

Bulletin Board

Journal Junction

In December you could write about your favorite Christmas. Write down details about why it was special, who was there, what you did, and how you felt. If you want, draw a picture of why the day was important to you.

good word

This month's good word is **charity**. Charity means the pure love of Christ. It is the kind of love Jesus Christ has for us. When we have charity in our hearts, we are kind, patient, hopeful, and full of faith. We want to do good things and help others, just as Jesus Christ did.

BEHIND the scenes



Last December, around 84,000 people attended the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's Christmas concert at the Conference Center in Salt Lake City. Here's a peek at what went on behind the scenes as hundreds of performers and crew prepared.

- ▶ 1,600 yards of fabric were used to make costumes for more than 150 people. (You can see one of the costumes on the left.)
- ▶ It took 1 month for a 20-person crew to plan the lighting.
- ▶ More than 115 microphones amplified the sound. Each instrument in the orchestra had its own microphone!
- ▶ 15 cameras filmed the concert.
- ▶ A new stage set is made each year. In 2011, castle walls were carved out of foam.
- ▶ More than 4 million people watched the rebroadcast of the concert on TV.

COLORING to Share



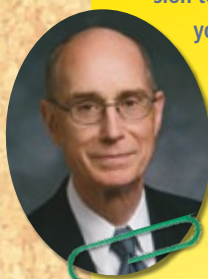
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Every issue of the *Friend* has a coloring page, and you can find more at lds.org/friend. Here are some things you can do to share your coloring pages.

- Write a letter to a grandparent or other relative and glue it to the back of your picture.
- Have the members of your family write notes on the back of your picture and send it to a missionary.
- Share your artwork with a ward member who you think might be lonely.
- Make a coloring book by taping or stapling several pages together.
- Write a thank-you note on your picture for your parents, Primary leader, teacher, or music leader.
- Make a gospel banner by taping several pages together. Share your work during family home evening.



"It helps to see the kindness of others at Christmastime. How many times have you gone to leave a gift on a doorstep, hoping not to be noticed, only to find more than one unmarked gift already there? Have you felt, as I have, the impression to help someone only to find that what you were inspired to give was exactly what someone needed at that very moment? That is a wonderful assurance that God knows all of our needs and counts on us to fill the needs of others around us."*



-President Henry B. Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency

*"Home for Christmas,"
Ensign, Dec. 2009, 7.