

Reading the Book of Mormon: A Talk

would like to tell you about my experience of reading the Book of Mormon. I started reading the Book of Mormon on my own

when President Hinckley asked us to. I really

wanted to finish before Joseph
Smith's birthday. I got as far
as 2 Nephi. I was really
worried I wouldn't finish. At
Thanksgiving my grandpa let
me take home his tapes of the
Book of Mormon. I listened to
16 tapes and got to Ether 8.
Grandpa was missing the last tape.
I started reading again to try to finish.
On Christmas morning I was surprised to
get all the CDs of the Book of Mormon.
I listened to the last two CDs on Christmas Day. I was

so happy that I finished the Book of Mormon.

I loved reading about Nephi and how he built a boat

and made it to the promised land. I loved reading
Mosiah—especially about Abinadi's bravery with the
wicked King Noah. I loved reading about King Benjamin
too. In 3 Nephi Jesus visits the people of the
promised land. He blesses the children

one by one! In Ether I read about the

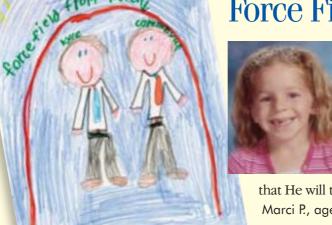
brother of Jared. His faith in the Lord made stones shine with light!

In Moroni I liked the part where he buried the plates in the Hill Cumorah. That is where Joseph Smith was told to find them. In Moroni 10:29 Moroni says, "And God shall show unto you, that that which I have written is true."

I would like to bear my testimony.
I know this Church is true. I love my
family. I know the Book of Mormon is true
and I am so glad I finished it. In the name of Jesus
Christ, amen.

Josh H., age 6, with help from his family, Idaho

Force Field from Heaven



My brother is a missionary in Russia. I like to draw pictures and write letters to send him. I draw my brother and his companion wearing white shirts and ties. I draw a big circle around the two elders and write "Force Field from Heaven" to show that I know they are being protected. Even though the force fields are pretend, Heavenly Father's power is real, and I have faith

that He will take care of my brother.

Marci P., age 7, with help from her mom, Utah