

New Friends, Old Friends

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(Based on a true story)

A friend loveth at all times (Proverbs 17:17).

1. It was Sunday morning, and Lissa was nervous. Her ward boundaries had been changed. That meant she would be going to a new ward today. Dad and Mom saw that Lissa was worried.

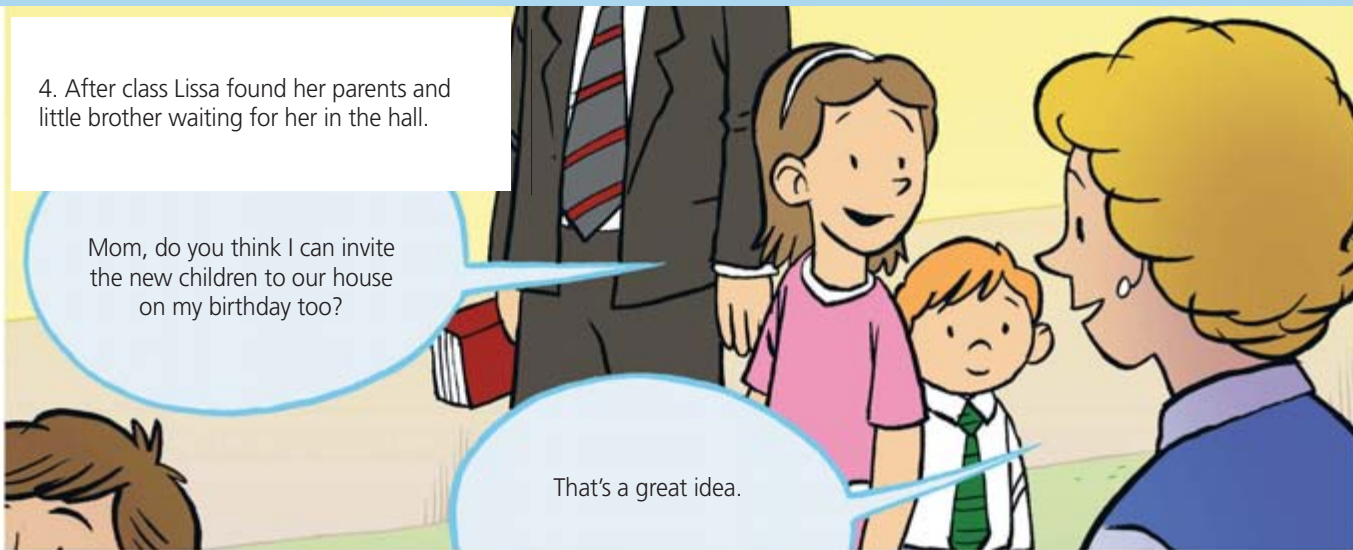


3. At church Lissa walked into the Primary room. She saw some of her friends from her old ward, but there were a lot of new faces too. In class Lissa and the other children played a game to help them learn each other's names. The new children seemed nice.

4. After class Lissa found her parents and little brother waiting for her in the hall.

Mom, do you think I can invite the new children to our house on my birthday too?

That's a great idea.



5. That week Lissa and Mom made invitations for children in their old ward and for children in their new ward.



6. On Lissa's birthday, all the children arrived. They played the game she played in Primary so everyone could learn the names of everybody else.



FINDING NEW FRIENDS

Lissa had so much fun making new friends that she wants to make friends with as many children as she can. Help Lissa find new friends by circling all of the children hiding in this picture.



HELPS FOR PARENTS

“Be a friend, and you will have a friend,” said President Gordon B. Hinckley (1910–2008).¹

After reading the story “New Friends, Old Friends” (pages 32–33), help your child complete the activity on this page. Ask your child what are some ways he or she can make new friends.

Share a story about a time you worked to make a new friend.

In some cases, your child may need a little extra help to make friends. You can talk to other parents and invite children to your home to play with your child.

NOTE

1. Gordon B. Hinckley, “Strengthening Each Other,” *Ensign*, Feb. 1985, 4.

Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ created everything in this world. Look at these close-up pictures and see if you can tell which creation is being shown.

