

# Helping Hand-My Family-Families Care for Each Other

## Requirement

Help plan a special family worship, family night, or family outing.

## Goal of this track

To empower the children to be happy and productive members of the families God gave them.

## Concept Included in This Component

Authority and respect, appreciation, family activities.

## Objective of this component

Upon completion of the Adventurer requirements the children will:

- Know: what family members must do in order to live, work and play together happily for God's glory,  
Feel: a growing love for family members and ease in communicating with them, and  
Respond: by working to enhance positive relationships with each member of the family.

## Background Information

This activity gives children the opportunity to become involved in promoting the happiness and togetherness of their own family. Encourage the parents to "cooperate" with the child in implementing the planned event.

## Teaching Tips

- Work with the children to list a variety of activity ideas before asking them to choose one they would like to do. Some suggestions are listed here. The children will have others that relate specifically to their home and family situations.

- \* Worship services may include a skit or favourite Bible game.

- \* Family night activities may include such things as a special dinner or a living room picnic.

- \* Family outings may be to the zoo, park, or special friend's home.

- Quotations:

". . . Make the evening a pleasant social season, a family reunion after the day's duties."  
(*The Adventist Home*, page 110)

"On these days when there is danger that our children will be exposed to evil influences, . . . let the parents study to get up something to take the place of more dangerous amusements. Give your children to understand that you have their good and happiness in view." (*Messages to Young People*, page 392)

"It was God's plan for the members of the family to be associated in work and study, in worship and recreation, the father as priest of his household, and both father and mother as teachers and companions of their children." (*Child Guidance*, page 535)

"In every family there should be a fixed time for morning and evening worship." (*Child Guidance*, page 520)

"It should be the special object of the heads of the family to make the hour of worship intensely interesting." (*Child Guidance*, page 521)

### **Norm's Notes**

The wording of the requirement is to "help plan" a family activity, but the Evaluation in the printed manual, suggests that this requirement is only completed when the child reports on how the event was carried through.

Note that the "background information" section above says "This activity gives children the opportunity to become involved in promoting the happiness and togetherness of their own family". If this can be achieved then this has will have been a wonderful experience for both the child and the family.

This is an ideal activity to fulfill the objective of helping the child to act "by working to enhance positive relationships with each member of the family".

The material here is taken from pages 14, 24 and 160 of the printed manual.