



My Brother and the Resurrection

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(Based on a true story)

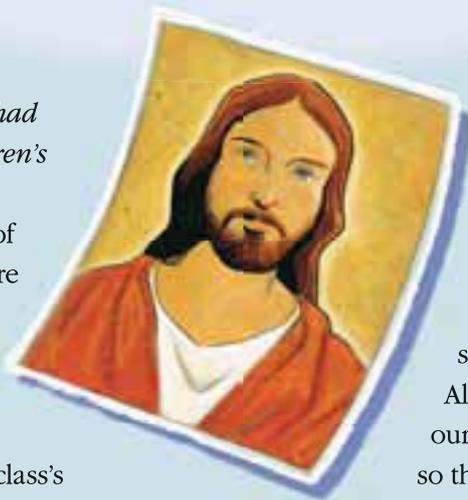
Did Jesus really live again after he had died? Oh yes! And so shall I! (Children's Songbook, 64).

Michelle stood up in front of the entire Primary, not sure if she was ready to do this. In Primary during the month of April, they were talking about Jesus Christ's Atonement. Michelle had been excited when it was her class's turn to give the talk and say the prayer in opening exercises. She had asked if she could give the talk, knowing just what she would talk about.

But now she wasn't so sure. Her stomach was feeling funny, and her mouth was dry. Then she saw her mom and dad in the back of the room and remembered the prayer they had together that morning. Now she didn't feel quite so scared anymore.

Michelle took a deep breath and held up a picture of a tiny baby. "This is my brother. His name is David Alan, and he would have been three years old this year. But when he was born, he couldn't breathe very well. He stayed alive in the hospital long enough to have a blessing, and then he died. I never got to see my brother, and sometimes I'm really sad about that."

Then Michelle held up a picture of Jesus. "But because of the Atonement and Resurrection, I don't have to be sad all the time. When Jesus died and came back to life, He made it possible for my little brother to one day have a perfect body. That will happen when



Jesus comes back to earth and people are resurrected. I can hardly wait, because then I will see my little brother again."

Michelle held up her brother's picture again. "I know sometimes people have to die. My family still gets sad sometimes when we think of David Alan. But we know that Jesus suffered for our sins, died for us, and was resurrected so that we can be resurrected too.

"I'm glad I'll be able to see my little brother and that he will be healthy. I'm also glad that Heavenly Father and Jesus loved us enough to make the Atonement happen so we can see the people we love again. I say this in the name of Jesus Christ, amen."

Michelle stepped down from the podium. When she went to the back of the room, she gave her mom and dad a big hug.

"You did a wonderful job," Mom whispered.

"We love you so much," Dad said.

Michelle felt happy after her talk because Heavenly Father put a good feeling in her heart. She knew He loved her too. ●

"Because of Christ there is hope smiling brightly before you, and you need not worry too much about . . . death. . . . Through our Savior Jesus Christ you will be resurrected."¹

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