



Little Women

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Louisa wrote Little Women at the little round white desk by the window in her room. Her sister May painted Louisa's favorite bird over the fireplace (see close-up on page 19).

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Journal Jars

Before they visited Orchard House, the girls had an activity day all about journals. Each one decorated a jar and filled it with ideas of things to write about.

The funniest thing that happened to me today was ...

I'm thankful for ...

My friends and I ...

I love _____ because ...

I'm looking forward to ...

When I grow up ...

I wish ...

Today in church we learned about ...



Try making your own journal jar, then choose a slip of paper and start writing!

The activity day girls from Marlborough and Framingham, Massachusetts, were learning about keeping journals. So when they visited Orchard House, just a few minutes away in Concord, they were really inspired.

Orchard House is where Louisa May Alcott, the author of *Little Women*, lived with her parents and three sisters. All of the Alcott girls kept journals. They even brought them to the dinner table so they could read their latest entries out loud to their family.

Before going inside the house, the Primary girls sat under the big trees to talk about what they write about in their own journals. Like Nephi, they like to write “the things of [their] soul” (2 Nephi 4:15).



Inside the house, the girls saw the wedding dress the Alcott girls made for their sister Anna and a picture of an owl that May painted over the fireplace

in Louisa’s room. They also learned about the sisters’ different talents and interests. Louisa was a writer, and Anna liked acting.

Elizabeth loved music, and May was an artist.

The activity day group is made up of

girls with different personalities and interests too. They even have girls from two different wards, and several are not members of the Church. But they all like doing fun and inspiring things together for activity day.

After this activity, these “little women” will have even more to write about in their journals! ♦



I wrote about my baptism because I can't wait to tell my kids about how special it is to be baptized.
Abigail

I write about the funny things that happened to me.
Hanna

I dedicated my journal to my future children. I write about my grandparents because I don't know if they will still be living when my children are born.
Lexi

I try to write every night about what stood out in my mind that day.
-Camryn

I vent my feelings and thoughts.
RACHEL