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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.



“Heavenly Father Provided an Answer to Prayer When . . .,” page 18: You may want to begin by singing with your family

“Did You Think to Pray?” (*Hymns*, no. 140). You could share some stories from the article to illustrate the principle that Heavenly Father answers prayers in different ways. Consider inviting family members to share their own experiences of having a personal prayer answered, or share an experience of your own. Read the counsel from Elder Richard G. Scott of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles found in the sidebar on page 20 and ask family members how this counsel might help them.

“He Ran, and Fell on His Neck, and Kissed Him,” page 44: Begin by watching the Bible video about the prodigal son (lds.org/go/prodigalEO115).

Then consider discussing with your family Elder Curtis’s statement that “one of the great blessings we enjoy as members of God’s Church is the opportunity to assist Him in helping His children return to full activity in His Church” (page 46). What opportunities might your family have to help strengthen or reactivate others? For some ideas, read the section “Returning to God.” You might want to set a goal to do one thing during the next month to strengthen others (such as inviting a less-active family to church or to an activity).

Helpful Resources

Looking to revitalize your family home evenings as the new year begins? Here is a partial list of resources that can help:

- Media Library (lds.org/go/mediaEO115): access Bible videos that offer a new and meaningful way to learn about the Savior; gospel art that you can view and download to enrich lessons; Mormon Messages videos that highlight important values and principles.
- Gospel Topics (lds.org/topics): find information on more than 200 subjects arranged alphabetically.
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