

I'm Going There Someday

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When I was almost 12, I was so excited to go to the temple. My family and I talked about what it was going to be like inside, and I looked at pictures of the inside of temples as well.

A few weeks before I went to do temple baptisms, my family had a special family home evening. We listened to great stories about some of our ancestors and learned about where they lived and what their lives were like. I even found out that my great-great-grandpa was struck by lightning and survived! Some of my ancestors were from England, so my little brothers and I colored pictures of the English flag. I felt like I made a little connection with my ancestors.

The temple was as beautiful inside as it was outside. Everyone there was so nice, and there was a warm and peaceful spirit there. It was different than anything I had felt before. Everything was exactly perfect. My aunt brought names of some family members who hadn't



been baptized yet. As we were waiting, my mom and aunt and I imagined what these women were like when they lived on earth 300 years ago. It was special to have my dad baptize me for them.

Seeing everyone in white made me feel like I was surrounded by angels. The temple is like heaven on earth. ♦

5 TIPS FOR YOUR FIRST TEMPLE VISIT

- **Talk** to a parent or teachers about what to expect.
- **Look** at pictures of the rooms inside the temple.
- **Make** an appointment with your bishop to get your recommend. He'll talk with you about your testimony and about keeping the commandments.
- **Find out** about your own ancestors. If possible, find an ancestor you could be baptized for! Visit FamilySearch.org to learn more.
- **Pray** for the Holy Ghost to be with you. Then enjoy your first visit to the temple!