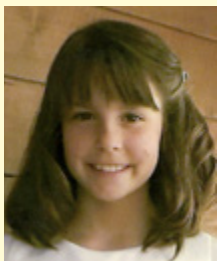




# Want to Come to Church?



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A few years ago, my younger sister, Brooklynn, and I visited my

aunt and uncle for a couple of weeks.

We had only been at my aunt's house for a few minutes when my cousin Jenna and her boyfriend, Merrick, burst inside, eager to see us.

Over the next few weeks, we did many things with Jenna and Merrick. We went swimming together, rode scooters, watched movies, and jumped on Jenna's trampoline. We also played card games together. But my favorite activity was dressing Merrick up in costumes.

Merrick was not a member of the Church. But since we had become good friends, I decided to invite him to come to church with us. Jenna, Brooklynn, and I were very happy when Merrick said

*Who knew where a simple question could lead?*

yes. It was a wonderful Sunday being able to see Merrick at church, smiling and listening to the talks about eternal families. He wanted to know more about our beliefs and

came to church the next week too.

Two months later Merrick was baptized. Then he left to join the military. He and Jenna wrote to each other while he was away. After two years Merrick and Jenna were married in the Salt Lake Temple! It was wonderful to see

Jenna and Merrick coming out of the temple together. Who would have guessed two years ago that an eight-year-old girl asking a simple question could help lead to a temple marriage?

Knowing the wonderful happiness that can come from inviting someone to church has given me courage and excitement to be a young missionary to my friends and neighbors. ♦

