

COMMENT

Liahona Contains Answers

I am a member born in the Church. Sometimes I do not value the many blessings of the gospel in my life. Then as I think about these things, I know I can never thank my Heavenly Father enough for all I have. One of those blessings is the inspired *Liahona* magazine. It is incredible how I receive the exact answers I need each time I read it. Thank you for these messages.

Ludmila L., age 13, Argentina

Our Testimonies Grow

The *Liahona* has changed my life and my family's lives. It is a great tool, because from it one can learn and gain knowledge. Thanks to the magazine we are strengthened, and our testimonies of the Church grow.

Ana Marcela Echenique Hoyos, Colombia

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Call for Family Home Evening Ideas

The *Liahona* is looking for your family home evening ideas and experiences. The ideas can be short—just tell about a successful or meaningful family home evening or how you have adapted your family home evening to fit specific needs in your family.

Please send your ideas and experiences (in any language) to liahona@ldschurch.org. Please include your full name, e-mail address, and ward or branch and stake or district.

FAMILY HOME EVENING IDEAS

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



“The Tradition of Light and Testimony,” page 10: Summarize the article and consider inviting your family to create a visual aid to demonstrate the purpose of scaffolding. Discuss how the Church gives your family “scaffolding” to reach higher to build your family and other aspects of your life.

“Prophets at Christmastime,” page 20: After reading several stories from the lives of prophets, consider sharing some experiences you have had in which your life or the lives of others were touched by a special experience during a past Christmas. You may want to discuss ways to follow the examples of our prophets during this season.

“Safety and Peace in Keeping the Commandments,” page 32: Those with young children can have them draw pictures of people doing righteous things along a road leading to a temple. Other

families might consider reading the entire article and discussing it, emphasizing that “the pathway to happiness begins with . . . obedience to the commandments.”

“How to Give Gifts to Christ,” page 48: Read the article from President Henry B. Eyring together. Perhaps your children could write down what they would like to give to the Savior for Christmas and wrap their commitments as a Christmas gift. Consider discussing people they know who could use physical or spiritual help or both.

“A Christmas Prayer Answered,” page 68: Read the story about Peggy Schonken with your family. You may want to share times when you have received answers to your prayers and encourage your children to do the same. Consider keeping track of all the answers to prayers your family receives during the Christmas season.

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Testimony Without Words

My son Derek has global apraxia, which means he has a hard time speaking. Derek loves family home evening and spends months preparing lessons to share with the family.

One of his most memorable lessons was “Lehi’s Dream.” He strung rope all over the house and outside too. We started the lesson by listening to a CD of the hymn “I Believe in Christ” and looking at a picture of Lehi’s dream displayed on the table. Derek then took us, one by one, along the rope.

As we walked along, there were pictures of Christ on one side and distractions (such as the radio, TV, and games) on the other. We knew we had reached the end when we heard music—Derek’s favorite song, “I Know That My Redeemer Lives.”

After everyone had gone through, Derek turned on the DVD *The Testaments* and had us watch the end, where Jesus Christ appears to the people of the Americas. The Spirit was so strong as my son conveyed his testimony of the Savior without using any words.

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