



Our Family *Friend*



The *Friend* brings my family closer together and helps me feel the Spirit. My family loves the *Friend*.

Dallin C., age 11, Texas, USA

Prayer Works



I like the story “Stones, Arrows, and Snowballs” in the January 2012 *Friend*. I know that prayer works.

Ammon P., age 9, North Carolina, USA

Keeping My Goals



One of my favorite stories in the January 2012 issue was “Trust and the Truth.” One of my goals is to be honest. This article taught me how to tell the truth, even when telling the truth can be hard.

Madeline M., age 10, Colorado, USA

How I Read the *Friend*

I’ve just been learning to read, and I love the *Friend*. My mom and I often read it together and use the stories in our family home evenings.

Shawnee B., age 6, New Mexico, USA



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Dear Friends

In our new series “On the Trail,” we’re inviting you to join us on a yearlong adventure. Each month we’ll follow the footsteps of prophets and pioneers as we discover how the Church was restored to the earth. Our first stop is Palmyra, New York, where the Prophet Joseph Smith lived as a boy. Look for that story on pages 4–5 and for the “On the Trail” map on pages 24–25.

Happy adventures!

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P.S. New adventures are also in store for Matt and Mandy this year!

Was there a letter or a story in this month’s issue that helped you? Tell us about it. Turn to page 48 to find out how.