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Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Simon Peter

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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.

# Simon Peter

## Thought:

Peter was always at the center of action—risking mistakes and suffering criticism and even persecution. He stood at the Lord’s side, missed no opportunity to learn from the Master, defended Him in Gethsemane, and after the crucifixion testified courageously for a third of a century.

(Richard Lloyd Anderson, “Simon Peter,” *Ensign*, Feb 1975, 47)

## Song:

“Faith,” *Children’s Songbook*, p. 96.

## Scripture:

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

(Luke 22:31-32)

## Lesson:

Read Luke 22:31–32 to your family. Ask them who desires to have Peter? What did Jesus say Peter still needed to become? Have your family take turns reading Luke 22:33–38. Ask them what the Savior said would happen to Peter. Continue taking turns reading Luke 22:54–62. If it is available, show your family Peter’s Denial (Gospel Art Kit, no. 229.) Ask:

- What two things happened right after Peter denied Christ the third time? (Verses 61–62.)
- How do you think Peter felt when the Savior turned and looked at him?
- How could this experience help Peter become more converted?
- Why do you think Peter denied he knew Christ three different times?

Tell your family that after this experience Peter became one of the great defenders of Christ and the faith. Ask them why they think he became so strong in the faith after this experience. Ask, What experiences have you had that have strengthened your testimony?

(Dennis H. Leavitt and Richard O. Christensen, *Scripture Study for Latter-day Saint Families: The New Testament*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2006], p. 109.)

## Story:

After the Savior’s death, Peter became the head of the Church.

One day, Peter and John were on their way to the temple. They passed a lame man. He asked for alms.

Peter stopped. “Look on us,” he said.

The man looked at Peter. He thought Peter would give him money. But instead, Peter said, “I have no silver or gold. But what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”

Peter took the man by the right hand and lifted him to his feet. Suddenly his ankles were strong. He began to leap and dance with joy. Excited and grateful, he walked into the temple with Peter and John. All who saw this were amazed. They, too, praised God and wondered at the miracle.

Peter said to the people, “You men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Why do you look on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? Faith in Jesus Christ has made this man strong.”

As Peter taught the people, the priests, Sadducees, and captain of the temple became very upset. Peter was preaching the teachings of Jesus. They could not let such doctrines continue to spread! They wanted to destroy the followers of Christ. So they put Peter and John in prison.

The next morning Peter, John, and the man who was healed were brought before Caiaphas and other Jewish rulers. The rulers asked, “By what power did you perform this miracle?”

Peter was filled with the Holy Ghost. He said, “You crucified Jesus but God raised him from the dead. It is through the name of Jesus Christ that this man stands before you whole.”

The leaders talked together. They said, “What shall we do to these men? They have done a miracle. We cannot deny it. But let us threaten them so that no one else will learn of this thing.”

They said to Peter and John, “Do not preach or teach anymore in the name of Jesus!”

But Peter and John answered, “Is it right to obey you or to obey God? You judge. We must speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

The priests tried long and hard, but they could think of nothing to accuse Peter and John of doing. Reluctantly, they let them go. Peter and John went back to the other apostles and told them what had happened.

When the rulers discovered that Peter and John were still preaching, they became angry. They cast them into prison again. But an angel of the Lord came during the night, opened the doors, and led them out of the prison. The angel said, “Go, stand and teach in the temple.”

Early the next morning, Peter and John went to the temple and began to teach. The chief priests did not know they had escaped from the prison. They asked for the prisoners to be brought before them. The soldiers returned shortly. They reported, “The prison is safely shut. The guards are at their posts. But the prisoners are gone.”

Just then a messenger arrived. He said, “The men you put in prison are standing in the temple teaching the people.”

The priests sent soldiers to the temple. They brought Peter and John back.

“Didn’t we command you not to teach in this name?” the priests said. “You have filled Jerusalem with his doctrine. You intend to bring this man’s blood upon us!”

Peter and John answered, “We ought to obey God rather than men.”

(Sherrie Johnson, *Bible Treasury for LDS Children*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1999], p. 121-123.)

### **Activity:**

Write on a piece of paper in two columns the lists shown below so you can play a matching game. Ask individual family members to match the occupations in Column 2 with the people listed in Column 1.

Peter	Tax collector
Jesus	U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
Joseph Smith	Tentmaker
Matthew	Fisherman
Moses	Carpenter
Paul	Shepherd
Ezra Taft Benson	Farmer

If your family is unsure of their answers, review the following references: Peter (Matthew 4:18–19), Jesus (Mark 6:3), Joseph Smith (Joseph Smith–History 1:58), Matthew (Matthew 9:9, footnote b), Moses (Exodus 3:1), Ezra Taft Benson (he served as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for President Dwight D. Eisenhower for 8 years).

(Dennis H. Leavitt and Richard O. Christensen, *Scripture Study for Latter-day Saint Families: The New Testament*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2006], p. 167.)

## Refreshment

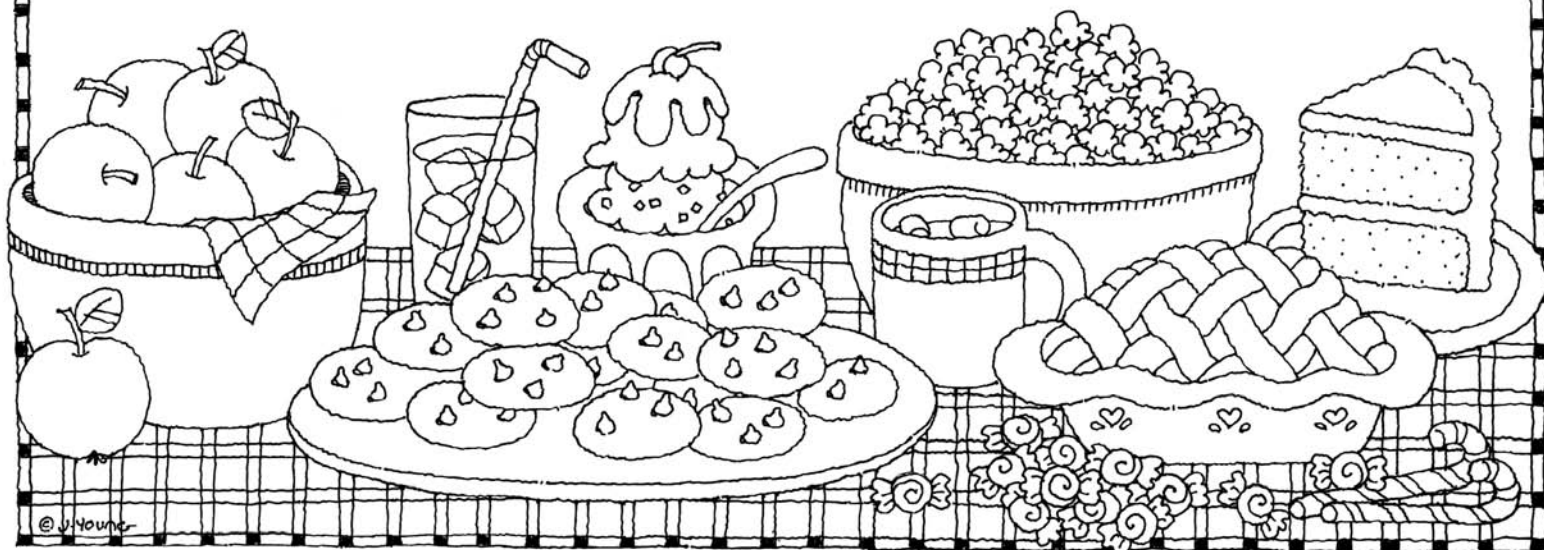
### Toll House Pie

Terrific! You'll be surprised how easy it is to make.

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 cup butter, melted
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 pie crust
- Whipped cream, sweetened
- Ice cream, if desired

Combine sugars in a large bowl; add melted butter, eggs, and flour. Beat until well mixed. Batter will be thin. Stir in chocolate chips and pecans. Place in a 9-inch pie crust (may use a frozen crust). Place on a baking sheet and bake at 325 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes. Top with whipped cream or ice cream to serve. Makes 6 servings.

(Julie Badger Jensen, *Essential Mormon Celebrations*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2005] p. 67.)



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