



## THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

Education is a vital part of the gospel and of preparing to participate in society and provide for oneself and one's family.<sup>1</sup> Elder Craig A. Cardon of the Seventy talks about the importance of education on pages 18–19 of this month's *New Era*.

“In this increasingly complex world, education is one of the most important acquisitions of life,” he writes. “And while it is true that more education will generally lead to the opportunity for increased temporal rewards, the greater value of increased knowledge is the opportunity it affords us to be of greater influence in accomplishing the Lord's purposes.”

*For the Strength of Youth* states: “Your education should include spiritual learning. Study the scriptures and the words of the latter-day prophets. Participate in seminary and institute. Continue throughout your life to learn about Heavenly Father's plan. This spiritual learning will help you find answers to the challenges of life and will invite the companionship of the Holy Ghost.”<sup>2</sup>

### Suggestions for Teaching Youth

- Read the education section in *For the Strength of Youth*. Share your own positive experiences with school and with gospel study. This will allow you to

discuss this standard with your teen and answer any questions he or she might have.

- Help your teen set occupational and educational goals based on his or her talents and interests. Help him or her identify some steps to start working on these goals.
- Consider holding a family home evening on the importance of education (a good resource is an article by Elder Dallin H. Oaks and Kristen M. Oaks, “Learning and Latter-day Saints,” *Ensign*, Apr. 2009, 22–27).
- Go to [youth.lds.org](http://youth.lds.org) and click on “For the Strength of Youth” under the Youth Menu. Under “Education,” you will find scriptures about education, videos (see, for example, “Surfing or Seminary?”), Mormon Channel radio programs, questions and answers, and articles, including talks by General Authorities.

### Suggestions for Teaching Children

It's fun to learn new things, but learning can be difficult too. This month's *Friend* includes a story called “Ready to Read” (pages 42–43). The story describes a girl with dyslexia who struggles to read out

### SCRIPTURES ON LEARNING

Proverbs 4:7

2 Nephi 9:29

Alma 37:35

Doctrine and Covenants 88:77–80

loud and how children in Primary encourage her to do her best. Consider reading this story with your children and talking together about the following questions:

- How did Mary feel when she was trying to do something difficult? Why is it important to keep learning even when it is hard?
- What did the other children do to help Mary? What can you do to help others learn at home, at church, and at school? ■

### NOTES

1. See *For the Strength of Youth* (booklet, 2011), 9.
2. *For the Strength of Youth*, 10.