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Family Home Evening Made Easy

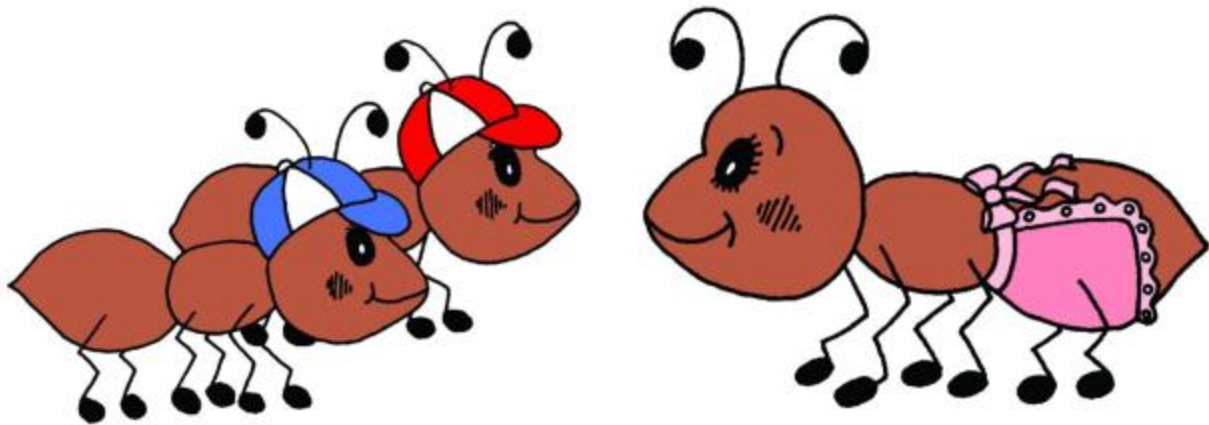
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The Serv-ants Family Home Evening Packet



Contents:

Story, Picture Sheets, Activity
Scripture & Treat Recipe

\$7.00



Magnific-ant Fruit Pizza

Ingredients:

- 1 can of Pillsbury Sugar Cookie Dough (refrigerator section of your grocery store)
- 1 (8oz.) pkg. cream cheese
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup sugar

Sliced Fruit - Strawberries, bananas, blueberries, kiwi, mandarin oranges, peaches, pears, etc.

Topping:

- 3/4 cup water
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 3 Tbs. cornstarch

- Spread cookie dough over greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Cool. Mix ingredients for topping and bring to a boil. Set aside to cool. Combine cream cheese, vanilla and sugar. Spread over cooled cookie. Top with desired fruit. Pour the cooled topping over fruit and cookie crust. Chill for two hours before serving. This dessert would also be great just for snacks or even breakfast!



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Home Evening Outline

- Opening Prayer
- Opening Song
- Scripture
- Story
- Game
- Closing Song
- Closing Prayer
- Refreshments

Suggested Songs: "I'm Trying To Be Like Jesus", pg. 78 (Childrens)
"When We're Helping", pg. 198 (Childrens)
"Because I Have Been Given Much", pg. 219 (Hymn)
"Have I Done Any Good?", pg. 223 (Hymn)

Scriptures: Matthew 25:40, Galatians 6:2

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

I Can Be A Serv-ant Sheet: This sheet can be photo-copied as many times as needed, provided it is used in conjunction with this Family Home Evening lesson. Make a photocopy for each person in the family. The sheets are to be cut in half along the dotted line. Give one half-sheet to each member of the family for him/her to complete at the end of the lesson.

Game: Service Scavenger Hunt - Divide the family into two teams, placing one adult on each team. Give a list to each team. Set a time limit for everyone to return home. Go to people's homes and ask them if there is anything on the list that you can do for them. For each act of service rendered, place a check mark or point value in the corresponding boxes. When each team returns home, calculate the point totals and determine a winner. Try not to place too much emphasis on the winners. The main object of this game is to teach the children the joy of service and helping others. If possible, during the course of the game try to make visits to shut-ins, widows and widowers. You will find listed on your "Service Scavenger Hunt" list, a miscellaneous section. This option is provided in case there is something someone needs you to do that is not listed. You could also make a plate of cookies for each house that you visit and leave it when you are finished.

Mr. and Mrs. Exuber-ant and Their Precious Little Inf-ants



Once upon a time in the land of Import-ant there lived a family of ants. There was the father, Exuber-ant, mother, Millit-ant and the children, Pleas-ant, Blat-ant, Intellig-ant, Const-ant, Persis-ant, Triumph-ant, Cool-ant and Dilig-ant. Times were good for the Exuber-ant family, and in the spring the family would welcome a new baby brother or sister. This made the family very jubil-ant. Yes, Millit-ant was pregn-ant or in other words, expect-ant.

Now winter was fast approaching the little town of Import-ant and Exuber-ant was very worried about their food storage. "Children," he said, "we must spend all our spare time gathering seeds and food for the winter. We must have plenty of food stored away to feed our large family and Grandfather Dist-ant as well."

"But Dad," whined Blat-ant, "none of the other kids in the neighborhood are spending their free time working. I want to play with my friend, Devi-ant, not gather food that we won't ever need!"

Father Ant groaned. It was like this every year when it came time to put away food for winter. It would be nice to have just one year when no one complained and everyone would just help. Cool-ant joined Blat-ant in the protest. "Gee whiz, Pop, it would be awful if any of my friends saw me working with the family. They'll think I'm a mut-ant."

Exuber-ant had heard enough. He called all the children together, including Mother and the twins, and assigned them to places in the countryside where they could find the most seeds and bugs to bring home. "Now children," he said, "be effici-ant and work hard, and you will all be pleas-ant-ly surprised at what we can all accomplish. Besides, the wise inhabit-ants of this city will be out gathering food for the winter, all except for the Luxuri-ant family, of course. They *never* gather food; they just go to the store and buy everything they need.

There was a sizable groan from the children and even Mother Ant. Not too many ants liked the Luxuri-ant family. They were very rich and lived on the very best ant hill in town. The children wore the very best clothes and the whole Luxuri-ant family seemed to snub their noses at the poorer ants in the valley. The Luxuri-ant family definitely thought they were magnific-ant.

"Children, children!" Father pleaded. "Our job is not to judge the Luxuri-ant family but to take care of ourselves. Now all of you get going and I will see you here for dinner."

For the next few weeks, the Exuber-ant family worked hard, day in and day out, carrying seeds, bugs, leaves, flowers and all kinds of food into the ant hill. Finally, Father said it was enough and all of the children let out a *big* sigh of relief. They had never been neglig-ant in their duties, even though Blat-ant and Cool-ant continually complained.

Then it began to snow.

The children all bid their friends good-bye for the winter. Father Ant securely bolted the door to their ant hill and the family prepared to spend a long winter inside. Day after day, Blat-ant and Dilig-ant would play hide-and-seek in the winding tunnels of the ground. Pleas-ant spent her time helping her expect-ant Mother, who

tired more easily these days. Intellig-ant would curl up in a corner every day and read his books, while Const-ant played with her dolls and her little baking oven. Persist-ant would continually tease the others, never letting up on his bad habits. Grandfather, Dist-ant played chess with Triumph-ant, even though he seemed to lose most of the time. These were good times for the Ant family and they were feeling kind of smug about being so warm and well fed through the winter months.

Suddenly, there was a loud knock at the door. Father Ant lifted the bolt and opened the door only slightly. There stood Luxuri-ant and his wife, Extravag-ant. They were cold and shaking and they looked very skinny. The wind and snow blew through the tiny crack in the doorway and the children ran for cover. They weren't used to the cold and wind that came with winter. Father had always kept them inside until the spring came.

"Come in, come in!" Mother Ant called. "What is it? What has happened?"

Luxuri-ant spoke first. "We've come to ask for your help, even though we know we aren't deserv-ant of it. I'm afraid we have been very neglig-ant in our duties. Instead of collecting food for the winter, we have played all fall and now our family is starving."

"Why didn't you buy the food you need?" Grumbled Father Ant. "You certainly have enough money to do that!" Millit-ant reached over and patted her husband's arm in a "Let's be a little kinder" way.

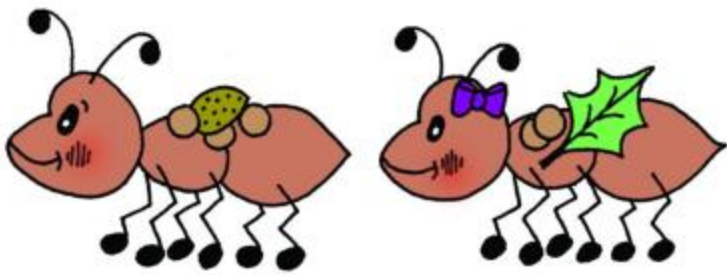
A hush fell over the room and Luxuri-ant began telling of how he had purchased food for the winter, but it hadn't been enough, and of how they had spent the summer and fall just having fun. It made Father Exuber-ant more and more angry.

Milit-ant decided she had better step in here. "Please, let us have a family meeting and talk this over. I will get right back to you." Luxuri-ant shook his head slowly, put his arm around his wife and left the ant hill. Father Ant began pacing back and forth across the room while all children's eyes were upon him. There was silence as everyone waited for Exuber-ant to speak.

Finally, Father began. "I have been thinking, children. First of all, there is no way that I would ever let anyone starve, even if it is someone who was too lazy to care for the needs of his family. So we must help the Luxuri-ant family. But there is something here that is very important that I, as your father, must teach you. The way we treat one another in this life that God gave us, is our test. We must learn to forgive one another, love one another and take care of each other. We must be Serv-ants always. I was wrong to judge. I was wrong to be so angry. Remember the scripture, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Father then called for a vote from the entire family, including Grandfather Dist-ant, and the vote was unanimous in favor of helping the Luxuri-ant family. A very pleas-ant feeling came over every ant in the room and they knew they were doing what Heavenly Father would want them to do. That night, when the Exuber-ant and the Luxuri-ant family sat down together at the dinner table, a warmth filled the room and love reigned. Suddenly, the ants were finding things out about each other that they didn't know. Ants were getting to know each other and friendships were developing. Even old Cool-ant couldn't help but have that fuzzy feeling inside! That feeling let him know that even when times are turbul-ant and trying, you can always find someone who is Celestial-ant in nature.

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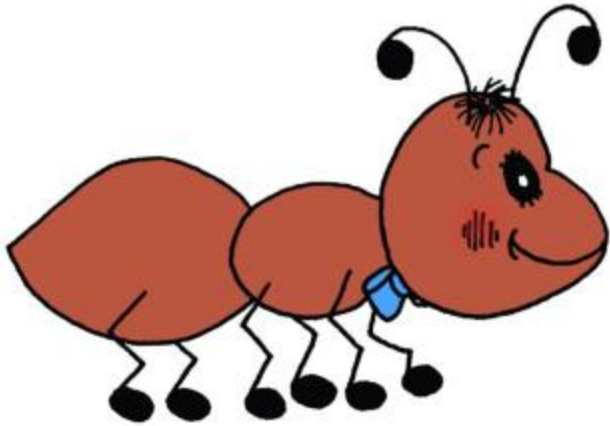
- Can you think of anyone whom you could help in some way right now?
- How can we be less judgmental and more service-oriented?
- What would you have done if you were in the same situation as the Exuber-ant family?
- What are some things that we can do, as a family, to help others?



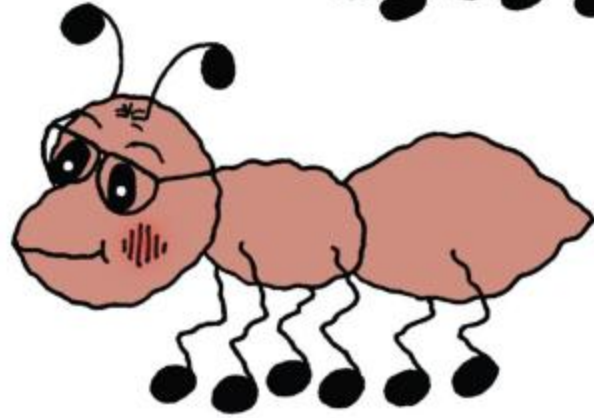
Triumph-ant & Constant gathering food



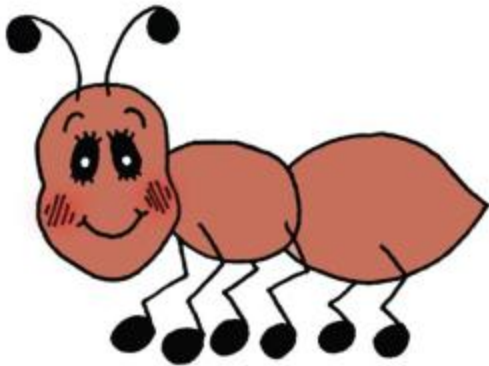
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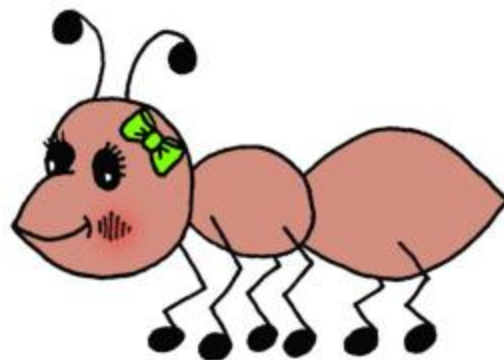
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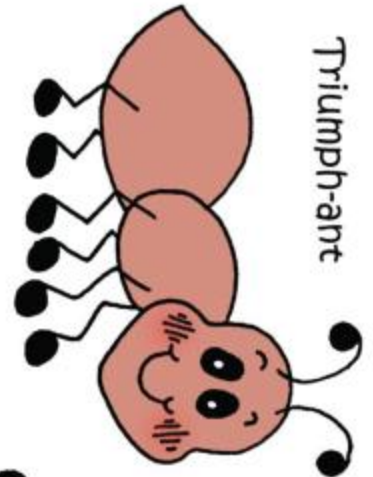
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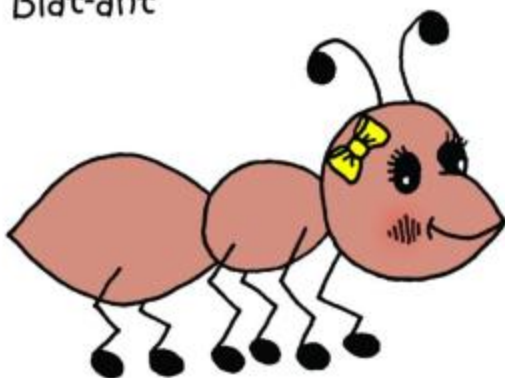
Blat-ant



Const-ant



Triumph-ant

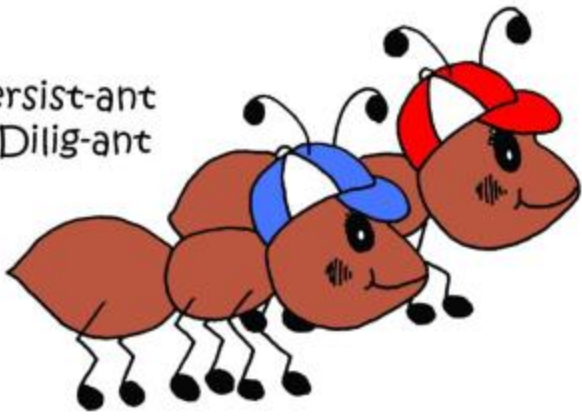


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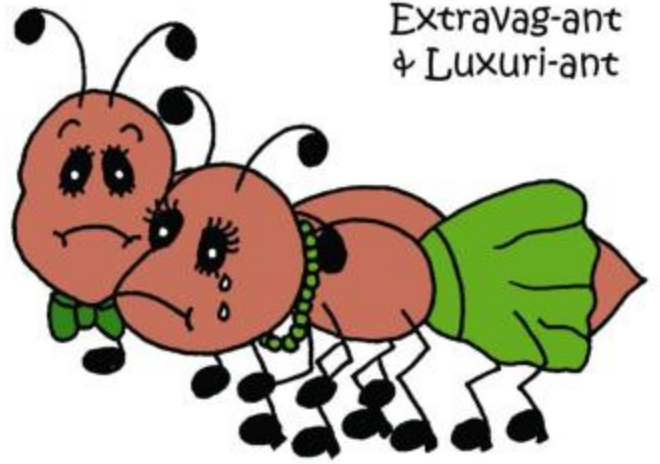


Intellig-ant

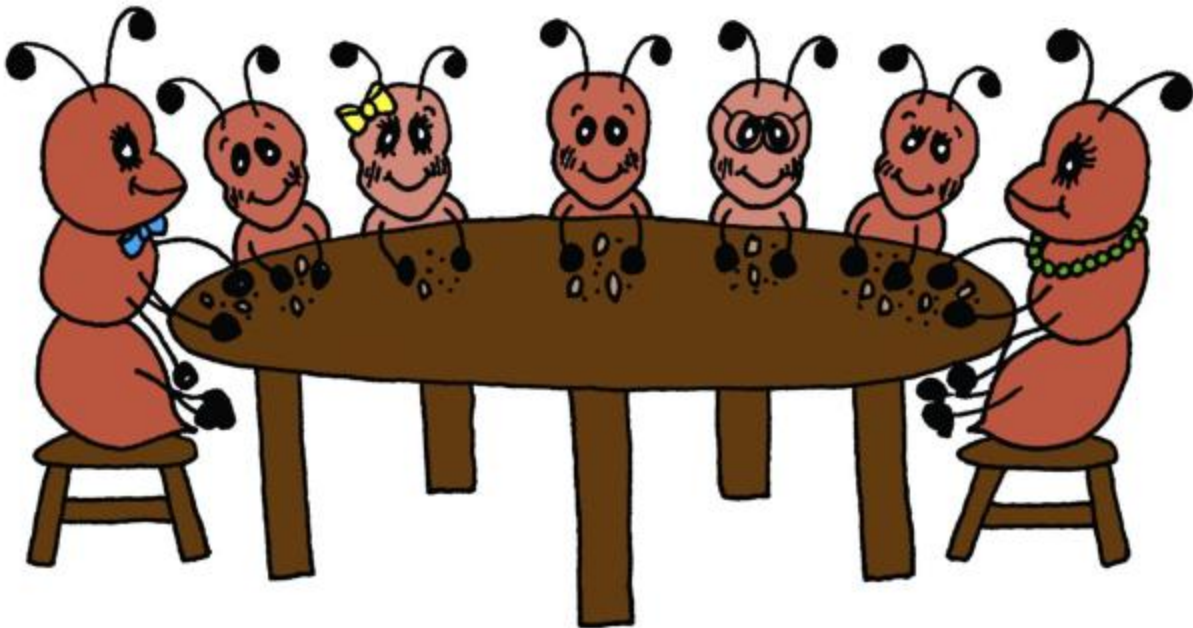
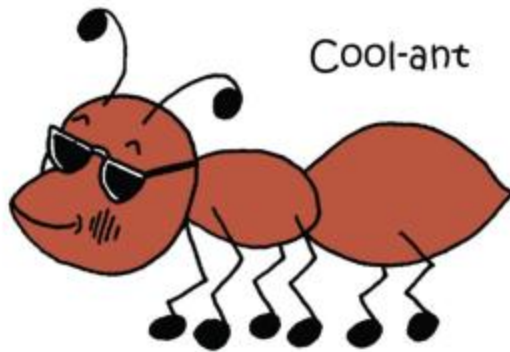
Persist-ant
& Dilig-ant



Extravag-ant
& Luxuri-ant



Cool-ant



The Exuber-ants sharing their bounty
with the Luxuri-ants

Service Scavenger Hunt

Take out the garbage 5 pts.				
Wash the dishes 20 pts.				
Dust the furniture 10 pts.				
Sweep the kitchen floor 10 pts.				
Mop the kitchen floor 20 pts.				
Read a child a bed time story 15 pts.				
Make a bed 15 pts.				
Wash two windows 15 pts.				
Clean a toilet 30 pts.				
Clean a mirror 10 pts.				
Change a diaper 10 pts.				
Vacuum a room 15 pts.				
Clean out a car 20 pts.				
Wash a car 20 pts.				
Feed a pet 5 pts.				
Fold some clothes 15 pts.				
Sweep a porch 10 pts.				
Iron some clothes 15 pts.				
Run an errand for someone 30 pts.				
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I Can Be A Serv-ant!



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that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings
ye are only in the service of your God."



Mosiah 2:17



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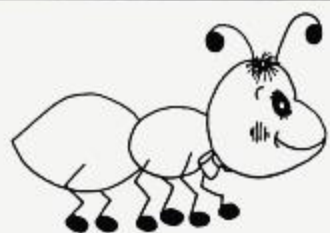
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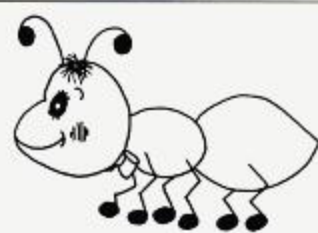
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Completion Date

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I Can Be of Service



Judy Checketts Hatch

There are many who need help
in our world today,
and I can be the one
to aid them on their way.

I can lift a heart
and comfort those in need.
I can show my smile
and think of good deeds.

I can visit the lonely
and the widows and the lost.
I can be a beacon
and never count the cost.

I can run an errand
or rake the autumn leaves.
I can clean a sidewalk
of the snow that winter weaves.

I can help my family
and be nice to everyone.
I can love my parents
and get my chores all done.

I can be kind
and happy all day long.
I can be of service
whenever things go wrong.

Serving others is a blessing
sent from up above.
I hope to be of help
and always show my love.

