

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.

“The Celestial Nature of Self-Reliance,” p. 15: Share President Marion G. Romney’s story about the gullible seagulls. Why couldn’t they catch fish? Define *self-reliance*, and discuss ways your family can become more self-reliant. Read the last two paragraphs of the article. Make a goal to help a neighbor, using your family’s strengths.

“Walking by Faith, Not by Sight,” p. 22: Blindfold different family members, and give them small items to identify. Discuss how they identified the items. Read about Sister Daggi, and discuss what it means to walk by faith, not by sight.



“Why Do We Baptize for the Dead?” p. 32: Begin the lesson by reading the first paragraph of the article. With family members, read the scriptures mentioned in the article. Discuss the meaning of each scripture and how it applies to baptism for the dead. Conclude by role-playing how to share the principles learned in the article with friends and family.

“Search and Rescue,” p. 38: Share the article with your family. Create your own emergency committee within your family; assign each family member a responsibility. Discuss emergency situations you might face. Plan what you can do to help prevent or prepare for these situations. Make a goal to maintain an emergency plan and practice using it.

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“Standing Up for Caleb,” p. F8: Invite everyone to tell something good about each person in the family. Tell the story of Caleb. Discuss Luke’s actions and what happened because of his courage. Invite family members to share a time when they or someone they know stood up for someone else. Make a goal to stand up for others.

Family Home Afternoons

One day while I was at church, one of the sisters expressed to me that she was feeling lonely. Like her, I was also a widow and lived by myself. Suddenly, I had an idea: why didn’t we get together on Mondays and hold family home evening? We could also invite other sisters who lived alone.

I did a little research and found eight women in our ward who

might participate. Six were widows, one was single, and one’s husband wasn’t a member of the Church.

With my bishop’s approval, I arranged for all of us to hold family home “afternoons” together. (We hold it early in the day because most of us don’t see well and don’t like being out after dark.) We take turns meeting in each other’s homes and giving a brief lesson. Perhaps the

most important thing that has come from this is a true feeling of friendship that binds us together in love as sisters.

All of us eagerly await our family home “afternoons.” We feel happy to be studying the gospel together, and we enjoy wonderful friendships that strengthen our faith and our love for the Lord Jesus Christ.

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YOUR FAVORITE HOME EVENING

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