



## Activity Time

**What you need:** A copy of the “Family Voting” activity (artwork included with this lesson) for each child, a nail, glue, tape, paper, a tissue or shoe box, a rope and a sheet.

### Preparation

1. **Print** out the artwork. Cut out stickers.
2. Cover box with paper. Decorate w/extra stickers. Cut a slit in the top to make a ballot box.
3. Tape the rope across a hall or doorway. Drape sheet over rope to make a voting booth.

### Activity:

(Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.)

1. **Explain:** King Mosiah established a government where the people could vote for the judges who would enforce the laws of the land, ensuring that the people wouldn't be led astray by a single leader. Church leaders have encouraged us to be good citizens and to strengthen our communities and nations wherever we live.

There are many ways to be good citizens. These include participating in government or political processes, obeying the law, and serving in our neighborhoods and communities. It is essential that in countries where citizens have the opportunity to vote that they do so.

2. **Ask:** Why is it important to vote? (“Guarantees of political freedom maintain their force only if citizens are willing to exercise that freedom in their own behalf.” *Cheryll Lynn May, Ensign, Jun 1976 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*)

3. **Ask:** How old do you need to be to vote in the United States?

(U.S. Constitution Amendment 26 - 1. The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.)

4. **Explain:** Even though children are not old enough to vote in government elections there are other places where they have the opportunity to vote. Children can vote by the uplifted hand to sustain someone in a church position as a sign of our personal commitment to uphold the Lord's choice of that person in that calling. When we say “amen” at the end of a group prayer we are giving your vote of agreement. In school children may have the opportunity to vote for school or class officers. Parents should also give their children opportunities to vote on family matters, such as what to have for dinner, where to go on vacation, what service project to do as a family, etc. These opportunities to vote will help prepare them for voting in the future to help ensure our freedom of religion.

5. Hold an election using the provided ballot or make your own ballot. Before voting help your children to be informed voters by discussing the issues.

6. Give each family member an “I Voted” sticker. Tally ballots and discuss the results.



**VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Choose only one response for each question
2. Punch a hole through the circle next to the response

**FAMILY CHOICES**

**Question 1:** *Choose which would best benefit our family.*



a. We will have family prayer every morning.



b. We will have family prayer every evening.



c. We will have family prayer every morning and every evening.



**FAMILY CHOICES**

**Question 3:** *Choose which would best benefit our family.*



a. We will attend the next General Conference in the Conference Center.



b. We will watch the next General Conference on TV or satellite broadcast.



c. We will listen to the next General Conference on the radio.



**Question 2:** *Choose which would best benefit our family.*



a. We will have family scripture study in the evening.



b. We will have family scripture study on Sundays. We will study individually other times.



c. We will have family scripture study in the morning.



**Question 4:** *Choose which would best benefit our family.*



a. We will have Family Home Evening once a week.



b. We will have Family Home Evening once a month.



c. We will have Family Home Evening every evening.



**TALLY SHEET**

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**TALLY INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Put a tally mark by each response
2. Circle the winning response

**FAMILY CHOICES**

**Question 1:** *Choose which would best benefit our family.*






- a. We will have family prayer every morning. 
- b. We will have family prayer every evening. 
- c. We will have family prayer every morning and every evening. 

**FAMILY CHOICES**




**Question 3:** *Choose which would best benefit our family.*



- a. We will attend the next General Conference in the Conference Center. 
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**Question 2:** *Choose which would best benefit our family.*



- a. We will have family scripture study in the evening. 
- b. We will have family scripture study on Sundays. We will study individually other times. 
- c. We will have family scripture study in the morning. 

**Question 4:** *Choose which would best benefit our family.*



- a. We will have Family Home Evening once a week. 
- b. We will have Family Home Evening once a month. 
- c. We will have Family Home Evening every evening. 