

Traditions

If we will build righteous traditions in our families, the light of the gospel can grow ever brighter in the lives of our children from generation to generation Our family activities and traditions can be a beacon to the rest of the world as an example of how we should live to merit His choice blessings and live in peace and harmony until the day that He returns to rule and reign over us.

- Elder L. Tom Perry

Traditions are important in establishing unity and identity in families. Once you're married, you will need to compromise on the traditions the two of you will bring into your new family. Listed below are different categories. Fill out the traditions your family of origin shared. Then discuss the traditions you want to share together.

What traditions did your family of origin have on these events:

Birthdays		
	<i>Male's Family</i>	<i>Female's Family</i>
Did you have a party every year?		
Did your family go out to eat?		
Was the cake store-bought or homeade?		
When did you open presents?		
Did you do chores on your birthday?		
Did you blow out candles and make wishes?		
Which birthdays were most significant? (16th, driver's license, etc.)		
Other		

Baptisms		
	<i>Male's Family</i>	<i>Female's Family</i>
Who performed the baptism?		
Did you have a celebration?		

Baptisms		
	<i>Male's Family</i>	<i>Female's Family</i>
Did you receive a special gift? (scriptures, CTR ring, etc.)		
Other		

Thanksgiving		
	<i>Male's Family</i>	<i>Female's Family</i>
What foods did you eat?		
Did you watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade?		
Did you watch football?		
What activities did you do?		
Did you dress up?		
Did you go around the table and tell what you were grateful for?		
Did you invite a non-family member?		
When did you have the Thanksgiving meal?		
Other		

Christmas		
	<i>Male's Family</i>	<i>Female's Family</i>
When did you put up the Christmas tree?		
Did you have a natural or artificial tree?		
How did you decorate for Christmas?		
Did you read Christ's story from the Bible? If so, how?		
Did you do any service? If so, what did you do?		
When did you open gifts?		
Did you put out stockings?		
Did you have a Christmas breakfast?		
When did you eat the Christmas meal?		
Did you dress up for the meal?		
Did you sing carols together?		

Christmas		
	<i>Male's Family</i>	<i>Female's Family</i>
When did you put away the Christmas decorations?		
Did you visit with friends or families?		
What activities did you do?		
How did you exchange gifts? (draw names, etc.)		
Did you participate in a sub for Santa program?		
Did you go to a certain place on Christmas?		
Did you celebrate ancestral or cultural celebrations? (English, German, etc.)		
How did you open gifts?		
Other		

Other Holidays and Events		
	<i>Male's Family</i>	<i>Female's Family</i>
Easter		
New Year's		
Anniversaries		
Other		
Other		