How do you become a teacher?

To be a teacher, you first need to learn. I took college classes in math, science, English, social studies, and many other subjects. At school I also learned how to teach because each child learns differently. Heavenly Father helped me understand that every one of my students is special. Each learns in his or her own unique way.

What does a teacher do?

Our school is in a big city, and there are a lot of ways my students need my help. I teach my students subjects such as math, science, reading, and social studies. But I am also their friend, referee, coach, and even nurse. I am happy that I can help them.

Why do you like being a teacher?

I love to hear laughter as my students work on an assignment together. The sweetest sound is when a student says, “Miss Garner, I understand! This is easy! I love math!” I also feel blessed when I see my students stand up for one another when someone needs a friend.

How does Heavenly Father help you?

Each day on my way to work, I think about my testimony. I like to pray to Heavenly Father because He hears my prayers. When I pray, I ask Him to help me get through the day. He tells me that I should be the answer to my students’ prayers. He tells me to love them, smile at them, and listen to them. When I hear this, I know I am blessed and try to be even more grateful to be their teacher.

Watch a video about Sheryl at friend.lds.org.

My name is Sheryl Garner, and I’m a teacher in Washington, D.C.

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