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In our family, everyone is busy. Sometimes we don't take time to listen carefully to each other or practice kindness or politeness. So in preparation for an upcoming general conference, we prayed to know how we could grow closer as a family.

Elder Robert D. Hales's talk, "Our Duty to God: The Mission of Parents and Leaders to the Rising Generation" (see *Liahona* and *Ensign*, May 2010, 95), answered our prayers and our questions.

I was especially touched by the story about Elder Hales's grandson asking, "Grandpa! Are you in there?" Elder Hales of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles explained, "Being *there* means understanding the hearts of our youth and connecting with them. And connecting with them

means not just conversing with them but doing things with them too."

We've worked to improve our interaction with each other. At dinner, we talk about the day. We talk about challenges we're facing and how the things we're learning from the scriptures help us confront and overcome those challenges.

Making time for these exchanges has taken effort. But as these good habits have become part of family life, I have felt a special love for my family. As I have followed the prophetic counsel I received at conference, answers to other questions have filled my mind, and I see ways I can be more like the Savior Jesus Christ. More than ever before, I feel a sense of peace instead of worry. ■

Church Announces 2011 Pageants

The first of five Church-sponsored pageants opens next month at the Mesa Arizona Temple. The others take place across the United States. Find out more about the pageants below.

Jesus the Christ

April 13–23, 2011
Mesa, Arizona, USA

The Mesa Arizona Easter Pageant focuses on the life of Jesus Christ from His birth to His ministry, Atonement, and Resurrection. The play consists of reenactments from the King James Version of the Bible to share the ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ. This large Easter pageant has a cast of more than 450 and a production staff of 400. Visit easterpageant.org.

The Nauvoo Pageant tells the story of Old Nauvoo and the life of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Mormon Miracle Pageant

June 16–25, 2011
Manti, Utah, USA

The stories of the Restoration, the witness of the Book of Mormon, and the pioneer journey to Sanpete Valley are intertwined in the Manti Pageant to tell of Jesus Christ's love for all people. The pageant is performed outdoors with the beautiful Manti Utah Temple in view. Visit mormonmiracle.org.

Nauvoo Pageant: A Tribute to Joseph Smith

July 5–30, 2011
Nauvoo, Illinois, USA

The spirit of Old Nauvoo is alive as the story of Joseph Smith and the early Latter-day Saints is unfolded on an outdoor stage near the reconstructed Nauvoo Temple. The Nauvoo Pageant began in 2005 to commemorate the 200th birthday



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of the Prophet Joseph and has been performed by Latter-day Saint volunteers every summer since. Visit nauvoopageant.org.

Hill Cumorah Pageant

July 8–16, 2011
Palmyra, New York, USA

The Hill Cumorah Pageant, *America’s Witness for Christ*, takes viewers on a journey through ten accounts from the Bible and Book of Mormon.



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This magnificent production occurs each July on a 10-level stage equipped with sound and lighting to reenact earthquakes and lightning from the ancient stories. Visit hillcumorah.org/pageant.

Martin Harris: The Man Who Knew

July 29–August 12, 2011
Clarkston, Utah, USA

The Clarkston Pageant shares the incredible story and testimony of Martin Harris, one of the three special witnesses of the Book of Mormon. Viewers learn of his trials and testimony as he helped bring forth the Book of Mormon for our day. Visit martinharrispageant.org. ■

The Hill Cumorah Pageant reenacts accounts from the Bible and the Book of Mormon.

New Children’s Exhibits Open at Museum

Two new exhibits designed for children and their families are open at the Church History Museum.

The Gospel Blesses My Life features art by children between the ages of 5 and 12 from 42 countries. The artwork depicts how a knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ has blessed the life of each child. Artwork was gathered by the *Friend* magazine and can be found at Friend.lds.org.

A Book of Mormon Fiesta: A Latin American Celebration celebrates Latin heritage within the Church. It was designed to help children and their families understand that the Book of Mormon is a testimony of Jesus Christ and His teachings.

The Gospel Blesses My Life will continue through July 4, 2011, and *A Book of Mormon Fiesta: A Latin American Celebration* will remain at the museum well into the future. For more information, visit the museum’s website at www.churchhistorymuseum.org. ■

Friend Helps Children Bring Primary Home

Beginning with the January 2011 issues of the *Friend* and *Liahona*, parents will find ways to reinforce at home what their children learn in Primary.

With the creation of an enhanced sharing time outline that is distributed to Primary leaders each year, the magazines dropped the “Sharing Time Ideas” segment in 2010. “Bringing Primary Home” includes activities that can further children’s understanding of the month’s Primary theme. Parents can review the material to be aware of what their