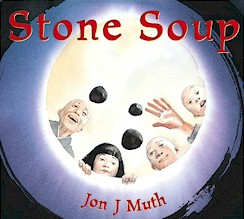
**Activity:** Gratitude Dinner, Cultural Hall, Wednesday, November 19, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

**Theme:** Stone Soup



**Key Concept:** We need each sister in Relief Society and can accomplish much good in the world by combining our unique personalities, talents, and spiritual gifts.

**Purposes:**

* To recognize our **divine nature** by considering our unique personalities, talents, and spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-31)
* To unify the sisters in using their **spiritual gifts** to serve their families, ward, and communities
* To develop gratitude for the Savior's **atoning sacrifice** and to learn to love others as He loves each and every individual

**Opening Prayer:** By invitation

**Opening Song: (Possibilities below)**

*As Sisters in Zion* – 309 (Church)

*Lord, I Would Follow Thee* – 220 (Savior’s Example)

*Love One Another* – 308 (Family)

*Give Said the Little Stream*

*Kindness Begins with Me*

*When We're Helping We're Happy*

*I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus*

**Spiritual Thought:** PowerPoint Presentation of Stone Soup story with the three Presidency members as the "travelers" and the sisters as the village people.

* Everyone is hungry
* There are different ways to be hungry: hungry for acceptance, emotional support, food, friendship, opportunities to feel successful, etc.
* **Contexts (Where might we find the “hungry” who could benefit from learning to make “stone soup?”):** 
  + Family (Self, Husband, Children, Extended Family, Ancestors)
  + Church (Relief Society, YW, Primary, Missionary Work, Church Leaders)
  + Community (Friends, Neighbors, Colleagues, Community Organizations)
* **Dinner & Display Tables:** Display tables set up for sisters to look at as they wait in line to get food
* Soups/stews in crock pots
* Different kinds of breads with herb butter
* A simple dessert—something related to the idea of stones or rocks?
* **Display Tables:**
* ***SERVING OUR COMMUNITY –* Canned food drive** plus easy ideas for serving in the community
* ***SERVING OUR FAMILIES - Harvesting Happiness:*** Fun Family Home Evening ideas for service projects and serving our families
* ***SERVING THE LORD - Sowing Gospel Seeds:*** Ideas for keeping our lives balanced by serving the Lord through fasting and prayer, keeping the Sabbath Day holy, scripture study, etc. - House of order scripture
* ***SERVING OUR ANCESTORS –*** Fun ideas for recording family history, getting involved in genealogy, and doing temple work



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* **SERVING OUR SISTERS - *Souper Simple Ways to Visit Teach*:** Fun Ideas for Visiting Teaching with “Body of Christ Scripture”

**Musical Number:** #219 - *Because I Have Been Given Much*

* **Slideshow** - With photos of sisters in the ward with quotes and scriptures about spiritual gifts under each one as the music plays/is sung

**Sharing of Stories** – Testimony-like sharing of how people feel they have been served by the spiritual gifts of various sisters in the ward

**Closing Quote:** “As each person opened his heart to give, the next person opened his heart to give even more.” – Quote from one version of Stone Soup

**Closing Prayer:** By invitation