# New Era CONNECTION

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO YOUTH

This month's *New Era* comes with the messages from the special worldwide devotional for youth by President Russell M. Nelson and his wife, Wendy Nelson, in June.

#### **SHARING THE GOSPEL**

In addition, the August issue features articles about sharing the gospel:



Called to

"Before You Are Called to Serve." Find out what it's like to serve a mission, and see more about the new interview questions for missionary candidates (page 24).



"5 Things the Doctrine and Covenants Will Teach You about Being a Missionary." Missionary lessons from the book that will be studied in seminary in the coming year (page 30).



"6 Reasons We Really Do Need the Church." See why the Church is indispensable (page 34).



The New Era magazine is there for your teens—and for you. See how this month's issue can help you talk with them and teach them.

# **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

Here are some questions answered in this month's New Era (pages 42–43):

What activities should I do in my free time to make it more valuable?

If God knows every decision we're going to make, what's the point of our agency?

#### **TALK WITH THEM**

#### Here are some questions you might ask:

- Why do you think President Nelson wanted to share that particular message with you?
- When you heard President Nelson's message, what did it make you want to do differently?
- How confident do you feel about sharing the gospel? What could help you feel more confident?

### **TEACH THEM**

In family home evening or other teaching settings, consider using something you saw in the New Era. For instance:

- Read "Two Strokes for Integrity" (page 18), and share how you made a decision to be honest and upright even when nobody else was watching.
- Read "Our Plan to Beat the Odds" (page 10), and share your feelings about the blessings of eternal marriage.
- Read "Lock-Screen Scriptures" (page 7), and talk about some other things we can do to keep our minds focused on spiritual things each day.



## **SEND US YOUR SUGGESTIONS**

ow can the *New Era* better meet the needs of your youth? Do you have specific ideas for article topics, questions to be answered, or ways to help youth understand the gospel? Send your suggestions to newera@ldschurch.org.