



FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

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SINGING with ANGELS

When I was a young boy, my family would gather around our piano, which is now more than a hundred years old. My mother had a beautiful soprano voice. At Christmas she played the piano as she led us in singing Christmas carols and hymns.

Even as a young boy, I felt joy in singing those songs. The music filled our small home with a spirit of peace. I could feel not only the love of my mother and father and two brothers, but of my Heavenly Father and the Savior Jesus Christ. Now when I see that piano, memories of

love with my family and love from the Savior flood back over me.

Singing Christmas carols reminds us of our shouts of joy in the spirit world when we learned that we could come to this world and be given a Savior to redeem us. Someday we will sing those songs with the angels in heaven.



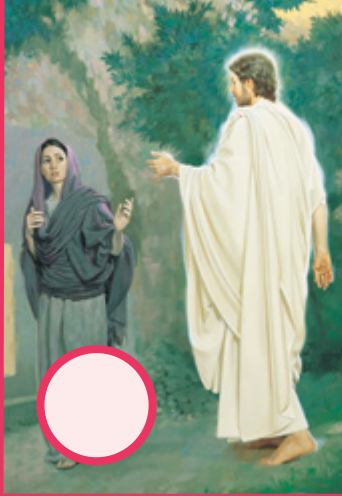




I testify that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. At this and every season, our Savior invites us to join with Him and others to give the priceless gift of joy. I pray that we will. ◆



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"The Perfect Gift,"
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SONGS THAT TEACH OF CHRIST

Hymns and Primary songs teach us about Jesus Christ. Match each picture below with the words of a song. Then try singing each song.

1	<p>“Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head” <i>(Hymns, no. 206).</i></p>			
2	<p>“Jesus once was a little child, a little child like me” <i>(Children’s Songbook, 55).</i></p>			
3	<p>“Jesus came to John the Baptist, in Judea long ago” <i>(Children’s Songbook, 100).</i></p>			
4	<p>“Jesus said love ev’ryone; treat them kindly too” <i>(Children’s Songbook, 61).</i></p>			
5	<p>“Our Savior, in Gethsemane, shrank not to drink the bitter cup” <i>(Hymns, no. 190).</i></p>			
6	<p>“Upon the cross of Calvary they crucified our Lord” <i>(Hymns, no. 184).</i></p>			
7	<p>“Did Jesus really live again? Yes, when the third day came” <i>(Children’s Songbook, 64).</i></p>			

LISTEN UP

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