

FAMILY HOME EVENING IDEAS

These teaching suggestions can be used in the classroom as well as in the home. You may tailor these ideas to your family or class.



“Opening the Heavens,” p. 16: After summarizing the article for your family, brainstorm how your family can create a sacred environment in your home. If family members are not doing so already, try implementing the counsel given by Elder Yoshihiko Kikuchi. Share your experiences the following week.

“Guarding against Danger from Within,” p. 22: Give family members some blocks. As you tell the story, have them build a wall to represent protecting the family. Discuss what you can do to strengthen the spiritual walls of your home. Make a list of “secret passages” the enemy may try to use, and discuss how to protect against invasion. Read the section

“Fortifying Our Families,” and conclude by reading Elder L. Tom Perry’s quote.

“Too Holy?” p. 37: Summarize the article, and have family members identify how Ian changed in order to keep his faith strong. Referring to the second-to-last paragraph, discuss how Ian’s counsel can help your family “become what Jesus wants us to be—holy.”

“Role Models,” p. 38: Begin by asking family members to list their role models or to draw a picture of a person they admire. Share examples of role models from Elder Benson E. Misalucha’s article, and discuss the qualities a role model should have. End by reading the last three paragraphs of the article.

“Jason’s Escape,” p. F10: Have a fire drill with your family, meeting

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at a designated place outside (you could whistle or ring a bell to simulate the alarm). Afterward, ask how the alarm helped your family know when to escape. Read the story. Ask what kinds of spiritually dangerous situations family members might encounter. Read President Henry B. Eyring’s quote, and discuss how faith and the Holy Ghost can help us know when to escape.

A Lesson on Forgiveness

As our family discussed our most memorable family home evening, what stuck out had nothing to do with a fun activity, clever object lesson, or special treat. It was a simple but profound experience that began with a lesson our 17-year-old son, Fielding,

prepared about forgiveness.

After the lesson, everyone had an opportunity to express his or her feelings about what we liked about each other and what we wished we could improve in ourselves. We talked about the challenges we each faced and helped each other find solutions. We

cried together, asked forgiveness of each other, and set goals to be better.

Family home evening has become one of our favorite times. We love how it allows our children to express themselves more freely and with confidence.

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YOUR FAVORITE HOME EVENING

Send a description of your favorite family home evening to liahona@ldschurch.org.