

# Family Night Success

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## **How can I avoid feeling frazzled and overwhelmed on Monday at 6:45 p.m.?**

- Plan Ahead – Spend an hour every few weeks to look ahead, get ideas, write them down, then spend your time putting together lesson helps instead of deciding on a topic.

## **Where can I find ideas for topics?**

- The Friend – a magazine for children published by the Church
- Primary manuals (can buy at the LDS Distribution Center or get online)
- Pick gospel topics to study for a period of time. Examples: prophets of the Old Testament, Articles of Faith, Young Women Values, Primary songs, the life of Jesus Christ, parables general conference talks, etc.

## **What is a Family Night even supposed to include?**

- NOTE: This absolutely depends on your family, ages of kids (if any) and attention spans, likes/dislikes, mood, etc. BUT, having said that, most family nights at my house include song, prayer, family business, lesson, activity, closing prayer, treat.

## **How can I jazz up my lessons?**

- Books and software with ideas, other FHE books you can purchase at LDS bookstores.
- Primary songbooks for visual aids
- Homemade flannel-board stories from coloring books, old Friend issues. NOTE: If your kids are too old to have stories told TO them with flannel-boards, have them tell stories to younger kids or to parents to see how well they understand the ideas taught.
- Art, flannel-board stories, puppets, etc., from LDS Distribution Center
- Scripture videos that come with coloring/activity books
- Make your own word search  
<http://kids.msfc.nasa.gov.Teachers/WordFindBuilder/PuzzleBuilder.html>
- Put your family's drama talent to good use by role playing or acting out scripture stories.

## **What is available on the web?**

- 30 Fast and Easy Family Nights as well as FHE ideas on the Proclamation on the Family and President Hinckley's book, Standing for Something:  
[http://www.theideadoor.com/20FHELessons.html#anchor\\_49](http://www.theideadoor.com/20FHELessons.html#anchor_49)
- Ideas for object lessons that work well for older children and teenagers:  
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Flats/4746/contents.html>
- Lots of actual Family Home Evening Lessons:  
<http://www.angelfire.com/mo/lissa/FHE.html>