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Informant:

Tucker Jorgensen is my husband. We have been married a little over two years and are currently living in Logan, Utah. Tucker is 24 years old, grew up in Hyrum, Utah and is the second oldest of four boys. He enjoys playing games, reading books, and listening to music. He is currently attending Utah State University and is studying Civil Engineering and has an interest in pursuing the hydraulics side of Civil Engineering. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Buenos Air West, Argentina from 2013-2015.

Context:

I interviewed Tucker at his parent’s house in Hyrum, Utah after we had Sunday dinner with his parents and one of his brothers. We were sitting next to each other on the couch when he told me the tradition, so it was very casual interview. Everyone at the house was there listening to me interview Tucker, so there wasn’t very much noise in the background. This tradition takes place in Hooper, Utah, at Tucker’s grandparent’s house, every third Sunday of the month. This is a time for Tucker’s mom’s family, the Beus family, to get together and see each other and have yummy treats. The Beus family is made up of 11 siblings. Each sibling have decent sized families as well, so it adds up to be a lot of people that could potentially be at FHE. His grandparent’s house is not big enough to fit 50+ people in it, so not everyone comes every time, plus there are family members of the siblings that don’t live in the state. Every time Family Home Evening is held down in Hooper, Utah, there is always a good turnout. This tradition also doesn’t always happen every month because there are other activities that the Beus family does throughout the year that sometimes takes place of the third Sunday Family Home Evening.

FHE is family home evening and is something that is encouraged by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. This is a time that members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints set aside during the week to spend time with their families. FHE usually includes a spiritual lesson, a game, and eating some sort of treat, but can vary between families.

Text:

The third Sunday kind of I don’t know how it started but I was a little kid ya know was a little kid, once upon a time. But the idea was to get together with my mom’s side, the extended family so that this family could stay close cause she is one one of eleven kids in all and so there’s lots of people and it’s a big family and stuff, so we would get together every third Sunday of the month
unless it was like, you know for a holiday we would get together the week before or something sometimes but like we’d get together and just have a family home evening so like we’d meet together as 6:30. And we would kind of have a spiritual family home evening lesson and we’d talk about something and when we were kids we would just run away and disappear. But, when we were older we’d stay there and then we’d listen. And but everyone would bring treats and so there would be tons and tons of treats and desserts, and we’d all have desserts and just kinda hangout and have a party and the kids would go play games and go downstairs and do whatever and the adults would just hangout and talk. So that’s that’s what we did on the third Sunday.

Texture:

Tucker was talking really fast during his interview. He didn’t have a lot of body movement or facial expressions while he was taking to me, and the pitch and volume of his voice were consistent throughout the whole interview. Going down to FHE in Hooper is something that Tucker likes to try and go to, but it depends on what else is happening on that third Sunday. Growing up, it was a bigger deal for him and his family to go down, but since him and his siblings have grown up, it has become more important to spend time with the immediate family.

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