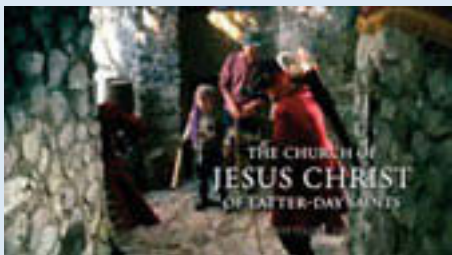


WORLD BRIEFS

Church Public Service Announcement Honored

A Washington, D.C.-based advertising and marketing firm has recognized a public service announcement produced by the Church. “Swashbucklers,” a short spot on the importance of fatherhood, was recognized for its relevance, high production quality, and exceptional combination of excitement, humor, and warmth, according to the National Media Survey. The public service announcement is part of the Homefront series. It can be viewed at the



MormonMessages YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/mormonmessages. Search “swashbuckler.”

Autism Council Recognizes Church Disabilities Web Site

The Autism Council of Utah presented the Church with its Outstanding Organization of

the Year award on October 14, 2009, in recognition of the Church’s Disabilities Resources Web site. The site offers resources for people with disabilities—such as those with hearing loss, blindness, speech disorders, learning disabilities and more—and their caregivers, family, and Church leaders. The site can be found at www.disabilities.lds.org.

Washington Congregations Unite in Song

More than 170 voices from six different denominations, including Latter-day Saints, joined in a performance called “An Ecumenical Musical Gathering—One Voice in Song and Praise” in Redmond, Washington, USA, in 2009. St. Jude Catholic Church hosted the ceremony—which also included Anglican, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Methodist congregations—to thank all the neighboring churches and the community for their support of Tent City 4, a local homeless camp. ■

FAMILY HOME EVENING IDEAS

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

“The Law of the Fast,” p. 26: Consider making a family plan for the next fast Sunday. Decide when the family will pray to begin and end the fast. Discuss what you might fast for and how you are blessed by sharing your testimonies during the fast. If a family member cannot go without food or water, discuss other ways he or she can participate.



“Neither Trust in the Arm of Flesh,” p. 40: Invite family members to share how they or another family member has become a better person in the past year. Then invite family members to set a goal that will help them become who God wants them to be.

To illustrate how Heavenly Father can magnify our efforts, invite younger children to pick up something heavy. Then have a parent or older child assist them. Which was easier and why? What kinds of things can we do only with Heavenly Father’s help?

“Caught in a Cumbuca,” p. 48: As a family, consider creating your own *cumbuca* containing something desirable. Then take turns role-playing the “monkey.” Discuss how Satan tries to trap us, how we can avoid the traps, and what we can do if we find ourselves caught in a trap.

“Lindsay’s Priesthood Blessing,” p. 66: Discuss what priesthood blessings are, and invite family members to share their own experiences with receiving priesthood blessings. You could ask: How did you feel as you received the blessing? How did it help you? Why are you thankful for the priesthood? ■