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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.



“Be an Example of the Believers,” page 18: Elder Keetch discusses the importance of defending the doctrines of the

gospel with love and kindness. After reading his talk, you could talk about times in family members’ lives when they have needed to defend the gospel. You could also read a scripture story about someone who stood up for their beliefs, like the story of Daniel or Esther. You might try role-playing a situation where family members can practice sharing their beliefs with a calm and understanding attitude. For additional insights and ideas, consider watching the video “Everyday Example: When Beliefs Are Questioned” ([lds.org/go/beliefsE317](https://www.lds.org/go/beliefsE317)).

“Still in Force Today,” page 50: Elder González teaches that sharing the gospel is one way we can fulfill the Savior’s ancient

commandment to do His works—a commandment still in force today. Ask family members to share ways they could invite those not of our faith to take action in relation to the gospel (ideas might include inviting someone to read the Book of Mormon, attend a Church meeting, watch a Church video, or attend a Church visitors’ center). Who do you know that might be ready to receive such an invitation? Consider watching videos of the stories mentioned in the article, such as “The Woman at the Well” ([lds.org/go/wellE317](https://www.lds.org/go/wellE317)) and “Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind” ([lds.org/go/blindE317](https://www.lds.org/go/blindE317)).

BETTER THAN YOU THINK

Our family home evenings typically involve trying to compete with young children playing, wrestling, or even fighting. When we pray, they often struggle to sit still. Sometimes we’ll get their attention with a Church video, and they’ll share some precious thoughts (score!). But then chaos again ensues. I felt like a failure until a talk by Elder David A. Bednar reminded me that *consistency* is the key to family home evening (see October 2009 general conference). You may feel like you’re failing at family home evening, but you’re likely doing better than you think. And when we meet consistently, our families will be blessed in ways that bring lasting joy.

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