

REPORT BACK

Write and share a newsworthy event

Materials: Worksheets, newspaper templates, pencils, markers, crayons, timer

Directions: Read the worksheet, complete the activity and discuss with the Group.

It's exciting when your special person is finally home!

While they were away, you adjusted to their absence by learning new rules in the house, doing various chores, and being responsible for more tasks.

It also can feel very confusing when your special person returns, because they've been away for so long. It takes time for you to adjust.

But it also takes time for your special person to adjust. They'll need time to unpack from their mission life and get back to their family life. Please be patient with your special person and family as all of you adjust back to the family unit.

STEP ONE

For today's activity, we're going to write a newspaper report. Read the newspaper report topics and choose one. The questions below each topic can help guide you as you write your report.

STEP TWO

On the newspaper template, put a check next to the topic you chose and write your report. You also can draw pictures or add photos if you have some. When everyone has finished their report, we'll share with the Group.

You have 10 minutes to write. Let's get reporting!

(Set the timer for 10 minutes.)

NEWSPAPER REPORT TOPICS

Topic 1: Things that happened during your special person's deployment.

- What was it like when your special person was deployed?
- Where did your special person go? How long were they gone?
- What life skills did you use during their deployment?
- Did you do anything important for your special person while they were away?

Topic 2: Things that happened on the day your special person returned home.

- What date and time did your special person return home?
- Did your special person surprise you, or did you wait for them somewhere?
- What people greeted your special person on their return home?
- What was it like seeing your special person for the first time?

Topic 3: Things that happened since your special person's transition back home.

- Now that your special person is back home, is anything different?
- In what ways are things different? Are they positive or negative?
- If you have concerns, who can you talk to as your family transitions?
- How do you support your family as all of you transition?



