1 PROMO BULLETIN INSERT: Week 1

Please feel free to use these in your own church and pass them out among local church leaders.

PENGUINS As you announce the event in church, you might want to point out that penguins must incubate their eggs under extremely harsh conditions, and the fathers are almost always involved! (Or the mother will starve) Invite them to save this date and consider inviting friends and neighbors to the free evening event. It will be 1/2 standup comedy, 1/2 practical parenting advice, and 100% fun.

CHILDREN’S SERMON IDEA: Don’t just announce this from the lectern. Turn this announcement into a fun children’s sermon and get the kids on your parent-recruitment team. Bring a large egg and a couple pillows. Project the penguins (from the bulletin) on a screen and ask kids what they know about penguins. Then ask them what penguins, eggs, and pillows might have in common. Talk about how incubating involves, warmth, care, intentionality, time. A penguin can’t incubate in one hour a week! The egg would die! Talk about what they do in their homes right before bedtime. Do they have certain routines in their homes each night before their heads hit the pillow? Point them to the bulletin insert about our upcoming event. The afternoon (1 - 5 p.m.) is for leaders. The evening event (7-8:30 p.m.) is for everyone. Tell kids to bring their pillows, parents and all of their friends to this fun night. Rich will be sharing some fun and practical parenting advice, along with the Faith 5 (five simple steps to keeping your families strong!) Maybe even a pillow fight!

2 PROMO BULLETIN INSERT: Week 2

CALLING ALL DADS (& moms and grandparents) Explain that your church is hosting an afternoon and evening of fun and learning for the community. Rev. Rich Melheim, founder of Faith Inkubators, will be here to share strategies for healthy families. Rich has counseled parents on 50 network news channels from KTLA to CNN to WNBC. He is on a 75 city tour to talk with church leaders from 1- 5 p.m. and families each evening. The afternoon session will help leaders help families bring intentional care, prayer and communication open “Every night in every home.” The evening event from 7 - 830 is free to the public and will be 1/2 standup comedy, 1/2 practical parenting advice, and 100% fun for the whole family. SIDEBAR: “If you know of a dad or two in your neighborhood who haven’t darkened the door of a church lately, please invite them personally to the evening fun. I an hour and a half, Rich will make them think that your church is THE place he wants to be with his kids!”

CHILDREN’S SERMON IDEA: If you want to continue connecting with the kids and use them to drag the parents along, use the large egg and pillows from last week. Ask kids what they remembered about incubation, eggs and pillows. Invite a few dads to come up and have a 30 second pillow fight. Now ask the dads what they want for their children five years from today. (They’ll say love, communication, honesty, respect, etc.) Affirm them for their answers, then tell them your guest speaker is coming to help them be GREAT dads... not just good dads... and to help them work these wonderful hopes, dreams and aspirations into reality. Ask them point blank: “Will you come with your kid and a pillow that night?”

3 PROMO BULLETIN INSERTS: Week 3

THE FAITH 5 As you announce the event, ask everyone to scan the cover. What do they see? Ask parents of young children to read the cover to their kids. These five simple Faith Acts In The Home (F.A.I.T.H.) are not a new program. They are not a new curriculum. They are not something the church can do for them. They are designed to help keep families together in a world that could tear them apart. Rev. Rich Melheim is coming to town to start an experiment. He will be calling 10,000 households nationwide to try “The Faith 5” for six weeks. (6 weeks x 7 nights = 42 days of family purpose!) Your church is hosting this event, and will be a launchpad for strengthening the core of the church - families - in the area. Please set the afternoon and evening aside. “If you only invite your friends and non-churches neighbors to ONE special event this year - make it this one!”

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Practice the “Faith 5” Ask a few children to SHARE a highs and lows for the week aloud. READ Joshua 24:15b“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” (Or sing and sign it: It’s FINKlink PL02 at www.faithink.com) Have the children repeat it after you. TALK about how the verse relates to the particular highs or lows. PRAY a short prayer for specific highs and lows. The invite the kids to BLESS five other people in the pews. NOTE: The back side of the bulletin insert can be used as an adult ed. forum, or the topic of your sermon!
WHAT IF I TOLD YOU A YEAR FROM TODAY THERE WON'T BE A CHILD IN THIS CHURCH WHO GOES TO SLEEP WITHOUT A PRAYER, A PARENT AND A PILLOW FIGHT?

I'D SAY YOU'VE BEEN SITTING OUT ON THE ICEBERG A LITTLE TOO LONG.
Rich Melheim had a mom who read to him, sang and prayed with him every night. He had a dad who loved to tell stories and wasn’t afraid to talk about his faith. When he became a dad, Rich didn’t just want to be a good dad. He wanted to be a great dad. Every night in his home he and his wife made sure their kids got the same kind of love and attention... plus a pillow fight.

The comedian, cartoonist, author, playwright, song writer, log cabin builder and amateur complexity theorist is also a Lutheran pastor on a mission. Rich is coming to town this summer to share five simple steps you can take tonight to help keep your family together in a world that could tear it apart.

Check out “The Faith 5” at www.faithink.com and listen to Rich’s “Calling All Dads” iPod interviews. If you like what you hear, pack up the van and bring the whole family* to:

**Church:**
**Date:**
**Times:**
1-5 p.m. “Faith 5” Leadership Seminar
7-8:30 p.m. Family Comedy Night

Visit www.faithink.com for details.

*The evening event is designed for dads, moms, children of all ages, grand-parents, teachers and everyone in between who cares about kids! Pillows for the pillow fight are optional.
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Rich Melheim will be hitting the road this summer to help you be the best parents you can ever be. In an hour and a half of standup comedy and practical parenting advice, you’ll laugh and learn as Rich unveils a strategy for open, caring communication every night in your home. (The FAITH 5)

Check out Rich’s iPod interviews on Christian fathering with Dr. Len Sweet, Mars Hill’s Mark Driscoll, LIFEhouse’s Dana Hanson and a couple cool daughters at www.faithink.blogs.com/podcasts.

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Artwork “Escape to Egypt” by Dr. He Qi (www.heqigallery.com)
1. SHARE
YOUR HIGHS & LOWS
OF THE DAY
2. READ
AND HIGHLIGHT A VERSE
OF SCRIPTURE IN YOUR BIBLE*
3. TALK
ABOUT HOW THE BIBLE
VERSE RELATES TO YOUR
HIGHS & LOWS
4. PRAY
FOR YOUR HIGHS & LOWS,
FOR YOUR FAMILY, AND
FOR THE WORLD
5. BLESS ONE ANOTHER

TURN OFF THE TV,
PUT DOWN THE NEWSPAPER,
SET THE CELLPHONE ON
SILENCE AND INVEST 5 MINUTES
IN YOUR FAMILY WITH THESE
SIMPLE STEPS.
Care to have some fun, keep your family communicating every night, and grow in your understanding of yourself and God? Try this simple five-step process for the next six weeks and see if it doesn’t help!

Here’s how you do it: Whoever is going to bed first in your home calls “Faith 5” or “Huddle Up!” Everyone must drop what they’re doing, turn off the television, put down the newspaper or their homework, set the cell phone on silence and gather in a room of the convener’s choice. Then take turns going through these five simple steps:

1. SHARE highs & lows of the day
2. READ and highlight a verse of Scripture in your Bible
3. TALK about how the verse relates to your highs & lows
4. PRAY for your highs & lows, for your family, and for the world
5. BLESS one another

FOUR QUESTIONS
1. For Parents of Young Children: What would it be worth to you to have a teenager some day who won’t go to sleep without talking to you about their day? Praying with you? Blessing you? Would it be worth five minutes? Tonight? Every night?
2. For Parents of Pre-Teens: What would happen to your family over time if you were able to keep this open, caring communication going every night throughout adolescence?
3. For Parents of Teenagers: Once the teen years begin and drivers’ licences come into play, communication between parents and teens can become a challenge. How might this type of five-minute conversation change a family if they were intentional and consistent about it? Would the benefits outweigh the hassle of trying to invest this time of care, listening, and prayer each night in your home? Why or why not?
4. For Church Leaders: What would happen to a family over time if they made an intentional point of doing the Faith 5 most every night? What would happen to your church five years from today if the majority of your households were doing active listening, scripture, faith talk, prayer, and blessings every night?

Care to find out more? A Faith 5 conference is coming to our area:

Church Leaders        1-5 p.m.
Parents & Kids        7-8:30 p.m.
(& anyone who cares about them)

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Artwork “Annunciation” by Dr. He Qi (www.heqigallery.com)