

COMMENT

My Life's Compass

I love the *Liahona*. It is my life's compass; it guides me onto the right path and toward better things. It helps me grow strong and avoid the temptations I so often face. It nurtures my life every day. Thank you for making it so the people of the whole world can have this compass and guide, which puts us on the path of faith.

Anastasia N., age 17, Ukraine

Liahona Is a Counselor

I often give subscriptions to the *Liahona* to my friends and employees for Christmas gifts as a way of teaching the gospel to them. Those at work often come to me and comment on the articles they read. They use the *Liahona* as a counselor, and they say that when they have problems in their families they read the *Liahona* together. I also place a copy of the magazine in the waiting room of our office. It is a wonderful missionary instrument.

Prycila Villar, Brazil

A Source of Spiritual Strength

We are Colombians who live in Logan, Utah, USA, and we are grateful to receive the *Liahona* in Spanish. As parents, we strive to have our three daughters learn to live the gospel and develop a love for the temple. Thank you for publishing the *Liahona* every month, for in its messages our family finds a source of spiritual strength.

Rincon family, Utah, USA

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FAMILY HOME EVENING IDEAS

This issue contains articles and activities that could be used for family home evening. The following are a few examples.

“Engaging in Family History Work,” p. 8: You could provide each family member with a box to decorate and use to store photographs, journals, and other records.

“What’s New in Personal Progress?” p. 34, and **“The Aaronic Priesthood—Greater Than You Might Think,”** p. 37: The new Personal Progress and Duty to God programs encourage youth to reflect on and share what they have learned. If you have teenagers in your family, you could ask them to plan a family home evening lesson based on a Duty to God or Personal Progress activity they have recently completed.



“How Do I Build a Spiritual Foundation?” p. 62: In one waterproof container, place several small rocks next to each other. In another waterproof container, spread out a layer of sand. Find two small objects to represent houses. Place one “house” on the rocks and one on the sand. Then fill each container with water. The “house” on the sand will sink, while the “house” on the rocks will stand still. Discuss how a strong spiritual foundation allows us to endure the storms of life (see Helaman 5:12).

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The Lessons a Puppy Taught

When our children were young, I took them to a pet store to redeem a coupon for a free goldfish. Two hours later we emerged with a puppy, purchased with the children’s own money. That night we put the puppy in the laundry room to sleep. In the morning the room was a mess. The children were expected to clean up, but they felt it was too much. “We can’t!” they sobbed.

That night we held a family home evening on the subject of consequences. “When you bought the dog,” their father said, “you didn’t think about the consequences. Now the dog is part of our family, and you must take responsibility for her.” We discussed how consequences always follow any choice we make, and we encouraged them to always make righteous choices.

The dog recently died after 14 years as part of our family, but the life lessons she helped teach us will always remain.

Jill Grant, Victoria, Australia