

## COMMENT

### ***Liahona* Changes Things**

I want to thank you for the messages that come in the *Liahona* every month. They are very helpful—they help me make every day better. Whenever I get discouraged and think life is too hard, I read a message from the *Liahona* and everything changes. Thank you for all you do—for me and for many others.

Edgar Celestino, Texas, USA

### **Keeping in Touch Online**

I was baptized in 1990 and have always attended my Church meetings. But recently I was sent to another country as a peacekeeper, and for now I cannot attend any meetings. My way of staying in contact with the Church is to read the magazines online. This has been a great inspiration to me. I feel the Spirit strongly as I read the words of our prophet and other Church leaders. I miss partaking of the sacrament, but I know Heavenly Father understands my circumstances. Thank you for the magazines online.

Olukunbi Orimoloye, Nigeria

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### **Call for Articles**

Has your Christmas celebration ever not been as you wanted or not gone as you planned? Maybe you were sick, mourning a loss, in the military, away at school, or separated from family and friends. How did you celebrate the Savior and His birth in those circumstances? Please limit your experience to 500 words, label it “Christmas Celebrations,” and send it to [liahona@ldschurch.org](mailto:liahona@ldschurch.org). ■

## FAMILY HOME EVENING IDEAS

This issue contains articles and activities that could be used for family home evening. The following are a few examples.

**“A Gift Worthy of Added Care,”** page 26: Elder Neil L. Andersen shares several examples of how the Holy Ghost guides people. Consider reading some of these examples and then asking family members to share experiences when they felt the Holy Ghost.



For younger children, you could display objects that represent blessings of the Holy Ghost. For example, the Holy Ghost is like a blanket because He comforts us (see John 14:26), a compass because He guides us (see 2 Nephi 32:5), and soap because He can help us know when we have been cleansed through the Atonement (see 2 Nephi 31:17; 3 Nephi 27:20).

**“Christmas Traditions of the Seventy,”** page 32: Read some of the traditions listed in the article, then ask family members what their favorite Christmas traditions are. Are there any new traditions you would like to adopt?

**“A Special Guest,”** page 68: Like the family in the story, you could commemorate the Prophet Joseph Smith’s birthday by learning about the First Vision. You may also want to read from a conference talk about Joseph Smith (see, for example, Tad R. Callister, “Joseph Smith—Prophet of the Restoration,” *Liahona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2009, 35–37).

### **Appreciating the Savior’s Mission**

One of our favorite family home evenings helped us better appreciate the life and mission of the Savior. We asked every family member to find scriptures about the Savior’s hands, eyes, feet, or mouth. Then we each shared those scriptures. For example, the Savior’s hands healed the leper, His feet walked on water, and His eyes wept at the tomb of Lazarus. We also discussed the wounds in Jesus’s body and the perfection of His sacrifice. Our discussion about the life and acts of Jesus Christ invited the Spirit and allowed each family member to bear testimony of our Savior.

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