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These teaching suggestions can be used in the classroom as well as in the home. You may tailor these ideas to your family or class.

"Worthy Music, Worthy

Thoughts," p. 30: Begin by playing a game in which family members try to identify a hymn or Primary song by hearing one or two notes, then three or four notes. If they still can't guess it, give a small hint about the hymn. Discuss how music is

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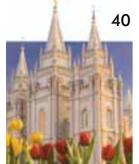
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> As you look for the Finnish CTR ring hidden in this issue, think of how following the prophet can help you choose the right.



the counsel can help us stand in holy places and prepare to receive the ordinances of the temple. Use excerpts from the article to support your discussion. As a family, choose one principle to work on during the coming weeks.

"Her Mother's Song," p. F8: After reading the story, invite family members to share times when they have been frightened. Ask them what they did to overcome their fears. Discuss how singing a hymn or Primary song can help us. As a

family or individually, choose a song to remember when comfort or strength is needed.

"Being Content," p. F12: Share the lesson that Elder Odume's father wanted his family to learn. To help children recognize their blessings, consider creating a "gratitude jar." Have family members write or draw things for which they are thankful and place the papers in the jar. Encourage your children to think of nonmaterial blessings as well.

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