

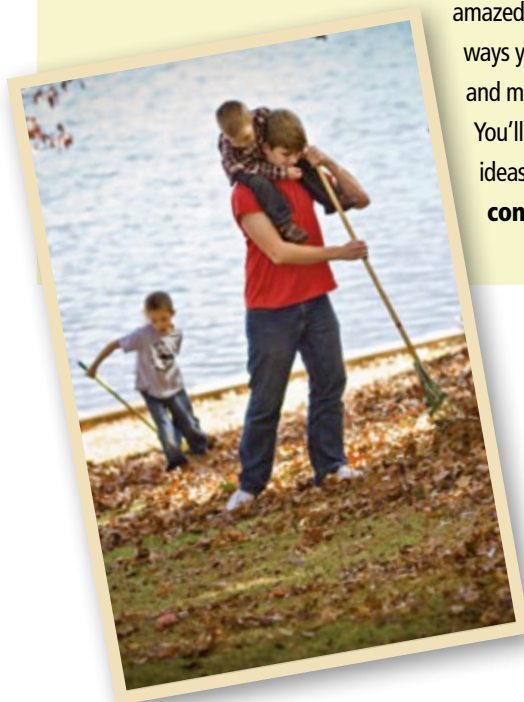
## Conference Connection

Your talents are needed! In the April 2013 general conference, several Church leaders spoke about how each of us can help build God's kingdom in meaningful ways. For example:

- "You have your own special contribution to make, and God can magnify that contribution in a mighty way. Your ability to contribute is not dependent upon your calling in the Church. Your opportunities for service are endless. If you are waiting on the sidelines, I encourage you to get in the game" (President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, Second Counselor in the First Presidency, "Four Titles," *Ensign*, May 2013, 61).
- "You will find that most [opportunities to minister] consist of small, sincere acts that help others become followers of Jesus Christ" (David L. Beck, Young Men general president, "Your Sacred Duty to Minister," *Ensign*, May 2013, 57).

What might be some of those endless opportunities for service? Well, maybe a friend or relative could use a pick-me-up visit or a phone call. Or perhaps you could do one or two of your siblings' chores before they get home. If you pray for guidance, you'll likely be

amazed at how many ways you can pitch in and make a difference. You'll find additional ideas in the talks at [conference.lds.org](http://conference.lds.org).



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## Unexpected Calling

Hannah P., a Laurel from Illinois, USA, thought she had a handle on what it means to accept and fulfill a calling. After all, she'd already served as Mia Maid class president and later as second counselor in the Laurel class presidency. But then she was given a ward calling she never expected: family history consultant.

"This came as a shock," Hannah says. "This wasn't a calling for a 16-year-old. It was a calling for older, wiser people!"

Shock notwithstanding, Hannah accepted the calling and rolled up her sleeves, so to speak. Soon she realized she really could make a difference. "It doesn't matter what age you are. Anyone can do family history," she says.

Hannah spends one evening a week at the local family history center working on FamilySearch

(see [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org)) and teaching others to do the same. "Not only do I have the opportunity to feel the spirit of Elijah myself," she says, "but I can also help others feel it." She loves helping people find a family name they've been trying to find for months. "They're thrilled!" she says about such moments.

One of Hannah's favorite experiences was helping a group of young men and young women learn how to do indexing. "It was amazing to see how fast they caught on," she says. "It was just like Elder David A. Bednar teaches: our fingers are meant for so much more than texting and tweeting" (see "The Hearts of the Children Shall Turn," *Ensign*, Nov. 2011, 24–27).

▶ Watch a video about another young woman called as a family history consultant at [lds.org/go/83FH](http://lds.org/go/83FH).

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## Items Not to Forget on Your Next Hike

Plenty of water.

Try bringing multiple small bottles so you can distribute the weight evenly in your backpack or share with others as needed.

Nonperishable food.

Hiking burns a lot of energy—several hundred calories an hour. Even after a big breakfast you'll still need to refuel on a long hike. Nuts, dried fruit, and granola bars make great options.

A small first aid kit.

A compass, even if you know the area.

A mobile phone in case of emergency.

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## Missionaries Needed

The objective of a regular Sudoku is to fill the 9x9 grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3x3 boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time. For this puzzle, instead of numbers, use the nine bold words to complete the puzzle.

D&C 33:3

**“For behold, the field is white already to harvest;** and it is the eleventh hour, and the last time that I shall call laborers into my vineyard.”

To see the solution, visit [lds.org/go/83Sudoku](http://lds.org/go/83Sudoku).

## My Favorite Scripture

**1 Nephi 4:6** *“And I was led by the Spirit, not knowing beforehand the things which I should do.”*



I really like this scripture because it says that you don't always need to know specifically what to do as long as you have the Spirit with you. You can keep the Spirit in your life by keeping the commandments and staying close to Heavenly Father through prayer.

Last year my family was going to move, and we didn't know where to go. We prayed a lot, and the Spirit guided us to move from Maryland to Illinois. It was

hard, but in the end it turned out nice for our family. I know that if we keep the commandments, then the Spirit will be with us and the Lord will guide us.

**Joshua S., 14, Illinois, USA**

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## Serving a Mission

I liked the story “Should I Leave or Stay?” in the March 2011 *New Era*. When I read it, I realized that I should go on my mission no matter what the circumstances might be, because I will be doing Heavenly Father's work.

**Jaymison J., 13, Colorado, USA**

## Living the Standards

I have found that dressing correctly and modestly never feels bad. When I went to Young Women camp, youth conference, and EFY, it was impossible to doubt that being modest is the right way to be. We have to keep in mind that our clothing can't make anyone uncomfortable if we're dressed appropriately.

**Kente B., 16, Belgium**



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