

	Friends					Purity	Agency	
Dating	Agency						Media	Friends
Media				Faith	Friends	Dating		Honesty
		Agency		Purity		Friends	Faith	
		Dating	Health		Faith	Agency		
	Family	Friends		Dating		Media		
Health		Purity	Dating	Agency				Media
Agency	Faith						Dating	Purity
	Dating	Family					Health	

FOR THE STRENGTH OF YOUTH SUDOKU

The objective of a regular Sudoku is to fill the 9x9 grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3x3 boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time. For this puzzle, instead of numbers, use the following nine words to complete the puzzle.

Agency, Family, Friends, Music, Dating, Purity, Honesty, Health, Faith

For the solution or to do the puzzle online, go to www.newera.lds.org.

“We are inspired by the courage of each young per-

son who has honored the Sabbath day, kept the Word of Wisdom, and remained chaste when popular culture has established the opposite as not only acceptable but expected.”

Elder Donald L. Hallstrom of the Seventy, “Cultivate Righteous Traditions,” *Ensign*, Nov. 2000, 28.



THE CHURCH IN USA — WASHINGTON

In 1854, four missionaries serving in California were sent to labor in the Washington and Oregon territories. Enough converts joined to form a congregation along the Lewis River. During those early years, dislike for Church members was so strong in Washington that when one convert died in 1911, her grave had to be dedicated secretly at night.

Many Church members helped with Washington's railroad construction in the 1880s. In 1930, Church membership in Washington was 1,900, with chapels in Everett, Spokane, Seattle, and Olympia. Temples in Washington include the Seattle (1980), Spokane (1999), and Columbia River Washington Temples (2001).



COLUMBIA RIVER WASHINGTON TEMPLE BY PATRICK KIMBALL © 2003 IRI

Here are a few facts about the Church today in Washington:

Membership	253,166
Missions	5
Temples	3
Congregations	495
Family History Centers	79

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WHAT'S UP?

THE STORMIN' MORMONS

These three youth from the Edmond Third Ward in Stillwater, Oklahoma, are "crazy-good" wake boarders. Last summer Rachel Orgill, Ashley Merkley, and Isaac Cordy entered the Oklahoma City River Wakeboarding tournament. Just to let everyone know who they were and what they stood for, they made a big poster and individual T-shirts declaring themselves the "Stormin' Mormons."

They had a great time competing on Saturday, and to their surprise, each one made the tournament finals in their divisions. The problem was, the finals were on Sunday. Without hesitation, all three notified the event coordinators that they would not be competing in the finals because they would be observing the Sabbath. The coordinators were surprised the youth were willing to pay to enter the tournament and now were giving up sure prizes and placements as finalists.

The three friends had the opportunity to explain their decision to many in the crowd and to the other competitors, who overwhelmingly thought it was "cool" that their convictions were more important to them than winning.

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MY FAVORITE SCRIPTURE



1 Nephi 18:4

Even though his brothers made fun of Nephi for wanting to build a ship, when he finished it, both he and his brothers knew it was a good ship. I know the Lord did guide Nephi to build it and to travel by sea to the promised land.

**Christopher R., 13,
Hounslow, England**

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