

Family Study fun

Consider these activities during family scripture study or home evening.



Post-Resurrection Family Reunion

September 2–8 (1 Corinthians 15:21–22)

Paul corrected some of the Corinthians who believed that there would be “no resurrection of the dead” (1 Corinthians 15:12) by teaching them that “in Christ shall all be made alive” (verse 22).

- 1 Show pictures of your family’s ancestors.
- 2 Explain what you know of their lives, accomplishments, and personalities. If possible, show other pictures or art from the time period to illustrate daily life.
- 3 Imagine meeting your ancestors as resurrected beings. What questions would you ask? What stories would you want them to tell?

Discussion: What does the doctrine of the Resurrection teach us about God’s love and mercy?



Nature Charades

September 9–15 (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Paul taught the Corinthians that through the Savior’s Atonement, we can each become a “new creature” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

- 1 On strips of paper, write examples of things in nature that go through a transformation (caterpillar to butterfly, egg to bird, seed to flower, tadpole to frog, and so on).
- 2 Fold each paper and place it in a container.
- 3 Take turns pulling out a strip of paper and silently acting out the example while everyone else guesses what the transformation is.

Discussion: How does Jesus Christ, through His Atonement, change our character and nature? What must we do to become new creatures in Christ?

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Find more home evening ideas in this month's *Friend*.



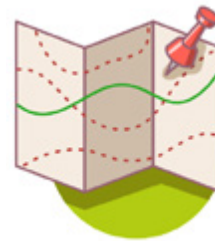
Muscleman Challenge

September 16–22 (2 Corinthians 12:5–10)

Paul wrote of “a thorn in the flesh” (2 Corinthians 12:7) to describe challenges and personal weaknesses. These challenges can weigh us down. With the Savior’s grace, however, we can find strength.

- 1 Gather some heavy objects (personal challenges).
- 2 Give each family member one or more heavy objects to carry.
- 3 Make these “challenges” even more challenging by completing tasks while holding them (for example, making a sandwich, folding clothes, dancing).
- 4 Try the same activity again, but this time ask someone to help you with the heavy objects.

Discussion: What was difficult about carrying the objects alone? How does Christ lighten our burden? What are some trials or challenges that we’ve experienced as a family? When have we been strengthened by the Savior’s grace? (see Ether 12:27).



Nations Blessing Bonanza

September 23–29 (Galatians 3:7–8)

Paul taught that all those who have come unto Christ through the gospel covenant become “the children of Abraham” and that “in [Abraham] shall all nations be blessed” (Galatians 3:7–8).

- 1 Flip back to the Cape Verde article at the beginning of this issue to see an example of how one nation of the earth is being blessed.
- 2 Review the various statistics about Church growth.
- 3 Find Cape Verde on the map. Discuss what life may be like on the islands.

Discussion: What blessings have come to the people of Cape Verde? What blessings have come to our family as “the children of Abraham”? What must we do to receive all the blessings of the Abrahamic covenant? ■

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