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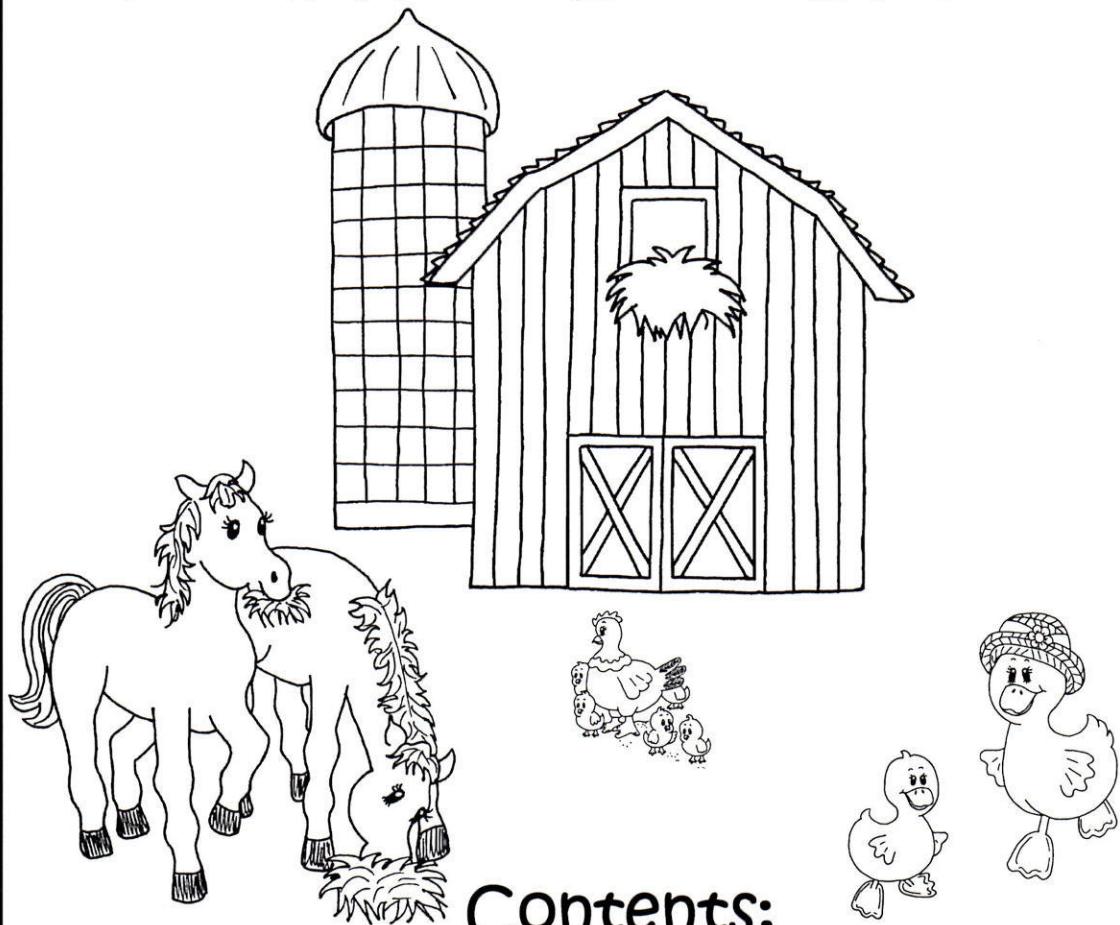
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## What Is A Family? Family Home Evening Packet



### Contents:

Story, Picture Sheets, Game, Quote, Treat Recipe

\$5.00

# Farmer Parker's Pig Pen Dessert

## Ingredients:

- 1 chocolate cake mix
- 1 large box instant chocolate fudge pudding mix
- 6 skor candy bars crushed or toffee bits
- whipped topping



**DIRECTIONS:** Bake cake as directed on package. Let cool. While cake is cooling, mix pudding as directed. Crunch skor bars into chip size pieces. Break cake when cooled into chunks. Put 1/3 of the cake chunks in a large bowl, then spoon 1/3 of the pudding, spread so it covers the cake. Sprinkle 1/3 of the crushed skor bars over the top of the pudding. Spread 1/3 of the whipped topping. Repeat this procedure until you have used all the ingredients. Sprinkle skor chips over the top. Make small pigs out of pink marshmallows or pink gumdrops and toothpicks. Use caution with the toothpicks if small children are involved. Serve Pig Pen dessert in small serving bowls and place pigs on top. ENJOY!

# What Is A Family? Family Home Evening Packet Home Evening Outline

## Opening Prayer Opening Song Scripture Story

## Game Closing Song Closing Prayer Refreshments

**Suggested Songs:** "I Love To See The Temple", pg. 95 (Childrens)  
"The World Is So Lovely", pg. 233 (Childrens)  
"Love At Home", pg. 294 (Hymn)

**Scriptures:** Helaman 5:12

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

**Game: Only Love Can Make It Home!** **Preparation** - Color the body of the two houses on the "A House Is Made Of Wood And Stone . ." cards, but leave the chimney, roof, windows, door and foundation white. **Laminate** the sheet and cut in half along the dotted line. Included in the packet, is a sheet with two sets of house puzzle pieces (roof, chimney, windows, door and foundation). Color each set of house puzzle pieces, laminate and cut out. When playing the game, self adhesive velcro dots or masking tape can be used to adhere the puzzle pieces to the house game card. The "Number" game board has 100 numbered squares on it, numbered from 1 to 100. To prepare the "Number" game board, you may either leave the entire game board white, or color each number square. For example, the squares with the word "love" in it could be colored one color, and all the number squares that have "communication" in them could be colored another color and so on. The number card sheet has nine cards of each number ranging from 0 to 9. Laminate this sheet and cut out each of the number cards.

**Object:** To be the first team to place all seven puzzle pieces on their house game card. This is achieved by placing three playing pieces in a row, either vertically, horizontally or diagonally on the "Number" game board. Each time a team gets three playing pieces in a row, they may place one puzzle piece on their house starting with the foundation, then the door, windows, roof and lastly the chimney.

**Play:** Divide the family into two teams. Each team will need at least twenty playing pieces. You could use, beans, pennies, macaroni or candy. For example one team could use small chocolate covered candies and the other could use candy corns, etc. Place all of the number cards in a container such as a bowl or basket. Give each team a "House Is Made Of Wood And Stone" card, their puzzle pieces and their playing pieces. Place the "Number" game board in the center of the playing area. Determine which team is to go first. The first team begins by having a team member draw a number card out of the container. They place this card face up in front of them on the playing surface. They then draw a second card, placing the number card face up to the right side of the first card. The first card drawn becomes the first digit in the number and the second card drawn becomes the second digit. For example: If the first card drawn was a two and the second card drawn was a five the number would be twenty-five. The team drawing now has three options. They may either place a playing piece on the number "25" square on the "Number" game board or they can subtract 5 from 25 and place a playing piece on the number "20" square. Once a team has placed a playing piece on a number square, the number cards are placed back in the container. The team now chooses a team member to explain to the group about how they can help the family to improve in the area mentioned on the number square that a playing piece was placed on. For example, if the number "30" square was chosen, the team member chosen would explain how he or she could help the family to improve in the area of "Protective Environment". Play then rotates to the other team. Remember, you are trying to get three playing pieces in a row. Don't forget to use strategy. You may also place a playing piece to block an opponent from getting three in a row. When placing three playing pieces in a row has been achieved, the team may then place their first puzzle piece beginning with the foundation. The team then removes the three playing pieces that were in a row and play continues until a team places all seven puzzle pieces on their game card. The three window puzzle pieces all count as one, and can all be placed on the "A House Is Made Of Wood And Stone" game card at once. Each puzzle piece symbolizes different ways that we can make our families more successful. As a team places a puzzle piece, take a minute to explain the symbolism.

**FOUNDATION: Jesus Christ** - If our families build our foundations centered around Jesus Christ, we cannot fail. Read Helaman 5:12.

**DOOR: Communication** - Keep the door of communication open. "Strong families cultivate an attribute of effective communication. They talk out their problems, make plans together, and cooperate toward common objectives." Ezra Taft Benson.

**WINDOWS: Family prayer, family scripture study and Family Home Evening help us to see things more clearly.** **WINDOW #1: Family Prayer** - "Family prayer is the greatest deterrent to sin, and hence the most benevolent provider of joy and happiness. The old saying is yet true: The family that prays together stays together." Thomas S. Monson.

**WINDOW #2: Family Scripture Study** - "I admonish you, O Israel, search the Scriptures; read them in your homes; teach your families what the Lord has said; let us spend less of our time reading the unimportant and often harmful literature of the day and go to the fountain of truth and read the word of the Lord." George Albert Smith.

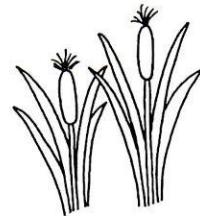
**WINDOW #3: Family Home Evening** - "If the Saints obey this counsel to have regular Family Home Evening, we promise that great blessings will result. Love at home and obedience to parents will increase. Faith will be developed in the hearts of the youth of Israel, and they will gain power to combat the evil influences and temptations which beset them." Harold B. Lee.

**ROOF: Protective Environment** - The roof protects the home from the evil influences of the outside world. "Successful parents have found that it is not easy to rear children in an environment polluted with evil. Therefore, they take deliberate steps to provide the best of wholesome influences. Moral principles are taught. Good books are made available and read. Television watching is controlled. Good and uplifting music is provided. But most importantly, the scriptures are read and discussed." Ezra Taft Benson.

**CHIMNEY: Love & Respect** - Love and respect warm the home. "Successful families have love and respect for each family member. Family members have love and appreciated." Ezra Taft Benson



# What Is A Family?



It was a beautiful morning on the pond. Danny the duck, could hear Mother calling his name, urging him to get up. The sun had been up for nearly an hour and Danny had slept in. Oh, sleeping in had felt so good and he really didn't want to wake up at all but Mother kept calling his name. She was insisting that they needed to get out on the water while it was still morning for it would be just the right temperature for catching fish for breakfast.

Danny rubbed the sleep from his eyes and shook his little wings back and forth to straighten his feathers. He waddled clumsily to the edge of the water where mother was waiting very impatiently. Mother did not have a friendly look on her face this morning so Danny brushed gently past her and dove into the chilly pond. Mother followed right behind him.

The duck pond was bustling with activity. Most of the ducks that lived on Parker's Farm were already frolicking about searching for food. Mamie Duck and her four little ducklings were having races to see who could catch the biggest fish and the Diller Duck family was following father, David, through the cattails. How Danny loved life on the duck pond.

There was one thing that bothered him though. All of the other ducks that lived on the farm had lots of ducklings and most of the time there was a father and a mother in their families. But Danny was an only duck and had no brothers or sisters. He didn't even remember his father very well.

Father Duck had gone to live with Heavenly Father and that had left Danny and Mother Duck all by themselves. Sometimes Danny felt very sorry for himself and this morning was no exception. As he looked around at the other families, Danny felt worse and worse. It didn't help the situation as he looked outside of the pond at all of the other animals.

Horace Horse and his wife Sophie, were nibbling on the fresh hay that had been dumped inside the coral. Their children had all left the stable and lived in far away places but Horace and Sophie seemed happy just to be together.

Mother Chicken was frantically trying to keep all ten of her chicks under her wing as she took them for their morning walk around the barn. Richard Rooster watched with great pride as his little family scratched the soft earth searching for who knows what!

Even the pigs were getting into the action. Mother pig was feeding all ten piglets at once while Papa Pig scratched his belly on the old wooden fence that surrounded the pigsty.

Even the humans on the farm had a family. Danny heard the old school bus honk three times as it rounded the bend of the road. The bus driver slammed on the brakes, just like she always did, and brought the big bus to a halt. Nathaniel, Andrew and Ben came running from the house with Mother running right behind them, yelling that someone had forgotten their lunch. Ben went scrambling back to snatch it from mother's hands, planting a sloppy kiss on Mother's cheek as he turned toward the bus again. Yes, there was something wrong. Everyone had a family but Danny.

Danny's face became sad and droopy. He hung his head low as he slowly made waves in the water. He could see his reflection in the pond as he let more than one fish glide past him. He just wasn't in the mood for food this morning.

Mother Duck was watching Danny closely this morning. There had been more than one time that Mother had noticed Danny's sad look. Oh how she loved her little duck son. Mother would do anything for Danny and she hated seeing him so unhappy.

As she swam close to him, Mother could see that Danny had a big tear slipping from one of his eyes. Her heart hurt a little. "What is it son?" She asked.

Danny pulled his head up and sighed deeply. Mother smiled down at her little son. Danny finally got his courage up and told Mother about his concerns that they weren't a normal family. "Oh Danny," she said, "there are all kinds of families in this world. Anyone can be a family, even just one person. Come on, I'll show you!"

Off they paddled until they reached the edge of the pond. Mother waded out onto the ground and Danny reluctantly followed. He just wasn't convinced that just "anyone" could be a family.

Mother led the little duck toward the big red barn. Danny could see all of the animals that lived on the farm. They waddled past Corey the cat and her five kittens. Mother explained that Corey's husband Tom, was never at home with her and her children. He was always off somewhere else. She was basically rearing her family all alone.

Then they sauntered past Duke the dog. He was a big, old dog and he lay asleep near the front porch of the house. His nose twitched as a fly tried to get cozy on him. Mother told Danny that Duke was the only member of his family but that Duke was happy almost all of the time.

Bossy the cow gave out a loud "Moo" as Danny and Mother entered the milking shed. The smell of musty hay was strong and a sneeze escaped Danny's beak as Mother offered a "Bless You!" Two week-old calves named Callie and Carrie lay in the stall under Bossy's watchful eye. Mother explained that Bossy had given birth to only Callie, but Farmer Parker had needed Bossy to adopt Carrie. Carrie's mother was very sick and she couldn't take care of the new little calf. She also told Danny that neither of the babies even knew who their dads were, for the bulls had been moved far away out into the pasture. Bossy would have to raise her children alone.

As Danny and Mother walked around the barnyard, the sun shone down on their glistening feathers and Danny began to smile. "You are right Mother." He said. "We are a family, just like all of these families on our farm. We're a family! We're a family!"

Danny took off running, almost tripping over his little webbed feet as he raced for the duck pond. "Families come in all sizes and shapes," he thought, "but anyone can be a family." He dove mightily into the water, surging his little duck body deeply into the water and swimming back to the top. As his head broke through the water he was thankful for families, whatever they looked like.

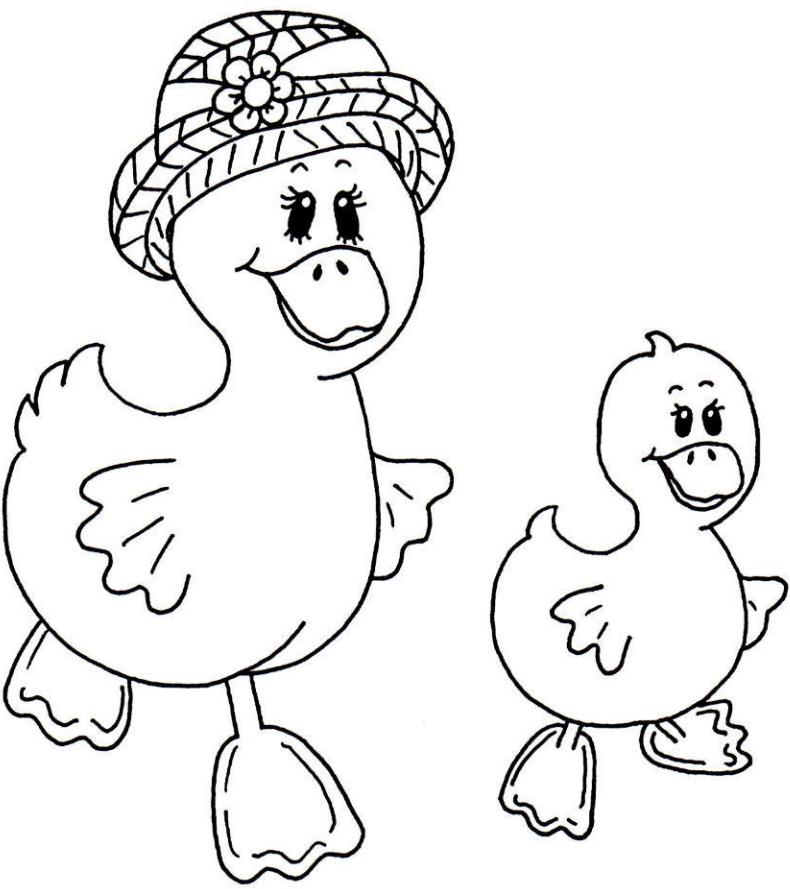
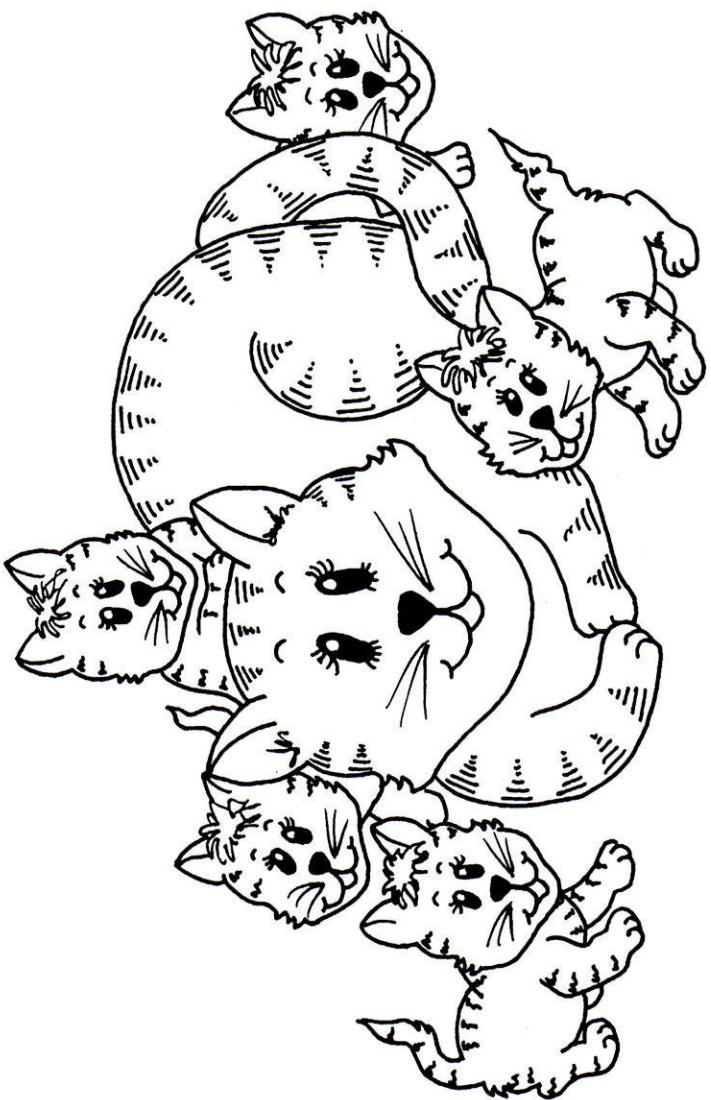
In the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, we hold the family to be sacred. A family can be just one person, or one that has just one parent. It can be one in which several of the children have been adopted or it can be two parents who are without children. Whatever the size or shape, it is what we make of it that counts. It is our attitude toward those that we live with that makes our families what Heavenly Father intended them to be, no matter how many people make up the family.

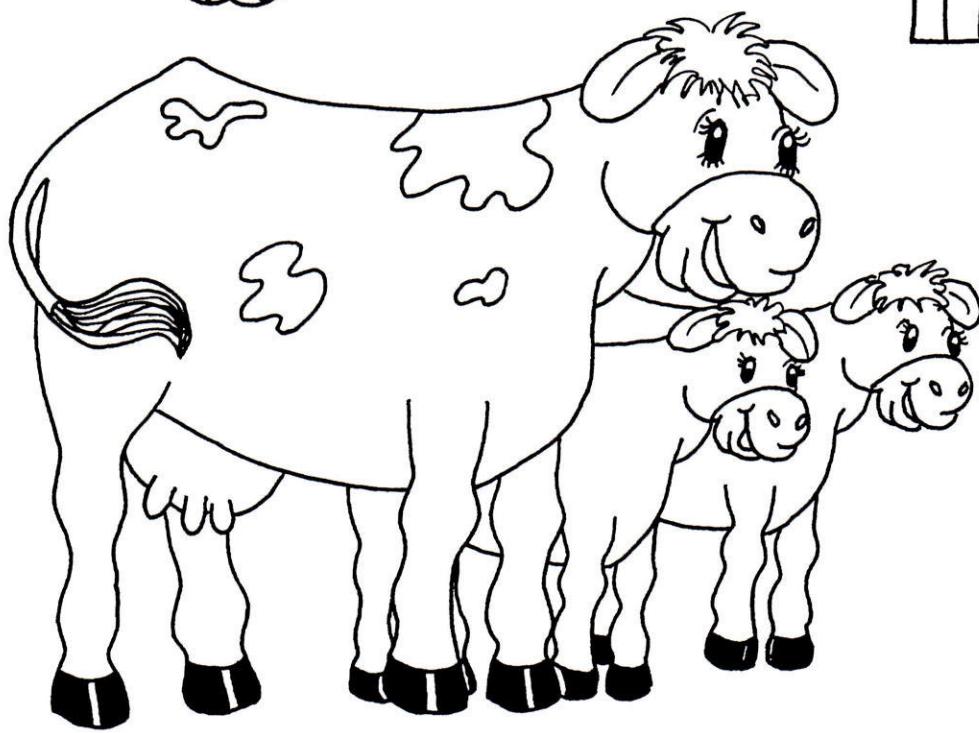
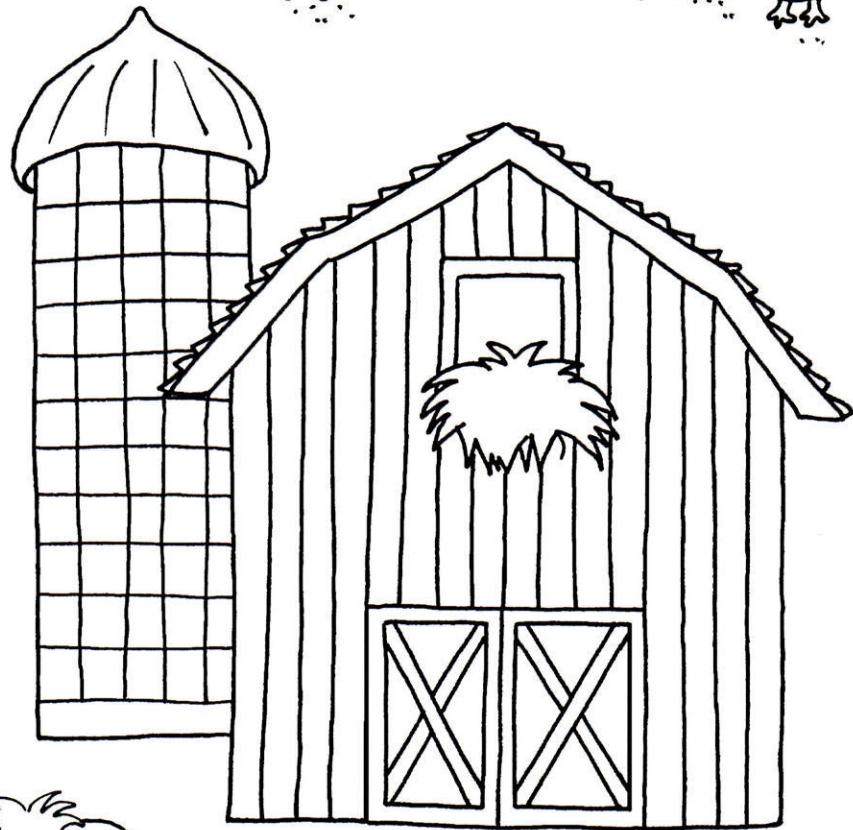
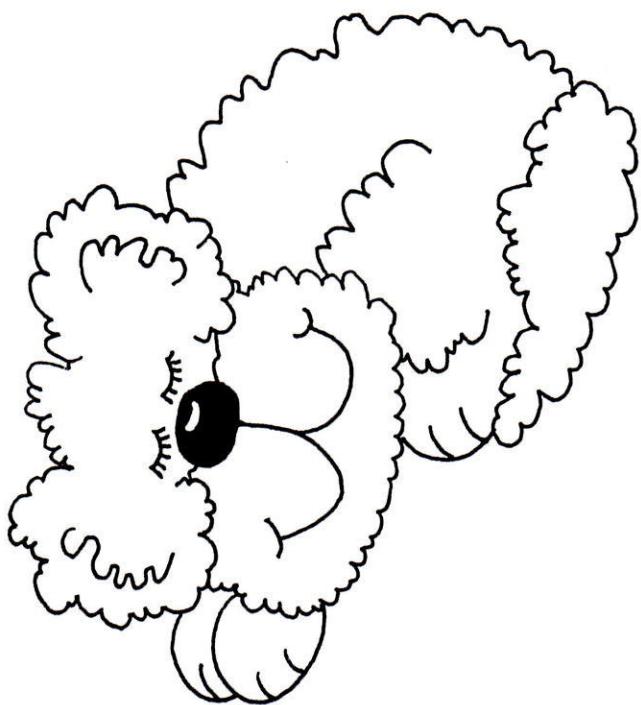
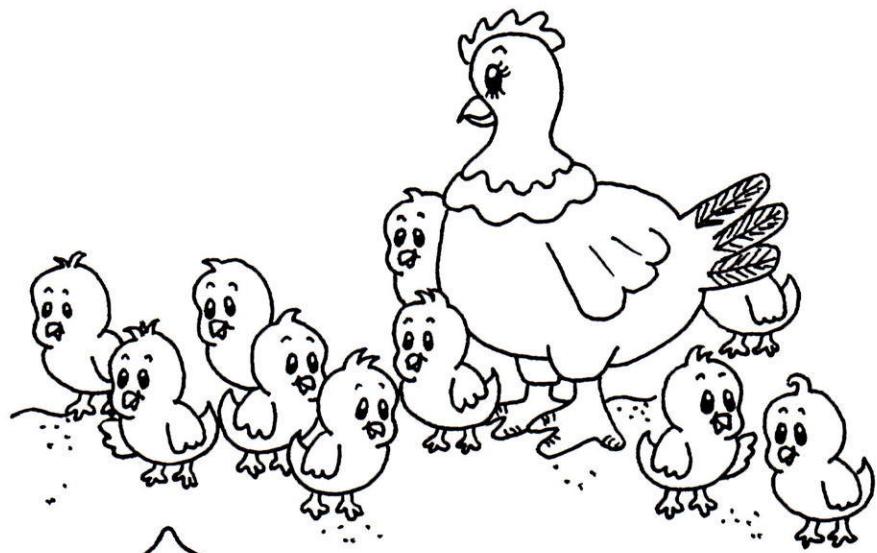
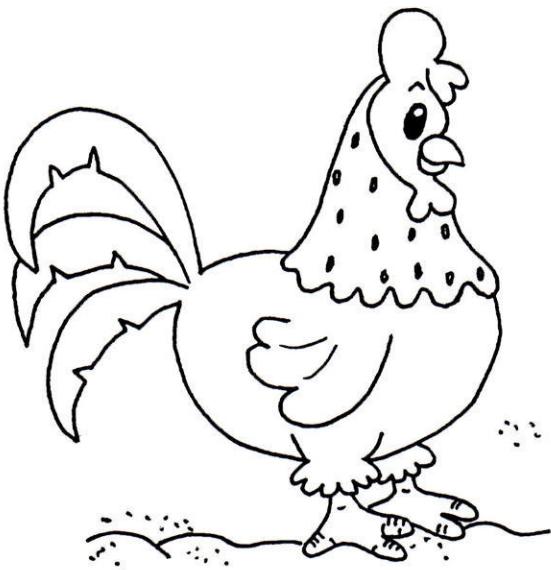
Our beloved prophet and the other general authorities have set guidelines for us to follow regarding our families. These guidelines are explained beautifully in a document called "The Family: A Proclamation to the World." We are including a copy of this proclamation with this packet. It is a gift from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Heavenly Father wants all of us to become eternal families. Sometimes that is difficult if there is only one parent in our family but there is always hope and eternity can begin with us. No matter what our heritage is or how many people are in our family, we can start with our own lives and build eternal families from there. Then, we can take care of the past. Remember, that with God all things are possible.

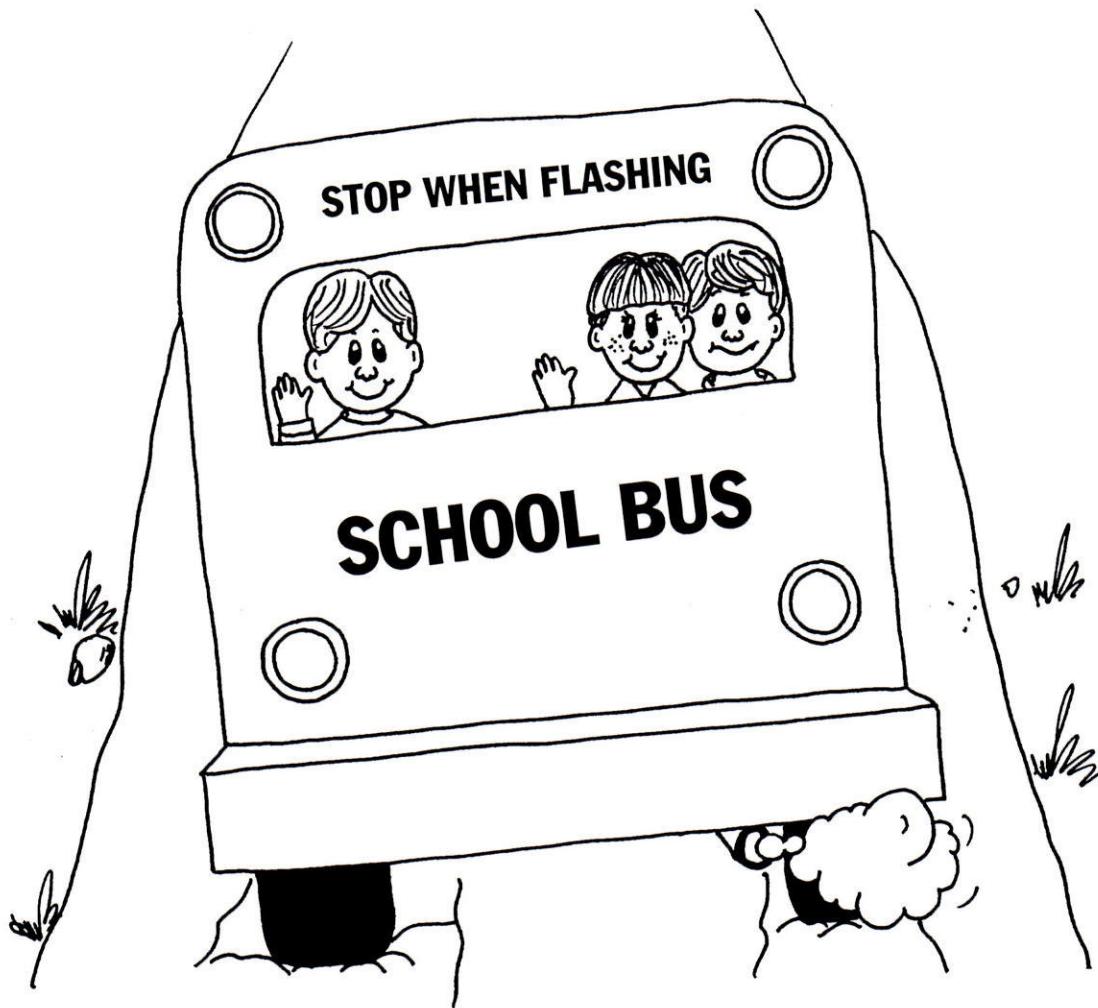
#### DISCUSSION:

- What do you think makes a family?
- Do you know of other families that are like the families in the story?
- What can we do to make our families better?





Danny Swimming



Nathaniel, Andrew & Ben  
going off to school

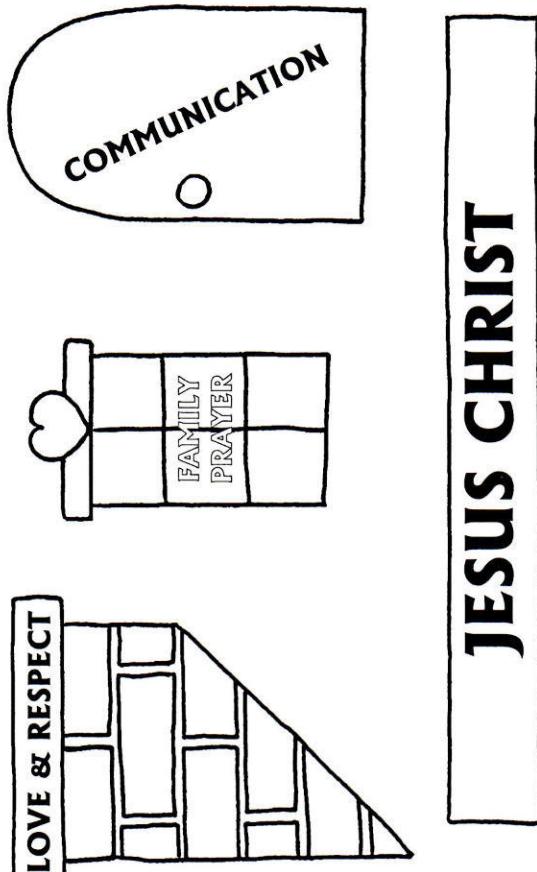
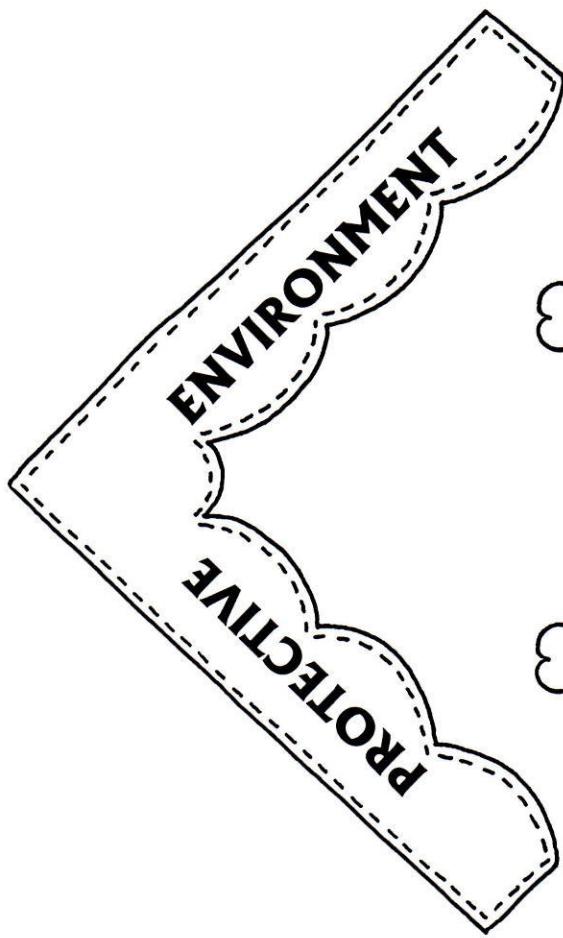
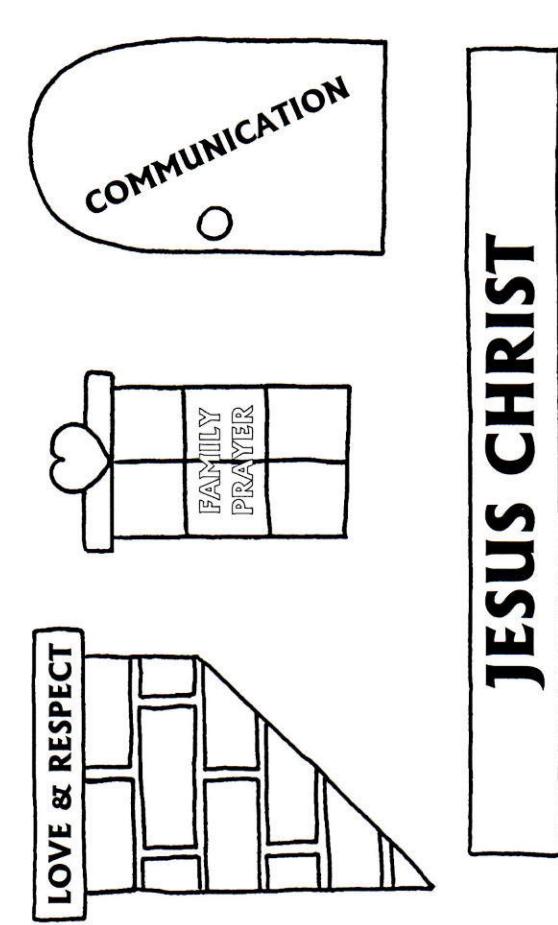
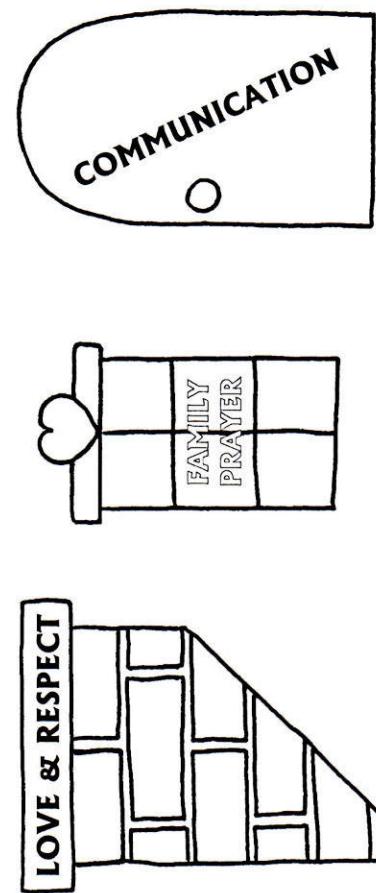
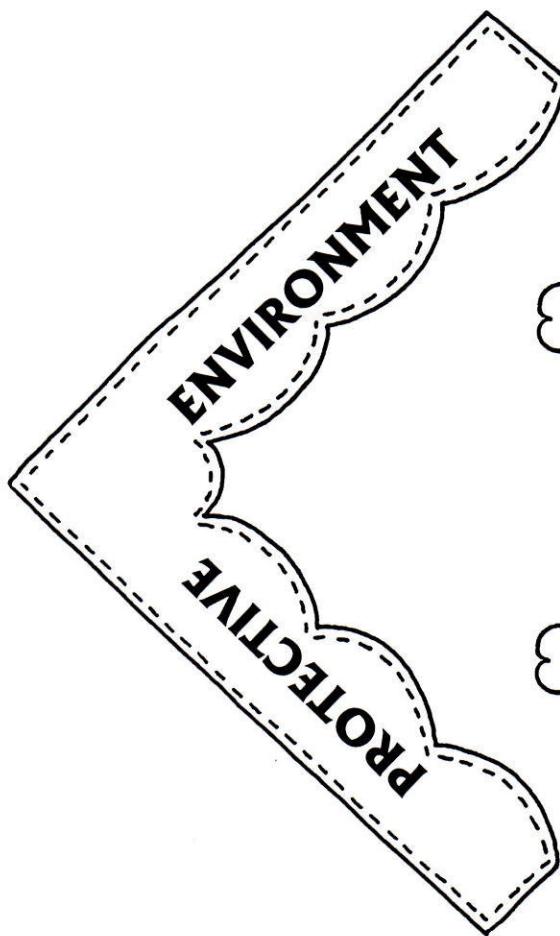


Danny Sleeping In

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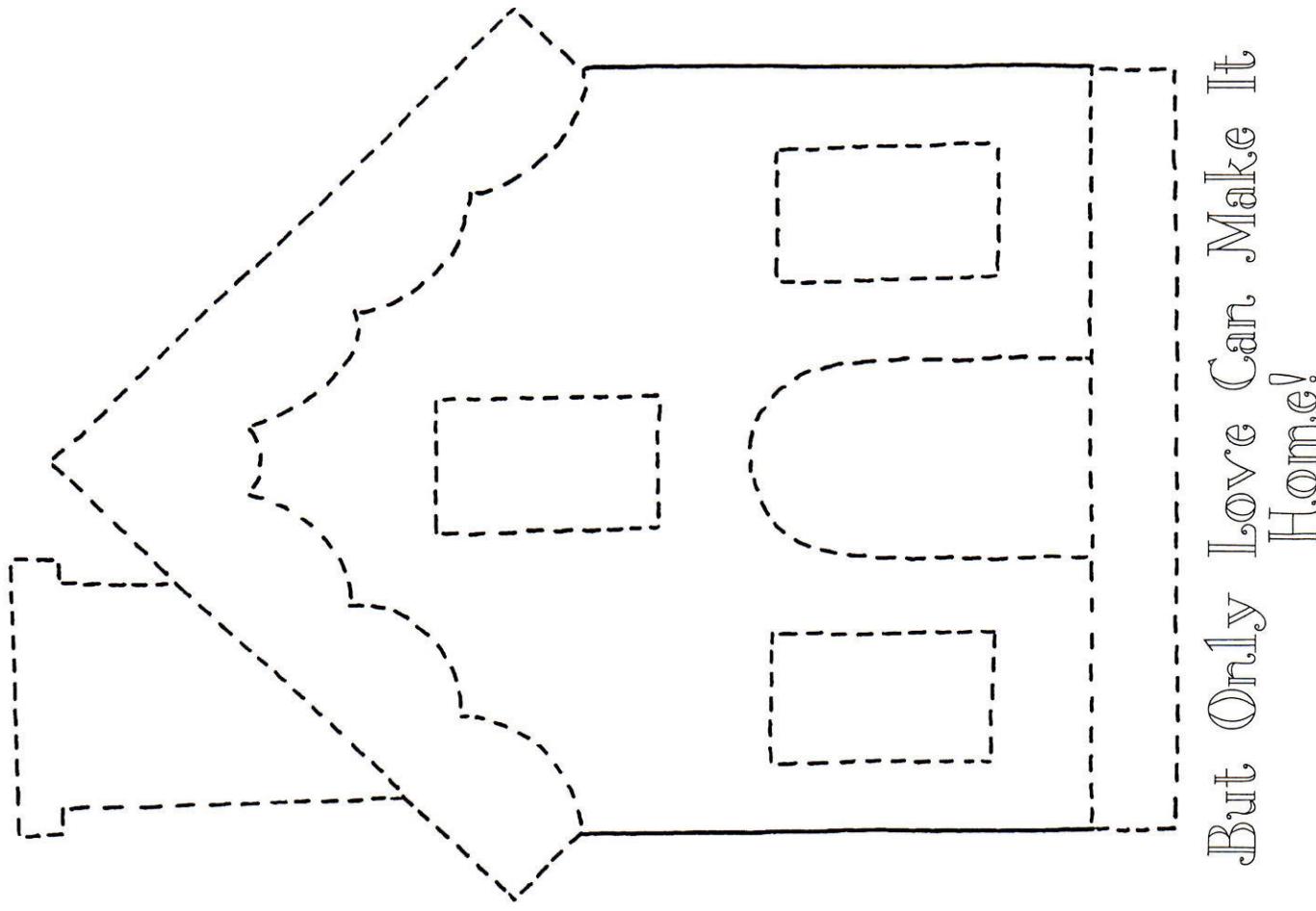


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*The Proclamation To The Family*

