

I Was Overcome with Gratitude

Latter-day Saint Voices is always one of the first articles I turn to when my magazine arrives each month. Such was the case when I read “You Were the Angels” (*Liahona*, Dec. 2010, 38). It struck me with great spiritual power, and I was overcome with gratitude for the mission of our Savior and for those who serve so selflessly in His name. I am profoundly grateful to Heidi Windish Fernandez for sharing her amazing experience.

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Liahona Makes a Difference

The messages of the *Liahona* have always supported me as a person, father, husband, and leader, and the general conference issues bring a special spirit into our home. I always order separate conference issues for myself, my wife, and each of my sons so we can read and mark the messages as we wish and so we don’t have to take turns with the magazine. At the end of the year we bind the magazines and give any extras to less-active or nonmember friends. I testify that the *Liahona* makes a difference in our lives.

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This issue contains articles and activities that could be used for family home evening. The following are a few examples.

“My Service as a Single Member,” page 12: After reading Sister Burdett’s story, consider discussing the blessings that come from serving in the Church. You could invite family members to share a meaningful experience they have had while serving in a calling.

“The Peace and Joy of Knowing the Savior Lives,” page 18: Consider asking family members what they can do for the Savior next year. Read the final paragraphs of the article under “Our Gift to Him.” What does Elder Nelson say is the greatest gift we could give to the Lord?

“Come, Let Us Adore Him,” page 42: Before the lesson, prayerfully select the section or sections that best apply to your family. If you choose the section about the shepherds, you may wish to share President Monson’s counsel to “never postpone following a prompting” and discuss with your

family the significance of this statement. To demonstrate this point with younger children, whisper an instruction in their ears and encourage them to follow it.



“Meet Brother Joseph,” page 58: Consider displaying a picture of Joseph Smith as you read the list of facts about him from the article. You may want to play a game after the lesson to see how many facts your family can remember.

“Those Words,” page 60: After reading the story as a family, consider discussing what family members can say if someone around them uses bad language. You may also want to explain to small children why we are commanded in Exodus 20:7 not to use the Lord’s name in vain (see also D&C 63:60–64). ■



Sharing Conversions and the Spirit

When I was in a young adult ward, I had family home evening with my ward family. One of the most memorable family home evenings I ever attended was a night when the full-time missionaries were in charge.

The elders invited several of the converts in our ward to share their conversion stories. As the converts spoke, the Spirit’s presence was undeniable.

After the stories had been shared, my mind returned to my own missionary

experiences—as both a full-time and a lifetime missionary. I reevaluated my own actions in sharing the gospel on a day-to-day basis and continued to reflect on them for weeks to come.

When I was later called to be in charge of family home evening in the ward, I made it a point to continue “the conversion stories night” activity periodically, asking different converts in our ward to participate. ■

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