Friends by Mai

A Snake and a Prayer

have lots of pets and I want to be a reptile keeper someday.

Right now I have a bearded dragon, a corn snake, a king snake named Elvis, and lots of mice. My big brother, Tim, is at the MTC getting ready to go to I send him a letter with a that he can see how much

Portugal. Sometimes snakeskin in it so Elvis is growing.

One day when I was feeding Elvis he got loose because I wasn't watching him carefully. My mom and I closed the door to my room right away and started looking

for him. We couldn't find Elvis no matter how hard we looked. I got the idea to pray. Even though it was my fault for letting him get out, I knew that Heavenly Father could help me find him. I prayed every day, but I also kept looking in my room. I kept my door closed and put a towel in front of it.

After two weeks I still hadn't found Elvis. He had to be getting very hungry. I knew that if I kept praying I would find him. I just wanted to find him while he was still alive. Finally my prayers were answered as I heard all three of my sisters screaming. Elvis wasn't in my room after all. He was in one of my sisters' rooms. My mom helped me catch him and put him back in his cage. I was so happy that I found him. I know that Heavenly Father answers our prayers even if sometimes it takes a long time.

Matthew J., age 9, Virginia

Ladybug Lesson



hen I was eight I found a dead ladybug. I put it in a hole in a tree and covered the hole with a rock. A few weeks later the ladybug was gone. I knew that the

ladybug hadn't come back to life, but still it reminded me that Jesus died for us; then three days later He was resurrected. I will never forget Jesus Christ or His Resurrection.

Rachel Y., age 11, Nevada



Heavenly Father Helped Me



ur ward had a Primary program, and I worked hard to learn my part. When the program started I tried to remember my part, but I couldn't because I was

nervous. I told myself

that Heavenly Father would help me remember. I was still nervous, but Heavenly

ber. I was still nervous, but Heavenly Father did help me remember what to

say, just as I had practiced it. I know that when we try our best, Heavenly Father will always help us.

Kaden W., age 9, Utah