TAUGHT BY THE HOLY GHOST

These youth prepared to be taught by the Spirit before general conference. Here's what they learned from a previous conference and what they're doing differently because of it.



I was inspired by general conference. While listening to the instruction from our leaders to serve others, trust Christ, and hold steadfastly to the iron rod, I felt the Holy Ghost testify to me that this gospel is true and that we can obtain eternal life by keeping the commandments and following the word of God. I have set goals to be of more service in my community and to strengthen my testimony through daily prayer and scripture study. I know that I am a daughter of Heavenly Father. He lives and loves me forever and always.

Madelyn B., age 16, Delaware, USA

About: Oldest of three siblings; runs cross-country; enjoys reading and singing; loves the Spanish language and hopes to teach English as a second language

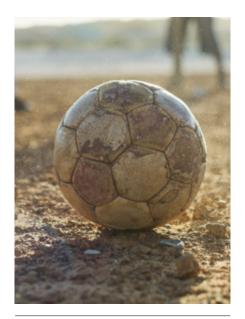


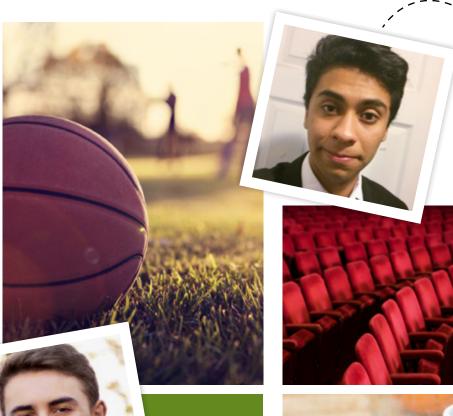
Answers to Questions

Before general conference I had two questions: (1) How can I keep a good attitude and help my friends when they make bad decisions? and (2) How can I testify of the Church without them making fun of me? During conference, the Spirit testified to me that I am not alone. Now I know that by studying the scriptures with all my heart, I will receive answers to my questions about my friends. I know that my Father listens to my prayers, and I will strive to be better each day.

Isaak R., age 13, Pichincha, Ecuador

About: Only child; likes to play piano, skate, play football, do judo, swim, sing, and make candies; wants to be a doctor; favorite color is green





Invited to Grow

General conference strengthened me with a desire to follow the gospel path of Jesus Christ. It helped me know and understand that this is the true Church, which brings us light and happiness. I felt the Spirit invite me to grow each day and to read the Book of Mormon to gain a strong testimony of the gospel . I believe that my Heavenly Father wanted me to listen to these inspired messages.

Vicente A., age 16, Metropolitan Region, Chile

About: Oldest of four siblings; likes playing video games, listening to music, and playing football; participates in theater; wants to serve a mission



I feel the Spirit so strongly at general conference. Since I've started preparing questions and preparing myself spiritually for conference, it's taken a whole different meaning in my life, and I've been able to learn so much more through each talk. I am so grateful for the prophet and apostles, and I know that they are sent from Heavenly Father to lead us and guide us in our lives!

Ben H., age 17, Kentucky, USA

About: Loves sports; plays basketball and tennis at school; enjoys skiing, snowboarding, traveling, and hiking



The year before last was challenging for me.

My dad was battling cancer, and there were terrorist attacks in my city. I struggled with anxiety, wondering how I could feel peace when I feared for my spiritual and physical safety. From general conference I learned that we can find peace as we live virtuously, fill our hearts with faith, and keep an eternal perspective. I was inspired to turn to Christ in times of difficulty instead of depending on my own understanding. I know that I can overcome the influences of darkness by seeking the brightness of Christ's light.

Olivia H., age 17, Belgium

About: Swimmer; enjoys service, including volunteering at a soup kitchen, a foster home, and her school's special-education program