

FAMILY HOME EVENING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND 72 HOUR KIT

Opening Song: Hymn #140 Did You Think to Pray

Opening Prayer:

Scripture: D & C 38:30

Activity: Turn all the lights off and pretend there is a disaster (choose one that is likely to occur in your area.) Where are you going to go? Get under a table or in a doorway and wait with your family for 2 minutes until the imaginary disaster subsides. Make sure to talk to your family members throughout the disaster to make sure they are all right.

With the lights still off, pretend the disaster has cut off electricity. What are you going to do now? Ask the children what they would do if the parents were not home. Find emergency flashlights or candles. Continue with your emergency evacuation plan as far as you would like to go. Turn the lights back on.

With older children pretend that you can smell gas - can it be turned off.? Do they know how? What if water pipes have burst - can they turn the water off? Check your household for injured members. Turn on your radio (battery operated) and listen for damage reports and instructions. Don't tie up the telephone lines if they are still working. They will be urgently needed.

Evaluate: Evaluate how your disaster drill went. What could you do to improve? Go over the guidelines and discuss them with your family. If you don't have an evacuation plan, come up with one and be sure everyone knows it.

Check out your 72 hour kit and make sure it is ready to grab and run with. Make sure everyone knows where they are kept. Challenge your family to repeat this family home evening every six months.

Closing song: Hymn # 241 Count your Blessings

Closing Prayer:

Refreshments: Eat something from your 72 hour kit. Make sure your replace it.

THIS IS AN EXCELLENT FAMILY HOME EVENING TO INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS TO AND DISCUSS A PLAN OF PREPAREDNESS FOR ALL FAMILIES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.