

Challenges for young children (3-5 in our family)

1. There are many LDS clipart sites that allow you to download coloring pages. Send the coloring page of your choice out with the newsletter and ask the children to send their completed ones back to you. (ldsplanet.com, christysclipart.com, lds.about.com are examples of sites I've visited).
2. Ask the children to walk around the yard of their home and to find something interesting to send to you. (A leaf, a rock, a flower etc.)
3. Ask the children to cut pictures out of a magazine. They might put together a collage of things they see in their own house, of someone they think looks like their parents, or of fun things to do.
4. Send out a picture of someone in your family and invite the little ones to guess whose baby picture they are seeing.
5. Send a story about the growing up years of Grandma and Grandpa. When parents read the story to the little ones, the points are awarded.
6. Make a matching game of 6-10 pictures of ancestors. Encourage the children to play the game at Family Home Evening.
7. Do a good deed in the family in secret. Then call Grandma and Grandpa to talk about it.
8. Download one of the Gospel Art Pictures kit from lds.org. Ask the children to tell you one of the stories from memory.
9. Sit outside in your yard and watch for a butterfly. Call to tell us about it.
10. Hop on one foot from your front door to the sidewalk. Then call us to talk about it.
11. Call us and sing the alphabet song.
12. Do a somersault and call to tell us about it.
13. Say a prayer all by yourself. Call to tell us that you did it.
14. Use one of the previous month's drawings. Scan it and invite the family to guess which cousin is the artist.
15. Send pictures of each married couple and pictures of each sibling group. Ask the children to match the children to their own family. (Family reunions are a great time to get these shots in your digital camera). When the child can match children to parents, they get the points.

Children challenges ages 6-9.

1. Call Grandma and Grandpa to sing your favorite Primary song.
2. Catch someone in your family doing something good and call to tell us about it.
3. Call and tell us a story from the Book of Mormon.
4. Do a secret good deed for one of your neighbors after you ask your parents if it's a good idea.
5. Guess which cousin is the artist in a scanned piece.
6. Learn a Primary song in sign language.
7. Do something kind for your Bishop,
8. Send a valentine to your grandparents.
9. Memorize the Quorum of the Twelve in order.
10. Memorize the Books of the Book of Mormon in order.
11. Write a note to one of your aunts or uncles.
12. Call and tell us a funny joke.
13. Send out a page with all of the Books of the Book of Mormon on postcard size cardstock. Invite the family to play Take Away. Which of the Books is missing? Can you put the cards in order?
14. Memorize President Hinckley's six "B's".

Challenges for children 10-13 (that's the oldest grandkids in our family)

1. Write a one page essay about someone you noticed who was doing a kind thing.
2. Do something that helps your mom in secret and don't tell anyone but Grandma.
3. Take a walk and find something beautiful you've never noticed before. Write a page about why you're grateful for it.
4. Memorize the names of the people on your four generation chart.
5. Read a story to a younger sibling or neighbor.
6. Write in your journal for 10 uninterrupted minutes every Sunday for one month.
7. Memorize all of the prophets of this dispensation in order.
8. Call and ask Grandpa to tell you something that happened to him when he was your age.
9. Write a thank-you note to your Dad. Send a copy to Grandma.
10. Read a biography of a famous person and call to tell us about it.
11. Learn ten scripture chase scriptures for our reunion.
12. Write down your thoughts about receiving the priesthood, or about entering Young Women.
13. Talk to someone at school who looks a little lonely and then call to tell us about it.
14. Memorize the Books of the Old Testament in order.
15. Memorize the Book of the New Testament in order.

Challenges for Mutual aged-grandchildren

1. Organize a family service project.
2. Spend 2 days at Grandma's house and help us with a project.
3. Design your own quilt to take on your mission or to your dorm at college.
4. Make a wood-working project with help from your parents.
5. Help organize birthday cards for your cousins.
6. Open a checking account and keep a careful check register all month.
7. Learn to make one main dish, one salad, and one dessert.
8. Make the FHE treat yourself. You provide the ingredients too.
9. Write a letter to a missionary from your Ward.
10. Write a letter to Grandma and Grandpa about a time when your prayers were answered.
11. Write a note of encouragement to a younger cousin.
12. Do an anonymous good deed for your Bishop.
13. Offer to help your family organized your food storage.
14. Plan a camping trip for your family and invite your Grandparents to go along.
15. Organize a family Christmas caroling night and prepare the words for the carolers and a treat for warming up afterwards.