

Week 2 "Family home evening strengthens my family."

Identify the doctrine:

Start by teaching the kids the "wave". Begin on the left side of the room, going right. Once they have the concept, have the wave go through the Primary one class at a time. (If you don't know what the "wave" is, you need to attend more sporting events.)

Jr. Primary: Divide the children into 3 groups. Have one child from each group come forward to hold their section's sign. Have them do the "wave" while each section says their part as they stand. Trade signs and repeat until they know the phrase.

Senior Primary: Make an additional copy of the "Family Home Evening" page. Cut each graphic out so there are three different signs. An additional idea is to break up the groups by the number of people in their families. They stay where they are seated and just stand with their sign. For instance you can assign the word "Family" to everyone who has 5 people in their family, assign everyone with 4 in their family to say "Home", etc.



Encourage Understanding:

Tell about Joseph F. Smith. There is a wonderful activity in our "Joseph F. Smith" packet that covers his 1915 conference talk. This would be great if time permits. I have discounted it down to \$2 during August. When following the official outline, I have included a graphic of Joseph F. Smith and President Monson to use.



I loved the idea in the outline of linking kids together to show that families are stronger with Family Home Evening. I suggested something similar to this a couple of weeks ago. "OOPS, I need to start reading ahead so I don't double the outline." So, here is an alternate idea to "linking arms" if you just did this.

Bring a rope. Tell the kids you are going to have a tug-o-war. This should make them pretty excited. Select children to come forward and be on the first team. Have them grab one end of the rope. Bring the next group of kids up. This time, however, have the first child grab the rope. When the rest of the children go to grab the rope with their team, stop them. Explain that they don't get to touch the rope. They just have to stand by it.

Start the tug-o-war. The team with only one holding the rope should lose. --unless you have some crazy strong kid. Explain that in our families we must work together. We are strengthened when we join together for Family Home Evening.

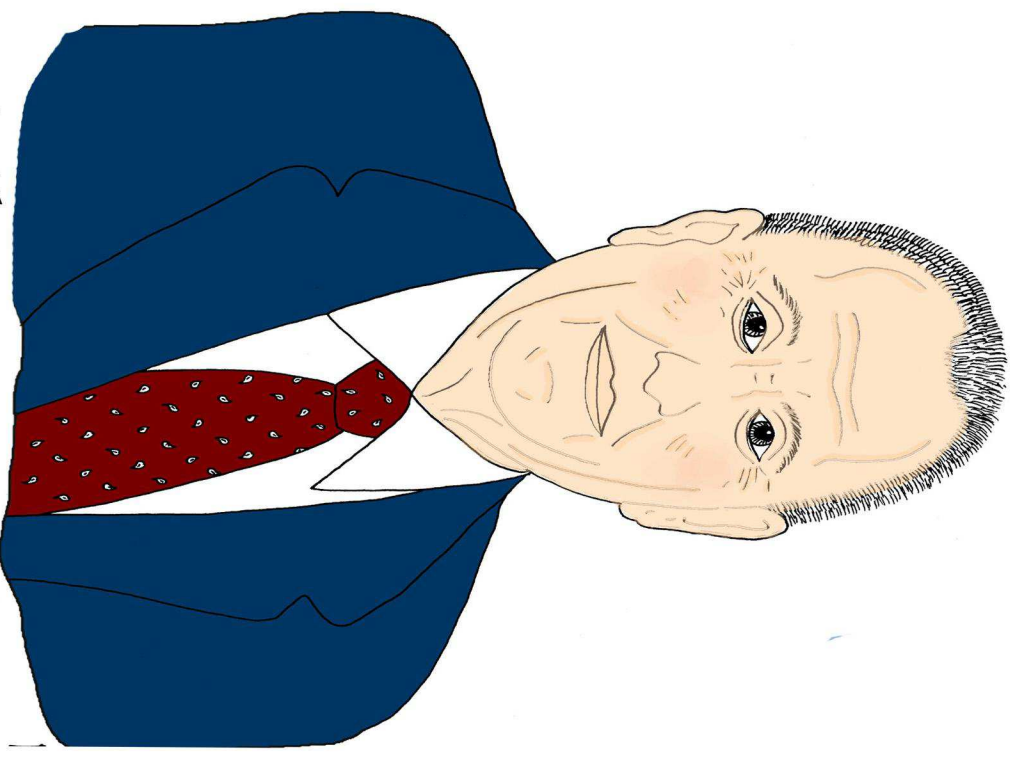
Encourage application:

Follow the outline by brainstorming what the children would like to do for Family Home Evening.

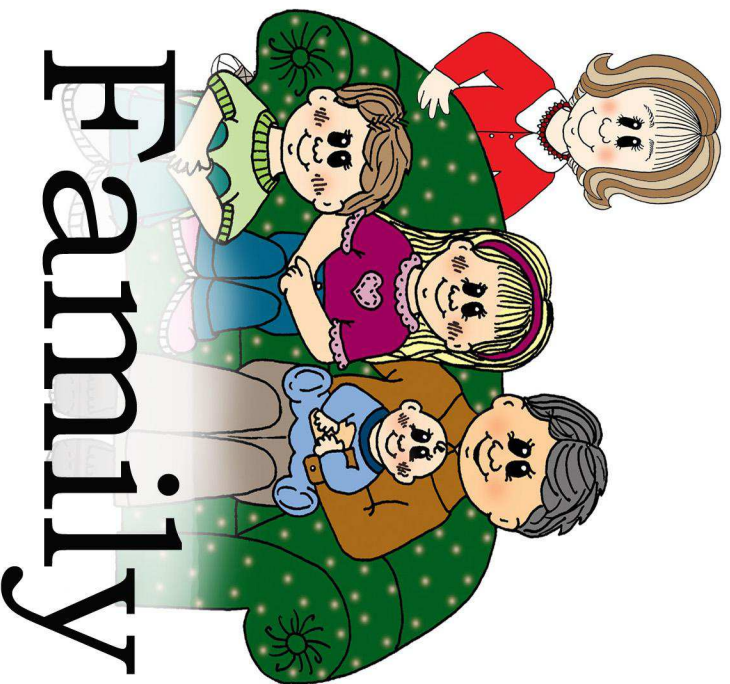
Additional Idea: Have the children color a Family Home Evening chart. There are tons available online. I am offering our Family Home Evening chart for free in August on my site under "Sharing Time/Free stuff". You are welcome to print this as many times as needed for this sharing time.



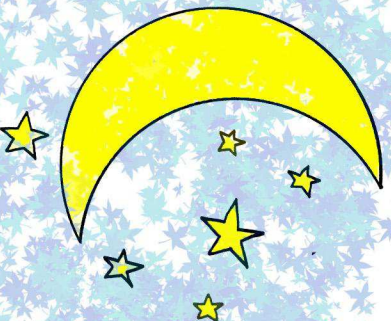
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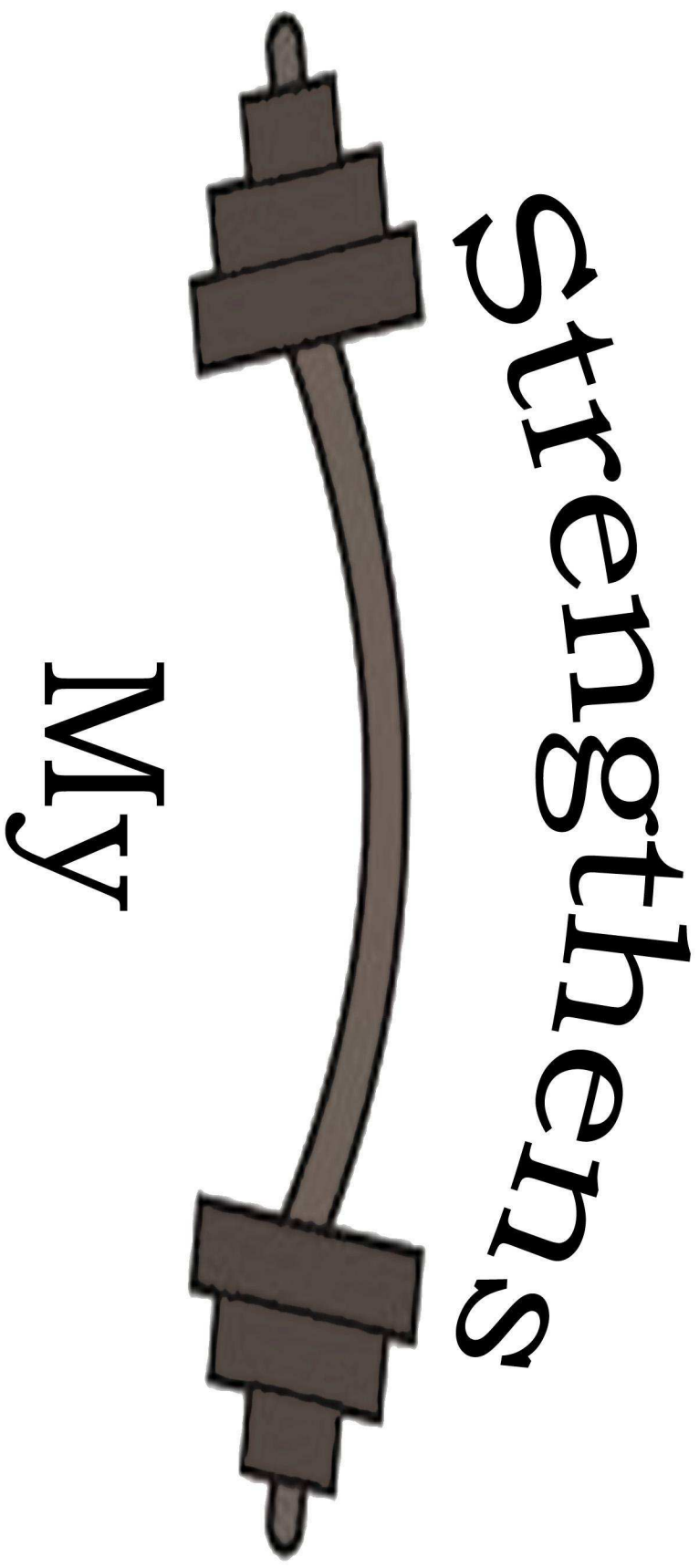


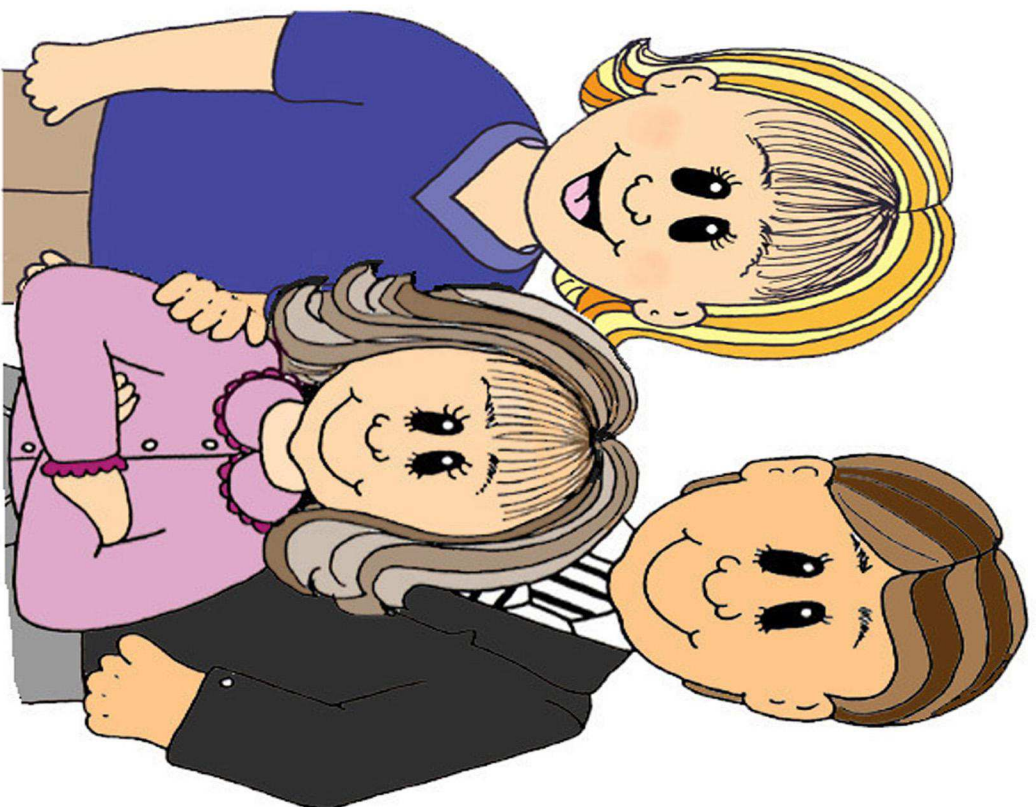
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