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Welcome Home

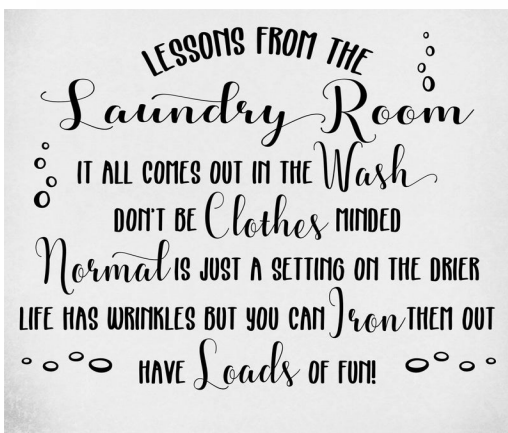
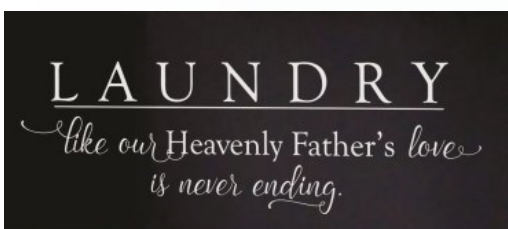
Craft Idea

Decorate Your Laundry Room

We all spend lots of time in the laundry room, why not make some cute signs to help brighten the room and make your task less of a chore. There are lots of ideas on Pinterest. Pull out your Cricut, or print out cute sayings that could be framed. Perhaps make signs for young moms as an encouragement in their daily chore.

<https://themountainviewcottage.net/free-laundry-room-printables/> has free black and white printables for the laundry room that would look nice in a simple frame.

Here are some ideas to get you started.



Check out this month's Bonus Material: Clothes in the Bible Trivia: <https://usw-womensministries.org/february-2020-inspire-newsletter/>



INSPIRATIONAL IDEAS from the Territory

Bell Lighthouse, CA started EmpowHER which address four key areas: spiritual development, health and wellness, fellowship and community service.

Carson City, NV is doing a study on "Becoming a Women of Prayer" by Cynthia Heald.

Clovis, NM is studying the book "Renovation of the Heart in Daily Practice: Experiments in Spiritual Transformation" by Jan Johnson & Dallas Willard.

Crestmont (CFOT) offered the following three WM classes: Ukulele, Zumba, and Cookies and Coloring.

Idaho Falls, ID held an instant pot class where recipes and ideas were shared. A drawing was held to win an instant pot.

Kapolei Kroc, HI continued their weekly evening Bible study where they share dinner together, watch Jennifer Rothschild's DVD series on "Me, Myself and Lies." Then they break into small groups for further discussion.

Rita, Marshall Islands Home League held a children's shower for the Majuro Hospital.

Salinas, CA provides handouts to the ladies that that coordinates with their devotions for further study at home.

Seattle Temple, WA offers Women, Waffles and the Word. It is exactly what it says it is; they are women, eating waffles, and enjoying the Word.

Sunnyvale Mountain, CA held a spiritual revival meeting and the lecture was on "The Spirit of Leadership."

Commissioner Jolene K. Hodder—Territorial President of Women's Ministries

Colonel Colleen R. Riley—Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries

Major Beth Desplancke—Territorial Women's Ministries Program Secretary

Be sure to check out our website for more resources: <https://usw-womensministries.org/>

Devotional (Great for Ash Wednesday—February 26)

ALL—The Stain Lifter

One of the frustrations in life for me is laundry. It is a never-ending chore. As soon as I think I have washed all that needs to be washed in my house, there is something else that is dirty. Another frustration with laundry is the inevitability of stains. No matter how hard I try to keep clothing pristine and perfect, life happens and a stain appears on my favorite top.

ALL laundry detergent claims to be the stain lifter and boasts that it removes 99 of the most common, stubborn stains from our apparel. As I was spending my time doing yet another load of laundry, I was reminded how our lives are like the stains on our clothes. Stains happen to everyone - no one is immune from stains; sometime in your lifetime you have had to deal with the spots that mark clothes and forever change the look and quality of the garment.

We, too, have stains in our life and no one is immune. Paul testifies of that truth in Romans 3:23, **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.** Every person is blemished and marred by the sin in their life. And with that sin, comes consequences. Romans 6:23 says, **For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

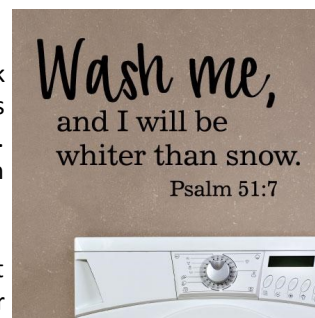
ALL detergent claims to be the stain-lifter. We, too, have stain-lifter. Our stain-lifter is God the Father. God as the Stain Lifter, has a process for the removal of the stain of sin. 1 John 1:9 tells us that, **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.** No scrubbing, pre-soaking, no complicated procedures. God can lift the sin from our life if we simply ask Him.

ALL detergent claims to remove 99 of the most common stains, but is not effective in removing absolutely all types of stains that might scar our garments. Not only is the removal of sin an easy procedure, God promises that He will forgive us and purify us from *all* unrighteousness - not a little, not 99 of the most common sins, but all unrighteousness. He not only purifies us completely, He throws all our sin away - to be forgotten forever, never to be seen again. Micah 7:18-19 says, **Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.**

Psalm 103:12 proclaims, **as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.** The stain left from sin is completely and totally gone - there is no trace of it in our lives - no slight discoloration or faded mark to show even a hint of a stain.

God, the Stain-Lifter is available to ALL and is made available through the blood shed by Jesus Christ. John 3:16 promises that **For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.** 1 John 1:7 says, **But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.**

So, how can we apply the Stain-Lifter to our life? We simply need to ask. Romans 10:13 promises, **for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."** Are you feeling stained today? No matter what you do, there is only one way to have the stain of sin removed from your life. Our Heavenly Father is our Stain-Lifter and He truly has the ability to remove ALL the stains of sin.



Service Project Ideas

Clean and organize the corps linen closet. Launder and press the table cloths. Organize by color and holiday.

Make "laundry kits" for the social services clients. Fill zip-lock baggies with a few detergent pods and dryer sheets. Include an invitation to the corps or WM programs.

Have the WM develop a schedule of who will be responsible for the towels in the corps kitchen—to take home, wash, fold and return.