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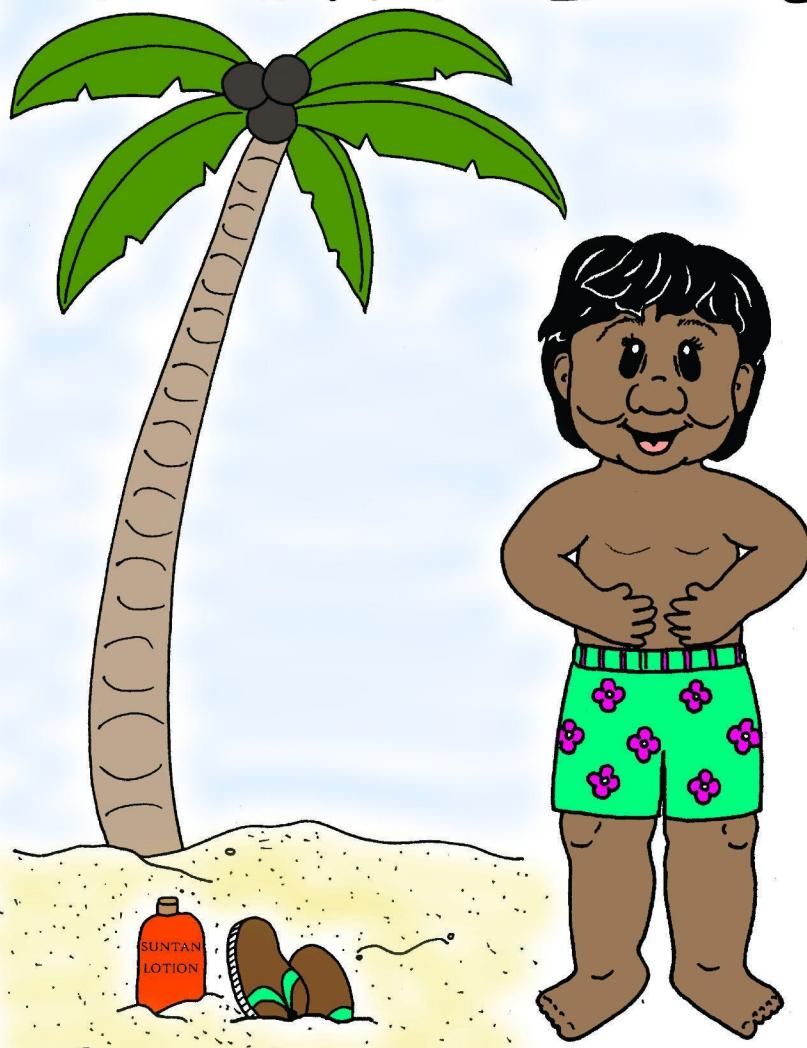
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The Still, Small Voice Family Home Evening Packet



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Suggested Songs: "The Still Small Voice", pg. 106 (Children's)
"Listen, Listen", pg. 107 (Children's)
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"I Know My Father Lives", pg. 302 (Hymn)

Scriptures: John 14:26-27, D&C 121:46

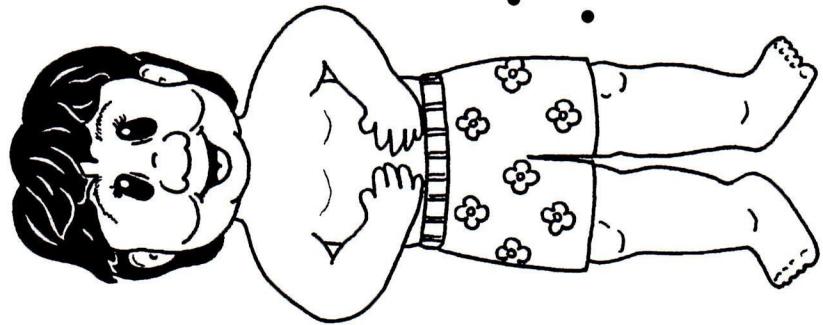
Story: Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics, etc.

"Password Pearls" Game: **Preparation** - Laminate and cut out the game cards on the dashed lines. The older children's cards are purple and the younger children's cards are yellow. The cards each have a word that describes the Holy Ghost in some way.
Play - Divide the family up into two teams. The game is played by choosing a player from each team to be the Password Pearl "Giver." One of the "Givers" draws a card, (if the player is a younger child, they draw a yellow card whereas an older child draws a purple card. One card is used between the two "Givers") Allow each member of the team to take a turn as the "Giver." The giver is allowed to give a one word clue without using any form of the word on the card, to his teammates. Allow younger children to give multiple clues. Once the clue has been given, the "Givers" teammates make a guess as to what they think the "Password Pearl" is. If the correct answer is not given, he passes the card to the "Giver" on the opposite team who then gives his clue. His team is allowed to make a guess. This continues until the "Password Pearl" is guessed or until the card has been passed six times (three turns per team). When a card is first drawn, it is worth six points. Once it is passed to the other team, it is then only worth five points, four points and so on. Keep score on a sheet of paper. The team with the highest score at the end of the game wins.

Manu's Pineapple Delight

Ingredients

- 2 (8 oz.) tubs of sour cream
- 2 pkg. instant vanilla pudding
- 1 (13 oz.) can crushed pineapple
- 2 baked pie shells
- Whipped topping



Instructions: Drain pineapple. Mix pineapple, sour cream and vanilla pudding and pour into two baked pie shells. Refrigerate. Top with whipped topping and serve.

A special Thank You to Jimmy Kaholoaa for sharing this wonderful, Hawaiian recipe with us!

The Still, Small Voice

The warm sun beat down upon the ocean waves and the gentle Hawaiian breeze lifted the palm tree branches with ease. It was another beautiful day on the island of Hawaii.

Manu grabbed his little boogie board, his sun tan lotion and sandals and raced for the door. It was Saturday and he had very impatiently waited for the weekend so he could spend all of his spare time in the warm, Pacific waters. Then he heard mother's voice.

"Manu," she called, "have you done all of your homework?"

"Yes, Mom," he hollered back. "I'm going to the beach." Manu waited for the usual "be careful" to come from his mother and then he raced through the front door and down the path to the ocean.

It was Mrs. Kaholoaa's turn to watch the boys at the beach today and Manu could see her and several of his friends already in the water splashing about. How Manu loved the beach and the water. He never, ever wanted to leave his beautiful Hawaiian home.

As he entered the beach front, his toes sank in the warm sand and he could smell the scent of the water mixed with purple bougainvillea blossoms and wild orchids. He sprinted to the oceanfront, carrying his board above his thick, black hair. Finally, he felt the water tickle his feet and he was happy.

Manu pushed himself out to where the water was deep enough for him to catch an incoming wave with his board. The surging water would rush through his legs as each wave came past him on its way to the shore. Manu stood patiently waiting for just the right wave.

Standing in the deep water reminded him of his baptism a year ago. Manu's sisters, Maile and Mara had also been baptized in the Pacific Ocean. When each of them turned eight, their families had come to the beach at dusk, just as the sun was sinking behind the mountains. After Manu's baptism, everyone gathered to the beach as he was confirmed a member of the Church by his father and members of their family who held the Melchezidik Priesthood. It had been such a wonderful time and Manu thought about the blessing his father gave him. He also thought about being given the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Understanding the gift of the Holy Ghost was hard and Manu had thought about it a lot. He still wasn't sure if he had felt or heard it. People in his ward were always bearing their testimonies and saying they were grateful for the Holy Ghost, but Manu just didn't know if the Holy Ghost had ever been with him.

Suddenly, a huge wave crashed against his back and threw him down upon the sandy bottom. He jumped up, sputtering and blowing water from his nose and mouth. He wiped the water from his eyes and tried to regain his composure. "Goodness," he thought, "that was a great one and I missed it!" He turned to watch for the next one.

It was then that a feeling came over him that he was in danger. He wondered how there could possibly be anything wrong in a place he had been so many times before. But the feeling came again and also a thought that something was wrong and he needed to go into the shore.

"This is ridiculous!" Manu spoke out loud. "There's nothing wrong out here!" Immediately, a huge, gusty wind picked up and the sky became dark. The waves that were pounding over his head were three times his size. Each one came fiercely, knocking him down into the swirling water. The pressure of the water on top of him was too much for the little boy and he couldn't make his way to his feet.

Mrs. Kaholoaa had seen what was happening in the water and had left the other children on the beach to swim out to Manu. She too, was having a difficult time fighting the soaring waves but she finally reached Manu and grabbed hold of his arm. She pulled hard to bring him through the rough waters to the shallow part where he could stand up. Manu was too weak to stand on his own. Mrs. Kaholoaa then carried him to safety.

When they reached the shore, Mrs. Kaholoaa laid Manu on a beach towel and covered him with another. "Manu," she yelled, "Manu, can you hear me?" Manu very slowly nodded his head up and down but he was just too tired to do anything else. He closed his eyes and went to sleep.

It seemed like hours before Manu woke up, at least to his mother and family. When Manu opened his brown eyes, he couldn't figure out where he was for a moment. Then he realized that he was in his own bed and Maile, Mara, mother and father were all standing around with very worried looks on their faces.

"What happened?" Manu spoke softly. Mother explained about the accident and how they had brought Manu home after the doctor told them he would be all right.

For the next hour or so, Manu was showered with attention. He could have all the ice cream he wanted to eat and Mrs. Kaholoaa came to bring him homemade brownies. Then, mother said he should rest so everyone began leaving his room. When father kissed Manu on the cheek and headed for the door, Manu asked him to stay.

"What is it, son?" asked father. Manu's eyes widened as he tried to sit up a little in his bed.

"Dad, who is the Holy Ghost and how can I know if he's around me?"

Father sighed and pulled up a chair right beside the bed. "My goodness son, what brought that up?"

Manu told father about what had happened in the water that day and how something had warned him but he hadn't listened. Father got up from his chair and rubbed his chin with his hand as he walked around the room. A lump formed in his throat as he realized that his little son had been looked after by the Holy Ghost. If only Manu had listened.

"Let me tell you what I know about the Holy Ghost son." Father began. Father then explained that the Holy Ghost is a member of the Godhead with Heavenly Father and Jesus. He told Manu that he doesn't have a body yet but is a Heavenly Spirit. When we are confirmed we are given the gift of his constant companionship if we choose to receive it.

Another name for the Holy Ghost is the Still Small Voice. He speaks to us quietly, in our minds and in our hearts. He will guide us and protect us if we live worthy to have him with us all of the time. Sometimes he puts thoughts in our minds and sometimes he puts feelings in our hearts and sometimes he does both at once.

Never will the Holy Ghost tell us to do something that is bad or wrong. He will help us remember things and he will let us know what is true and what is not true. Most of all, we will have a feeling that all is well. We will be peaceful.

He will comfort us when we feel bad and make us feel better, hopeful and calm. He will tell us that Heavenly Father lives and that Jesus is his son.

Warning us when dangerous or bad things are about to happen is another way we can know the Holy Ghost is near and we must always listen and obey.

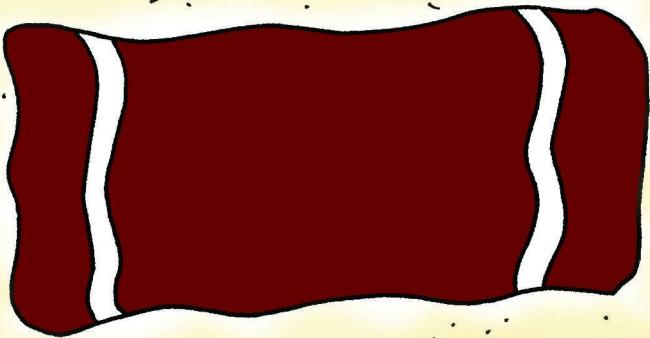
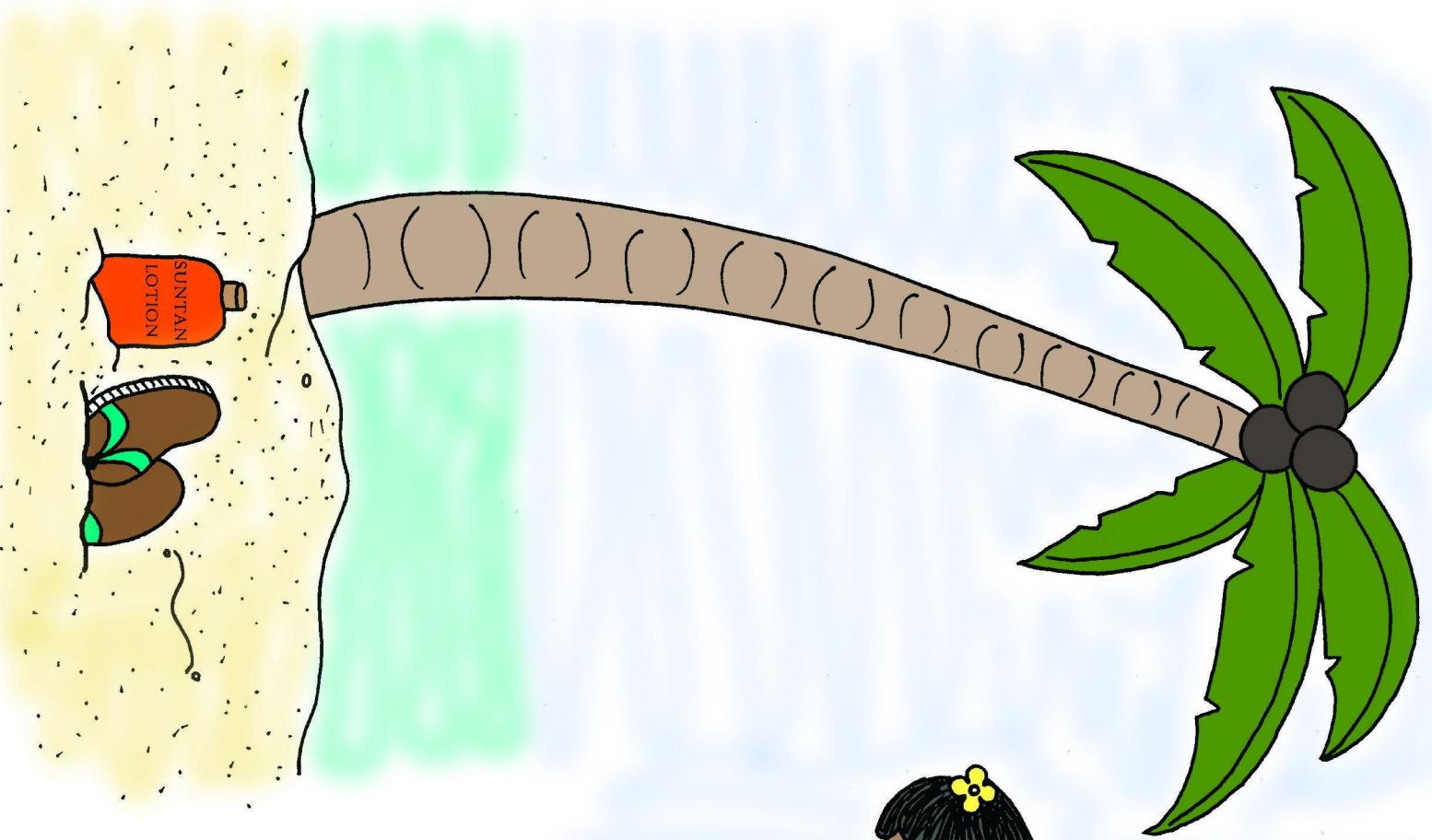
We can feel the Holy Ghost in several ways. We can feel a warm sensation in our hearts or we can feel great love. When we feel the Holy Ghost near, we feel good. We are happy and content.

Manu listened intently as his father explained about the Holy Ghost. Manu felt peaceful just hearing father talk and he knew that he had been warned by the Holy Ghost earlier that day. He also knew that just because this personage is called a ghost doesn't mean that he is someone to be afraid of. The Holy Ghost is just that - holy, kind and loving. Manu knew that he was very blessed to have been baptized and confirmed so that he could have the Holy Ghost with him if he lived right. Manu closed his eyes and went to sleep as father tiptoed from the room.

Bruce R. McConkie stated that the companionship of the Holy Ghost is the "greatest gift that mortal man can enjoy." So, the best thing we can do in this life is to live the gospel in such a way that we may have the Holy Ghost with us throughout our lives. Jesus gave us this gift so that even though he could not be on the earth with us all of the time, we could have the Holy Ghost instead. The Holy Ghost is so wonderful, so helpful, so kind, so loving. He will be there for you if you want him to, always.

DISCUSSION:

- How does the Holy Ghost make you feel?
- How can you know when the Holy Ghost is speaking to you?
- When do we receive the gift of the Holy Ghost?
- What does the Holy Ghost tell us?





Messenger

Revelator

Companion

Personage

Confirmation

Priesthood

Godhead

Blessing

Warning

Feeling

Spirit

Holy

Ghost

Testimony

Manifest

Receive

Gift

Heart

Voice

Guide

Light

Knowledge

Comforter

Testify

Warm

Peace

Still

Whisper

Quiet

Baptism

Man

Gift

Listen

Helper

Small

Friend

Light

Heart

Voice

Love

Teacher

Lead

Learn

Right

Wrong

Good

Truth

Spirit

“But the Comforter, which
is the Holy Ghost, whom
the Father will send in
my name, he shall teach you all
things, and bring all things to your
remembrance, whatsoever I have
said unto you.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I
give unto you: not as the world
giveth, give I unto you. Let
not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.”

John 14:26-27

