What We Really Think of Youth



"Those of you in the rising generation are better prepared [for missionary service] than any previous generation. Your knowledge of the scriptures is particularly impressive."

Elder Quentin L. Cook of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, "Can Ye Feel So Now?" Ensign, Nov. 2012, 6.



1,002 Cans of Wheat

aylan J., a 17-year-old from Montana, knew that the only grocery store in his small town of 1,700 people would be cleared out quickly in the event of a major disaster. Nobody he asked had any real food storage. If anything, they seemed confused when he brought up the concept. "I've always been nervous for my community that way," says Kaylan.

So Kaylan, who comes from a farming family, decided to give his community a huge jump-start on food storage. His father generously donated 12 acres of land for Kaylan's Eagle Scout project—12 acres that Kaylan would plant, grow, harvest, and ultimately can as wheat for the entire community. "My goal was to produce over 1,000 cans," Kaylan explains.

As the project unfolded, many of Kaylan's friends, most of whom are not members of the Church, began seeing the importance of food storage—which was his goal all along. "I hoped to not only immediately help the people but also maybe spark the idea for food storage," Kaylan says.

In the end, Kaylan and 35 volunteers canned and boxed 1,002 five-pound cans of wheat, all of which are now stored under the high school gymnasium floor until needed. With enough wheat in each can to make six loaves of bread, his work can feed 1,000 people for approximately one month.

"It worked out awesome." Kaylan says of the project. "It puts my mind at ease a little."





By the Numbers

Number of parking spaces in the Conference Center. Combined, the parking spaces cover 450,000 square feet.

1,300

My Favorite Scripture

Alma 30:44 "The scriptures are laid before thee, yea, and all things denote there is a God; yea, even the earth, and all things that are upon the face of it, yea, and its motion, yea, and also all the planets which move in their regular form do witness that there is a Supreme Creator."

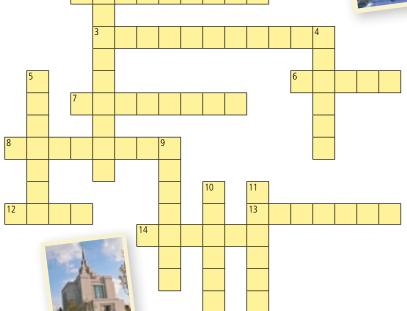
I like this scripture because of its power and importance. It is an excellent example of Alma's belief in Christ's doctrine. And it allows us all to realize what God has done for us and makes it seem difficult to deny God's existence.

Jackson S., 13, Indiana, USA

Tell us about your favorite scripture in a paragraph or two. Send it to us, along with a photo, by going to newera.lds.org and clicking "Submit Material."



way. Use only the bolded portions of the full temple names in the list on the right to complete the puzzle.



Anchorage Alaska Temple

Apia Samoa Temple

Johannesburg

South Africa Temple

Kyiv Ukraine Temple

Laie Hawaii Temple

Lima **Perú** Temple

London England Temple

Manhattan New York
Temple

Oakland California Temple

Oquirrh Mountain Utah Temple

Salt Lake Temple

Santiago Chile Temple

Sydney **Australia** Temple

Taipei **Taiwan** Temple

Across

- Door handles in the shape of the Statue of Liberty torch can be found throughout this temple.
- With the dedication of this temple in 1985, there was now a Latter-day Saint temple on every habitable continent of the world.
- The angel Moroni statue survived a fire that destroyed the rest of the temple in 2003. When the temple was rebuilt and rededicated in 2005, the angel Moroni statue was put back in its place.
- The largest temple in the Church in terms of square footage, this was also the first temple to be open to the public before its dedication.

- 8. This temple was the first to be built in a Spanish-speaking country.
- 12. This temple serves more stakes than any other temple.
- 13. For the first time ever, Sunday Church meetings were canceled statewide in Utah to allow members to attend the broadcast dedication of this temple.
- 14. A Latter-day Saint mission home, which once stood on the same site, needed to be leveled to make room for this temple.

Down

This temple, the first on its continent, sits on property formerly used as a school for boys.

- Carvings of the Big Dipper and the North Star can be found in one of the exterior granite walls of this temple.
- 5. This temple was the first to be built in the former Soviet Union.
- Two 35-foot-tall sculpted panels of the Savior decorate the exterior of this temple.
- Crushed rock and coral were used in creating the concrete exterior of this temple.
- 11. In 1215, the Magna Carta was signed in the same county (Surrey County) where this temple stands today.

Across: 1. Manhattan, 3. South Africa, 6. Samoa, 7. Salt Lake, 8. Santiago, 12. Peru, 13. Oquirrh, 14. Taiwan. Down: 2. Australia, 4. Alaska, 5. Ukraine, 9. Oakland, 10. Hawaii, 11. London.

Source of Inspiration

The New Era has been a great source of inspiration for me. I especially enjoy the way it connects the youth from all over the world. I love hearing about different service projects and the experiences youth have had to strengthen their testimonies. Their examples have helped me to be a strong member of the Church and to be confident in sharing my beliefs with others.

Esther P., 18, Australia

A Full Suit of Armor (from youth.lds.org)

I like this story ["What Is Pure Testimony?" Ids.org/go/23F]. It reminds me that when I put on the armor of righteousness each day, it's like weaving rings into my breastplate or chainmail for every small spiritual experience I have. Just a small one . . . adds to my armor by a little bit. When I look back at my progress in life, I [will] have an entire piece of spiritual armor—entire faith [in] Christ. Samuel C., 17, Utah, USA

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