

CHRISTIAN COURAGE

Thank you for putting the article “That Is Christian Courage” in the July 2009 *New Era*. I appreciated the way Elder Hales showed how Jesus acted in certain situations. I especially liked this part: “When He was confronted by King Herod, He remained silent. When He stood before Pilate, He bore a simple and powerful testimony of His divinity and purpose. Facing the moneychangers who were defiling the temple, He exercised His divine responsibility to preserve and protect that which is sacred. Lifted up upon a cross, He uttered, ‘Father forgive them for they know not what they do’ (Luke 23:34).”

I also liked the article “I Changed My Life in Just 30 Minutes a Day.” I believe it will help me with my habit of reading the scriptures daily.

Aaron P.

GIRLS’ CAMP

When we went to girls’ camp this year I realized something that I hadn’t noticed before—the gospel had united the young women in my ward. It was so nice to come back from a long, adventurous day into a cabin filled with hugs and the sweet, pure voices of girls singing hymns before we all went to bed. We really do love each other, and that has made all the difference. It makes us want to invite other girls to Church activities, to study our scriptures more, and to be more optimistic. I am so grateful for the gospel, and how it has united my friends and me.

Alana P., Washington

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FAVORITE SONG

The story “Through the Storm” in the August 2009 *New Era* really helped me. I liked this story because it shows that our prayers are answered and singing songs can bring peace to our hearts. My favorite Primary song is “A Child’s Prayer.” I always sing that song when I am scared at night or I just need some spiritual help. It reminds me that Heavenly Father really does listen to our prayers and will help us when we need it.

Amber T., North Carolina

MORMONADS

Thank you for inserting the Mormonads into the *New Era*. After I read the magazine, I usually cut out the Mormonads and put them on my bedroom door. This reminds me to keep my standards high and to set an example for my friends at school.

Eilidh W., Canada

ONE SUNDAY

The story “One Sunday Was the Difference” (Aug. 2009) helped show me how I can receive inspiration and guidance from the Spirit in a new way. Now I know that by listening intently to a lesson I’ve already heard before, the Spirit can speak a new message to my heart.

David C., Texas

ON A DARE

I enjoyed the article “On a Dare” (Aug. 2009). It showed me that people may be kidding about the Church but that it is your chance to get them involved. They may think it is a joke at first, but later in their lives they will thank you.

Wyatt H., Utah

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