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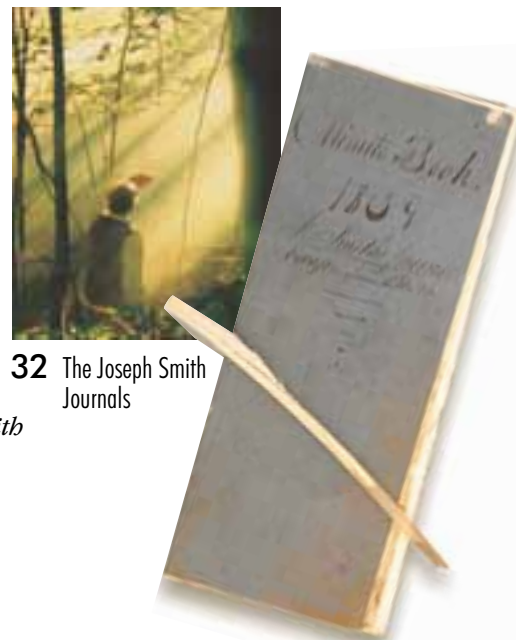
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FAMILY HOME EVENING IDEAS

These teaching suggestions can be used in the classroom as well as in the home. You may tailor these ideas to your family or class.

"Finding Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ,"

p. 12: Read some of the scriptures quoted by Elder Robert D. Hales in this article. Also have each family member think of a Christmas song that helps strengthen faith in Jesus Christ. Sing the songs as a family. Have family members share what these

scriptures and songs teach about the Savior.

"The Joseph Smith Journals,"

p. 32: Invite family members to share a memorable event from the past week. Did they

write about that event in their journals? To

illustrate the importance of journal writing, read the second paragraph from the article. Discuss different things that can be written in journals. Explain that our journals are valuable to us, our families, and future generations.



As you look for the Tongan CTR ring hidden in this issue, think of how you can choose the right by preparing for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.



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“A Prophet on the Earth,”
p. 38: Show a picture of President Gordon B. Hinckley. Discuss why it is important to have a prophet today. After you tell the story of Jade’s father, share with each other how having faith in living prophets can strengthen our testimonies of the gospel.

“A Christmas Visitor,” p. F10: Read the story, and invite your family to each think of someone he or she feels needs some extra love. Think of ways to show you care about them. For example,

you could invite them to family home evening or make a special card for them. Set a goal as a family to reach out to one of these people this week.

“The Hot Chocolate Mishap,”
p. F14: Begin by telling the family about Nicole’s dilemma. Have family members think of similar situations they may face. Take turns role-playing how to handle each situation. You could conclude by reviewing the promises of the Word of Wisdom (see D&C 89:18–21).

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