

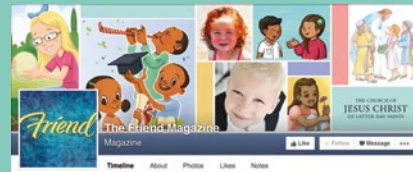
# Dear Parents and Teachers,

Have you ever been to a family reunion? On page 42, Elder Cook invites us to hold a Family Tree gathering and bring people together through email, phone, or in person. As you can see from the topic list on this page, there are several stories in this month's issue about family and family history. To get started, visit **FamilySearch.org**.

Happy gathering!

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## Family Home Evening Ideas

**GENERAL CONFERENCE:** Conference is October 4th and 5th! On page 31, there's an activity that children can do while watching.

**FAMILY FUN TIME:** Read "Violin Victory" (page 4). Why does God ask us to develop our talents? Talk about the talents each family member has. Then help each other make the gift boxes on page 6. There's also a recipe to try!

**BRINGING PRIMARY HOME:** In sharing time this month, Primary children will be learning about strengthening families. You can find a short lesson, activity, and ideas for talking with your children about this topic on page 40.

**STAND AS A WITNESS:** As a family, take turns reading from the poster on page 24. Who is your favorite scripture hero? How were they brave, kind, or believing? Learn the new song on page 43 and talk about what you can do to stand as a witness.

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