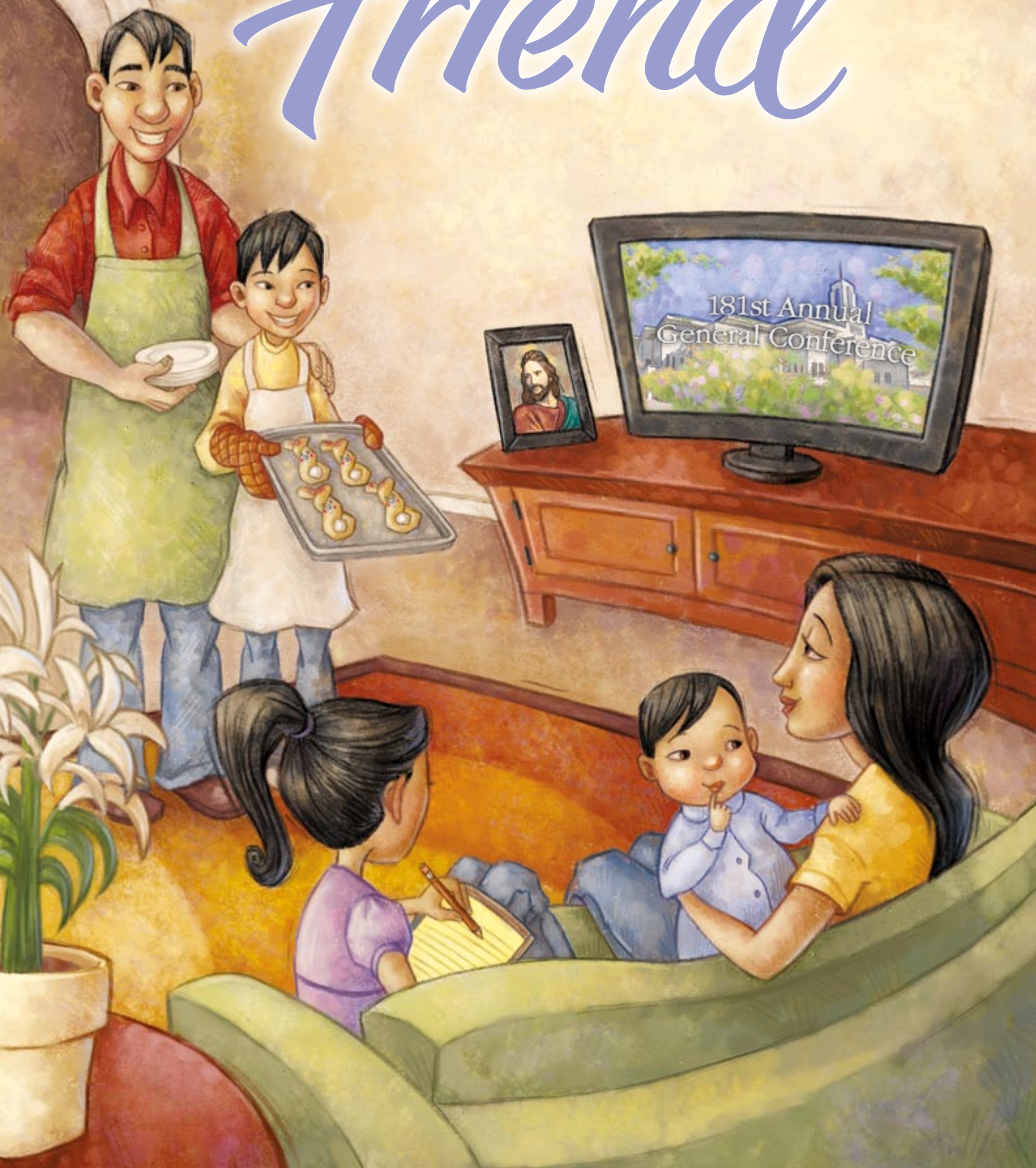


# THE *Friend*







## A Bunny Buns Tradition



Amy and Kristen S. have fun making Bunny Buns.

**W**hen I was a young mother, I found a recipe in the April 1980 *Friend* for Bunny Buns. They looked fun to make, so I tried them. This recipe has become a part of our Easter tradition in our family. I am the oldest of 11 children, and we have all made this recipe almost every Easter for

the last 30 years. The recipe has traveled to places like India, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Venezuela as family members have served missions. Thank you for not only feeding us spiritually over the years with the wonderful *Friend*, but for feeding our physical appetites as well.

**Vicki S., Utah**

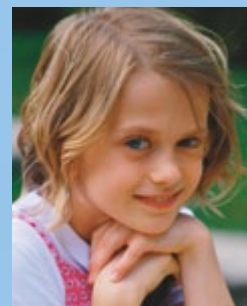
Find the recipe for Bunny Buns on page 23 of this issue.

## Thanks for “Words that Build Up”

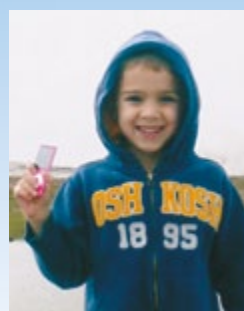
**A** boy called me a mean name at the end of a school day. It made me very sad. I felt like keeping it to myself, but that only made me feel worse. I felt like I should tell my mom. She talked to me and helped me feel a little better.

Then I saw the January 2010 *Friend* on the kitchen table. I read the story “Words that Build Up.” The story made me feel happy inside. It helped me understand that it doesn’t matter what others think about you—it only matters what Heavenly Father thinks. I know I am a child of God. Knowing this helped me have courage to go to school the next morning.

**Danielle R., age 10, Alberta, Canada**



## How I Read the *Friend*



**W**hen my family and I traveled to see Old Faithful at Yellowstone National Park, I had the *Friend* with me on my mom’s MP3 player.

**Brendan R., age 5, Utah**

Find the *Friend* audio and video podcasts at [feeds.lds.org/ldsfriend](http://feeds.lds.org/ldsfriend).

Was there a letter or a story in this month’s issue that helped you? Tell us about it. Turn to page 48 to find out how.

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## Hidden CTR Ring

Clue:

Do you like to  
share your testimony?

Cover by Shawna J. C. Tenney





By President Thomas S. Monson



# The BEAUTIFUL Day

**S**ome years ago, I met a remarkable family. Each member of the family had an unshakable testimony of the reality of the **Resurrection**. Each of the children had been born with a rare form of muscular dystrophy. The only daughter, Shanna, was then five years old. All of the children were intelligent and faith-filled.

We visited for a while, and the special spirit of that family filled my office and my heart. Then the parents asked if little Shanna could sing for me. She sang of a brighter **future**:

*On a beautiful day that I  
dream about  
In a world I would love to see,*

*Is a beautiful place where the sun comes out  
And it shines in the sky for me.*

*On this beautiful winter's morning,  
If my wish could come true somehow,  
Then the beautiful day that I dream about  
Would be here and now.<sup>1</sup>*

Eventually, Shanna passed away at age 14. At the funeral services, I spoke of the lovely song Shanna sang. I concluded with the thought: "Because our Savior died on Calvary, death has no hold upon any one of us. Shanna lives, whole and **well**, and for her that beautiful day she sang about is here and now."

Death is an **essential** part of our mortal experience. And dead we would remain except for Jesus. He died on the cross. His body was placed by loving hands in a sepulchre.

#### NOTES

1. "The Beautiful Day," from the movie *Scrooge* (1970), music and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse.
2. "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," *Hymns*, no. 136.





On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James, along with others, came to the sepulchre. To their astonishment, the body of their Lord was gone. Two men in **shining** garments stood by them and said: “Why seek ye the **living** among the

dead? He is not here, but is risen” (Luke 24:5–6).

Our Lord and Savior is the living witness that life is **everlasting**. God does live. Jesus is His Son. Because He died, all shall live again. “Oh, sweet the **joy** this sentence gives: ‘I know that my Redeemer lives!’”<sup>2</sup> ♦

## Beautiful Words

Fill in each blank with an opposite word, shown in bold in President Monson’s message.

sadness \_\_\_\_\_  
 brief \_\_\_\_\_  
 dead \_\_\_\_\_  
 unimportant \_\_\_\_\_  
 dull \_\_\_\_\_  
 past \_\_\_\_\_  
 sick \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crucifixion \_\_\_\_\_



## Easter News

Fill in the blanks with words from President Monson’s message. Then use the numbered letters in correct order to spell out the amazing news of Easter. See the answers on page 48.

Another word for the tomb where the body of Jesus was laid.

— 2 — — — — 1 5 —

A knowledge of something that is true.

— 8 4 3 — — — —

The feeling of great surprise that Mary and Mary had when they saw the empty tomb.

— 7 — — — — 6 — — — — 9 — — — — !  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9



**By Ray Goldrup**  
(Based on a true story)

*Love and help each other, be honest, kind, and true (Children's Songbook, 59).*

**H**i, I'm Mikey. I'm six years old, and I have a dog named Truffles. Miles had a dog too, but his dog died.

Miles is angry with me. Dad and Mom say that maybe it's because Miles's dog died and I still have one, and maybe that doesn't seem fair to him. I try to be friendly to Miles, but he calls me names and makes faces at me. Once he even threw a rock at me when I took Truffles for a walk.

A few weeks ago, Truffles had two puppies. My parents said we could keep one of the puppies, but they didn't know what to do with the other one. They asked me to think about it.

I thought a lot about it. I even prayed about it. And then I started thinking about Miles. I knew that Heavenly Father knows all about Miles and the hard time he's going through. I thought maybe I could do something to help.

I told Dad and Mom that I wanted to give the other puppy to Miles. They smiled, and Dad asked me why I wanted to be so kind to someone who treated me badly.

"You and Mom tell me that we should love everybody, not just people who are nice to us," I said.



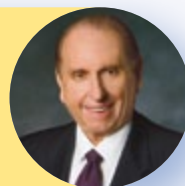
"I want to do what Jesus would do."

When I took the puppy over to Miles, his parents said he could keep it. Miles looked very surprised and happy, so that made me happy too.

Miles doesn't call me names anymore. Now he just calls me Mikey. All of my friends call me Mikey, and Miles is one of my friends. ♦

**"Let us follow in [the Lord's] footsteps, let us live by His precepts."<sup>1</sup>**

President Thomas S. Monson



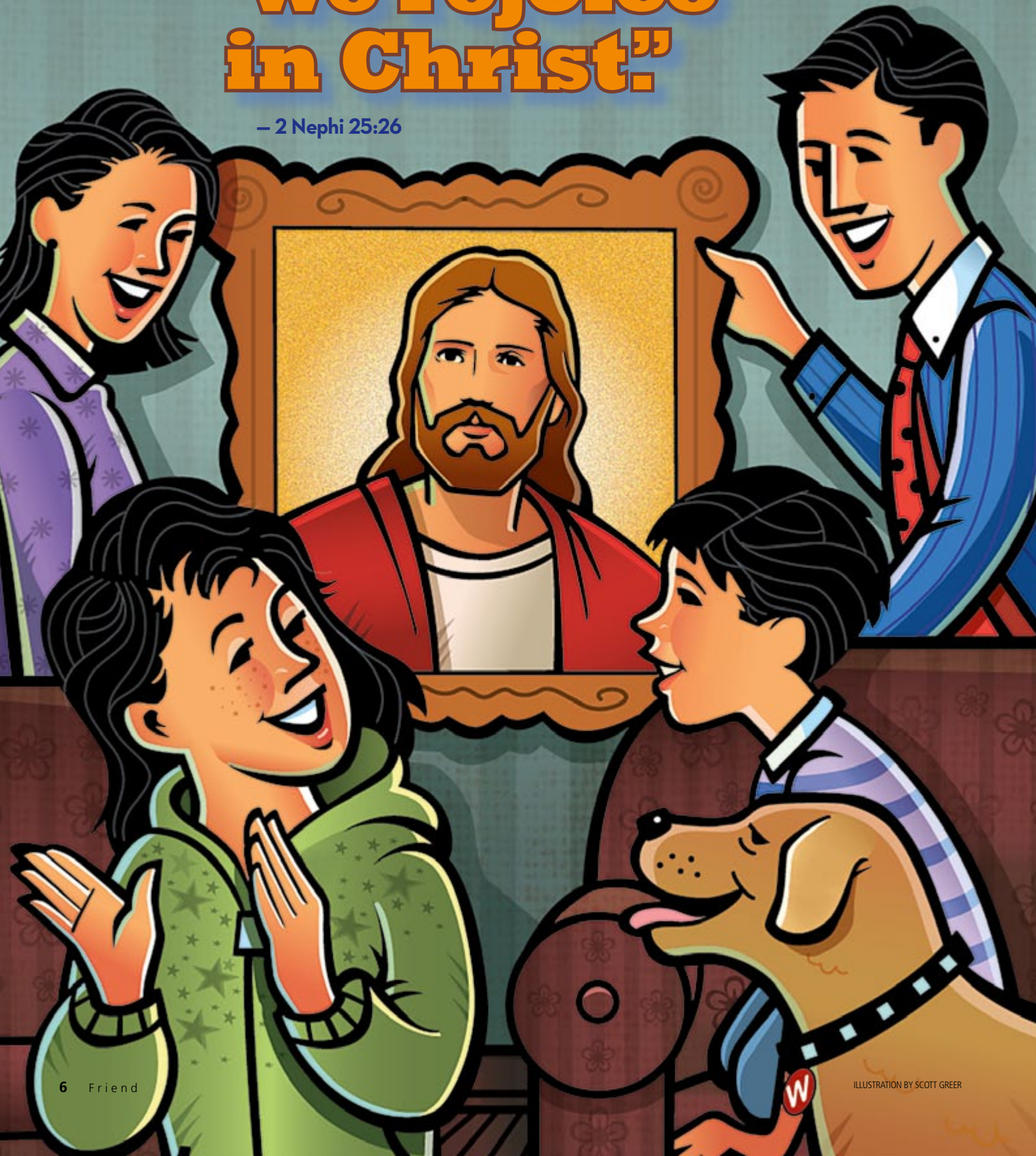






# **“We rejoice in Christ.”**

— 2 Nephi 25:26







# Sharing Time Hidden Pictures

By Apryl Stott

These children are learning and singing during sharing time. In this picture, see if you can find an apple, axe, banana, bowling pin, caterpillar, crescent moon, feather, knife, letter "L," mushroom, needle, orange slice, paintbrush, pencil, shoe, and toast.





# Testimony in Translation

By Sheila Kindred  
(Based on a true story)

*Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart*  
(Psalm 27:14).

The time is now yours, brothers and sisters,” the bishop said, smiling. “We look forward to hearing your testimonies.”

Maria squirmed in her seat. This would be her last testimony meeting in her English-speaking ward before her family moved back to Mexico. She wanted to bear her testimony, but it frightened her to think about standing up in front of so many people and speaking in her imperfect English. Maria began to think maybe her testimony wasn't very strong.

Maybe that was why she had never gotten up to bear it.

Maria's mother leaned over to her. “Maria, can you come help me, *por favor?*” she asked.

Maria nodded and followed her mother to the podium.

“My *inglés* is not good,” her mother said into the microphone. “Maria will translate.” Then she stepped aside and spoke softly to Maria. “*Quiero dejar mi testimonio con ustedes, mis queridos hermanos y hermanas.*”

Maria translated into the microphone. “I want to leave my testimony with you, my dear brothers and sisters.”

Then she thought to herself,  
“Yes, I also want to bear  
my testimony to you,  
my good friends  
and teachers.”





Her mom continued. “*Sé que José Smith fue un profeta, que él restauró la iglesia verdadera a la tierra.*”

Maria translated, “I know that Joseph Smith was a prophet and that he restored the true Church on the earth.”

Maria remembered how happy she had been on her baptism day and thought, “*I am grateful the priesthood was restored so I could be baptized and confirmed.*”

Her mom spoke again. “*Sé que el Libro de Mormón es verdaderamente la palabra de Dios.*”

Maria translated, “I know the Book of Mormon is truly the word of God.”

“*I love the Book of Mormon. It’s my favorite book,*” Maria thought.

Maria’s mother smiled at her with tears in her eyes. “*Sé que tenemos un profeta viviente hoy en día,*” she said.

Maria translated, “I know we have a living prophet today.” She added with certainty, “He is President Thomas S. Monson.”

Her mom was too emotional to speak clearly now, but Maria knew what she wanted to say. Maria’s heart swelled within her as she declared, “We know that God lives and loves us, and that He answers our prayers. We say these things in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.”

Her mother added her “amen”

along with the rest of the congregation. She took Maria’s hand as they returned to their seats.

“*Gracias,*” her mom said when they were seated. She gave Maria a hug.

Maria smiled. She felt so happy inside. She had actually stood in front of all those people, spoken English, and felt the Spirit as she helped her mom share her testimony.

Maria found something precious. She discovered that when she translated her mother’s testimony, she was also bearing her own testimony. She *did* know the gospel was true. And she knew that the Spirit testifies of truth, in any language. ♦



**“One of the greatest things about our Heavenly Father’s plan for His children is that each of us can know the truth of that plan for ourselves.”<sup>2</sup>**

Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles





# He Came for Us

Words by Michael G. Facer  
Music by Tom Edward Clark

*With devotion* ♩ = 72-80

*mp*

1. When Je - sus Christ was  
(2. Through) par - a - bles, with  
(3. That) East - er morn, dis -

on the earth so man - y years a - go, He taught our Heav'n - ly Fa - ther's plan For  
sim - ple words, He said, "Come, fol - low me," That we might now have joy on earth And  
cip - les ran to see where Je - sus lay; And there they saw a mir - a - cle: The

*Chorus* *mf* *dim.*

chil - dren here be - low.  
live e - ter - nal - ly. He came for us; He died for us — All to ful - fill our  
stone was rolled a - way!

*mp* *mf* *cresc.* *f*

Fa - ther's plan. On Cal - va - ry, Geth - sem - an - e, He sac - ri - ficed that we might live a -

1, 2. gain. 3. *dim.* *p*  
2. Through gain.  
3. That

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Elder Richard G. Scott of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles shares some thoughts on this subject.

# How can I **stay safe** from bad things in the world?

Though life may seem difficult now, hold on to the iron rod of truth. You are making more progress than you realize.

## Special Witness

You can live a virtuous, productive, righteous life by following the plan of protection created by your Father in Heaven: His plan of happiness.

As you continue to center your mind and heart in the Lord, He will help you have a rich and full life no matter what happens in the world around you.

Seek and be attentive to the personal guidance given to you through the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father prepared the scriptures and provides continuing divine guidance to sustain us. That help will assure that you can live with peace and happiness amid increasing evil.

*From "How to Live Well amid Increasing Evil," Ensign, May 2004, 100–102.*



# Bulletin Board

# DARE

## to Do Good



**Dare** means to have the courage to do something.

A Primary song says, "Dare to do right! Dare to be true!" ("Dare to Do Right," *Children's Songbook*, 158). When you are tempted to do something you know you shouldn't, remember to have the courage to stand up for what is right. These children had that courage in tough situations:



One day at school, a boy at my table brought a bad magazine to class. He kept showing it to other boys at my table. It made me feel sad. I asked him if he could please put away the magazine, and he did. It took a lot of courage for me to say something, but I'm glad I did.

**Melissa M., age 9, Mexico**

One time, two friends of mine were swearing. I told them not to say those words. They quit swearing, and I haven't heard them say bad words again. I am proud that I had the courage to tell them not to say bad words.

**Connor M., age 8, Utah**



"You will . . . most likely find yourself in situations where great courage will be required as you stand firm for truth and righteousness. . . . When firmly planted, your testimony of the gospel, of the Savior, and of our Heavenly Father will influence all that you do throughout your life."\*

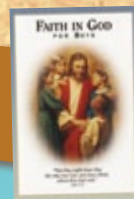
**-President  
Thomas S. Monson**





# Faith in God

## CHALLENGE



### A "Learning and Living the Gospel" activity

General conference is a great time to really tune in to the words of our prophet!

Choose a talk given by President Thomas S. Monson in one of the conference sessions this month.

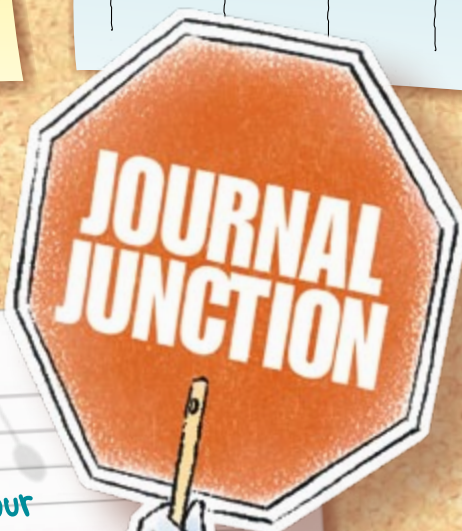
Go to [conference.lds.org](http://conference.lds.org) to watch a video of the talk. (The videos are usually online by the Monday after conference.)



Before you start watching, get your journal or a blank piece of paper. Make three columns:

Important Topics	Things To Do	Favorite Quote

As you listen to the talk, take notes to remind yourself of the important things our prophet said and asked you to do.



This month, write about your school. How do you get to school? Is your school **big** or small, or do you have school at home? What does your classroom look like? What is your teacher's name? Write about some of the things you like learning about.







# Jesus Chooses His Disciples

By Diane L. Mangum

*From Matthew 8:23–27;  
Mark 1:17–20; Mark  
4:36–41; Luke 5:4–11;  
and Luke 6:12–16.*

Jesus had been baptized by John the Baptist, and He had fasted for 40 days. Now it was time for Him to organize His Church and take the gospel to many places besides Galilee.

Jesus walked to the Sea of Galilee and got on a ship with a fisherman named Simon. “Let down your nets,” Jesus told Simon.

Simon was surprised. All night long he and his brother Andrew had thrown their nets into the water, trying to catch fish. They had caught nothing. But now Simon tried once more, as Jesus had told him to.

The net filled up with so many fish that it broke! Simon had to call for help to pull the net back into the ship. Jesus told Simon and his brother Andrew, “Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.”

The two brothers left their boat and nets to follow Jesus and learn more about Him. Nearby, Jesus called brothers James and John to leave their ships and follow Him.

Jesus went up into a mountain and prayed all night. In the morning, He chose and ordained 12 men to be His Apostles. They would be with Him during His ministry and see the wonderful things He would do. They would

be able to bear witness to others that He is the Son of God and our Savior. Jesus gave them priesthood authority to preach the gospel and heal the sick.

The first Apostle whom Jesus ordained was Simon, the fisherman whose net broke. Jesus gave Simon the new name of Peter. Next He called the fishermen James, John, and Andrew. Jesus then called Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, and Thomas. He also ordained James, Simon, Judas, and Judas Iscariot. Jesus chose each one for a special purpose.

One evening, Jesus and His disciples were in a ship headed to the far side of the Sea of Galilee. As they sailed, Jesus fell asleep in the ship.

While Jesus slept, great winds began to blow and waves beat upon the ship. The tempest filled the disciples with fear. They woke Jesus up and pleaded, “Lord, save us: we perish.”

Jesus stood up. He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace, be still.”

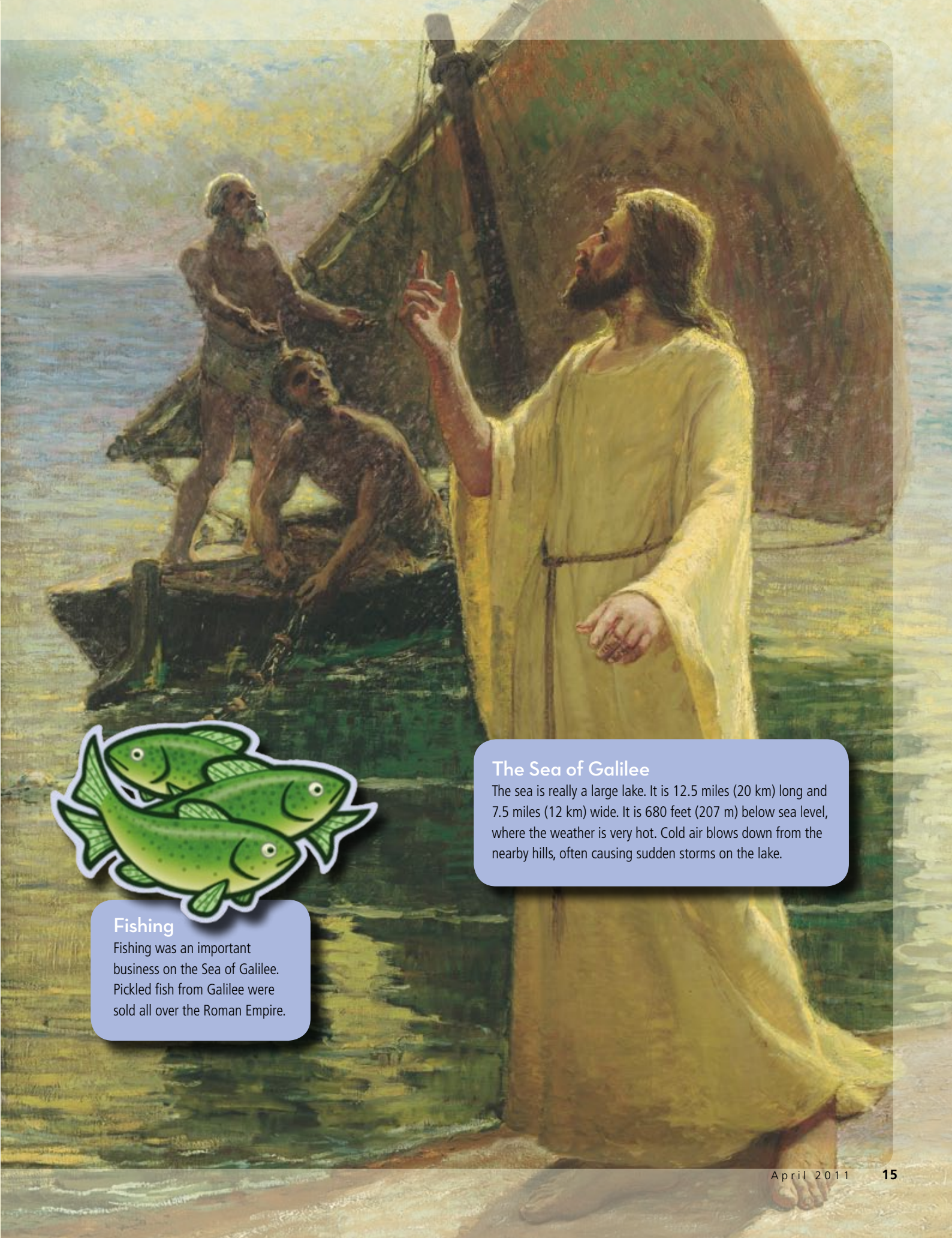
The winds stopped blowing, and there was a great calm on the water. The disciples marveled that even the winds and the seas obeyed Jesus’s commands. ♦



## Disciples and Apostles

Disciples are followers of Jesus Christ. Many men, women, and children follow Jesus Christ. Apostles are special disciples—men ordained to have the priesthood authority to lead His Church and bear a witness to the world that Jesus is the resurrected Christ. Today we have the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.





### Fishing

Fishing was an important business on the Sea of Galilee. Pickled fish from Galilee were sold all over the Roman Empire.

### The Sea of Galilee

The sea is really a large lake. It is 12.5 miles (20 km) long and 7.5 miles (12 km) wide. It is 680 feet (207 m) below sea level, where the weather is very hot. Cold air blows down from the nearby hills, often causing sudden storms on the lake.



# Niya's Choice

By Marcel Niyungi

(Based on a true story)

*We believe in being honest* (Articles of Faith 1:13)

**N**iya was playing in front of her home when her aunt called her inside. "Niya, will you go to the greengrocer's shop and buy some carrots for dinner?" her aunt asked.

"Yes!" Niya said happily. She liked going to the shop, and she liked helping her aunt.

Niya took the money her aunt gave her and walked down the road to the nearby shop.

"I need to buy some carrots for dinner," Niya told the shopkeeper.

The shopkeeper put the carrots in Niya's bag and told her how much they cost. Niya handed him the money.

"Here's your change," the shopkeeper said as he handed her back some money.

Niya thanked him and started walking home.

As she walked, she looked at the money the shopkeeper had given her. "He gave me too much change," she thought. "Now I can have this money for myself!"

But then Niya stopped walking. "Heavenly Father won't be happy with me if I keep this money," she thought. "I must be honest in my words and actions."

Niya turned around and went back to the shop. "You gave me too much money back," she told the shopkeeper as she handed him the extra money.

The shopkeeper took the money. "You are a good girl," he said. Then he put some apples in a bag and gave them to Niya. "Thank you for being honest. Please take these apples and enjoy them with your family."

Niya felt warm and happy inside as she walked home. She knew Heavenly Father was pleased that she had chosen to be honest. ♦

**"I will be honest  
with Heavenly  
Father, others,  
and myself."**

My Gospel Standards



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# Honesty Quiz



By Jennifer Maddy  
Church Magazines

In the story “Niya’s Choice” on the previous page, Niya was honest when she returned the extra change to the store-keeper. You can take this quiz to see if you are striving to be honest, or if honesty is something you need to work on.

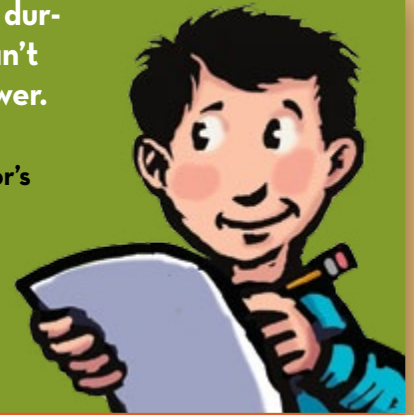
**1. Your dad says you need to clean your room before you can play outside. You:**

- A. Hide messy things under your bed and then go outside to play.
- B. Take time to clean your room and put things away before you go play.



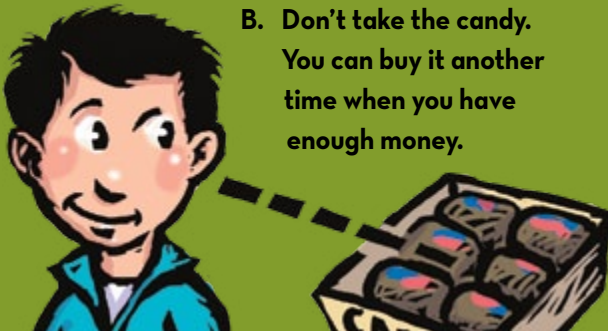
**3. You studied hard for a test at school, but during the test you can't remember an answer. You:**

- A. Look at your neighbor's paper and copy her answer.
- B. Leave the answer blank.



**2. At the market you see a candy that you want, but you don't have enough money to buy it. You:**

- A. Put the candy in your pocket when no one is looking.
- B. Don't take the candy. You can buy it another time when you have enough money.



**4. You have plans to play with Desi tomorrow. Then Steven asks if you want to play tomorrow. Steven has a fun new game you're excited to try. You:**

- A. Tell Desi that something came up and you won't be able to play, then go to Steven's house.
- B. Tell Steven that you can play another day but not tomorrow. Or maybe the three of you can play together!



## **If you chose mostly A's . . .**

Try to work harder at being honest. Remember what My Gospel Standards says: “I will be honest with Heavenly Father, others, and myself.” Think about the choices Heavenly Father wants you to make. Even if the result of an honest choice doesn't turn out the way you want, you will know that you chose the right.

## **If you chose mostly B's . . .**

Honesty is important to you. You try hard to be honest, even if it isn't always easy. Heavenly Father is pleased when you are honest. When you're at school, at home, or with your friends, being honest is always the best choice. Keep up the good work!



# Happy at Home

By Chad E. Phares

Church Magazines

**B**untha and Neath are a brother and sister who live in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

When he turned eight years old, Buntha decided to be baptized. When Neath turns eight, she also will be baptized. “I want to receive the Holy Ghost,” she says.

It is important to Buntha and Neath to serve others. Buntha wants to be a missionary when he grows up. Neath can’t wait until she can be a “grandma missionary,” a senior missionary. ♦



**Buntha and Neath** spend a lot of time together. They both try to be nice to each other and their family members.





People come from around the world to visit their city's ancient buildings, but **Buntha and Neath** are most happy staying at home and spending time with their family.



**Neath and Buntha** have a special outdoor learning area where they sit to read the scriptures, do their homework, and read the *Liahona*. Buntha and Neath like to read their scriptures. They try to read the scriptures every day. Neath likes to read about Lehi's dream. Buntha likes to read about Nephi.



**Neath** likes to play marbles. **Buntha** likes to play soccer with any ball he can find.



By Mylinda LeGrande

(Based on a true story)

*Yes, I know Heav'nly Father loves me*

(*Children's Songbook*, 228–29).

Spring was on its way. Flowers pushed their way through the thin layer of snow on the ground. Lyndsey's mom hung a yellow berry wreath on the front door.

One day, Lyndsey came into the kitchen where Mom was cleaning. "Mom, what are those scratching sounds?" Lyndsey asked.

"I don't hear anything," Mom said. "Where do you hear them?"

"They're coming from the front door," Lyndsey said.

"It's probably just the wind blowing our wreath against the door,"

Mom said.

Over the next few days, mysterious noises kept com-

ing from the front door. Lyndsey's sister, Sarah, noticed a couple of robins flying back and forth from the front porch carrying twigs and bits of paper. Lyndsey's brother, Westley, noticed the birds chirping loudly at him whenever he played basketball in the driveway.

A couple of weeks later, the weather outside grew warmer. Daffodils nodded their golden heads. The strange noises stopped. Everyone forgot about the mystery.

Mom wanted to replace the berry wreath on the front door with an Easter decoration. She lifted the wreath off the door and carried it inside. Lyndsey was coloring at the table. Mom started to lay the wreath on the table when she suddenly stopped moving.

"What's the matter?" Lyndsey asked.

Mom gently put the wreath on the floor and leaned it against the wall. "Lyndsey, there is a bird nest on top of the wreath," she said.

Lyndsey hopped out of her chair to look. As she stepped toward the wreath, she saw something at her feet. On the floor lay three tiny blue eggs. But there

was still one egg that hadn't fallen out of the nest. Mom put on her cleaning gloves. She carefully picked up the three eggs and put them back into the nest with the fourth. Then she hung the wreath back on the front door.

Over the next few days, Lyndsey, Sarah, and Westley peeked into the nest. They noticed that there were only three eggs. When they asked what had happened to the fourth egg, Mom said she would explain during family home evening that night.

After dinner, the family gathered in the living room.

They were going to have a lesson about Easter. Dad explained that Jesus Christ died

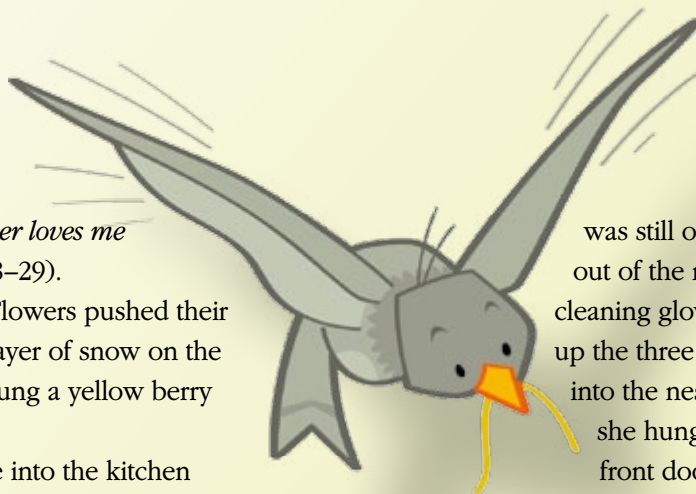
so we might live again with Him and Heavenly Father someday. Heavenly Father loves all of us, including all of the creatures on the earth. He even notices when a little bird falls from its nest.

Dad asked Sarah to read Matthew 10:29–31: "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows."

Mom explained that when the eggs fell out of the nest, one of them had broken and the bird was not able to survive. But the other three eggs were fine.

"If Heavenly Father loves that little bird that died, imagine how much He must have loved us to send His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ," Mom said. "He sacrificed His perfect Son so we could live with Him again someday."

Lyndsey, Sarah, and Westley watched the birds hatch and grow strong. The mother and father robins helped their babies learn to fly. Finally, they left the nest. But the little robin family stayed in their yard all summer, singing happily to Lyndsey's family. ♦



# Spring's Promise











# ARTICLE OF FAITH

# 4

**We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

**F***aith* is hope for things that we cannot see but are true. We believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior, and we trust Him to help and guide us.

*Repentance* is when we change our hearts to be more like Heavenly Father. When we do something wrong, we feel sorry and promise ourselves and Heavenly Father that we will not do that wrong thing again. When we repent we can be forgiven because of the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

*Baptism* is the first step in becoming a member of Jesus Christ's Church. We can be baptized when we are eight years old. At age eight, we are old enough to know the difference between right and wrong.

*The gift of the Holy Ghost* is given to us by a priesthood holder after we are baptized. The Holy Ghost prompts us to choose the right, comforts us, and helps us understand eternal truths. The Holy Ghost is like a still, small voice that we feel in our minds and hearts.

Draw a line from the principle or ordinance to the correct picture.

**Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ**

**Repentance**

**Baptism**

**Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost**

## Definitions

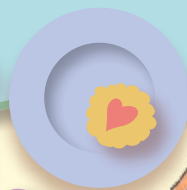
**Principle:** A principle is a fundamental law or truth.

Faith and repentance are principles of the gospel.

**Ordinance:** An ordinance is a sacred act performed by the authority of the priesthood. Baptism and confirmation are ordinances.







# Bunny Buns

This recipe was first printed in the *Friend* in 1980. In Friends by Mail, on the inside front cover, you can read about a family who has been making bunny buns ever since!

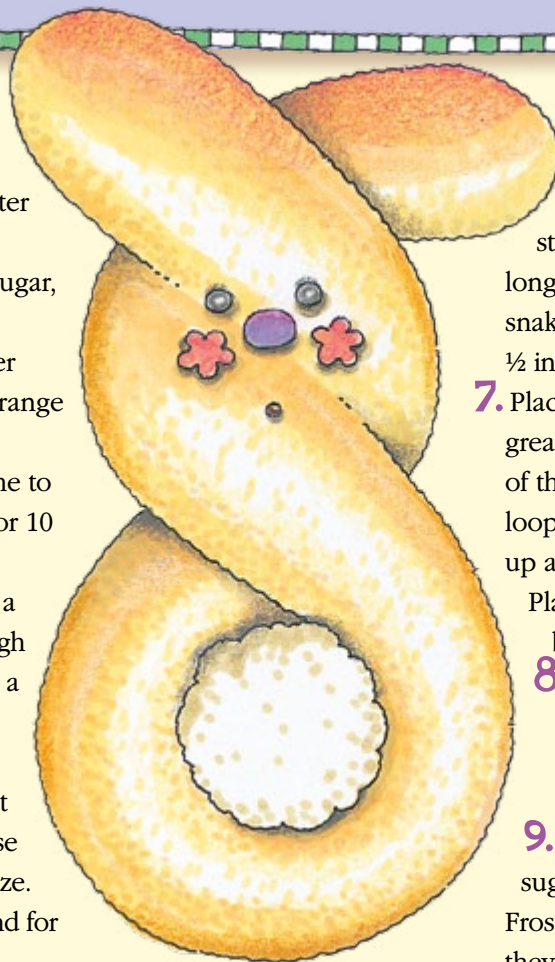
Remember to ask an adult for help when you make a Kitchen Crafts recipe!



## Bunny Buns

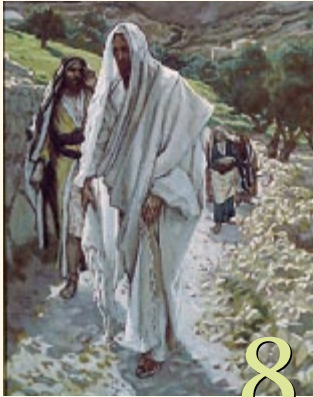
- 1 package active dry yeast**
- 1/4 cup warm water**
- 1 cup milk, warmed not quite to boiling**
- 1/3 cup sugar**
- 1/2 cup shortening**
- 1 teaspoon salt**
- 2 eggs, beaten**
- 1/4 cup orange juice**
- 2 tablespoons grated orange peel**
- 5 1/2 cups flour, sifted**
- Glaze: 2 cups powdered sugar, 1/4 cup hot water, 1 teaspoon butter**

- 1.** Wash hands with soap and water.
- 2.** Sprinkle yeast in the warm water and set aside.
- 3.** In another bowl, blend milk, sugar, shortening, and salt. Cool until lukewarm, then add eggs, water with yeast, orange juice, and orange peel.
- 4.** Stir in flour a few cups at a time to make a soft dough. Let stand for 10 minutes.
- 5.** Knead dough 5–10 minutes on a lightly floured surface until dough is smooth and elastic. Place it in a lightly greased bowl, turning once to grease surface. Cover bowl with a clean towel and put it in a warm place. Let dough rise for 2 hours, or until double in size. Punch dough down and let stand for 10 minutes.



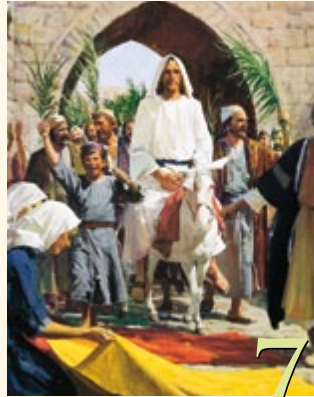
- 6.** On a lightly floured surface, roll dough into a rectangle 1/2 inch thick. Cut dough into strips 1/2 inch wide and 14 inches long. Roll between hands into rounded snake shapes. Cut one strip into pieces 1/2 inch long, and roll into balls.
- 7.** Place one long piece of dough on a greased cookie sheet. Place one end of the strip over the other to make a loop; bring the end that is underneath up and cross it over the other end. Place a ball of dough on top of the bottom loop.
- 8.** Cover bunnies and let rise in a warm place for 45–60 minutes, until nearly double in size. Bake at 375°F (190°C) for 12–15 minutes.
- 9.** For the glaze, stir powdered sugar, water, and butter together. Frost bunnies with the glaze while they are still warm.





## SATURDAY

An important holiday called Passover was only six days away. Many people were coming to Jerusalem so they could offer sacrifices in the temple on that day. Jesus walked to Bethany, a village near Jerusalem. He would stay there for five nights with His friends Lazarus, Mary, and Martha. Mary anointed His feet with oil.  
**See John 12:1-3.**



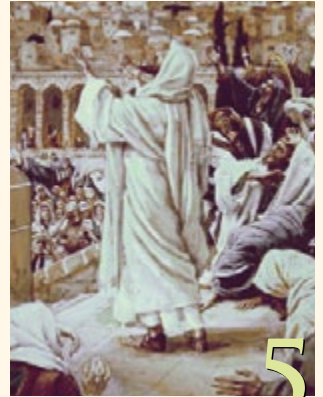
## SUNDAY

Jesus walked from Bethany to Jerusalem. He rode into the city on a donkey, as a verse in the Old Testament said He would. People recognized Him as their King, shouting, "Hosanna," and laying down palm leaves in front of the donkey to keep dust from getting on the Savior. Jesus visited the temple and then returned to Bethany.  
**See Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11.**



## MONDAY

Jesus saw people buying and selling things in the temple. Because He wanted the temple to be a "house of prayer," He made them leave. Then He healed people who were lame or blind. The jealous priests were angry with Him.  
**See Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19.**



## TUESDAY

Jesus taught people in the temple and on a nearby hill called the Mount of Olives. The priests plotted to kill Jesus. One of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, agreed to turn Jesus over to the priests in exchange for 30 silver coins.  
**See Matthew 25:31-46; 26:14-16.**

# EASTER WEEK

**Y**ou can prepare for Easter by learning about what happened during the week before Jesus Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection. Starting eight days before Easter, read the events and scripture verses listed for each day.

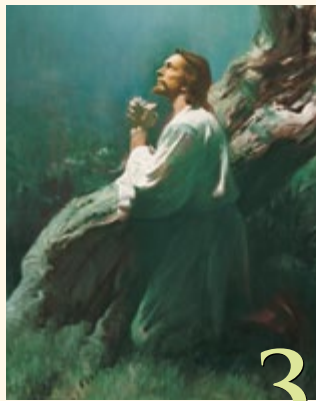




## WEDNESDAY

The scriptures do not say what Jesus did on this day. He may have spent the day with His disciples. You could read the parable of the ten virgins, a story Jesus taught to His disciples to help them prepare for His Second Coming.

See Matthew 25:1–13.



## THURSDAY

Jesus's disciples got ready for the Passover meal. During the meal, Jesus told the disciples that one of them would betray Him. Then, to help them remember Him, He gave them the sacrament for the first time. Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to suffer for our sins and to pray to God. People came with swords and arrested Him. The disciples ran away in fear.

See Matthew 26:17–29, 36–56.



## FRIDAY

Jesus was taken to the high priest, Caiaphas. Jesus's disciple Peter denied that he knew Him. Jesus was questioned by the governor, Pilate, and by the king, Herod. He was condemned to die on the cross. Jesus was crucified. A rich man named Joseph laid Jesus in his tomb. Jesus's mother, Mary, and Mary Magdalene visited the tomb.

See Matthew 26:57–72; 27:1–2, 27–37; Luke 23:44–46, 50–56.



## SATURDAY

Jesus's body lay in the tomb. A large stone was put in front of the door. The wicked priests asked Pilate to have guards stand outside the tomb to make sure no one went inside.

See Matthew 27:57–66.



## EASTER SUNDAY

Jesus was resurrected! He had risen from the tomb. An angel descended from heaven and rolled away the stone. Jesus told His disciples to teach and baptize others and promised to always be with them.

See Matthew 28.

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# Find the Hidden Treasure

By Chad E. Phares

The more you search the scriptures, the more likely you are to find hidden treasures in them. Footnotes can help you find some of these treasures. Use the footnotes in your scriptures to solve the clues. The answers will lead you to a treasure! Check your answers on page 48.

**Clue #1:** Find Numbers 4:3. Find the second scripture listed in footnote *a*.

**Answer #1:** Write the scripture reference here:

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**Clue #2:** Look up the scripture you wrote above, and find footnote *c*.

**Answer #2:** Write the scripture reference here:

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**Clue #3:** Look up the scripture you wrote in Answer #2, and find the second scripture listed in footnote *b*.

**Answer #3:** Write the scripture reference here:

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**Clue #4:** Look up the scripture you wrote in Answer #3, and find the last scripture listed in footnote *d*.

**Answer #4:** Write the scripture reference here:

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**Clue #5:** Look up the scripture you wrote in Answer #4, and find the second scripture listed in footnote *c*.

**Answer #5:** Write the scripture reference here:

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**Clue #6:** Look up the scripture you wrote in Answer #5, and find footnote *a*.

**Answer #6:** Write the scripture reference here:

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**Clue #7:** Look up the scripture you wrote in Answer #6, and find the last scripture listed in footnote *a*.

**Answer #7:** Write the scripture reference here:

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Look up the scripture in Answer #7 to find a hidden treasure.

The small letters at the bottom of your scripture pages are called **footnotes**. When you see a **letter** next to a word in a verse, look at the bottom of the page and find the verse and letter in the footnotes. This will help you find scriptures that give you more information about what you just read.

## ALMA 12:8-16

convinced that Alma and Amulek had a knowledge of him, for he was convinced that they "knew the thoughts and intents of his heart; for power was given unto them that they might know of these things according to the spirit of prophecy."

8 And Zeezrom began to inquire of them diligently, that he might know more concerning the kingdom of God. And he said unto Alma: What does this mean which Amulek hath spoken concerning the resurrection of the dead, that all shall rise from the dead, both the "just and the unjust, and are brought to stand before God to be "judged according to their works?"

9 And now Alma began to expound these things unto him, saying: It is given unto many to "know the "mysteries of God; nevertheless they are laid under a strict command that they shall not impart "only according to the portion of his word which he doth grant unto the children of men, according to the heed and diligence which they give unto him.

10 And therefore, he that will "harden his heart, the same receiveth the "lesser portion of the word; and he that will "not harden his heart, to him is "given the greater portion of the word, until it is given unto him to know the mysteries of God until he know them in full.

11 And they that will harden their hearts, to them is given the lesser portion of the word until they "know nothing concerning his mysteries; and then they are taken

captive by the devil, and led will down to destruction. N is what is meant by the "hell."

12 And Amulek hath plainly concerning "death being raised from this mortal state of immortality, and brought before the bar of be "judged according to our

13 Then if our hearts be hardened, yea, if we have our hearts against the word much that it has not been us, then will our state be then we shall be condemned

14 For our "words will come, yea, all our works will come we shall not be found sp our thoughts will also come and in this awful state we dare to look up to our God would fain be glad if we would fall upon us to "hide presence.

15 But this cannot be come forth and stand by his glory, and in his power his might, majesty, and and acknowledge to our "shame that all his "judgment; that he is just in and that he is merciful children of men, and the power to save ever believeth on his name forth fruit meet for rep

16 And now behold, then cometh a death, "death, which is a res

7a Alma 14: 2.  
8a Dan. 12: 2.  
b To Judgment, The Last.

9a Dan. 1: 17.

b Alma 26: 22.

c To Mysteries of Godliness.

d John 16: 12; Alma

29: 8; 3 Ne. 26: 10

(6-11); Ether 4: 7

(1-7).

10a 2 Ne. 28: 27; 3 Ne. 26:

10 (9-10); Ether 4: 8.

b D&C 93: 39.

c To Teachable.

d Dan. 2: 21; 2 Ne. 28: 30; D&C 50: 24; 71: 5.

11a Matt. 25: 29 (29-30).

b To Apostasy of Individuals.

c Prov. 5: 22; John 8: 34 (31-36); 2 Ne. 28: 19 (19-22); Mosiah

23: 12; Alma 26: 14.

d Prov. 9: 18; 1 Ne. 14: 7; 2 Ne. 2: 29 (26-29). To Hell.

12a Alma 11: 45 (41-45).

b To Judgment, The

Last.

14a Prov. 12: 36

(1-13).

b Hosae

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c Job 3

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15a Mosiah

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b 2 Pet

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From an interview with Elder Dale G. Renlund of the Seventy; by Megan Withers Roxas

# Daddy, Tell Him the Truth

*Be thou strong and very courageous* (Joshua 1:7).

When I was a bishop, I sometimes took our four-year-old daughter, Ashley, along when I visited members in the ward. One day, I took Ashley with me to visit some less-active members of the ward. I knew that no one would be able to turn away this adorable little girl at my side. We arrived at one home and knocked on the door.

As soon as I knocked, I remembered that this was the home of a man who had once angrily thrown one of my counselors off the front porch. The man opened the door, and he was so big that he filled the entire door frame. I felt afraid, but I explained that I was the new bishop and was simply visiting ward members.

The man stood there glaring at me. Then Ashley blurted out, “Well, can we come in or what?”

I was surprised when the man said, “I guess so. Come in.”

When we were seated inside, the man told me he did not believe the Church was true, nor did he believe in Jesus Christ. He kept talking angrily while Ashley sat quietly playing with a toy. Finally she got off her chair, cupped her hand to my ear, and whispered loudly, “Daddy, tell him the truth.”

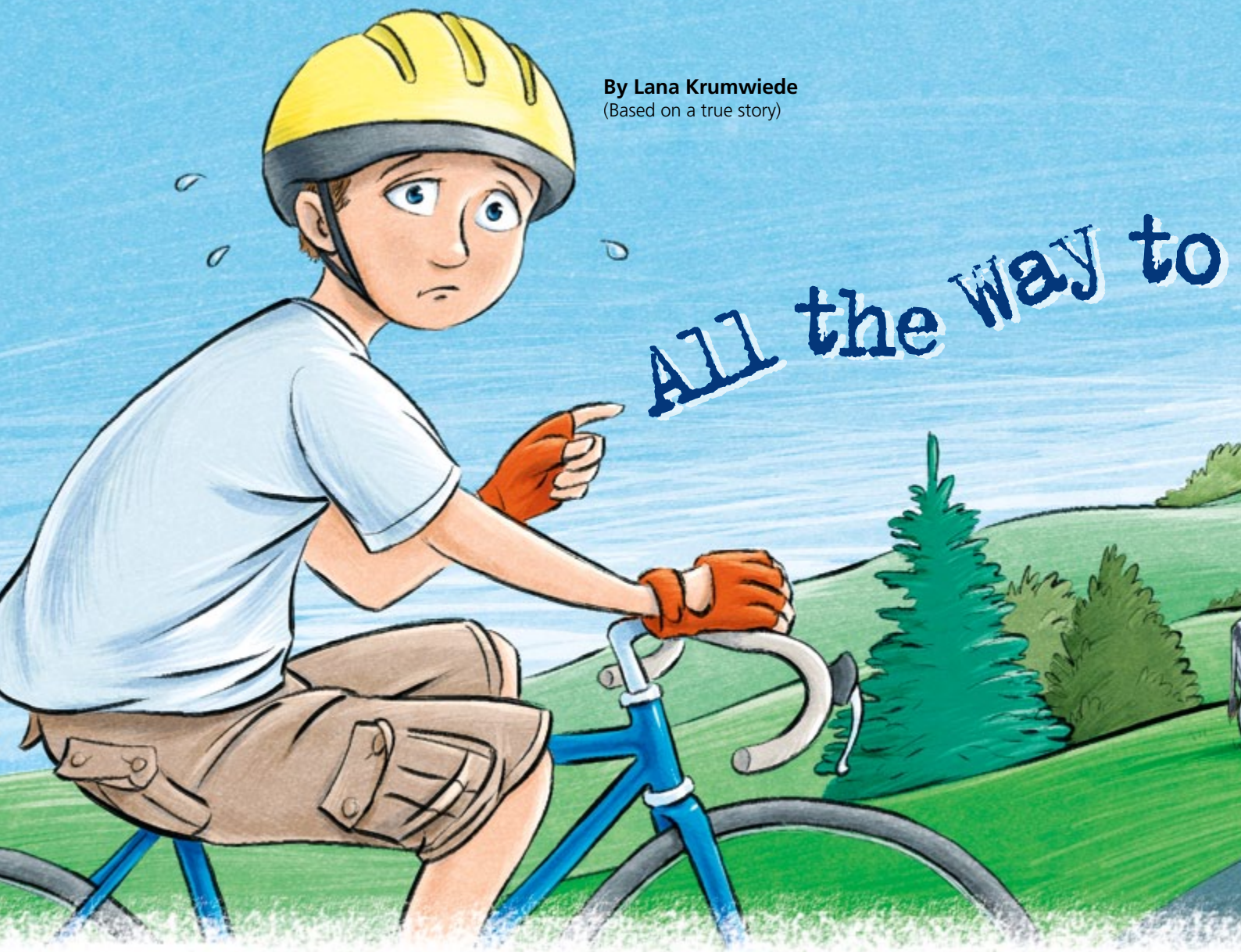
So I did. I bore my testimony because of the courage of a

four-year-old girl. The man’s attitude softened, and the Spirit came into his home.

Children, be strong and courageous. Your faith and testimony will be a blessing to you and your family. ♦







By Lana Krumwiede  
(Based on a true story)

*He that is faithful and endureth shall overcome the world* (D&C 63:47).

Coleson pedaled his bicycle and stared at the hill in front of him. He saw his parents, his older brother and sister, and his cousin ahead of him. Coleson's family was on a cross-country bicycle trip. Grandma drove the van in front of them in case they needed help. Halle, Coleson's five-year-old sister, rode in the van with Grandma.

Halle had been born with a rare bone disorder. When Halle was a baby, their family moved from Idaho to Chicago so Halle could get the treatment she needed at a special hospital.

Even though they were now living in Idaho again, they wanted to do something special for the hospital in Chicago. They decided to gather donations for the hospital by biking from Idaho to Chicago. The trip would take five weeks. They were now 10 days into

the trip, biking through Wyoming.

Coleson took a drink from his water bottle. He looked at the road that rose in front of him. "I *will* make it up this hill," he told himself.

Coleson pedaled hard. The muscles in his legs ached. He knew he could ride in the van if he needed to, but he wanted to bike the whole way. He managed to make it up and down the next three hills. After that, it was time for lunch.

"We've already ridden more than 50 miles today," Dad said.

Coleson sighed with relief. They usually rode about 60 miles a day.

"But I think we should keep riding," Dad said. "If we get ahead, we can take a day off for sightseeing."

Everyone nodded in agreement. Coleson nodded too, even though he didn't know if he could ride





much more today.

After lunch, Coleson and his family got back on their bikes. Coleson's legs were stiff and sore, but he rode anyway. As he topped the first hill, he relaxed a little and started coasting. But when he looked up ahead, he groaned.

There were miles and miles of big, rolling hills. He would have to pedal up every single one. Every part of his body wanted to quit. Biking to Chicago didn't feel like fun anymore. Maybe he should just get in the van.

Then he remembered other goals he had—to go to the temple and to go on a mission. Did he want to stop short of these goals? Coleson knew he wanted to go the whole way.

He kept pumping his legs and thought about all the things his family had been through together. The pedaling didn't get any easier, but Coleson stopped

thinking about quitting. Instead, he thought about how much he wanted to keep biking.

When they finally stopped for the day, Grandma picked them up to drive them to the hotel. Dad put his arm around Coleson and gave him a big hug.

"I'm proud of you," Dad said. "Today was a rough day, and you made it."

"Yep," Coleson said. "And I'm going to make it all the way to Chicago."

Coleson did bike all the way to Chicago with his family. When they approached the hospital on their bikes, Coleson saw children lined up outside. He realized they were patients who had been waiting for his family to arrive. The children cheered and waved, welcoming the bike-riding family from Idaho.

Coleson was glad he had endured to the end of the trip. It was a fantastic journey. ♦





# Trying to Be Like Jesus



## Throwing Away Trash

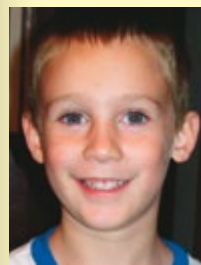


**A**t school we were given an assignment to find different words in magazines. My friend and I were looking through a magazine and came across an advertisement

that showed a woman dressed immodestly. I knew I should tell our teacher, but my friend wanted to leave it in the magazine and ignore it. I decided to tell our teacher that the magazine she had given us had a bad picture in it. She said thank you, and put the advertisement in the trash. I'm glad I did the right thing, and that no one else had to see the bad picture.

**Gracie P., age 9, Texas**

## Praying for Mom



**W**hen Zildjian was watching TV with his babysitter, he suddenly turned the TV off. When the babysitter asked him why, he said, "I want to make sure Heavenly Father can hear me pray." He then prayed that his mother would return home safely in the heavy rainstorm that was happening outside. Zildjian's mother was happy that he had been so thoughtful.

**Zildjian O., age 5, Wisconsin**

## Feeling the Spirit



**I** had been teaching my friend about the Church and the Holy Ghost. I showed him my favorite scripture that says, "By the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things" (Moroni 10:5). When I read the verse to him I felt the Spirit so much. My friend really liked the scripture.

**Ian S., age 10, California**





## Easter Kindness



**O**ne Easter my family and I went to an Easter egg hunt. I was so excited

because I had found so many eggs. My basket was full! Then I saw my friend. She only had a few eggs. She had hoped to find more. I thought it would be nice to give her some of my eggs. I felt glad I was able to share with her. I know I can be like Jesus by sharing and being kind.

**Kymora S., age 6, Wyoming**

## Easter Invitation



**A** girl in my class wasn't a member of the Church. Our Easter pageant was coming up, so I gave her

an invitation. Her family went to the pageant. The next day when I went to school, she said her family had a good time. I felt a warm feeling in my heart for inviting them.

**Brilynn E., age 9, Arizona**



## Loving Dad



**M**y dad had knee surgery. I tried to help out by making him breakfast, getting him ice, moving

pillows under his knee, and praying that his knee would get better. I know that all this made my dad happy. I love my dad.

**Benjamin S., age 7, Utah**

Tell us how you're trying to be like Jesus. Turn to page 48 to find out how to send us a letter.





# All Dressed Up

By Kaare Revill

(Based on a true story)

*Ye are the children of the Lord your God (Deuteronomy 14:1).*

2. Elise ran back to her room. She put on a yellow construction hat and grabbed a plastic hammer.

1. Elise wanted to dress up. She put on Dad's shoes and a fake red nose.

I'm a funny clown.

3. Elise hammered the floor before she ran back to her room.

I'm a strong builder.





4. Elise put on a glittery purple and silver gown and twirled out of her room.



6. At bedtime Elise changed into her favorite green pajamas. She walked out of her room and sat on Mom's lap.



Who are you?



5. Elise liked being a princess. She stayed dressed in her gown for the rest of the day.

I'm a beautiful princess.

7.

I am Elise. I am a child of God.



## WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

No matter where we live or what we look like, we are all children of God. Look at the children in the magnifying glasses at the top and see if you can find them on the map. Circle each child you find.

### HELPS FOR PARENTS

Talk about some of your child's physical characteristics or personality traits. What makes him or her unique? Explain that Heavenly Father created us all to be different but that we are all His children. Help your child spot unique characteristics of each child on the map.









*I the Lord will hear them* (Isaiah 41:17).

**A**nnie held her painting close as she skipped up the driveway to her house. She couldn't wait to show her family the beautiful landscape she painted at school.

Annie heard Mom talking with her oldest brother, James, in the kitchen. Annie rushed into the kitchen for a hug. James picked her up and swung her around. When he set her down, Annie lifted up her painting, but James was already talking to Mom again. Annie knew she shouldn't interrupt, so she went upstairs.

Annie shared a room with her older sister, Jamie. Jamie and her three friends were talking and

**By Tina Dean**  
(Based on a true story)

laughing while they waited for Mom to drive them to violin lessons.

"Look at my painting!" Annie said.

The girls looked up.

"That's really good, Annie," Jamie said. "Tell me about it."

"Well, these are the mountains, and—"

"Girls! Let's go!" Mom called.

Jamie and her friends grabbed their violins and rushed downstairs without another look at the painting.

Annie sighed. Then she heard the garage door open. Annie ran downstairs to meet Dad just as he walked through the door. He was holding his phone to his ear when Annie hugged him.

"Dad!" she exclaimed, holding up her painting.





“Shh,” he said, pointing to the phone. He smiled and gave her a hug, then walked away.

Annie felt sad. No one had time for her today. Annie put her painting on the fridge with a magnet.

That night in family scripture study, Annie’s brother Sam read from 3 Nephi. He read about Jesus inviting the multitude to feel His hands and side.

“What would you do if you were in the multitude, Annie?” Dad asked.

“What’s a multitude?” Annie asked.

“It’s a very big group of people.”

“Then I don’t know,” she said quietly. “He might not have time for me.”

“It might seem that way,” Dad said. “But let’s read another verse.”

They turned to chapter 17, verse 21.

“‘And he took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and prayed unto the Father for them,’” Dad read.

“Jesus had time to bless all of those children?” Annie asked.

“Yes.” Dad smiled. “Sometimes Mom and I are busy and it’s hard for us to do more than one thing at the same time. But Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ always have time for you.”

Annie felt better. When the family knelt down to pray, Dad asked Annie to say the prayer. She imagined Heavenly Father listening. It made her happy to know that He is always ready to listen.

The next morning as Annie was getting ready for school, she noticed her painting had been taken from the fridge, put in a frame, and hung on the wall. She smiled. She knew that even if she had to wait a little, her parents always had time for her too. ♦

# Annie

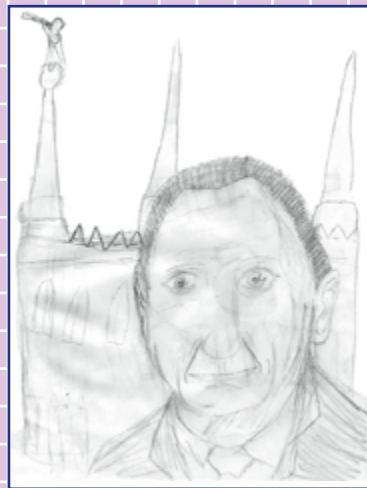




Would you like to send us a poem or drawing?  
Turn to page 48 to find out how.



Susan M., age 11, Ohio



Levi T., age 10, Washington



Tiara C., age 8, Oregon



Emmaline W., age 6, Missouri



Joseph O., age 9, Tennessee

### The Holy Ghost

Hands are placed  
On my head  
Loving, peacefully  
You are special to me.

Great and  
Holy  
Over-  
Seeing  
Those who follow Him.

Emma B., age 8, England

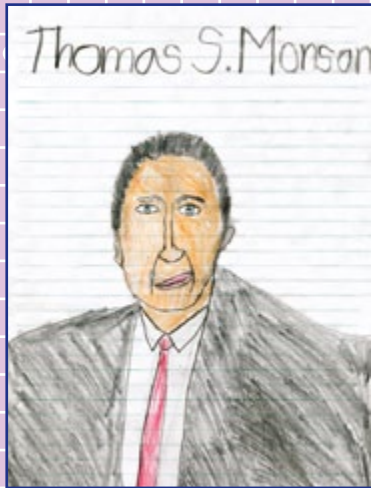


The Museum of Church History and Art in Salt Lake City, Utah, is currently displaying a children's art exhibit featuring art created by Primary children from around the world. The exhibit's theme is "The Gospel Blesses My Life." It will run through January 16, 2012. Call 801-240-3310 for more information. To see art from the exhibit online, visit [lds.org/friend](http://lds.org/friend).



Caleb P., age 6, Massachusetts





Smith F., age 8, Japan



Yu-en C., age 4, Taiwan



Christopher S., age 5, Alabama

### God's Creations

God had a wonderful plan  
A very long time ago.  
He created a beautiful earth,  
And woman and man.

He made the sun for light,  
And the stars for night.  
He made the moon for it,  
To be a little extra bright.

He made the trees for air,  
And the birds to soar the skies,  
The ocean for life in the sea,  
And the flowers for beauty.

He made the night for rest,  
And the day for play.  
He made the animals for life  
Upon the mountains so tall.

Tyler A., age 10, Arizona

### What He Created

He created the stars and the seas,  
The deer, the lions, and the tiny bumblebees.  
A petunia, a lily, an oak, and a pine,  
Fruit on a tree, grape on a vine.  
The air that we breathe,  
The shelter we need,  
The huge mountains to climb,  
The precious rubies to find.  
The green grassy meadows,  
The frightening black widows,  
The glassy lakes to wade.  
He made us, and us, He made.

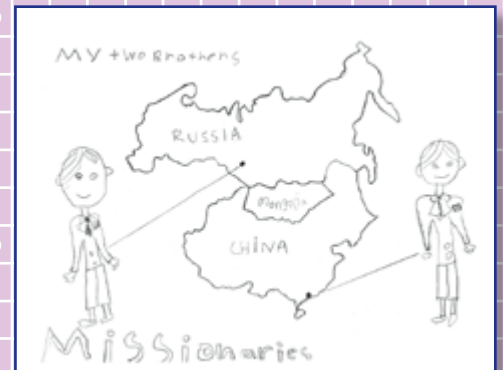
Riley G., age 10, Maryland



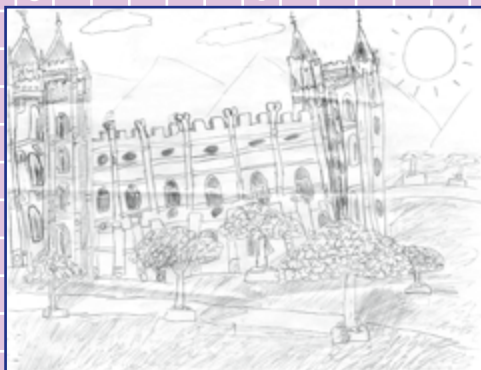
Sammy J., age 7, Utah



Angela N., age 9, Colorado



Riley H., age 7, California



Jessalyn E., age 10, Utah

### The Temple

The temple is a wonderful place for my family  
And me,  
To see the angel Moroni above the tallest tree.  
When I am twelve it gives me joy to know  
Inside I'll go  
To do baptisms for the dead;  
Makes me warm from head to toe.

Katie P., age 9, Washington



Jane H., age 7, Arizona



You can use this lesson and activity to learn more about this month's Primary theme.

# Jesus Christ

## Is My Savior and Redeemer

By Ana Maria Coburn and Cristina Franco

*We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel (Articles of Faith 1:3).*

**W**hat would you be willing to give for someone you love very, very much? Our Savior, Jesus Christ, loves us so much that He gave His own life for us.

Heavenly Father knew that if we sinned and made mistakes, we would not be able to live with Him again. So His Son, Jesus Christ, offered to be our Savior. Heavenly Father chose Him to save us because He was the only one who could live a life without sin.

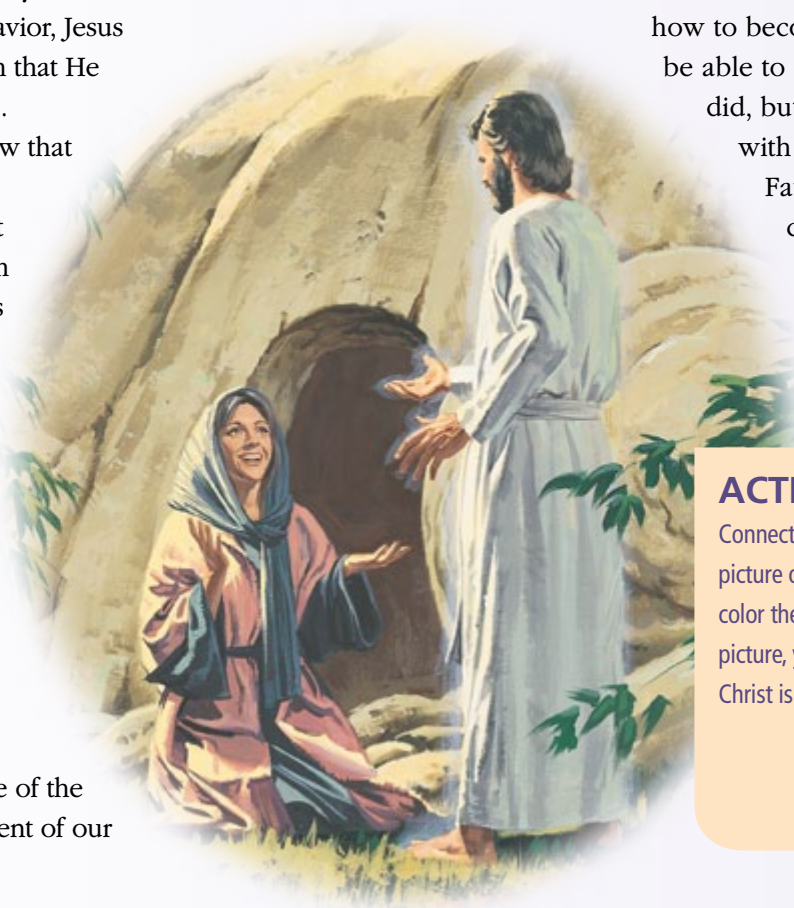
Jesus suffered and died to save us from death and our sins. This loving act is called the Atonement. Because of the Atonement, we can repent of our

sins, be forgiven, and become clean and pure, as Jesus is.

Jesus was crucified and died, but after three days He was resurrected. He lived again! Because He was resurrected, we will be resurrected too. This means that our

bodies and spirits will be reunited forever.

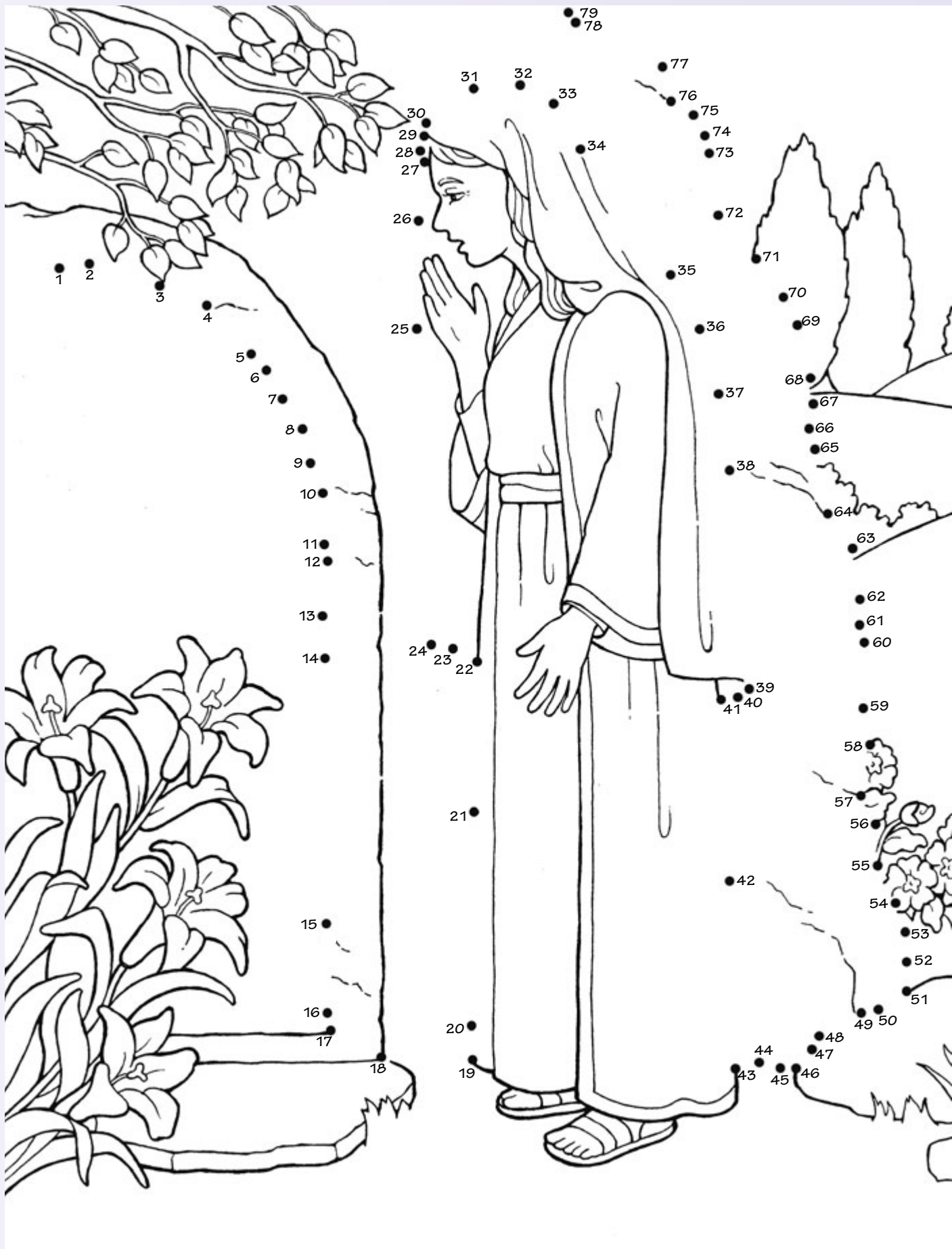
Truly, Jesus Christ is our Savior and Redeemer. He is the perfect example for all of us. He taught us how to treat one another with kindness. He taught us how to serve one another. He taught us how to become better. We won't be able to live a perfect life as He did, but we can return to live with Jesus and Heavenly Father by obeying the commandments and doing our best. We need to follow Jesus Christ every day. ♦



### ACTIVITY

Connect the dots to complete the picture of Mary at the empty tomb. Then color the picture. When you look at the picture, you can remember that Jesus Christ is our Savior and Redeemer.

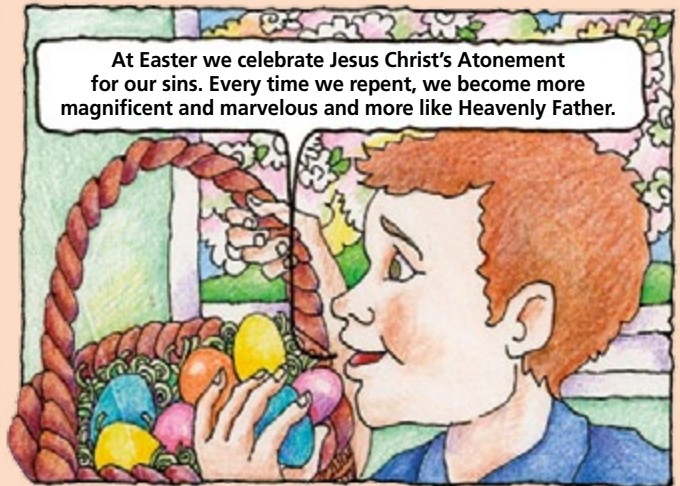








# MATT AND MANDY







# Teach All Nations



By William Schlegl

After Jesus Christ was resurrected, He told His disciples to teach others to follow His commandments. Write the letter that comes two letters after each letter listed to read exactly what Jesus told His disciples. The first word is done for you. Find the answer on page 48.

Go

"EM WC RFCPCDMPC, YLB RCYAF

YJJ LYRGMLQ, ZYNRGXGLE RFCK

GL RFC LYKC MD RFC DYRFCP,

YLB MD RFC QML, YLB MD RFC

FMJW EFMQR."



# The **BEST** Night

By Stefanie Hall

(Based on a true story)

*This is the night we've waited for; always a treat we have in store! We love each other more and more with ev'ry fam'ly night (Children's Songbook, 195).*

Mom and Dad call it Family Night. I think it's the greatest night of the week.

We take turns praying and leading the songs. I like it when I get to help plan the lesson or activity. It's always exciting to be a part of the action.

Dad stands on a chair with a pan on his head. He is the mighty Goliath. With my wadded paper stone,

I slay the giant in one blow. For I am David, and poor Dad has fallen.

Mom asks, "What do you want people to think of when they hear your name?"

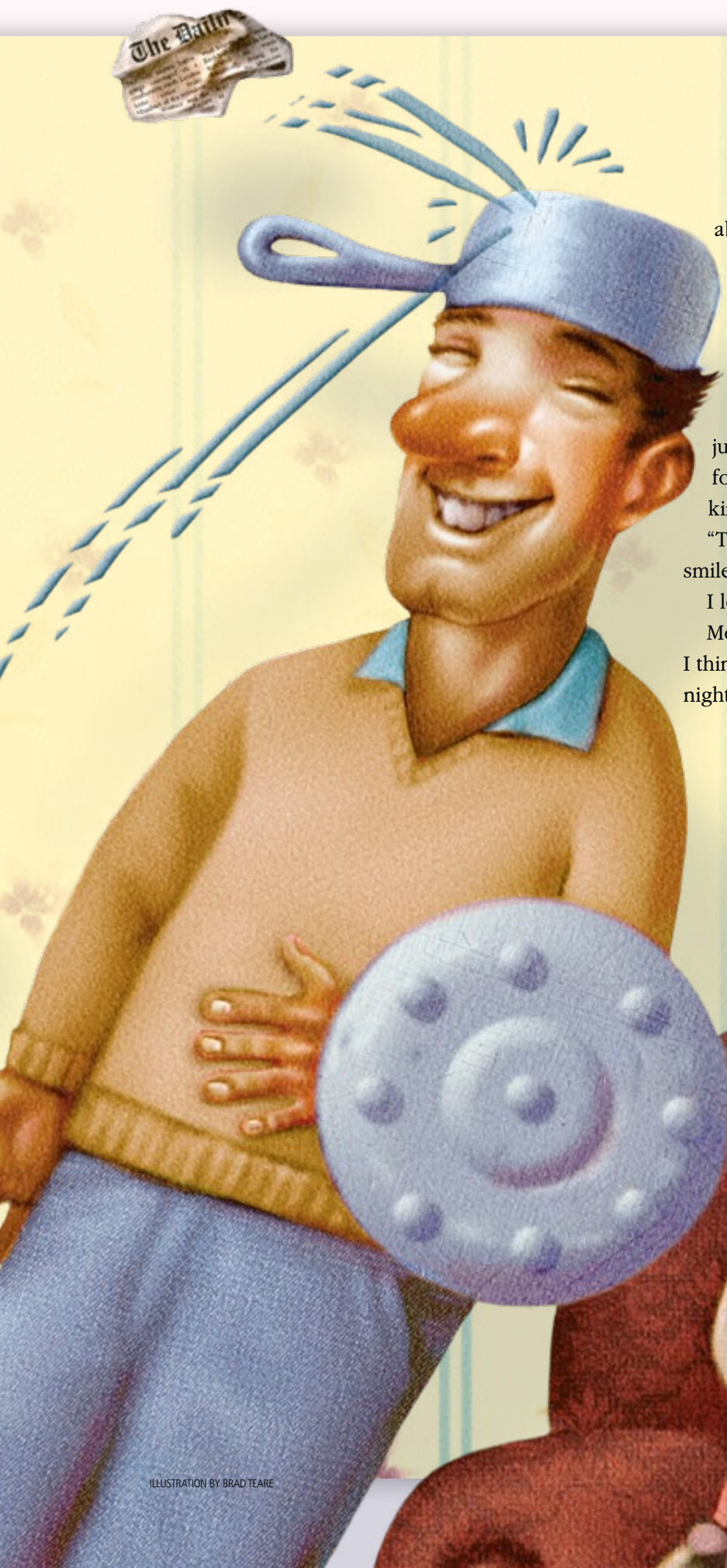
Sometimes we just sit around the table and talk about important things: How can we help each other? Who can we be a better friend to? What makes us feel loved?

Mom sings and plays the piano to introduce the next performer: a giggling toddler makes a dash from the stairs to the fireplace. He claps with the rest of us at his performance. Next, I do some fancy footwork as I dance with incredible speed. It's our talent show night.

Every week is something different. When we learned







about the prophet John Taylor, Dad sang “A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief.” I imagined it was just the way it might have sounded in Carthage Jail.

“How do you feel right now?” Dad asks when we finish a special lesson.

We think about what he and Mom have just said: that we can be together as a family forever if we make good choices. I feel good, kind of warm and happy.

“That’s the Spirit of the Lord,” Dad says with a smile.

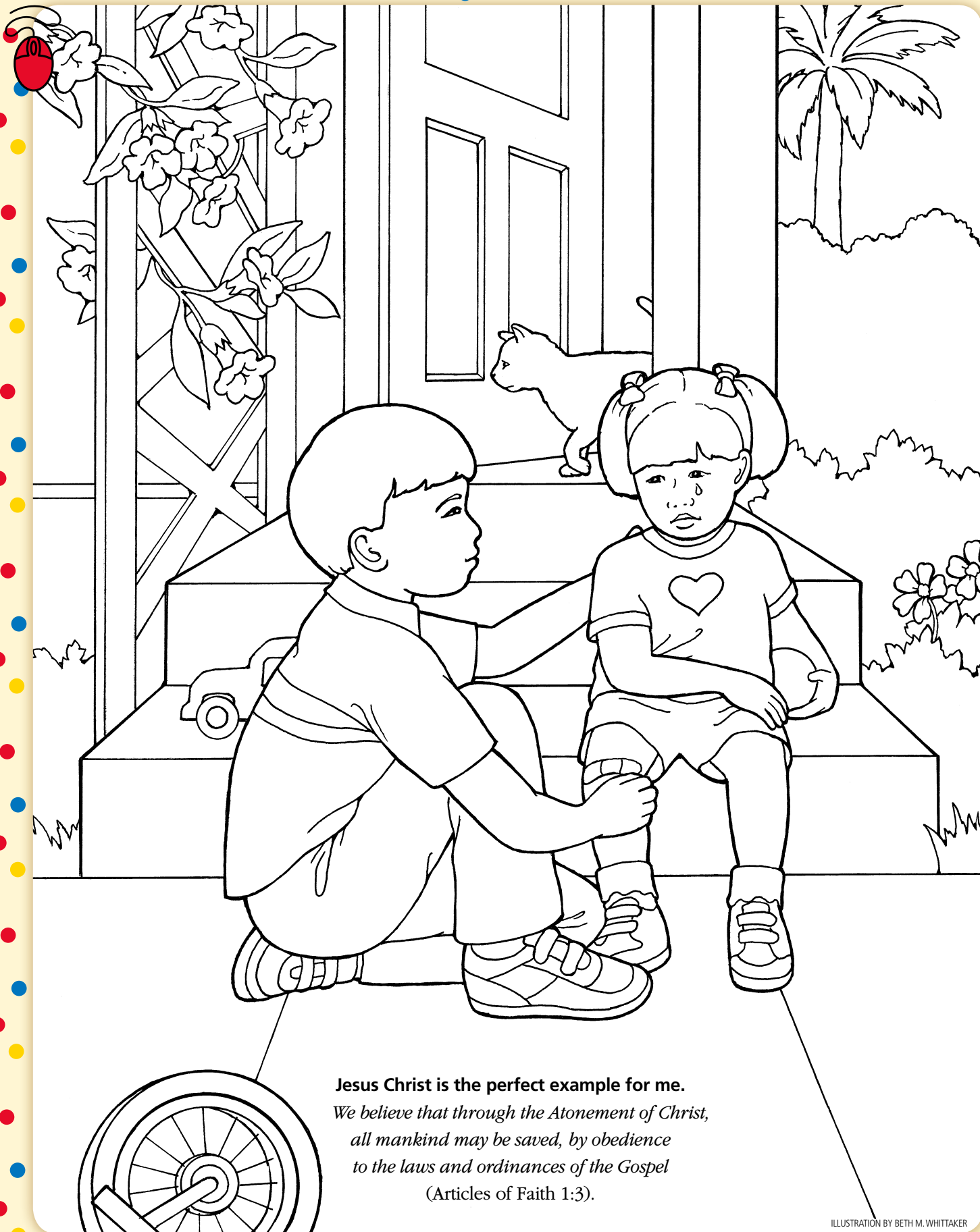
I look around and see smiles on all our faces.

Mom and Dad call it Family Night.

I think I’ll call it the best night. ♦







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# Friends in the News



**Levi H.**, 11, California, likes sports. He is kind to his friends and likes to be funny. He enjoys reading and math. Levi loves reading the scriptures and singing Primary songs.



**Elia D.**, 9, Arkansas, enjoys art and setting the table for special occasions. She likes to sing, dance, and play the piano.



**Caitlin and Charlie M.**, 6 and 5, Alberta, Canada, love their family. Caitlin is a big help caring for her two little brothers. She draws beautiful pictures. She enjoys family home evening and Primary because she loves her Heavenly Father. Charlie likes to help out. He enjoys running and playing outside. He loves Heavenly Father.



**Would you like to be a friend in the news? Turn to page 48 to find out how.**



**Ben G.**, 10, Arizona, likes snowboarding, baseball, and soccer. He is a great example to his friends. He likes to read the scriptures.



## Victoria Island Ward

The Primary children of the Victoria Island Ward, Lagos Nigeria Stake, showcased their talents. They received award certificates for their participation.

## Mountain Point Third Ward

The Primary children of the Mountain Point Third Ward, Draper Utah Mountain Point Stake, visited the grounds of the Draper Utah Temple and a nearby stake center. They learned how temples can help us become eternal families. The children had pictures taken as reminders of the temple and becoming a forever family. Several teachers wore their wedding dresses to the activity and talked about being married in the temple and sealed forever.







## Possible Ideas for Family Home Evening

1. Read "All the Way to Chicago" (pages 28–29).

Discuss the importance of setting goals. Think of a goal you want to achieve as a family. What can you do to reach your goal?

2. Use the Bringing Primary Home lesson and activity to learn more about this month's Primary theme (pages 40–41). What blessings can you receive because of the Atonement? Read "The Beautiful Day" (pages 2–3), a true story about the blessings of the Atonement.

3. Read "Testimony in Translation" (pages 8–9).

Bearing testimony in front of a lot of people can sometimes be scary. But when you bear your testimony you can feel the Spirit. Invite the members of your family to share their testimony. Remember that the more you share your testimony, the stronger it grows!

4. Recite the fourth article of faith. What principles and ordinances are mentioned? Why are they important? Use page 22 to learn more about the fourth article of faith.

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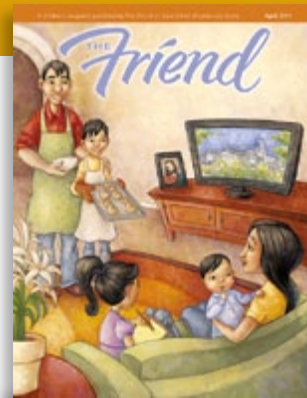
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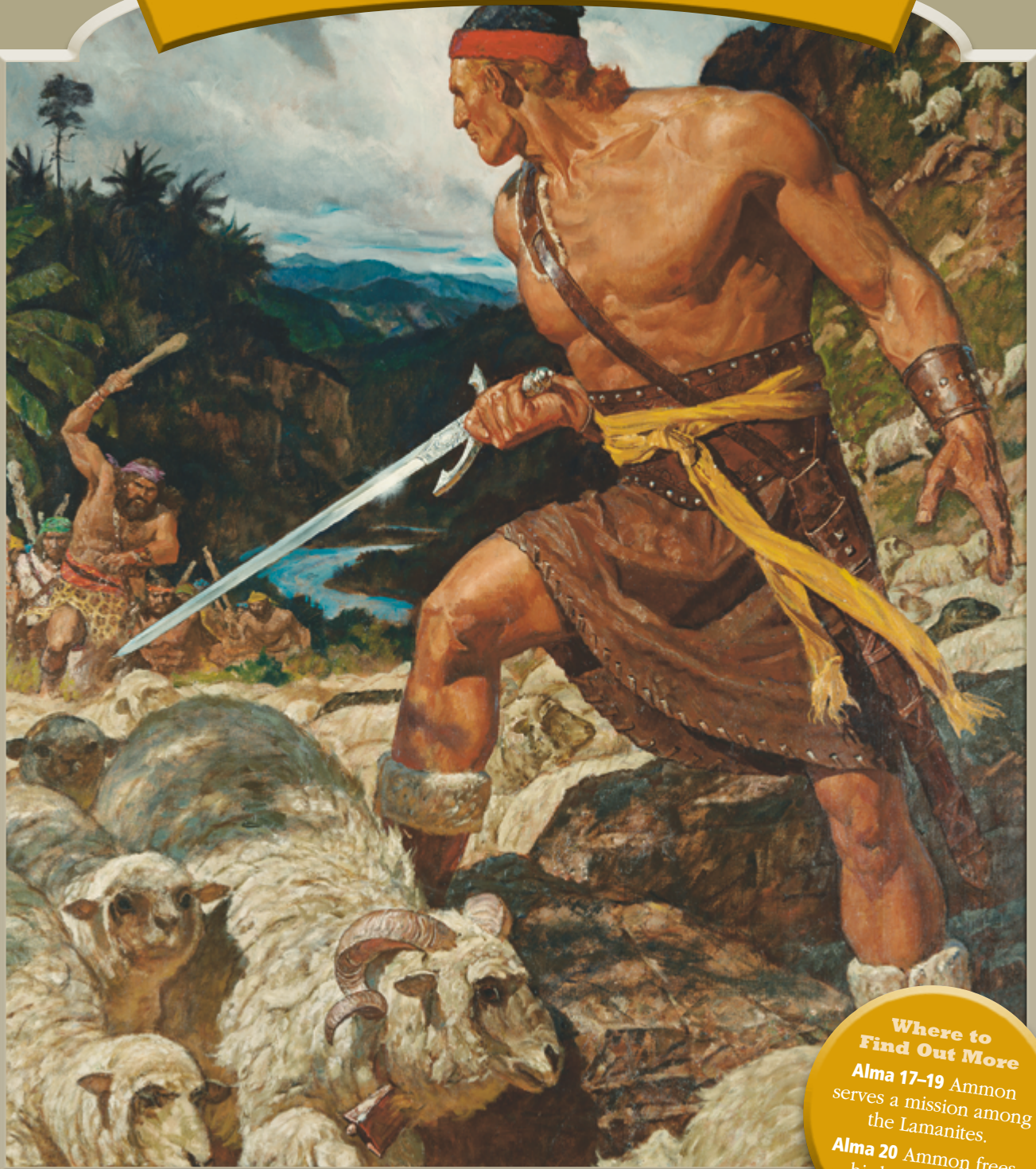
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# Ammon



## Where to Find Out More

**Alma 17-19** Ammon serves a mission among the Lamanites.

**Alma 20** Ammon frees his brothers from prison.

Even though he knew it could be dangerous, Ammon served as a missionary among the Lamanites. With the power of God, Ammon defended King Lamoni's sheep from Lamanite robbers. His good example allowed him to teach the gospel to others. By choosing the right and being a good example, you can help others learn about the gospel too.





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