

# FRIENDS by Mail

## How I Read the *Friend*

I am so excited when I get the new *Friend* that sometimes I sit outside by the mailbox to read it as soon as it comes!

**Easton K., age 7, Georgia, USA**



## Dear Friends,

How much of your free time do you spend with a TV, smart phone, or tablet? Look on page 24 to find out how to use them wisely so you can learn and do other fun things. Then on page 4 you can read a story about a boy who needed time to just be quiet and listen to the Spirit.

Love,

The *Friend*

P.S. Write and tell us how you spend your time wisely.

Was there a story or activity this month that helped you? Tell us about it! Turn to page 39 to find out how.

## Build a Boat



We took our family home evening on the road to our cousins' house. We talked about Nephi and how the Lord directed him

to build a boat. After we watched the scripture video at [LDS.org](http://LDS.org), we made the boats from [Funstuff](#) (Jan. 2016) and floated them in the bathtub. It was so much fun!

**Mack, Cooper, Aniston, and Beckham P., ages 8, 8, 5, and 3, Idaho, USA**

## Friend Race



Whenever the *Friend* comes in the mail, my brother and I race to read it. It has interesting stories and cool activities I like to do.

**Nellie W., age 8, New York, USA**

## The Big-Brother Trap



My favorite story is “[The Big-Brother Trap](#)” (March 2014). Sometimes I’m not as nice as I could be, so then I say “sorry” and feel good inside. After that I try to be extra nice and do something for my siblings.

**Jenna H., age 10, Utah, USA**