward.
- 3 Have them take one small step toward the sofa (their efforts), with the sofa still out of reach.
- 4 Have the strongest person (acting as the Savior would) carry each person to the sofa.

Discussion: How does Christ’s grace save us “after all we can do”? (see 2 Nephi 25:23). How can we show our love and gratitude for the Savior?

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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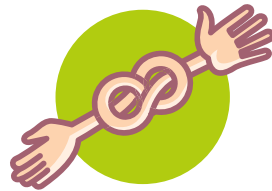
Pillow Tower of Doom

August 12–18 (Romans 8:38–39)

Life's obstacles can fill us with hopelessness and impede us from feeling God's love. Christ can help.

- 1 Create a tall tower of pillows and sofa cushions (life's challenges).
- 2 Sit someone behind the tower and turn off the lights.
- 3 Shine a flashlight beam (God's love) at the person behind the tower, with the pillows blocking the light.
- 4 Invite someone (acting as Christ would) to knock down the pillows to let God's love shine through.

Discussion: Share a time when life was hard, you felt discouraged, and then God's love reached you when you turned to Him in prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.



Human Knot

(best with four-plus people)

August 19–25 (1 Corinthians 1:10)

Paul tells the Saints that there should be “no divisions among” them and that they should be “perfectly joined together” in mind and judgment (1 Corinthians 1:10).

- 1 Stand everyone in a circle.
- 2 Have everyone reach out their right hand and take someone else's (not next to them).
- 3 Do the same with the left hand, taking a different person's hand.
- 4 Work together to untangle the knot without letting go of any hands. End up in a circle again.

Discussion: What can we do as a family to be more “joined together”? How can we work together to remove divisions?

Idea contributed by Maddison Brown



Sacrament Hymn Sing-Along

August 26–September 1 (1 Corinthians 11:23–26)

Paul taught how Christ introduced the sacrament to His Apostles and instructed them, “This do in remembrance of me” (1 Corinthians 11:24).

- 1 Ask each family member to identify a favorite sacrament hymn and explain why it's a favorite.
- 2 Sing one or more of the hymns chosen.
- 3 Watch the “The Last Supper” from the Bible videos series or “The Sacrament” from the children's Bible videos series (both at ChurchofJesusChrist.org).

Discussion: How do the sacrament hymns prepare us to partake of the bread and water? What can we do during the sacrament to help each other focus on the Savior? ■