



CREATE YOUR OWN MINI FAMILY REUNION

Ever thought of creating a mini-family reunion for Family Home Evening? Or how about for a Saturday? You could help strengthen your family love and bind generations together while also having lots of fun. Here are some things you could do...

1. Collect a family picture of past or current family members. Assign each person in the family to find and then share a story about that person during the "Mini Reunion."
2. Play "Guess Who?" Ask Mom and Dad questions about their youth: embarrassing moments, favorite activity, happy memory, favorite snack, etc. Divide the family into teams. Read a question and answer then let the teams take turns guessing if it was Mom's or Dad's answer. (You could even adapt this to current members of the family, but ask them to tell you something about themselves that they don't think anyone else will know.)
3. Play games that grand or great grandparents played. You can find out the games by looking on the Internet. One site is: http://www.ehow.com/info_7981817_kid-games-early-1900s.html
4. For refreshments serve a dessert from days gone by. One example is homemade root beer. You can get a recipe at this link: <http://allrecipes.com/recipe/homemade-root-beer/>
5. If you live near where your parents or ancestors lived take an outing and go see where they were born, lived, went to school, were baptized and/or married, played ball, etc. Have your parents share stories they recall about each place. You might even visit the cemetery and put flowers on the graves of grandparents and have Mom or Dad tell stories and traits they had.
6. Help your family create a family motto or mission statement if they don't already have one. Together create a banner or poster to be hung in the home. If you really want to be creative, make up a family song.
7. As a family gather around the computer. Sign on to FamilySearch.org and take a look at your family tree. Check in the "Portrait View" and see if there are any family photos. Perhaps go even further and add some photos or stories to the tree as part of your reunion. Instructions how to do this can be found in "Get Help" at the upper right hand corner of the FamilySearch home page.

There are many sites that have family reunion ideas you can adapt to just your family for a FHE or for a Saturday "Mini Reunion." Here is one:

http://genealogy.about.com/od/family_reunions/a/activities.htm

Take the challenge and have fun doing it - plan and enjoy with your family a Mini Reunion!