

**Current subscriptions:**  
304,000

**2004:** Friends by Mail: Your letters tell how the Friend has helped you live the gospel.



**1996:** Trying to Be Like Jesus: Your stories tell how you are trying to be like Jesus.



**1979:** Kitchen Krafts: Fun recipes for you to create with your family.



**1989:** The Church creates a Braille edition of the Friend for children with visual impairments.



**1971:** The Friend, a new, more colorful magazine under the direction of the General Authorities, is created to replace the Children's Friend. Subscriptions in 1971: 168,000



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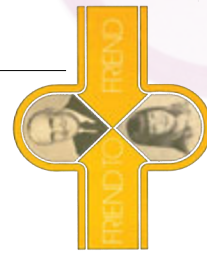
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**1902:** The Children's Friend is created. In the beginning, it was mainly used by Primary leaders and parents.



**1975:** Friend to Friend: General Authorities share personal stories that teach gospel principles.



**1994:** Matt and Mandy: We introduce everyone's favorite brother and sister.



**2002:** Special Witness: Apostles share important points about gospel topics.



**2001:** Come Listen to a Prophet's Voice: A member of the First Presidency shares a message with children.

**2009:** We added games and activities to our website in January 2009. Check it out at [friend.lds.org](http://friend.lds.org)!



**1981:** Sharing Time activities.



**1986:** For Little Friends: Pages created especially for children ages three to six.



The Friend turns 40 this month!

Happy



Birthday to the Friend!

The Friend has been delivered to children's homes since 1971. Here we will show you how the Friend came to be the way it is today.

