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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Daniel

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5 tips for successful Family Home Evenings

- 1. Pray.** Pray about the needs of your family as you consider topics for home evenings, and pray as you prepare.
- 2. Prioritize.** Make Family Home Evening a priority; learn to say no to other activities.
- 3. Involvement.** Involve everyone in the family; help little children take part.
- 4. Commitment.** Be committed and be consistent. Set a designated time and stick to it. Holding Family Home Evening on a weekly basis takes dedication and planning on the part of all family members.
- 5. Relax and enjoy it.** The most important thing your children will remember is the spirit they feel in your family home evenings and activities. Be sure the atmosphere is one of love, understanding, and enjoyment.



Daniel

Thought:

A child who has been taught from the scriptures has a priceless legacy. We are all fortified when we become acquainted with the heroic figures and stories of the scriptures, such as Daniel in the lions' den, David and Goliath, Nephi, Helaman and the stripling warriors, and all the others.

(James E. Faust, "Enriching Our Lives through Family Home Evening," *Ensign*, Jun 2003, 2–6)

Song:

"Stand for the Right," *Children's Songbook*, p. 159

Scripture:

And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

(Daniel 1:20)

Object Lesson:

Materials needed: A magnifying glass and a coin.

Application: Pass the magnifying glass and coin around to each family member. Give them the opportunity to look closely at the coin. Point out that the magnifying glass helps us to see important details on the coin.

As members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints we are under close scrutiny. Others watch us closely. As we strive to stand for the right it will serve as a powerful example to those who are watching us.

(Beth Lefgren and Jennifer Jackson, *Building Blocks for Better Lessons*, [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1998], p. 67.)

Story:

When Darius became king of Babylon, he appointed 120 princes to rule over the kingdom. Over the princes were three presidents. Daniel was the first president. But the other princes were jealous of Daniel. They made a plan to ruin him.

The princes went to the king. They told him, "You are so great, you are like a god. We think you should make a law that says no man shall pray to anyone except you for thirty days. If anyone does not obey, he shall be cast into a den of lions."

King Darius liked their idea. He made the law.

Now, Daniel knew of the law, but he loved God more than any man. So three times a day, he went into his house, knelt by a window, and prayed. This was exactly what the princes hoped. When they saw Daniel praying to God, they hurried to tell the king.

The princes said to the king, “Daniel disobeys your law. He still prays three times a day to his God.”

King Darius was unhappy when he heard this. He loved Daniel very much and did not want to throw him to the lions. But the men insisted. They said, “Remember, O king, that no law of the king may be changed.”

The king was trapped by his own law. So he had Daniel cast into the den of lions. But he said to Daniel, “Your God will save you.”

Then he left Daniel alone with the hungry lions.

All that night the king fasted. He was so worried about Daniel that he could not sleep. Early the next morning, he ran to the lions’ den. He cried out, “Daniel, O Daniel! Has your God saved you from the lions?”

Daniel answered, “O king, live forever. My God has sent his angel and has shut the lions’ mouths. They have not hurt me.”

The king was very glad. He had Daniel taken out of the den. Then he had the men who accused Daniel cast into the lions’ den.

After this King Darius sent a message to all the people of his kingdom. It said, “I make a law that in all my kingdom men should fear the God of Daniel, for he is the living God.”

(Sherrie Johnson, *Bible Treasury for LDS Children*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1999], p. 84.)

Activity:

Pass out a paper and pencil to each person (or have family members work in pairs). Read the following words and have each person write them on his paper: inside, stand, friends, good, right, courage, wrong, help.

Have each person or group write a brief statement that includes the eight chosen words and describes how they can have moral courage as Daniel did. Here is an example; “When friends want us to do something wrong and we have the courage to stand up for the right, we feel good inside and it helps our friends also.”

Have each person share what they have written and briefly discuss the importance of standing up for the right.

(Allan K. Burgess and Max H. Molgard, *Fun for Family Night: Book 3, The New Testament Edition*, [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1995], p. 183.)

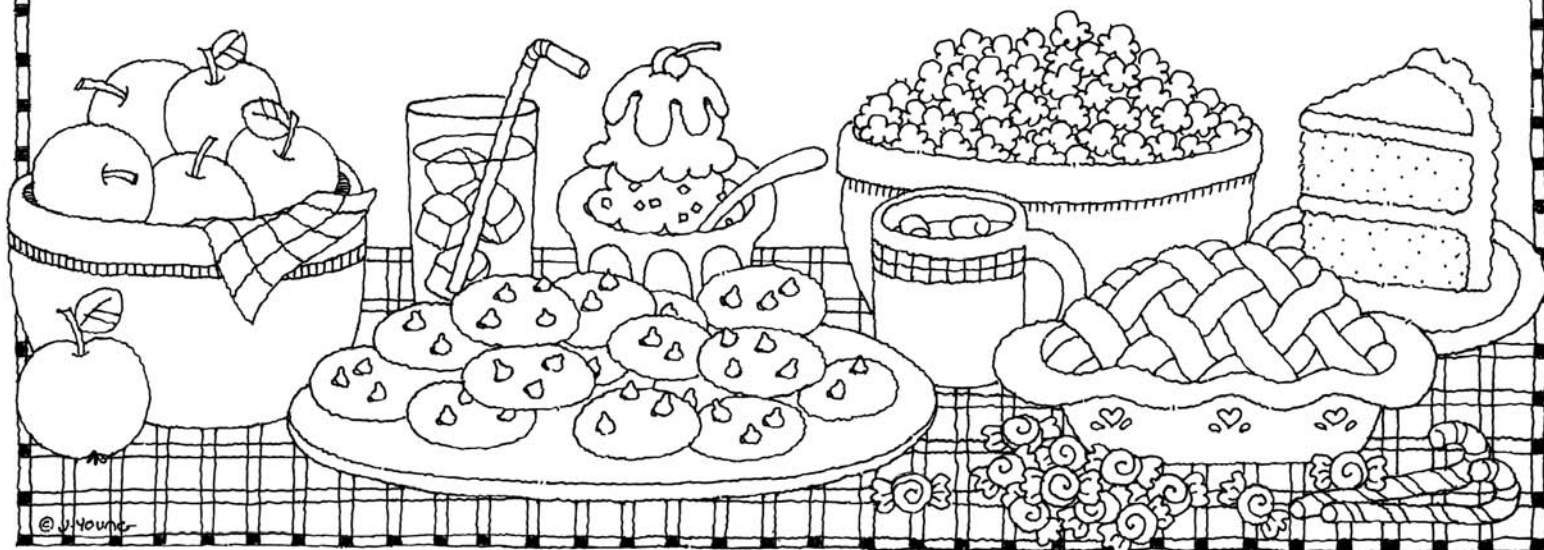
Refreshment

Dessert Quesadillas

- 6 (6-inch) flour tortillas
- cooking oil or nonstick spray
- 2 ounces Swiss cheese, shredded
- 3 ounces cream cheese
- 1/4 cup jam
- 1 (1.5 ounce) bar milk chocolate, broken

Brush one side of each tortilla with cooking oil or spray with nonstick cooking spray. Stir together Swiss cheese and cream cheese; spread evenly over unoiled side of 3 tortillas. top with jam and chocolate pieces. top with remaining tortillas, oiled side up. heat a heavy skillet or griddle over medium heat. Cook quesadillas, one at a time, about 1-2 minutes per side until chocolate is melted. Cut each quesadilla into 4 wedges.

(Holle Eckman and Heather Higgins, *All That Jam*, [Salt Lake City: Shadow Mountain, 2003] p. 104.)



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