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THE NEW ERA

Come, Follow Me Support: Commandments

While much of the world may think about commandments merely as restrictions, prophets teach that the commandments are given by a loving Heavenly Father to bless us and bring us joy. Read more about what members of the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles have taught about the blessings of obedience in "Steps to Happiness" on page 22 and "Focus on the Blessings" on page 37.

Strength against Peer Pressure

Sometimes the paths that veer from the strait and narrow can seem pretty appealing. So how can you navigate through today's world while standing strong in the gospel and holding tight to the iron rod? Find out in "What's So Great about the Great and Spacious Building?" on page 4.

Support for Family Home Evening

Add some zest to your next family home evening with an object lesson using oranges and a pitcher of water. See how "Citrus Warriors" (page 16) can help your family understand the importance of putting on the whole armor of God.

THE FRIEND

In Charge of the Lesson

In "I've Got This!" Thomas plans a family home evening lesson by himself and shares it with his family (page 44). You can use "Family Home Evening in Seven Easy Steps" (page 45) to help children learn how they can plan their own lesson to share with the family.

Serving God through Serving Others

The Primary theme for September is "I will serve God with all my heart, might, mind, and strength." Read about this theme on pages 42–43, and look through the rest of the magazine to find many stories about children serving God by serving others (for example, "Bobby's Birthday Surprise" on pages 8–9, "Cleaning Up Dirt Clods" on pages 22–23, and "What Happened to Your Arm?" on pages 38–39).

COMMENT

Similar Challenges

Thank you for the article about Ethan ("Embracing Ethan, Accepting Autism") in the January 2013 *Ensign*. We have a daughter with challenging behaviors who is now 24. She passes out the programs in the foyer before sacrament meeting, and it makes her feel important to have this responsibility. She has a beautiful smile and a light in her eyes that is a window to heaven. We are grateful for the understanding ward members and for a loving bishop who wanted to find a way for her to serve in our ward. It is nice to read about families who have similar concerns and challenges. Thank you again for a very positive article.

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