



Growing Testimonies—and Mission Funds

After hearing Church leaders encourage youth to save money for full-time missions, we held a special family home evening with our two children, 10-year-old Allana, and 7-year-old Ulric. We discussed the importance of saving for a full-time mission, then presented them with piggy banks to help them begin saving.

After that evening it was incredible how the money has accumulated. Ulric collects and saves

every coin he can find; both children save any money they receive from relatives. In three months Ulric has saved enough to pay for the first month of his mission, and Allana is almost there. The children also make sure to pay tithing on the money they receive, and our family has seen great blessings as their testimonies of serving and sacrificing have taken root and grown.

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HELPS FOR HOME EVENING

“The Power of Preparing Early,” page 18: After sharing the article with your family, reread the statement: “The secret [to success] is to start early, be consistent, plan for life’s demands, focus on eternal truths, and study the gospel—especially the Book of Mormon.” Discuss how these principles might benefit your family and how you can implement them. Consider setting a goal to regularly read the Book of Mormon together.

“Successful Family Home Evenings with Teens,” page 22: After sharing the ideas in this article, read either the quote from Elder Bednar or President Uchtdorf. If your family does not already have a family home evening chart, consider creating one. Assign each member of your family the responsibility of teaching a lesson during the coming months. You could display different available resources and suggestions from this article to help with future lessons.



“Finding Answers,” page 28: After reading the article discuss how, with the help of the Lord, we should try and solve our own

problems. Ask the following questions: How does the Holy Ghost “reveal things to and through” us? How can we feel more confident that we are asking the right questions? Share additional insights from the article as needed.

Questions & Answers, page 36: Share excerpts from this article that you feel apply to your family. Then consider making a list of what the “Lord requires of us,” and set a goal as a family to focus on the needful things first.