

I N A W O R D

# Hope

In our everyday language, the word *hope* often has a hint of uncertainty. For example, we may say that we hope for a change in the weather or a visit from a friend. In the language of the gospel, however, the word *hope* is sure, unwavering, and active. When we have hope, we trust God's promises. We have a quiet assurance that if we do "the works of righteousness," we "shall receive [our] reward, even peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come" (D&C 59:23).

We increase in hope as we pray and seek God's forgiveness. In the Book of Mormon, a missionary named Aaron assured a Lamanite king, "If thou wilt repent of all thy sins, and will bow down before God, and call on his name in faith, believing that ye shall receive, then shalt thou receive the hope which thou desirest" (Alma 22:16). We also gain hope as we study the scriptures and follow their teachings.



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## Arise and Rocket Forth

Youth and leaders witnessed an awesome spectacle in the morning sky of Arizona last February. Two high-powered, nine-foot-tall, fiberglass rockets launched into the sky with spectacular results.

Three months of design and construction culminated in a friendly competition between the young men and young women of the Pleasant Second Ward in Chandler, Arizona. Guided by Mia Maid Mara Egolf and her father—both members of the Arizona High Power Rocketry Association—the youth

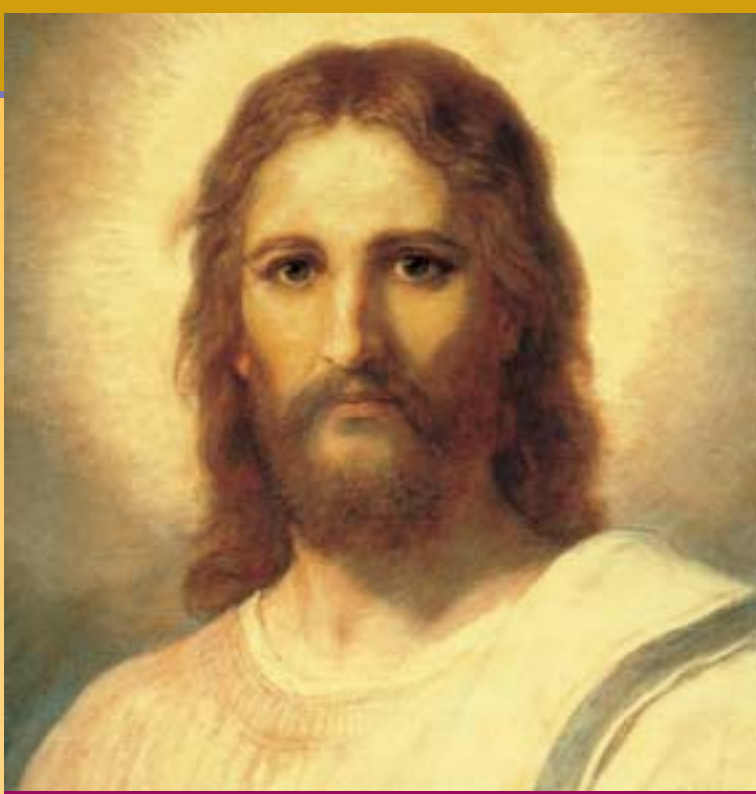
spent several Saturday mornings learning about rocket construction.

The youth each wrote down goals to help them arise and shine forth in the coming year. The young men put their goals in their red-and-gold "Sons of Helaman" rocket, and the young women put theirs in their purple-and-white "Integrity" rocket. Then both rockets were launched into the heavens.

As for the competition, there is some controversy over which rocket won. In a flight faithful to the name she bears, "Integrity" functioned flawlessly, and

according to onboard readings reached an altitude of 11,619 feet before parachuting gracefully back to earth.

There's a saying in model rocketry, Brother Egolf told the youth, "When things go according to plan, it's cool. When things go bad, it's way cool." "Sons of Helaman" arced at just under 12,000 feet before a malfunction caused the rocket, traveling at nearly the speed of sound, to crash into the desert floor. At the impact crater the young men were able to salvage only two tail fins and a piece of the nosecone.



## GENERAL YOUNG WOMEN BROADCAST

On March 24, 2007, join with hundreds of thousands of young women, who will come together to be taught by prophets and leaders. You will be part of this gathering of young women assembled in meetinghouses across the world. All young women ages 12–18 should attend with their mothers and Young Women leaders.

You can prepare by reading your scriptures, praying, and by doing the following:

- ❖ Look through your copy of *For the Strength of Youth*, and circle each reference to the Spirit, or highlight the promises found in the booklet, or choose one standard, study it, and make and carry out goals for living this standard.
- ❖ Memorize D&C 121:45.
- ❖ Review the 13th article of faith.
- ❖ Memorize “As Zion’s Youth in Latter Days” (*Hymns*, no. 256).

For those who receive KBYU or BYUTV, note the following times for the initial broadcast and later rebroadcast:

Live broadcast	Rebroadcast
8 p.m. Eastern time	10 p.m. Eastern time
7 p.m. Central time	9 p.m. Central time
6 p.m. Mountain time	8 p.m. Mountain time
5 p.m. Pacific time	7 p.m. Pacific time

This meeting will also be broadcast on the Internet at [www.lds.org/broadcast](http://www.lds.org/broadcast).

# EXTREME NEIGHBORHOOD MAKEOVER

Getting up early on a Saturday morning to shingle roofs, paint houses, and mow lawns after being soaked in a mountain downpour the day before might deter some people, but not youth from the Alpine Utah Stake.

Nearly 400 youth and 100 leaders and adults joined forces on June 10, 2006, to work on a huge fix-up project as part of their stake’s three-day youth conference. The stake’s “Extreme Neighborhood Makeover” literally transformed a small neighborhood in Provo, Utah: 5 houses were reroofed, 15 were painted, and a few new lawns were put in. In all, 25 houses in the neighborhood had at least one type of repair performed.

“It’s a party,” “This is fabulous,” “It’s amazing,” and “I can’t believe how early they were here,” were some of the comments by residents as they watched the youth descend on their neighborhood with scrapers, paint, and ladders.

“It’s just been amazing to watch how hard these kids have worked,” said Joseph Nilson, stake president of the Alpine Utah Stake. “To me, you don’t have to go too far to find service opportunities, and it’s wonderful for them to get out and see their religion in action.”



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