

Your Worth Is Great

Dear Parents,

God loves us and values us more than we can imagine. The Church magazines this month give a variety of articles and activities that can help you teach your children about repentance, baptism, the restoration of the priesthood, and that their soul is of great worth both to you and to their Heavenly Father.

GOSPEL DISCUSSIONS

Hear Him and See Worth

Show the image and quote from the Savior on page 2. As a family, think of examples from the scriptures when the Savior saw the worth of one person's soul. On pages 32 and 36, you can find modern examples of how the Lord feels about those whom society sees as less valuable. Share how the Savior has helped you see your own worth or the worth of someone else.

Showing Others You Value Them

One way to help others feel valued is to serve them. Study Brother Jan E. Newman's article on page 16, looking for his invitations to you. Prayerfully discuss as a family whom you feel inspired to serve. Make plans on how and when you will reach out in love to the person.

Or after reading about incarceration on page 32, talk about how you might use the ideas in the article to help those who are incarcerated or how you might offer support, love, and friendship to their families.

Preparing Children for Baptism

You can use this issue to help prepare your children for their baptism. "Helping Children Prepare for Baptism" on page 22 provides ideas for parents. You can find answers



to common questions about baptism in "Gospel Basics" on page 6. You will find more ideas in this month's *Friend* magazine.

Come, Follow Me Support

See page 26 for supporting material for your weekly *Come, Follow Me* study.



FAMILY STUDY FUN

Circle of Worth

Doctrine and Covenants 10–19

Oliver Cowdery and David Whitmer were counseled to remember that “the worth of souls is great in the sight of God” (Doctrine and Covenants 18:10). As we help others to see their own worth, we bring them nearer to Christ while becoming closer to Him ourselves.

1. Invite family members to sit in a circle.
2. Each person will take a turn standing in the middle of the circle.
3. Everyone sitting in the circle will tell the middle person, “You matter to me because _____,” and share specific details of why that person is of worth to them.
4. The middle person will then choose their own statement of personal worth: “I matter to God and myself because _____.”

Discussion: Why is it important to remember our own worth as well as the worth of those around us? If Christ were in the circle, what would He say about us? Read Doctrine and Covenants 18:10–13 and discuss what Christ went through because of how much He loves and values us. ■

Idea contributed by Mitzi Schoneman



IN THIS MONTH'S FOR THE STRENGTH OF YOUTH MAGAZINE

Questions and Answers

Share with your teen these youth responses on how to get more out of the scriptures.

Line upon Line: Fear Not

This feature teaches youth how to analyze a *Come, Follow Me* scripture passage. The topic will help them have confidence when times are hard.

Home Evening Object Lesson

Try this object lesson as a family. It's a fun activity to learn about how we can receive a change of heart.

The Story of the Witnesses

This comic-style story is a great way to help younger readers learn about the Three Witnesses of the Book of Mormon.

Park Bench Promptings and Learning to Recognize the Spirit

Do your youth ever struggle to recognize the Spirit? In these two stories, individuals describe how they learned.



IN THIS MONTH'S FRIEND

All about Baptism

This month's *Friend* is a special issue focusing on baptism. Find stories, activities, and lesson ideas to help your child prepare to be baptized or remember the special covenants they made at baptism.

Scripture Time Fun

Find weekly activities to help your family study *Come, Follow Me*, including a section with ideas especially for toddlers.

Scripture Story for Young Readers

Read to your children the story of how the Aaronic Priesthood was restored by John the Baptist.

Helping Hands around the World

Read how Raiarii from Tahiti is following Jesus, and help your children participate in this month's invitation.

Finding a Testimony

The story “Finding Sabrina's Testimony” can help your children discover that they have more of a testimony than they realize.