

Dear Parents and Teachers,

How can we make Christmas a time of sharing and service in our families? This month's magazine is full of stories and activities that may help. On page 2 you can read about an act of kindness from President Monson's childhood and find an activity idea. Check out page 4 to learn what one boy did to meet his neighbors and help others. And don't forget the recipe and craft on page 6!

Happy serving,

The Friend

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Family Home Evening Ideas

BRINGING PRIMARY HOME: You can learn about this month's Primary sharing time theme on page 42. You'll find a short lesson and ideas for talking with your children, along with a fun activity.

PROPHETS OF GOD: Read "A Visit from the Savior" (page 8) to learn about President Lorenzo Snow's remarkable testimony. Then use the cards on page 37 to get to know more about the latter-day prophets.

COMFORT FROM THE SAVIOR: Read "Jesus at My Bedside" (page 12). Talk with your family about how the Savior can help us feel peace and comfort. You can print a picture of Jesus Christ for each child at friend.lds.org.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Act out the Christmas story with your family or Primary class! Read Luke 2:1–16 and talk about Jesus Christ's birth. Then put on the nativity play on page 44.

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