

# I Am Thankful for My Home

Make your home a heaven on earth by being thankful for it and taking care of it with your family!

## Purpose

To encourage each child to feel gratitude for his or her home and to help take care of it.

“One of the greatest blessings we can offer to the world is the power of a Christ-centered home where the gospel is taught, covenants are kept, and love abounds.” ~ Richard G Scott

## Preparation

Pull up any links you might need for the lesson - look at the Family Night website for quick links

Mark Scriptures ~ Doctrine and Covenants 93:48

Find Pictures of ~ Different Habitats or Homes (for attention activity)

Prepare for the Activities you want to do.

Prepare Treat ~ Suggested Treat - Gingerbread houses!

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**Opening Song** ~ Home (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 192)

**Opening Prayer**

**Attention Activity** ~ Idea adopted from Manual. Show pictures of different habitats (such as ocean, rain forest, desert, etc.) and ask your child which kind of animals live in each. Explain that there are many different types of homes.

**Scripture** ~ Doctrine and Covenants 93:48

Have the child repeat, word for word the scripture. Explain how Heavenly Father has told us that it is important for us to pray in our homes. Praying in our homes helps to keep Satan out.

**Scripture Story** ~ Nephi and his Family

Tell a shortened version of the story of Nephi and his family. Talk about how they lived in their home, and then moved into a tent. Later they traveled in a boat and lived there, finally they lived in the promised land. During the story emphasize each kind of house they lived in.

Ask your child what kind of houses they have lived in, or if you have never moved before what different kinds of houses do they know of - like grandma and grandpas house.

**Story** ~ "Love at Home" ~ From September 2004 Friend (Link on Family Night Website)

Read your child the story and then look at the puzzle that comes with it. Talk about the different things you do as a family that shows you love each other! Ask why it is important to show love for each other in your home.

**Activity** ~ "Fun to do"

Prepare a few chores for your child to do, and while you are doing them, sing the "Fun to Do" song. Such as do the dishes and sing, "Doing the dishes is fun to do..." When you are finished doing the chores talk about how after we do hard work as a family we should do something fun together! Then...play a game, bake cookies, whatever else your family likes to do for fun!

**Testimony** ~ Bear your testimony to your child about how important homes are. It doesn't need to be eloquent and long, just keep it simple and heartfelt!

**Closing Song** ~ When We're Helping (Primary Hymnbook; Hymn 198)

## Closing Prayer

**Treat** ~ Suggested Treat ~ Ginger Bread Houses. Make some ginger bread (or graham cracker) houses! Decorate with some yummy sweets or even with some fruit!

## Extra Activities for This Lesson ~

1 ~ "Home" Lacing card. ~Idea found on Sugardoodle.net

Print out this paper on cardstock. Punch holes in it around the edges and have your child thread through the holes yard, or a shoelace is usually easier, because it has the hard ends. Link on the family night webstie.

2 ~ I Love My Home Coloring page found on twistynoodle.com

3 ~ Lincoln log or Lego home! Build a home with some legos or Lincoln logs! Regular blocks work too!

## Other Materials ~

Basically all the ideas from this lesson is from The Primary 1 Manual, lds.org, and Sugardoodle.net

If you are looking for other materials to help with your lesson you can look in any of these places ~ There are links to them on the Family Night Website!

## For Younger Siblings ~

If your child has a younger sibling, look at the lesson we have for infants and toddlers, you can find the link on our website, this particular lesson is about family - which is what the home is all about!