

THE *Friend*



Learn how to
climb your
**FAMILY
TREE**

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Friend for the Family



My mom told me it was my turn to teach the lesson for family home evening. At first, I didn't know what to do, but then I remembered I could read a story from the *Friend*. I chose a story about being honest. Then I asked

my family questions about the story. I felt happy that I taught the lesson all by myself. My family said I did a great job!

Joshua W., age 7, Utah, USA



How We Read the *Friend*

We love to read the *Friend* together in our activity day group!

Front: Hailey R., age 9; Megan J., age 8; Natasha E., age 9; Hailey B., age 9; Back: Cassi R., age 9; Hailey G., age 9; McKinsey F., age 9; Jordyn A., age 10, Idaho, USA

The Book of Mormon is True

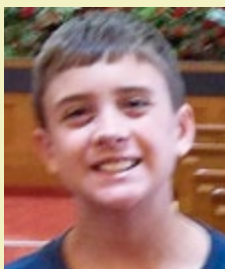


My favorite part in the January 2012 *Friend* was "Fiction or Nonfiction?" Like Jennifer in this story, I like to read books, both fiction and nonfiction. I also know that the Book of Mormon is true and it is a nonfiction book because

it talks about the people who lived here on earth many years ago. It also talks about God and Jesus Christ. I know God and Jesus Christ live.

Mishelle G., age 6, Utah, USA

A Friendly Missionary



The *Friend* helps me come up with good ideas for the talks I give in Primary. My favorite story is "Missionary Friend" (Sept. 2012). It teaches me to invite friends and bring them to church.

Owen B., age 11, New Hampshire, USA

Dear Friends,

Have you ever wondered if a word you heard someone say at school is OK to say or not? Or maybe you have wondered if an outfit is modest or not, or if it would be OK to play sports on Sunday just once. This month you will find three stories about kids who had to deal with questions like these. Look on pages 7, 42-43, and 44-46. Then write us to let us know if these stories helped you!

Be strong!

The *Friend*

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.

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Learn to play the Primary song "Follow the Prophet" on page 11.



Hidden CTR Ring

Singing for someone would be a nice gift.



FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

An Unshakable Foundation

By President Henry B. Eyring
First Counselor in the First Presidency

My purpose today is to describe how we can lay an unshakable foundation of faith.

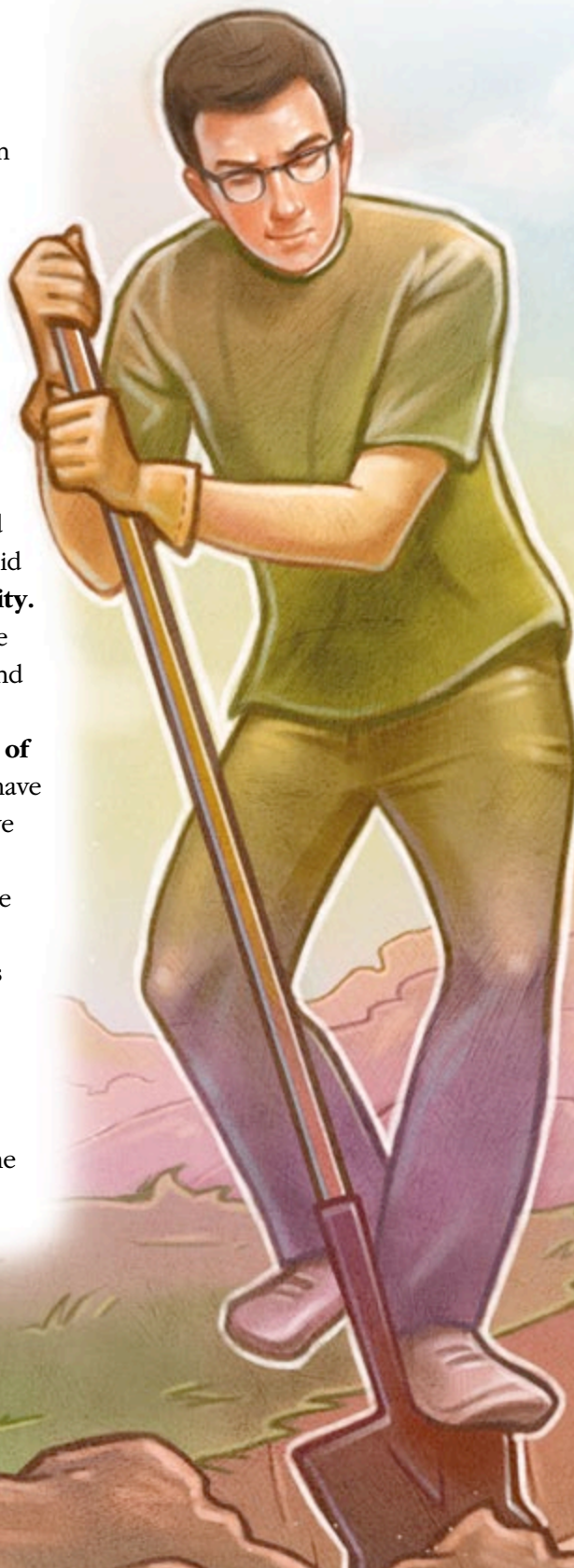
As a young man I worked with a contractor building foundations for new houses. In the summer heat it was hard work to prepare the ground for the **form** into which we poured the cement. There were no machines. We used a **pick** and a shovel. Building lasting foundations for buildings was hard work in those days.

In a similar way, the ground must be carefully prepared for our foundation of faith to withstand the storms that will come into every life. That solid basis for a foundation of faith is personal **integrity**.

Choosing the right **consistently** whenever the choice is placed before us creates the solid ground under our faith. It can begin in childhood since every soul is born with the free gift of the **Spirit of Christ**. With that Spirit we can know when we have done what is right before God and when we have done wrong in His sight.

Those choices, hundreds in most days, prepare the solid ground on which our **edifice** of faith is built. The metal framework is the gospel of Jesus Christ, with all its **covenants, ordinances, and principles**.

If we have faith in Jesus Christ, the hardest as well as the easiest times in life can be a blessing. In all conditions, we can choose the right with the guidance of the Spirit. ◆



From an April 2012 general conference address.

DIG DEEPER

To better understand President Eyring's message, match the bold words from the article with their correct meanings.

Edifice

A metal mold or framework

Sacred rites such as baptism

Courage to live beliefs

Form

Spirit of Christ

Pick

Ordinances

A heavy tool with pointed ends

Regularly

Influence from God, conscience

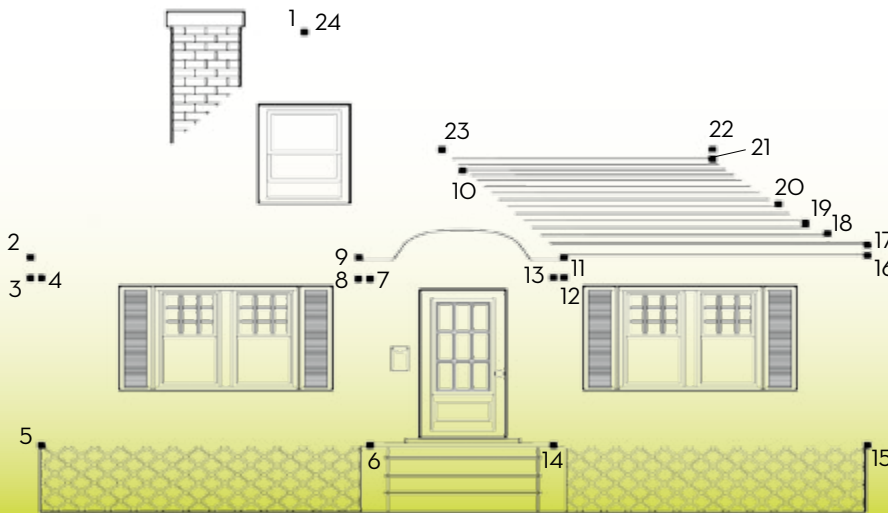
Covenants

Integrity

Building

Consistently

Promises we make with God



A SURE FOUNDATION

A sure foundation of faith can help us stay faithful even when trials come. Connect the dots to draw a house built on a sure foundation. Then write one way you can build a foundation of faith.

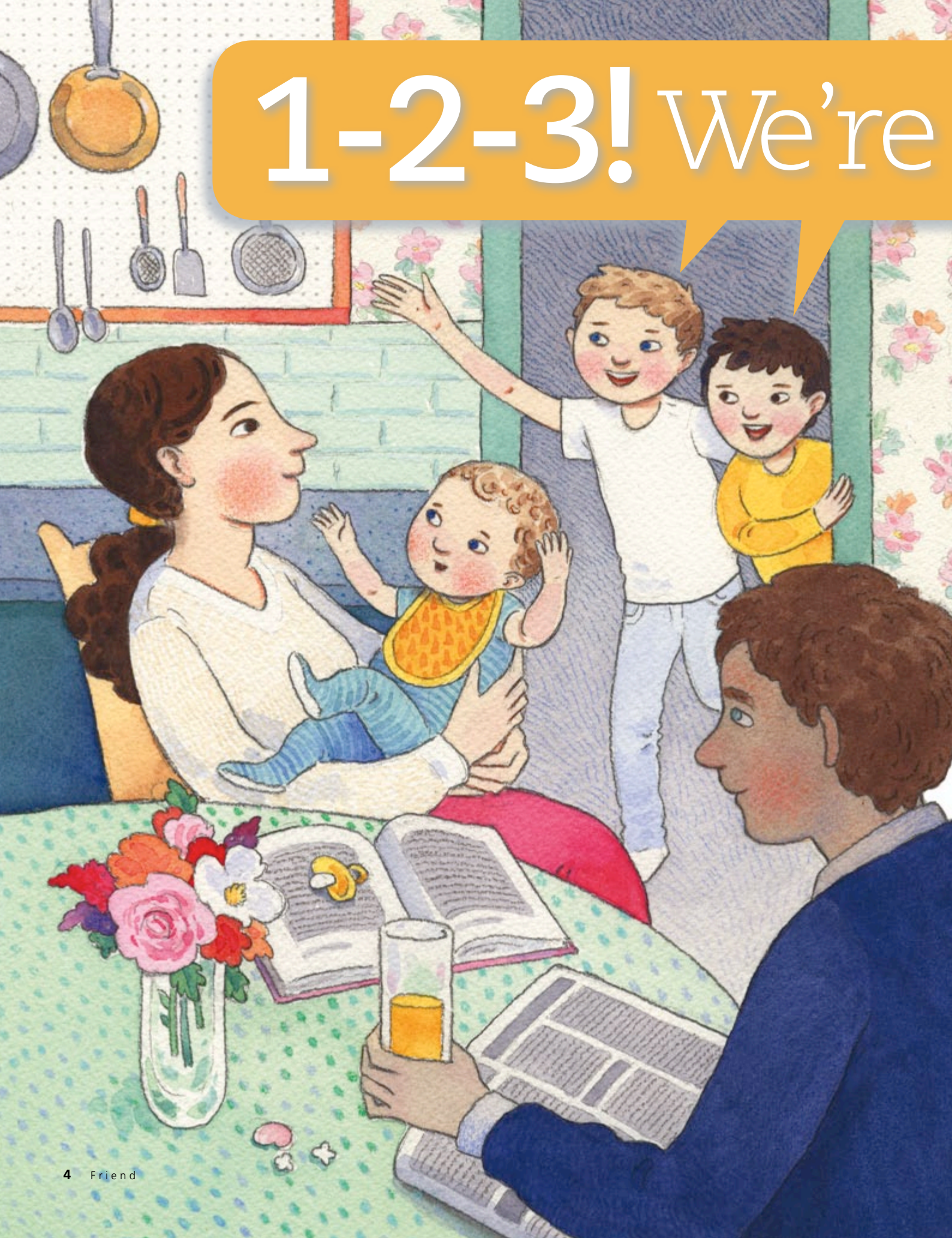


FIND THE DIFFERENCES

President Eyring learned about sure foundations from his summer building houses. Find the differences between these two homes.



1-2-3! We're



Here to Help!

By Vicki H. Budge
(Based on a true story)

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee (Exodus 20:12).

Tyler and Trey,” Mom said, “time to get up.” Tyler pulled the pillow over his head. Trey snuggled down into the warm covers.

“Please hurry,” Mom said. “Your breakfast is ready.”

Tyler slowly walked to the kitchen. Trey stopped to play with a toy.

“Come on, boys,” Mom said. She was wearing her gym clothes and feeding baby Benjamin his cereal. “Breakfast is getting cold, and I don’t want you to miss the bus. I have my exercise class today.”

After breakfast, Tyler and Trey ran down the street and around the corner to the bus stop. They got there just in time to see the school bus drive away. They sighed and slowly walked back home.

“We missed the bus,” Trey said when they got back home.

Mom frowned. “OK, get in the car. I have to change Benjamin’s diaper, and then I’ll take you to school.”

“Can you still go to your class?” Trey asked.

“Not today,” Mom said. “I’d miss more than half of it.”

After school, Mom took both boys to their dentist’s appointment and then to soccer practice. After practice, the brothers walked into the house tired and hungry. They smelled their favorite dinner.

“Enchiladas!”

That night for family home evening, Dad talked about helping Mom. “Let’s make a list,” he said. “What are some of the things Mom does for us?”

The brothers shouted out their answers.

“She fixes us breakfast and takes us places.”

“She cooks enchiladas for dinner.”

“She helps with our homework.”

The list grew and grew.

“Now let’s make another list,” Dad said. “What can we do to honor Mom?”

Tyler put his arm around Mom and hugged her. “We can be more helpful,” he said. “We can get up the first time she calls and get ready for school on time.”

Trey nodded. “Then Mom wouldn’t have to take us to school, and she wouldn’t miss her exercise class.”

The brothers called out more ideas.

“We could thank her for dinner.”

“We could clean up our room.”

“We could help clear the table after we eat.”

“We could help clean the house.”

“We could play with Benjamin when Mom is tired.”

The next morning Tyler woke up before Mom called. He woke up Trey and whispered, “Let’s do our best to help Mom today, OK?”

“OK!” Trey said. Soon they were both giggling as they got ready for school without being asked.

They walked into the kitchen, where Mom and Dad were already sitting.

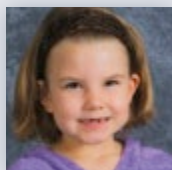
“One-two-three! We’re here to help!” the boys chorused in unison.

Tyler and Trey set the table for breakfast. Then Trey unloaded the dishwasher, and Tyler fed baby Benjamin his cereal. After breakfast they both cleared the table and played with Benjamin.

They hugged Mom good-bye and hustled out the door to catch the bus.

“Doesn’t the sun feel good today?” Tyler asked as they walked.

“Yep,” Trey said. “And I feel good on the inside too.” ♦



I wanted to clean my room before my mom came in. When I was done, I told my mom to come with me. When she saw my room, she was really happy! I was happy too.

Laurel M., age 7, Vermont, USA

T-Shirt Tote for Mom

*Be sure to ask
an adult to help you
with this project!*

What you need:

Scissors

A colorful T-shirt that is no longer being worn

Several large plastic beads with holes in the middle

What to do:

1. Lay the T-shirt on a flat surface. Cut the sleeves off, but leave the seam in place for strength.

2. Cut a large "U" at the neck opening, leaving at least half of the T-shirt along the bottom and straps about three to four inches thick on each side.

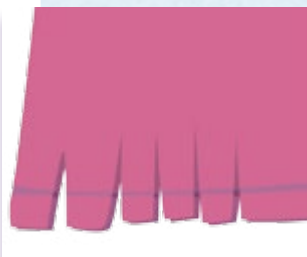
3. Along the bottom of the T-shirt, cut vertical strips about one inch wide and six inches long to make a fringe.

4. Twist together a strip from both the top and the bottom layers of the shirt.

5. Thread a bead onto the twisted fabric and tie a large knot just under the bead to hold it in place.

6. Keep twisting, beading, and tying until the bottom of your bag has been completely brought together.

7. You can decorate the bag with additional ribbons and beads. You can also write a message to your mom on the bag with fabric markers and give her the bag for Mother's Day!





By Elder
Larry Y. Wilson
of the Seventy

A Day to Play?



They that are wise . . . and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide [are not] deceived (D&C 45:57).

Our daughter Mary had an experience that taught her about making good choices. Mary was an excellent soccer player. She was in a league that played its games on Saturdays. But one year when she was in her early teens, her team kept winning and made it to the championship game, which was to be played on a Sunday. Mary knew that the Sabbath was a special day for going to church and learning about the gospel, not a day for recreation. But because she was a key player on the team, and it was the team's first time in a championship game, Mary received a lot of pressure from her teammates, coaches, and even from other parents.

Mary was unhappy about the situation and asked us what she should do. After thinking and praying about it, my wife and I knew that our daughter was ready to take the responsibility for her own decision. We encouraged her to think about it and pray about it, and told her that we believed she should make this decision on her own.

After a few days of pressure from her friends, Mary made the decision that she would play in the championship game. But when the game ended, Mary slowly walked off the field. "Oh,

Mom," she said, "that felt awful. I never want to feel that way again! I'm never playing another game on the Sabbath day." And she never did.

She continued to play sports in her school and her community, but she never again let pressure from these teams move her from the path she knew was right. She had learned for herself how important it was to her Heavenly Father to keep this commandment, and she never forgot this lesson.

The scriptures teach us what it means to be wise: "They that are wise . . . and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide [are not] deceived" (D&C 45:57). One of the best ways you can avoid making unwise choices is by learning how to pray and how to feel the Spirit. Heavenly Father loves you, and He is willing to communicate with you through prayer about anything you want to talk about. He will also help you to learn from the mistakes you make so you can become a better person. ♦

SHINING WALLS

By Jessica Larsen

(Based on a true story)

We ask thee, O Lord, to accept of this house, the workmanship of the hands of us, thy servants (D&C 109:4).

I found one!" Elmeda called as she held up a piece of broken glass. It caught the sunlight and cast patterns on the melting snow. "Look how it shines!"

"It will make our temple shine too," her older brother Briant said, tugging on her braid. "Now see what else you can find!"

It was 1836, and the Saints in Kirtland were building a temple. Father split wood for roof shingles while Mother

Elmeda was only six, but she wanted to help build the temple.



cooked meals for the workers. Elmeda loved seeing the temple's tall walls and red roof standing above the trees.

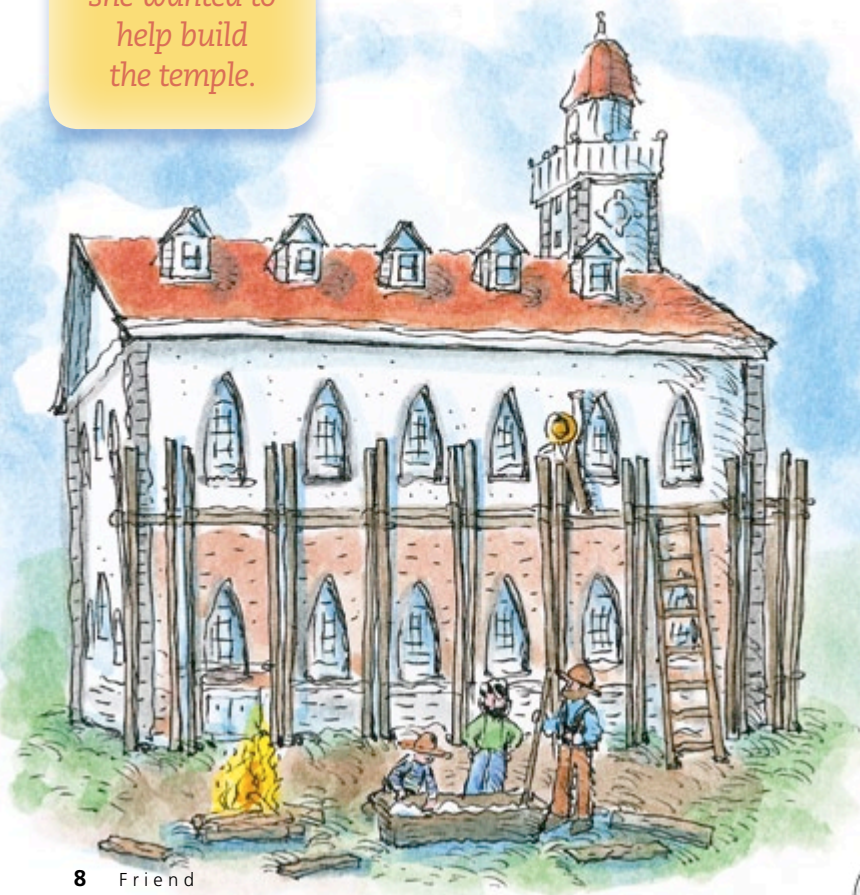
But the temple wasn't finished yet. Brother Millet, a stone mason, had invented a new type of plaster to cover the walls. Elmeda remembered when Father told her about it.

"This won't be ordinary plaster," he had said as he pulled her onto his knee. "Brother Millet wants to put bits of broken glass and pottery in the plaster to make our temple shine."

"Will we have to break your wedding dishes?" Elmeda had asked Mother. Elmeda's family had brought those dishes all the way from New York after joining the Church.

Mother laughed. "No, darling. Brother Millet only needs broken pottery to make the plaster. Just look outside!"

"The garbage pile!" Elmeda said. Every household had a small garbage pile in the



yard. That's where people threw away old, broken items—including bits of pottery and glass.

"We will need everyone's help," her father had continued. "Briant, Brother Millet needs boys to tend fires to warm the plaster. Elmeda, we need children to gather old crockery and glass for the plaster. Can you do that?"

"Yes," Elmeda had whispered. She was only six, but she wanted to help build the temple!

So here she was, holding a piece of glass to catch the sunlight. She was glad the snow had melted this morning so she could search their yard! She dropped the piece of glass in her pile and bent down to gather another.

This piece was half buried in mud. She gently dug around the pottery shard and pried it loose. It glittered in her palm. Elmeda smiled. She held another piece for the temple walls.

Briant knelt and admired her find. "Nice work, Elmeda," he said. "We'll have our temple soon!"

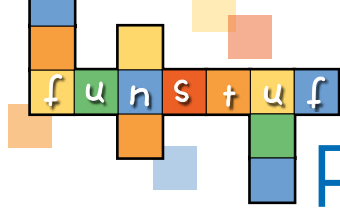
Briant was right. The Kirtland Temple was dedicated that spring. After the dedication, Elmeda lined up with the other children and marched to the temple. Her braids swung from side to side as she craned her neck to see the shining walls. She was glad that she had helped build the house of the Lord. ◆

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WALLS

Elmeda Stringham was a real pioneer child who helped gather glass and pottery for the temple walls. Later generations looked at the beautiful walls and thought the Saints must have broken their best china to make the temple plaster sparkle. But that was not what really happened.

Church historians visited Kirtland to do archaeology and uncover early Church buildings. In their excavations, they discovered pottery fragments in the Saints' yards. Their find confirmed the early accounts that Latter-day Saint children gathered the bits of glass that made the temple walls shine, showing that anyone can help in the work of the Lord.





Find the Differences

By Arie Van De Graaff

Kirtland, Ohio, was where the first temple was built after the gospel was restored. See if you can find 10 differences between these two pictures of neighbors walking outside the temple.



Follow the Prophet

(Simplified)

With energy ♩ = 112-126

Words and music by Duane E. Hiatt

1. A - dam was a proph - et, first one that we know.
2. E - noch was a proph - et; he taught what was good.

In a place called E - den, he helped things to grow. — A - dam served the Lord by
Peo - ple in his cit - y did just what they should. — When they were so right - eous

fol - low - ing His ways. We are his de - scen - dants in the lat - ter days.
that there was no sin, Heav'n - ly Fa - ther took them up to live with Him.

Fol - low the proph - et, fol - low the proph - et, Fol - low the proph - et; don't go a - stray. —

Fol - low the proph - et, fol - low the proph - et, Fol - low the proph - et; he knows the way.

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Practice tip: Don't forget to play the introduction before both verses.

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Bulletin Board



Following JESUS

BE FORGIVING

Jesus Christ said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Once, a woman came to Jesus crying because she had done wrong things in the past. A man saw her and didn't think she deserved forgiveness. But Jesus forgave her because she had repented (see Luke 7:36-48). Jesus taught that no matter how people treat us, we can always choose to forgive them.

This Month's CHALLENGES:

CHALLENGE 1: The next time you feel angry, breathe deeply and count to 10 to calm down.

CHALLENGE 2: If someone is mean to you, try to say something nice back.

CHALLENGE 3: When a friend or sibling does something you don't like, forgive them instead of getting upset.

I LOVE TO SEE THE TEMPLE

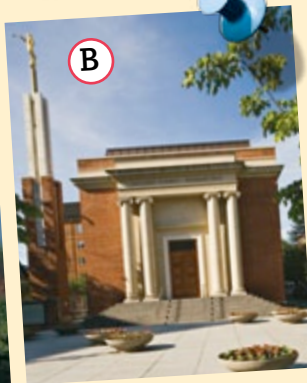
Can you match these temple pictures with their locations?
Check your answers on page 48.

Hong Kong, China

Mexico City, Mexico

Johannesburg, South Africa

Copenhagen, Denmark





ASK YOURSELF...



What can I do to help a friend today?



Fruit Bouquet

You can make a yummy bouquet for your mom or someone else you love. Be sure to ask an adult for help!

What you need:

- Grapes
- Strawberries
- Sliced pineapple, cut like flowers
- Cantaloupe, scooped into balls
- Vase, filled with uncooked rice
- Wooden skewers

For another Mother's Day craft idea, see page 6.

PRIMARY SONG PUZZLE RACE

You can sing some of your favorite Primary songs while playing this game with a friend.

1. Line up seven jumbo-size craft sticks to make a rectangle and tape them together.
2. Flip the rectangle over and draw a picture on it with markers.
3. When you're done with the picture, take off the tape and mix up the sticks.
4. Give the sticks to your friend. As he or she puts together the picture, sing your favorite Primary song. See who finishes first!

KIRTLAND and the FIRST TEMPLE

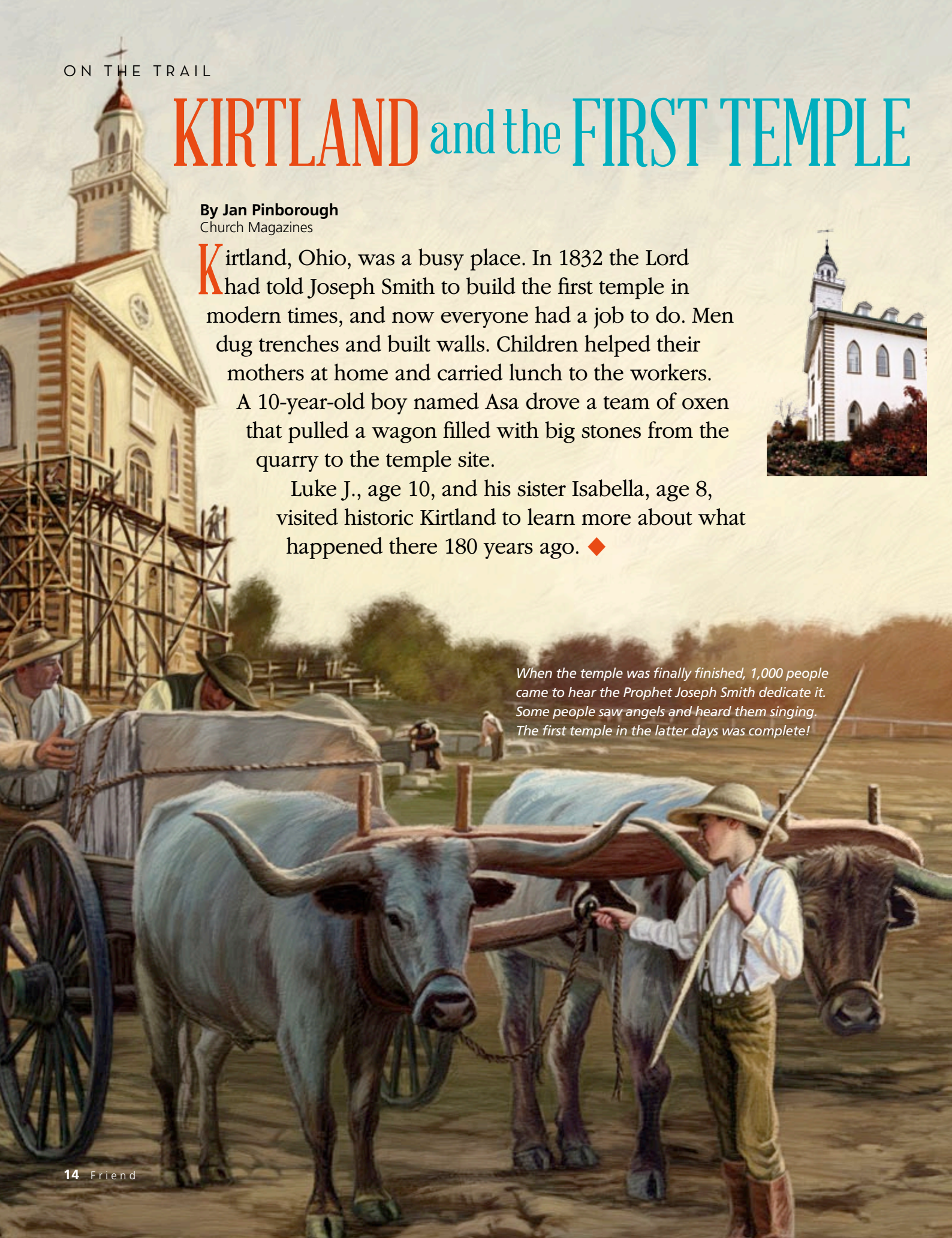
By Jan Pinborough
Church Magazines

Kirtland, Ohio, was a busy place. In 1832 the Lord had told Joseph Smith to build the first temple in modern times, and now everyone had a job to do. Men dug trenches and built walls. Children helped their mothers at home and carried lunch to the workers. A 10-year-old boy named Asa drove a team of oxen that pulled a wagon filled with big stones from the quarry to the temple site.

Luke J., age 10, and his sister Isabella, age 8, visited historic Kirtland to learn more about what happened there 180 years ago. ♦



When the temple was finally finished, 1,000 people came to hear the Prophet Joseph Smith dedicate it. Some people saw angels and heard them singing. The first temple in the latter days was complete!



MOVING TO KIRTLAND

In 1831 Joseph and Emma Smith moved to Kirtland. They traveled by sleigh for 250 miles (402 km) and stopped at this store, owned by Church members Newel and Elizabeth Whitney. For more than a year, Joseph and Emma lived in the rooms above the Whitney store.



Cut out and paste to the "On the Trail" map in the January Friend.



Bonnets, shoes, brooms, and baskets were on sale at the Whitney store. The store was also a post office.



In this room of the store, people could trade fur pelts and other things for store goods such as ropes, nails, and seeds.



Church leaders studied the gospel in this room. When the Prophet told them about the Word of Wisdom, some of them immediately broke the pipes they had been smoking and threw them into the fireplace. When the counselors in the First Presidency were being set apart in this room, some of those present saw Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ Accepts the Kirtland Temple as His House

Jesus Christ commanded the Prophet Joseph Smith to build a temple in Kirtland. It would be the first temple in the latter days.

After the new temple was finished, Joseph Smith said a prayer to dedicate it. In his prayer, he asked the Lord to accept the temple as His holy house (see D&C 109:4).

A week later, Jesus Christ appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in the temple. He said: “For behold, I have accepted this house, and my name shall be here; and I will manifest myself to my people in mercy in this house” (D&C 110:7). ◆

By Elder Neil L. Andersen
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

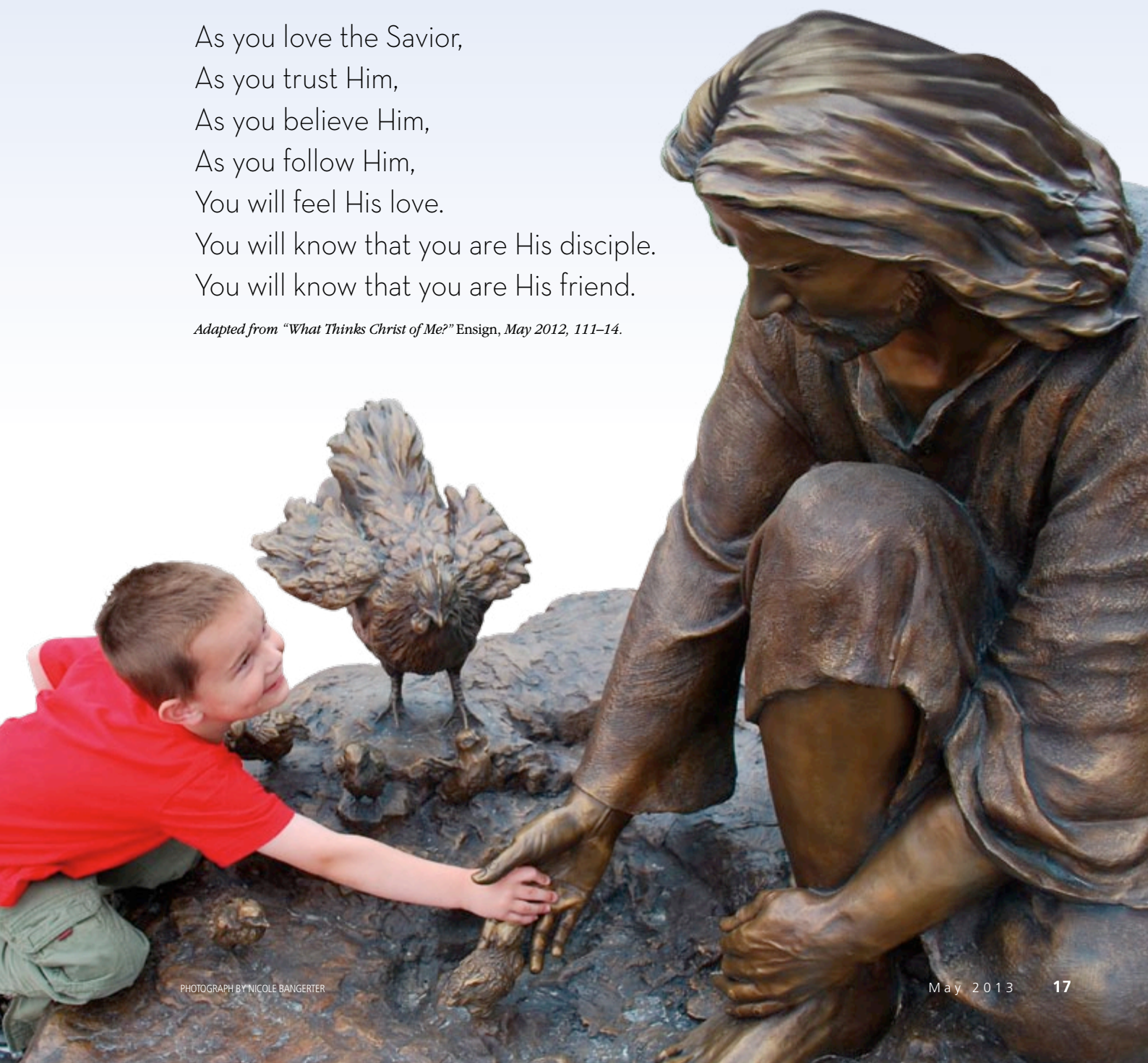


The members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles are special witnesses of Jesus Christ.

How can I feel close to the Savior?

As you love the Savior,
As you trust Him,
As you believe Him,
As you follow Him,
You will feel His love.
You will know that you are His disciple.
You will know that you are His friend.

Adapted from "What Thinks Christ of Me?" Ensign, May 2012, 111–14.





A Crop of Blessings

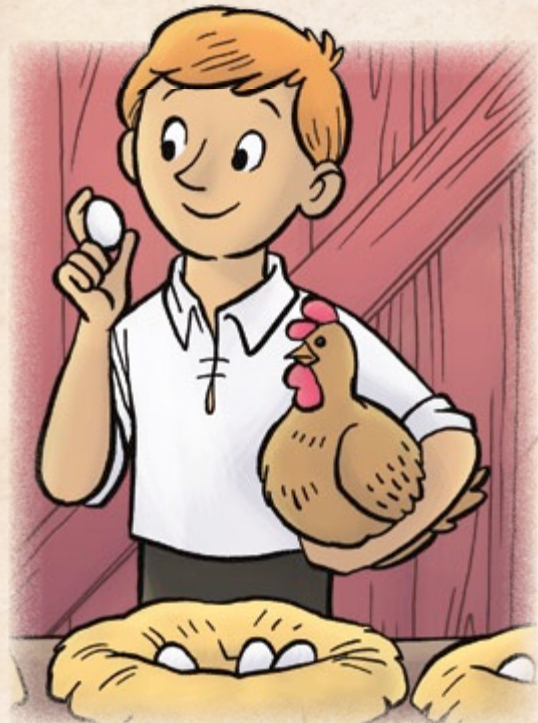
By Shauna Gibby
(Based on a true story)

I'm glad to pay a tithing, one-tenth of all I earn; it's little when I think of all God gives me in return (Children's Songbook, 150).

Will loved the warm desert of southern Utah. He was 10 years old—old enough to go to school and climb on the nearby red rocks and help care for the trees and vegetables his family grew. Or tried to grow, anyway. It was 1899, the driest year anyone in St. George could remember.

“We need rain!” Will thought as he walked home from school one day. No rain had fallen for months, and the alfalfa fields looked brown and thirsty.

As usual, Will felt the hot sun pound down on him, and gritty sweat started to trickle down the sides of his face. But then Will noticed something that was *not* usual. All the grown-ups were huddled together in small groups talking. Something exciting was happening!



“The prophet, President Lorenzo Snow, is traveling all the way to St. George,” Will’s mother explained when he got home. “He’s going to hold a special conference for us.”

When President Snow came, Will went to the tabernacle to hear him speak. The prophet said he wasn’t sure why the Lord had wanted him to come to St. George. It was a hard time for everyone. The Church didn’t have enough money to pay for the meetinghouses and temples.

On the second day of the conference, President Snow asked all the children to line up in their Primary classes.

“I shall shake hands with each child present so that they may be able to say that they have shaken hands with a man who has shaken hands with a man who saw God face to face while in the flesh—Joseph Smith,” President Snow said.

Will stretched to peer over the other children as President Snow shook their hands one by one. When it was his turn, Will looked into the face of the prophet and felt warm and light inside.

Later, Will got the same feeling again when President Snow gave another talk. He said he knew what message the Lord wanted him to share with the people of the Church: They needed to pay tithing!

“The time has now come for every Latter-day Saint . . . to pay his tithing in full,” President Snow said. “If you do, the Lord will open up the way before you in a manner that will astonish you.”

Will knew that what the prophet had said was true.

From then on, when he gathered eggs from the chicken coop, he set aside the first of every 10 eggs to take to the bishop. When his father earned a dollar fixing a wagon, he gave 10 cents to the Lord. After his mother milked the cow, she gave one jar of the milk for tithing.

For the next three months, Will’s family and friends kept paying their tithing and taking care of their crops.

But there was still no rain. They used what little water they had to try to keep their plants alive. They knew the Lord would bless them in His own time.

Several months later, tiny dark dots began to appear on the dusty dirt roads around town.

It was raining in St. George! Everyone shouted for joy as the thirsty ground drank up the water falling from the sky.

“Quick, go get a barrel to catch the water that’s running off the roof!” Will’s mother said. As he ran, Will smiled up at the sky and let the raindrops splash down on his face.

That evening, he knelt in prayer with his family, thanking God for the blessing of rain.

Will watched his family’s crops grow strong and healthy that summer. He knew that something else had grown that summer as well: his testimony of prophets and tithing. ♦



My grandma sent me 10 dollars. My mom asked what I wanted to do with my money. I told her I wanted to pay my tithing. At church on Sunday my mom helped me fill out the tithing slip, and I gave my tithing to the bishop. I felt so happy when I gave it to him. I know Heavenly Father wants me to pay my tithing.

Marin S., age 6, Colorado, USA



James H. from Utah

From an interview by Michelle Garrett



When I find a new ancestor who needs to have temple ordinances done, I print out the ancestor's name so the temple work can be done.

ward's family history consultant to teach James's family about the Church's on-line family history program. It's called Family Tree, and James loves using it to search through his family history chart to find the green arrows next to

James H., age 11, from Salt Lake City, Utah, likes to learn about history, use computers, and search for clues like a detective. That's why he got really excited when his parents invited the

the names of ancestors who weren't baptized or sealed to their families.

Since that day, James has found more than 80 of his

ancestors' names. It feels good to know he can help his ancestors by sending their names to the temple. "Someone up in heaven is thinking, 'They finally found me!'" he says. ♦



I taught my little brother, William, how to type in names so he can help search for our ancestors online.





My favorite sport to play is lacrosse. I'm teaching my little brother to play too.



My mom and dad and older brother and sister have helped me by doing baptisms for the dead and other ordinances in the temple for the ancestors I find.

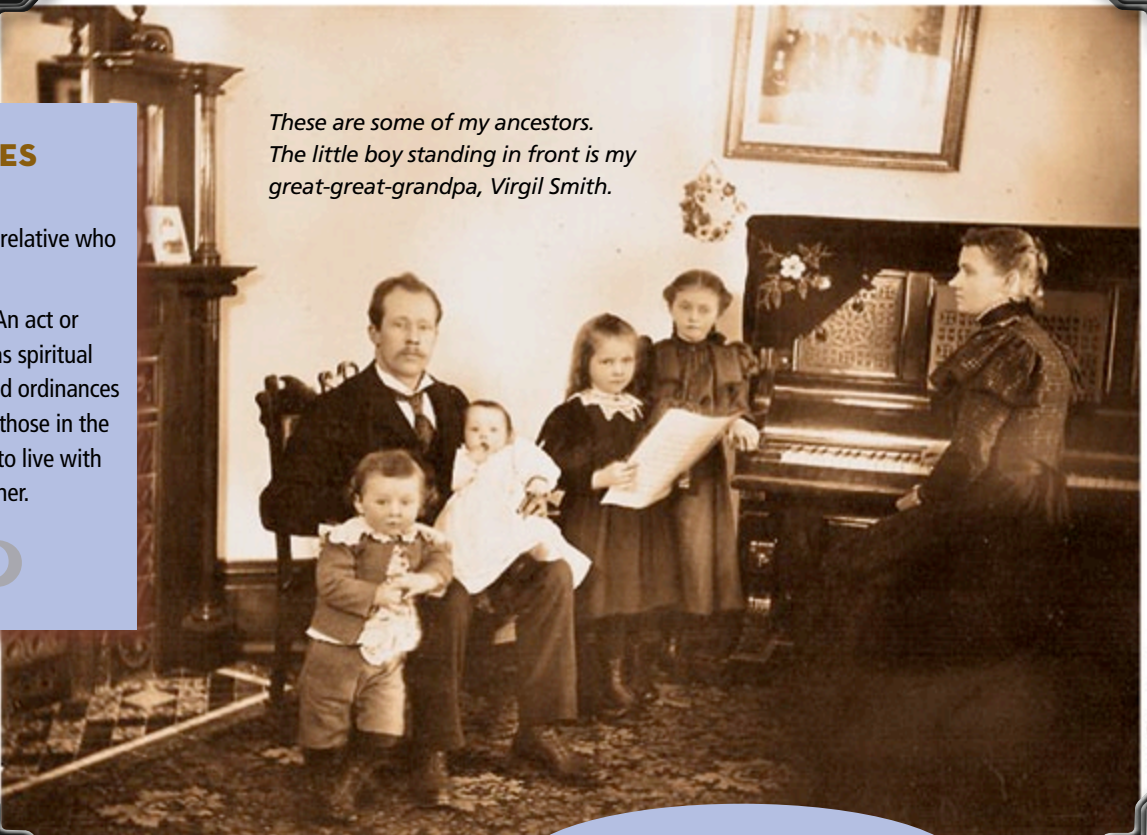
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

ANCESTOR: A relative who lived in the past.

ORDINANCE: An act or ceremony that has spiritual meaning. We need ordinances like baptism and those in the temple to return to live with our Heavenly Father.



These are some of my ancestors. The little boy standing in front is my great-great-grandpa, Virgil Smith.

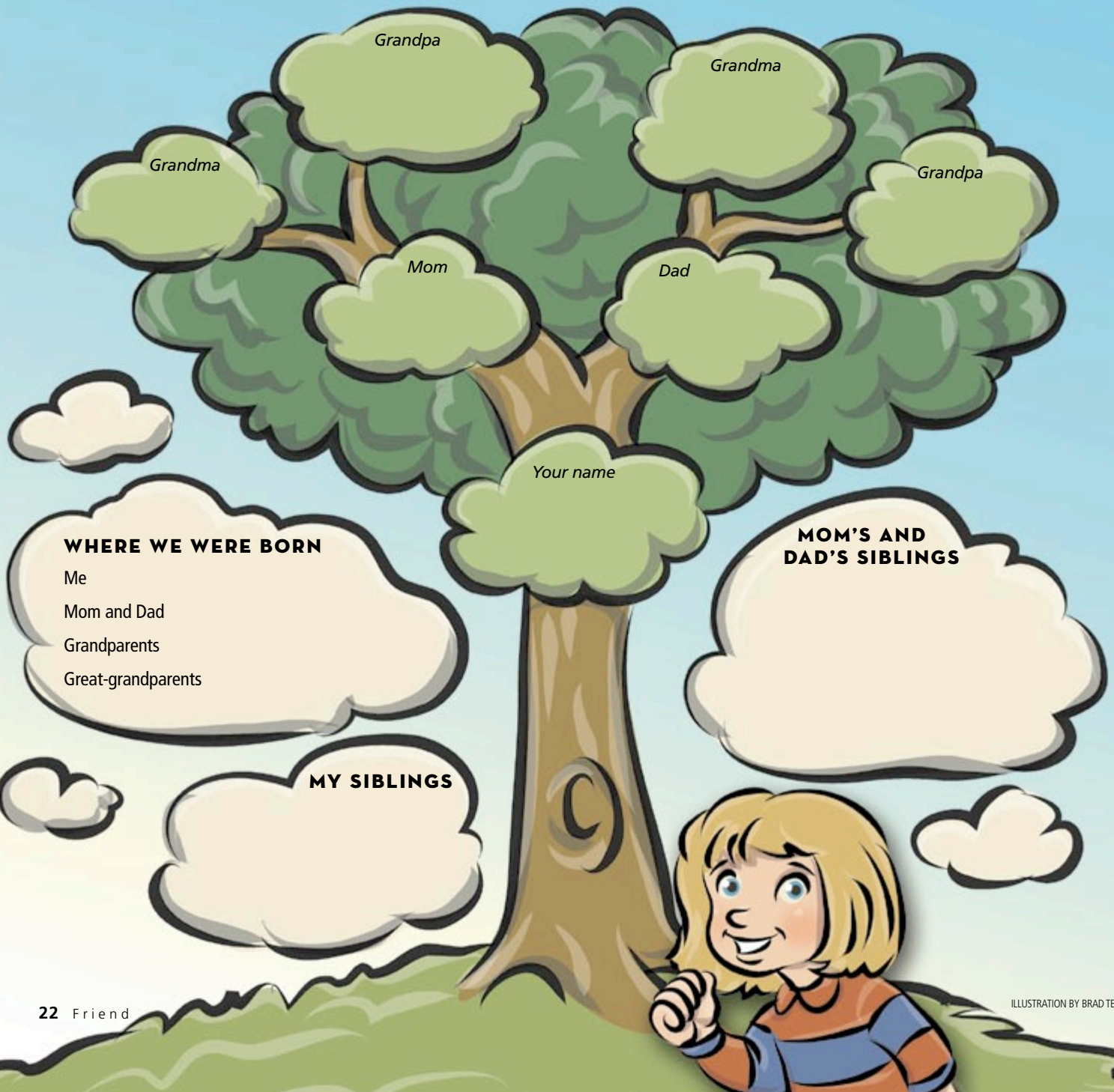


Get started on your family history!
Go to lds.org/familyhistory.

I Can Climb My Family Tree!

Everybody has ancestors. What can you learn about yours? Here are fun ways to start climbing your own family tree!

1. Write down your name, your parents' names, and your grandparents' names.
2. Where were you born? What about your parents and grandparents? Can you find these places on a map?
3. Do you have brothers and sisters? Draw a picture of them. Who are your parents' brothers and sisters? Do your parents have a picture of them? Can you name them all?
4. Ask your parents to go to Family Tree on FamilySearch.org. What can you find out about your grandparents on Family Tree? Did they have brothers and sisters? What can you find out about their parents?



I Hope They Call Me on a Mission



Be better prepared for tomorrow by learning these skills today.

MEET AND GREET WITH CONFIDENCE

Think about when you meet a person for the first time. Do you shake hands? Do you smile? You can help others feel important and special when you greet them warmly. Here are some tips for greeting a person with confidence:

1. Say “hello” clearly enough for the person to hear you.
2. Look the person in the eyes and smile.
3. Reach out and shake his or her hand. Give a firm handshake—don’t squeeze so tight that it hurts, but don’t leave your hand floppy either.
4. Then say, “It’s nice to meet you,” “It’s good to see you again,” or some other polite phrase.

SMILE SWEETLY POTATO FRIES

By Lauren Mortenson

Remember to get an adult’s help when practicing your cooking skills.

Large sweet potato
Olive oil
Seasoning of choice

1. Wash your hands and preheat the oven to “broil.”
2. Wash, peel, and cut the sweet potato into strips.
3. Lightly coat the strips with olive oil. Sprinkle with favorite seasonings, such as salt and pepper, oregano, garlic salt, or cinnamon.
4. Place the strips on a cookie sheet and broil for 8 to 12 minutes.
5. Let the fries cool before serving.

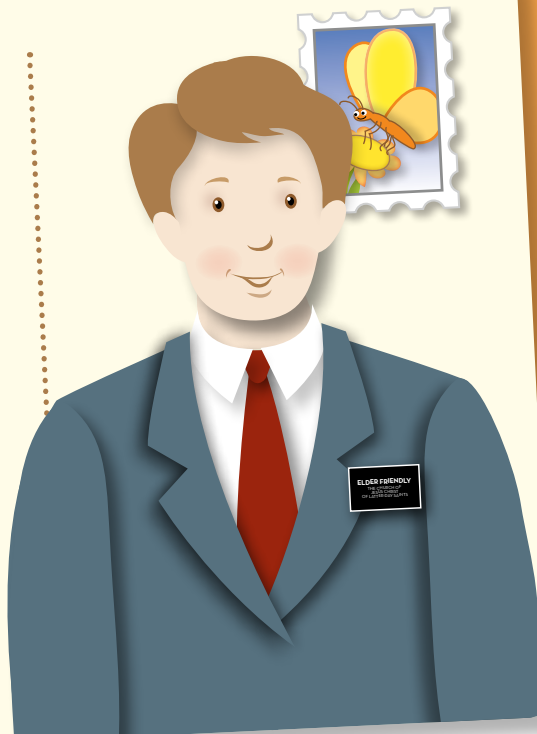


Hello readers,

As a missionary, I say hello to lots of different people. Church is a great place to practice meeting new friends. Elder M. Russell Ballard said he hoped we would “reach out with friendly smiles, warm handshakes, and loving service” to those around us. Good luck practicing those handshakes!*

*Sincerely,
Elder Friendly*

**“Doctrine of Inclusion,” *Ensign*, Nov. 2001, 35.



ILLUSTRATIONS BY BRAD TEARE

Remembering Mothers

Stories from Our Prophets

By Lori M. Johansen



Joseph Smith

As adults, the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum became ill with cholera. As they lay near death, Hyrum suddenly leaped up, saying, "I have had an open vision, in which I saw mother kneeling ... asking God, in tears, to spare our lives. ... The Spirit testifies, that her prayers ... will be answered.* Both brothers soon got well.

Brigham Young

When young Brigham pulled his wagon up to a toll bridge, the bridge keeper asked why his wagon looked so odd. Brigham informed the man that he and his father had turned the wagon into a bed for his sick mother. Touched by Brigham's kindness, the bridge keeper let him cross without paying the toll.



Joseph F. Smith

While on the trail, the oxen belonging to young Joseph F. and his mother wandered away from camp. Joseph F. searched for hours with no luck. When he returned to camp, he found his mother praying to find the oxen. Immediately after her prayer, she was guided by the Spirit and found the oxen.



**History of Joseph Smith, by His Mother, Lucy Mack Smith*, ed. Preston Nibley, 1979, 229.

Heber J. Grant

Heber J. Grant's mother came from a wealthy family. After she was baptized, her family offered her a large sum of money to leave the Church. She refused. After her husband died, she worked hard sewing clothes and taking in boarders to provide for Heber.



Gordon B. Hinckley

Following his mother's death, Gordon B. Hinckley was called to serve a mission. He accepted but didn't know how his family could pay for it. Soon after, his family discovered a small savings account his mother had left behind. The money from that account helped to pay for Gordon's mission!



Thomas S. Monson

During the Depression, when many people had no money, men often knocked on the Monsons' door, begging for work and food. Tommy's mother never turned a man away. When Tommy repainted his family's picket fence, Tommy's mother instructed him to leave one slat unpainted. It was a sign to any passing men that there was work to do at their home.

The Princess and the MONSTER

Was Erin including Alexa—or making a monstrous mistake?

By Linda G. Paulsen
(Based on a true story)

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another (John 13:34).

Erin had it all figured out. Alexa could be the monster! “She’s kind of big and slow compared to us,” Erin thought. “We can outrun her, and Alexa can still be part of the game.” It was perfect!

At recess, Erin told her friends Samantha and Natalie that Alexa had asked to play Monster and Princess with them. At first, Samantha seemed annoyed. “I thought we didn’t want her to play with us,” she said.

“I said she could be the monster,” Erin quickly explained. “We’ll have a *real* monster instead of a pretend one.”

Samantha slowly smiled at the news.

Erin told Alexa the rules of the game. “The monster lives in the castle behind the baseball diamond,” she said. “He

tries to capture the princesses while they’re picking magic flowers in the castle garden.”

“What happens if I catch someone?” Alexa asked.

“You lock her up in the tower,” Samantha said. “She has to stay there until the prince rescues her.”



“But who’s the prince?”

“He’s *pretend*,” said Natalie. “Let’s play!”

Alexa made a great monster. She stomped and growled and swung her arms in giant circles, trying to catch the princesses. The other girls squealed and dodged and ran away.

When recess ended, Erin patted Alexa on the back. They were both panting from running so much. “You were great!” she said.

“But I never caught anybody,” Alexa complained.

Erin thought about that. “Maybe we should get caught sometimes, or we’ll never get to meet the prince.”

For several days, the girls played Monster and Princess at every recess. Alexa got better at capturing the other girls. She’d grab their arms in her big hands and haul them, screaming, to the tower. It was more fun than ever!

One day at recess, Erin noticed that Alexa wasn’t running to the ball field as usual. “Come on,” Erin called. But Alexa didn’t move. Erin ran over to Alexa. “What’s the matter?” she asked.

“I don’t want to be the monster all the time,” Alexa said. “Can’t I be a princess too?”

Erin was stunned. It had never occurred to her that Alexa might not *want* to be the monster. After all, it was a great game, and she was getting to play. But fair was fair. “OK,” Erin said. “I’ll be the monster today. You can be a princess.”

Alexa smiled. The two girls ran to the field where Samantha and Natalie were waiting.

By the end of recess, Erin was nearly in tears. It was *awful* being the monster! She couldn’t catch anybody! And every time she got close, the girls



My brother and I were playing catch, and my sister thought she was being left out. We let her play with us, and we had a lot of fun. It made my sister happy, and it made me and my brother feel good inside.

Noah H., age 9, Arizona, USA

would run off screaming! Erin felt frustrated and strange, like she really was ugly or creepy. It wasn’t fun at all!

During silent reading time, Erin thought about the game. How had Alexa stood being the monster for so long? Suddenly, Erin realized that kids had always sort of treated Alexa like a “monster.” They often treated her like she was ugly or different. The game had just been another way to do the same thing! Erin realized she hadn’t been kind at all! She felt ashamed, and she said a prayer in her heart. “I’m sorry! Help me to fix it.”

At the next recess, Erin called her friends over. “Let’s go back to having a pretend monster,” she said.

“Why?” Samantha asked.

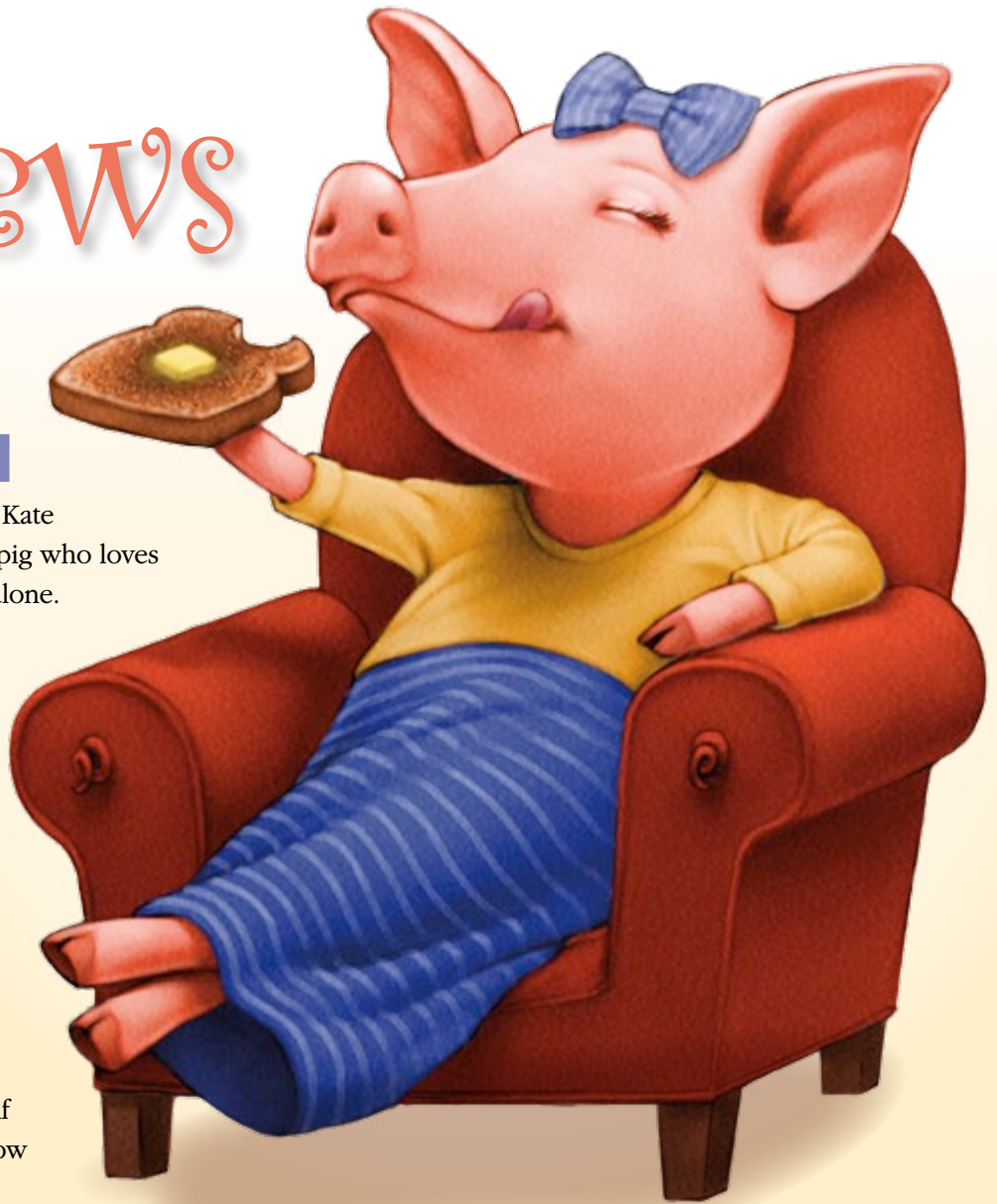
“It’s not fun being the monster. Nobody should have to do it.”

Samantha looked at Erin for a long moment. Then she shrugged. “Whatever,” she said.

Erin and Alexa smiled at each other. Then they ran out to the field together. ♦



Book Reviews



Fiction for Children ages 5–9

Mercy Watson to the Rescue, by Kate DiCamillo. Mercy Watson is a pet pig who loves buttered toast but hates sleeping alone. When Mr. and Mrs. Watson's too-heavy bed starts falling through the floor, Mercy's search for buttered toast helps her save the day.

Henry and Mudge and the Careful Cousin, by Cynthia Rylant. Henry likes playing with his big, drooly dog, Mudge. But his cousin Annie is more concerned about keeping her dress and shoes clean. When Annie comes for a visit, Henry wonders if all three of them will ever learn how to play together.

Fiction for children ages 10–12

Burton and the Giggle Machine, by Dorothy Haas. Burton's friends need cheering up, so Burton decides to invent a cure. Follow along as he creates a giggle machine and stops sneaky Professor Savvy from stealing his family's creative inventions.

Nonfiction

Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship, by Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff, and Paula Kahumbu. How does an orphaned hippo become friends with a 130-year-old giant tortoise? Find out in this story of animal friendship.

Picture Books

Lost and Found, by Oliver Jeffers. When a boy finds a lost penguin on his front door step, he journeys all the way to the South Pole to take it home, only to discover that the penguin might not be lost at all.

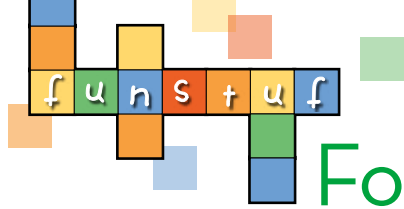
First Day Jitters, by Julie Danneberg. It's the first day of a new school year, but Sarah Jane refuses to go! Will Mr. Hartwell ever get rid of Sarah Jane's jitters and convince her to go to school?

These reviews do not constitute Church endorsement of these books, but the books have been carefully reviewed to ensure that Church standards are observed.

“Seek ye out
of the best
books words of
wisdom; seek
learning, even
by study and
also by faith.”

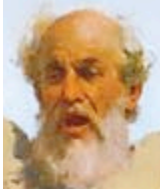
—D&C 88:118





Follow the Prophet

Heavenly Father has given us prophets to guide us and teach us so we can be happy. Find your way through the maze by following the instructions provided by each prophet. Match each picture in the maze with the one from the list below that tells you which way to go.



Noah
Go right



Moses
Go down



Mormon
Go left



Moroni
Go left



John the Baptist
Go right



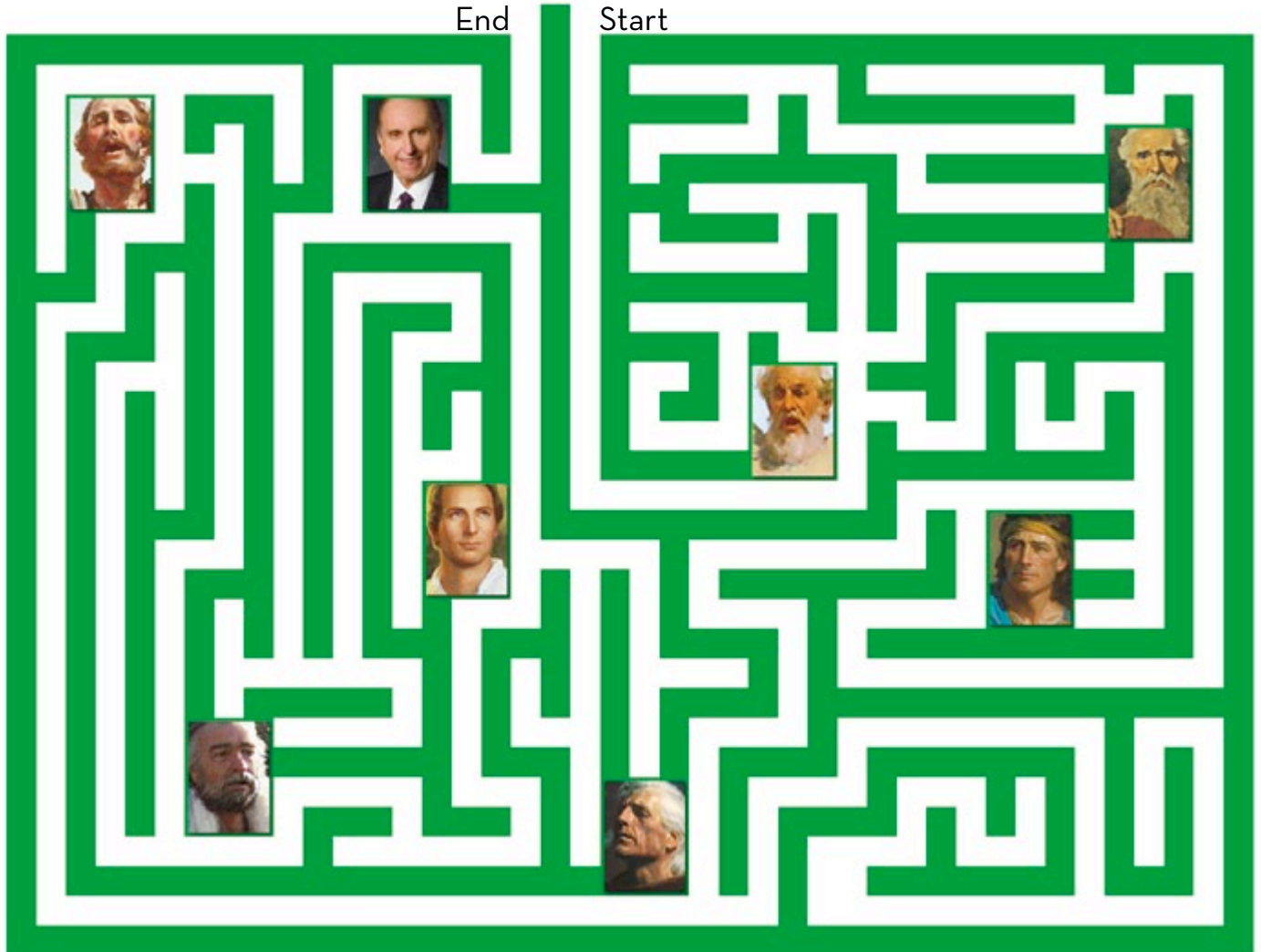
Peter
Go right



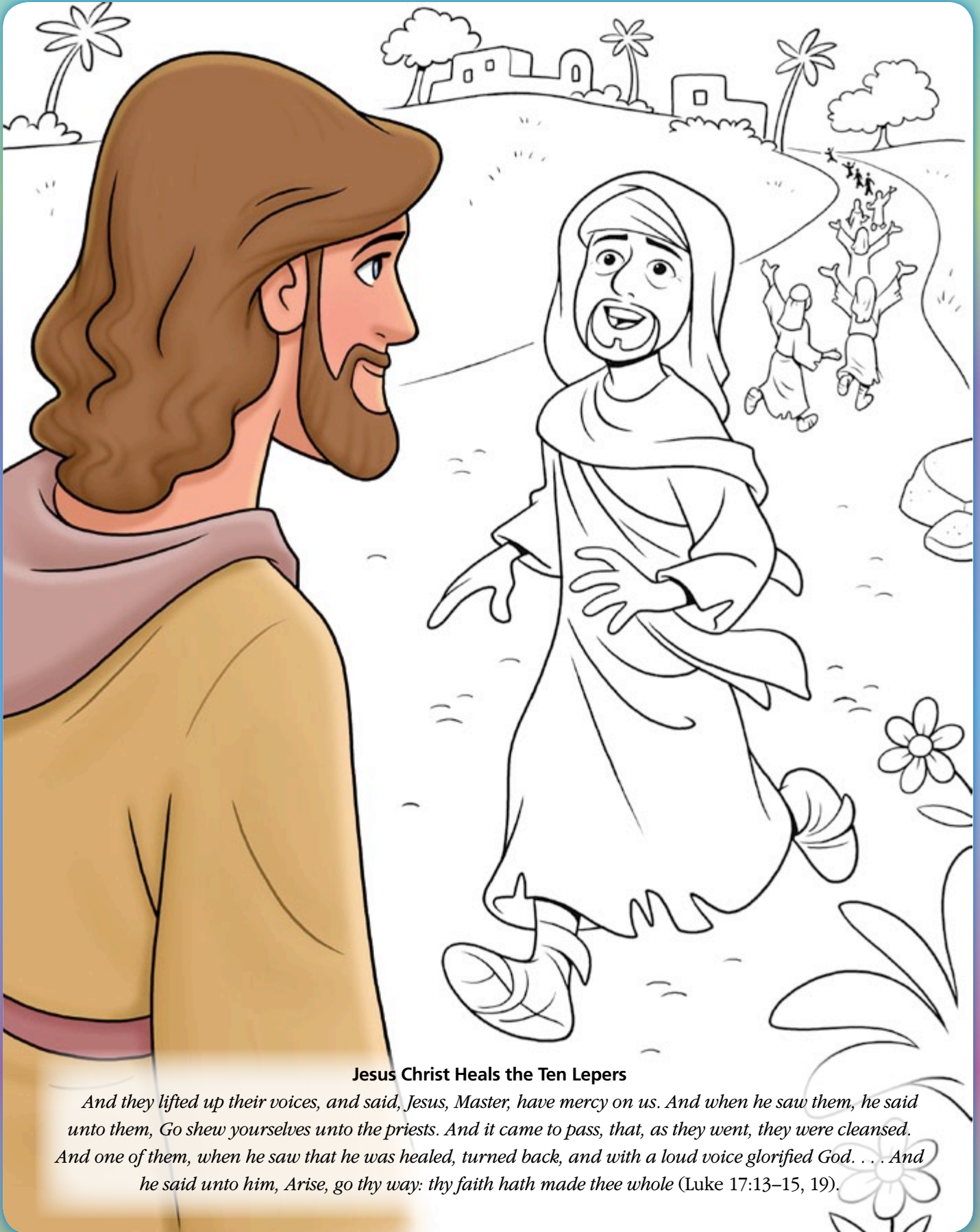
Joseph Smith
Go up



President Thomas S. Monson
Go right



FROM LEFT: DETAIL FROM *NOAH'S PREACHING SCORNED*, BY HARRY ANDERSON © IRI; *MOSES THE LAWGIVER*, BY TED HENNINGER © IRI; DETAIL FROM *MORMON ABRIDGING THE PLATES* AND *MORONI BURYING THE PLATES*, BY TOM LOVEL © IRI; DETAIL FROM *PREPARE YE THE WAY*, BY HARRY ANDERSON © PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, MAY NOT BE COPIED; DETAIL FROM *HE IS RISEN*, BY DAN BURR; DETAIL FROM *PROPHET OF THE LORD*, BY DAVID LINDSLEY, MAY NOT BE COPIED



Jesus Christ Heals the Ten Lepers

And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God. . . . And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole (Luke 17:13-15, 19).

A Song for Grandma

By Jane McBride Choate
(Based on a true story)



Grandma was sick. Lily wanted to help her feel better. But how? She couldn't go to the store to buy flowers like Mom. She couldn't make chicken noodle soup like her sister Tara. She couldn't play a song on the guitar like her big brother Michael.

Lily started to think
about what she could do.



“I know how I can help Grandma feel better!” Lily told Mom.
“I can sing a song for her.”



Lily and Mom went to visit Grandma. Grandma was lying on the couch. She looked tired.

“I have a present for you, Grandma,” Lily said. She sang “I Am a Child of God.”



Now Grandma had a big smile on her face. “Thank you, Lily. That’s the best present you could give.” ♦

Walking to Grandma's

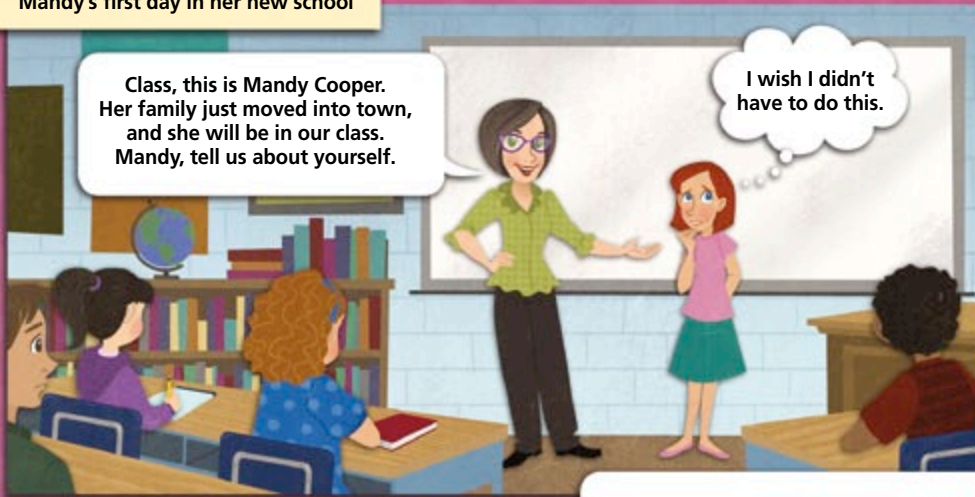
Lily wants to sing a song for Grandma. Help Lily and Mom find their way through the maze to get to Grandma's house. Follow the music notes to help Lily find her way.



MATT & MANDY



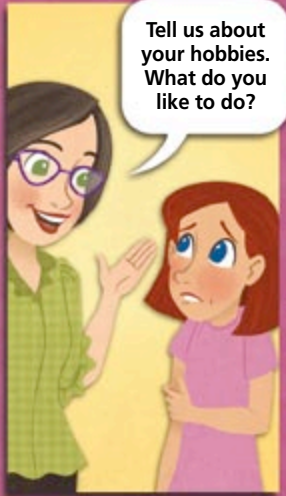
Mandy's first day in her new school



Class, this is Mandy Cooper. Her family just moved into town, and she will be in our class. Mandy, tell us about yourself.

I wish I didn't have to do this.

Well, I'm 11 years old. And I have a little brother named Matt. He's nine and a half.



Tell us about your hobbies. What do you like to do?



I love animals, especially horses. I collect pictures and figures of horses. Someday I want to have my own horse. I like to make cookies and play soccer. Oh, and I've been taking piano lessons for four years, but now we have to find a new piano teacher.



What else?

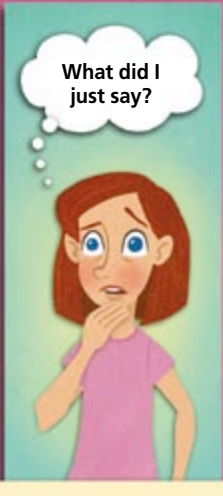


What's your favorite food? Do you have a favorite book?

My favorite food is my mom's cheesy potatoes. And my favorite book is, umm . . . the Book of Mormon.

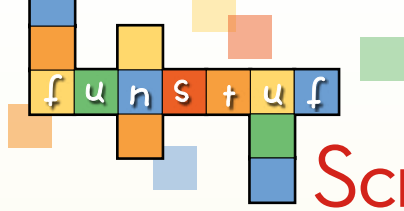


What's that?



What did I just say?

To be continued . . .



Scrambled Sharing Time

By Charlotte Mae Sheppard

Oh no! Sister Lopez gave out the assignments for Primary sharing time, but they got all mixed up! Can you find out which child is giving what part of sharing time and how old they are?

If the box *does* describe the child, put an O in it. If the box does *not* describe the child, put an X in it. (The first clue has been filled in already as an example.) Fill in all the boxes to find out how old each child is and what they're supposed to do! Check your answers on page 48.



	Seven	Eight	Nine
Sarah		X	
Alex	X	O	X
Michael		X	

Prayer	Talk	Scripture

1. Alex is eight years old.
2. The oldest child is giving the scripture.
3. Sarah is not giving a talk.
4. Alex is not giving a prayer.
5. Sarah is younger than Michael.

Show and Tell

Would you like to send something to Show and Tell? Turn to page 48 to find out how.

How Did You Watch General Conference?



I loved the music from conference I felt the spirit.

Maren G. and Gavin T., ages 5 and 10, Foxboro Fourth Ward Primary, Utah, USA



Brooke F., age 7, Washington, USA, liked drawing the different speakers as they spoke during conference. It helped her listen to the talks as she kept her fingers busy.



After reading the articles and activities about general conference in the March 2012 issue of the *Friend*, the **Foxboro Fourth Ward Primary, North Salt Lake Utah Legacy Stake**, decided they would all watch conference that year! They drew pictures and took notes and sent them to the *Friend*!



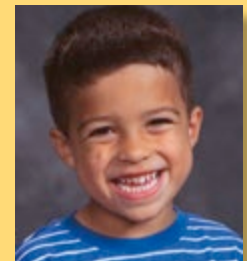
Lexi B., age 8, Utah, USA, stamped her fingerprint on a piece of paper, then decorated each fingerprint with the face of a General Authority!



Megan S., age 10, Virginia, USA



James W., age 6, North Dakota, USA



What was your favorite story from general conference? Tell us about it. Turn to page 48 to find out how.



In 2011, I went to our stake conference and heard Elder Gérald Caussé of the Seventy speak. I listened to his talk and felt the Spirit. I got to shake his hand after the conference. I had a good, warm feeling in my heart.
Kevin N., age 9, West Yorkshire, England



In my ward, we get a special medal for memorizing all the Articles of Faith. I earned my medal and took it to school for show and tell. I also took a copy of the Articles of Faith to show my class what I had memorized. My teacher asked if I could say all 13 to the class. I stood up and did it! My teacher followed along to make sure I got them right, and she was amazed that I could say all of those words. There is only one other member of the Church in my class. I was happy that I could be a missionary as I shared the Articles of Faith with my friends at school.
Grace C., age 7, Illinois, USA



I like to go with my mom when she works at a nursing home. I've been volunteering there for four years. I have many friends who live there, and I give out lots of smiles and hugs. Sometimes I bring stuffed animals to give them. I like to play games with the residents and read to them. I always feel so good when I visit.
Livia D.S., age 8, Montana, USA



I have been waiting for the ice-cream truck to come down my street for a long time. Finally, one Sunday I heard the music right by my house. I was so excited, and I ran to get my money to buy an ice-cream bar. My mom reminded me that it was the Sabbath day and that we do not shop on Sunday. We keep it holy. I asked the ice-cream man if he could come back to my street on a Saturday, and he said, "OK." I felt good that I kept Sunday special.
Holden C., age 6, Arkansas, USA



Wyatt S., age 11, Arizona, USA



My Many Blessings

I'm grateful for my birth
And my family on earth.

God's blessed me with talents and gifts,
So my neighbors I must lift.

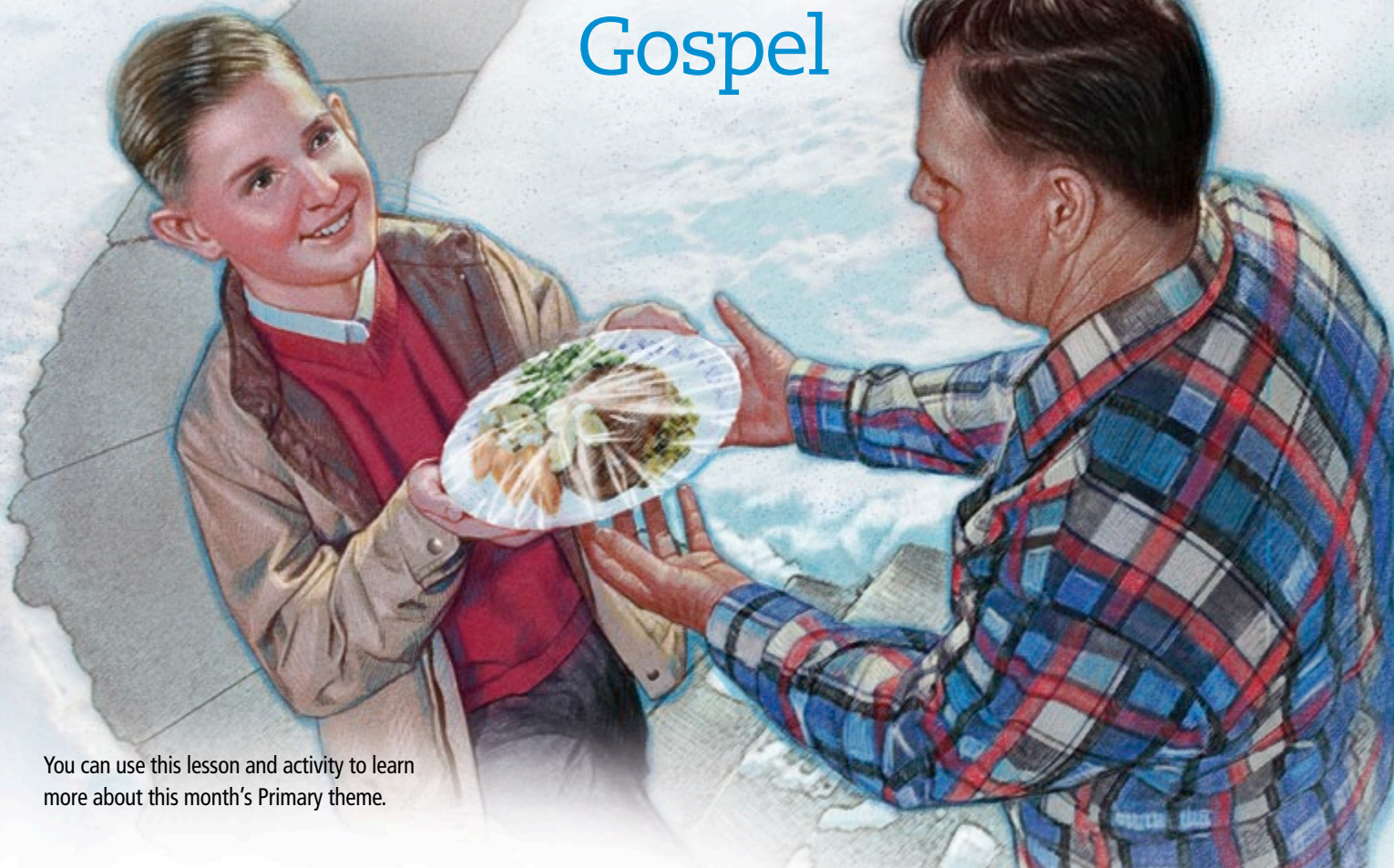
I'm grateful for my friends
And the fun that never ends.

My prophet teaches me
Like the Savior I can be.

James F., age 10, Idaho, USA



Prophets Teach Us to Live the Restored Gospel



You can use this lesson and activity to learn more about this month's Primary theme.

When President Monson was a young boy, his parents taught him to serve others. One Christmas, his mother asked him to choose one of his toys to give to a boy who had no gifts. And on Sundays, before his family ate their dinner, his mother had him deliver a plate of food to a neighbor who was in need. As President Monson got older, his desire to help others grew and grew.

President Monson is now our prophet. He still visits people who are lonely and sick, and he often gives them priesthood blessings. By his example of loving and helping others, President Monson is teaching us to live the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Another way President Monson teaches us to live the gospel is by speaking to us in general conference. In general conference, President Monson tells us what Jesus Christ would like us to hear. He teaches us how to follow Jesus Christ. When we listen to the prophet and follow his direction, we learn how to live the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. ◆

SCRIPTURE AND SONG

- Amos 3:7
- “We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet” (*Hymns*, no. 19)

LET'S TALK

Talk with your family about the prophet's messages to us in general conference last month. You could choose one thing he asked us to do and plan how your family will live the gospel by following that counsel.

PROPHET PORTRAIT

- On a blank piece of paper, draw a picture of President Thomas S. Monson.
- Cut out this page and glue it to a piece of heavy paper. Cut out the frame.
- Listen to a general conference talk by President Monson. Use some of the important words from his talk to decorate the frame.
- Glue or tape the frame over your picture of the prophet.
- Hang your picture where it will help you remember to follow the prophet's teachings.
- You can print out more frames at lds.org/friend.





the orange



shirt

By Annie Beer

(Based on a true story)

My body is the temple my Father gave to me (Children's Songbook, 153).

Stacey and her friend Amanda hurried a little faster to keep up.

Stacey had been so excited when Amanda invited her to come shopping with her older sister, Lexie. Stacey wished that she could be as stylish as Lexie—Lexie always dressed like she just walked out of a fashion magazine. Stacey had saved up money so she could buy a shirt on their shopping trip. Maybe Lexie would help her pick out something really cute.

The girls walked into a clothing store and began browsing a wall lined with colorful shirts. Stacey ran her hand across the racks, feeling the soft fabrics.

"You should try that one on," Lexie said, pointing to one of the shirts. "It would look way cute on you."

"Really?" Stacey asked. She felt flattered that Lexie was paying attention to her. The shirt was orange—her favorite color—and it was the right price. There was only one problem.

"She can't get that one, Lexie," Amanda said. "It has spaghetti straps, and it's really short."

Stacey felt her heart drop. How could she be cool like Lexie now?

Lexie casually waved her hand. "It's not a big deal. I mean, that modesty rule only really matters when you're older."

Stacey began to feel a little hopeful. Maybe Lexie was right. It wasn't like it was *that* immodest.

Besides, the wall of shirts she stood in front of had only a few modest shirts, and none of them were very cute. It would take more time to find a shirt that looked good *and* had sleeves.

Stacey was about to pick up the shirt to try it on when she noticed she felt uncomfortable. She knew what she was about to do wasn't right and that the Holy Ghost was warning her not to do it. She knew that dressing modestly was an important way of respecting her body and being a good example.

She looked at Lexie and swallowed. She wanted to be as cool as Lexie was, but after taking one look at Amanda, Stacey knew what she had to do.

"I actually don't want to wear this," she said, turning away from the shirt.

Lexie shrugged. "OK, that's fine. Hey, let's look at that section over there."

As Lexie walked away, Amanda looked at Stacey and smiled. "I'm glad you decided not to try on that shirt, Stacey."

"I wanted to," Stacey confessed. "But I knew it wasn't right."

"Well, come on," Amanda said. "Let's go find you a shirt that *is* right."

They went to join Lexie, leaving the orange shirt hanging on the wall. ♦

"When you dress immodestly, you send a message that is contrary to your identity as a son or daughter of God. You also send the message that you are using your body to get attention and approval."

For the Strength of Youth (2011), 6–7

Above the Line



By Chad E. Phares
(Based on a true story)

If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things (Articles of Faith 1:13).

Robert spun around the living room like a tornado, picking up the blocks and pillows scattered around the floor as he raced from one side of the room to the other.

He checked the clock on the wall. 4:59! He had only one minute left until the new show he wanted to watch was going to start, but he knew his chores needed to be finished before he could watch.

With a final rush of energy, Robert picked up his socks, hurried to his room, and tossed them into his clothes hamper with the precision of a three-point shooter. Perfect shot! He raced back into the living room just as the show started.

“Phew!” Robert thought. “Made it!”

Mom sat down with Robert and his brothers, Walter and Michael, to watch the show. Dad would be home in about half an hour.

The show started off pretty funny. Even Mom was laughing!

Then there was a mean joke. Then a gross joke. Robert looked at Mom. She wasn’t laughing any more.

Mom picked up the remote and turned the TV volume all the way down.

“Mom!” Robert exclaimed. “Why?”

Even though Robert asked the question, he already knew the answer.

“Do you think we should keep watching this show?” Mom asked.

Robert looked at the floor. “No,” he sighed.

“Why not?” Mom asked.

“Because they’re saying rude things,” Robert answered.

Mom and Dad always encouraged Robert and his brothers to be happy and enjoy good humor, but they said that jokes that were rude or gross didn’t count as good humor. Dad always told Robert and his brothers that it was important to keep their speech “above the line.”

Robert wasn’t exactly sure what “above the line” meant, but he had a pretty good idea of what Dad was trying to say. Language that didn’t make people feel good was below the line. Language that did make people feel good was above the line.

Robert jumped up from the couch and turned off the TV. He was disappointed the show had some rude language, but he knew it probably wasn’t a good idea to watch it.

The next day at recess, some of Robert’s friends were using the same kinds of words that had prompted Mom to turn down the volume on the TV. They weren’t curse words, but they still made Robert uncomfortable.

As Robert walked away to go play somewhere else, he imagined a horizontal line in the air in front of his friends. He imagined the words his friends were saying dropping like bricks from their mouths and immediately falling below the line.

Robert decided to go play basketball with some of his other friends. After rebounding the ball, Robert made his first shot. Then his second! Then his third!

“Great shooting!” his friend Zach said. “You’re on fire! But not for real. That would hurt!”

Zach laughed. So did Robert.

Those words made Robert feel good about himself. He imagined these were the kinds of words that would float up above the imaginary line Dad always talked about.

“Thanks,” Robert said. “You’re shooting really well today too.”

Zach smiled. “Thanks,” he said. “I’ve been practicing.”

Robert could tell his words made Zach happy. Just saying the words made Robert happy too. ◆

“Be cautious with humor. Loud, inappropriate laughter will offend the Spirit. A good sense of humor helps revelation; loud laughter does not. A sense of humor is an escape valve for the pressures of life.”¹

Elder Richard G. Scott of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles



Keep Your Words above the Line

Speaking words that inspire and uplift others will make you happier too. The next time you are tempted to say something rude or unkind, consider using one of these words instead:



Remember, the thirteenth article of faith reads: "If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report, or praiseworthy, we seek after these things." Look for other positive words you can say and use them!

BONUS: See how many of these words you can use in one day. Then write us to tell us about your experience. Find our address on page 48.

▶ Heavenly Father sometimes helps me with small things, but why doesn't He always help with bigger things, like healing someone who has a serious sickness?

Experiencing trials is part of life here on earth. Some of them pass quickly, while others can last a long time. Even in the middle of hard challenges, however, we can still feel Heavenly Father's love. President Henry B. Eyring of the First Presidency taught, "If we have faith in Jesus Christ, the hardest as well as the easiest times in life can be a blessing" ("Mountains to Climb," *Ensign*, May 2012, 26). Sometimes Heavenly Father answers prayers in a way we may not understand at first. But we can always know Heavenly Father is watching over us.



Here's my perspective: God loves everyone. You need to remember that. He has a plan for us that involves some suffering and pain along the way, but we came to earth to be tested. He is our Father in Heaven, who cares about us.

We need to know that He doesn't want to hurt us, but He wants to know that we have testimonies of our own. We can't just pretend to have a testimony. We need to have one of our very own. Just let the Holy Ghost talk to you and comfort you.

Hannah M., age 11, Idaho, USA



We need to trust and have faith in God and know that He has a plan for us. We don't always know the reasons why bad things happen, even if we pray for them not to. We just need to have faith in Heavenly

Father's plan for us and know that He loves us.

Ella D., age 9, Utah, USA



Good question. I think the smaller problems are answered to show us that He lives and loves us. The bigger problems like illnesses or death are just plans of Heavenly Father.

Liezl G., age 8, Ohio, USA



Heavenly Father has a plan for us, and even though sometimes He doesn't always answer our prayers the way we want, He always loves us. He wants us to learn, and if He just did everything we asked, we wouldn't learn and grow.

Always trust in Him, and keep praying.

Jaycie S., age 9, Utah, USA



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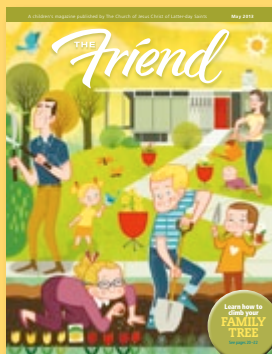
Some of my friends have been daring each other to do some dangerous things. They say they're only having fun, but I'm afraid someone might get hurt. What can I do?

Do you have some advice about this? Send us your answer and photo by May 31, 2013. Find our address on page 48 or email us at friend@ldschurch.org. (Put "Question Corner" in the subject line.) Remember to include a parent's permission!



Possible Ideas for Family Home Evening

1. Read President Henry B. Eyring's message "An Unshakable Foundation" (pages 2–3). Take a trip outside to look at the foundation of your own house or a nearby building. Then talk about why a good foundation is important and make a list of ways you can create your own "foundation of faith."
2. Read "1-2-3! We're Here to Help!" (pages 4–5). As a family, make thank-you cards for someone who has helped you with the things you need.



3. What do you know about your family history? Turn to "I Can Climb My Family Tree!" (page 22) and fill out the chart together.
4. Read the story "The Princess and the Monster" (pages 26–27). Talk about the importance of including everyone and then play a game together as a family.
5. Use the Bringing Primary Home lesson and activity to learn more about this month's Primary theme (pages 40–41).

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Funstuff Answers

Page 12: A) Johannesburg, South Africa; B) Copenhagen, Denmark; C) Mexico City, Mexico; D) Hong Kong, China.
Page 37: Sara is seven, and she's giving the prayer; Alex is eight, and he's giving the talk; Michael is nine, and he's giving the scripture.

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1. "How to Obtain Revelation and Inspiration for Your Personal Life," *Ensign*, May 2012, 46.

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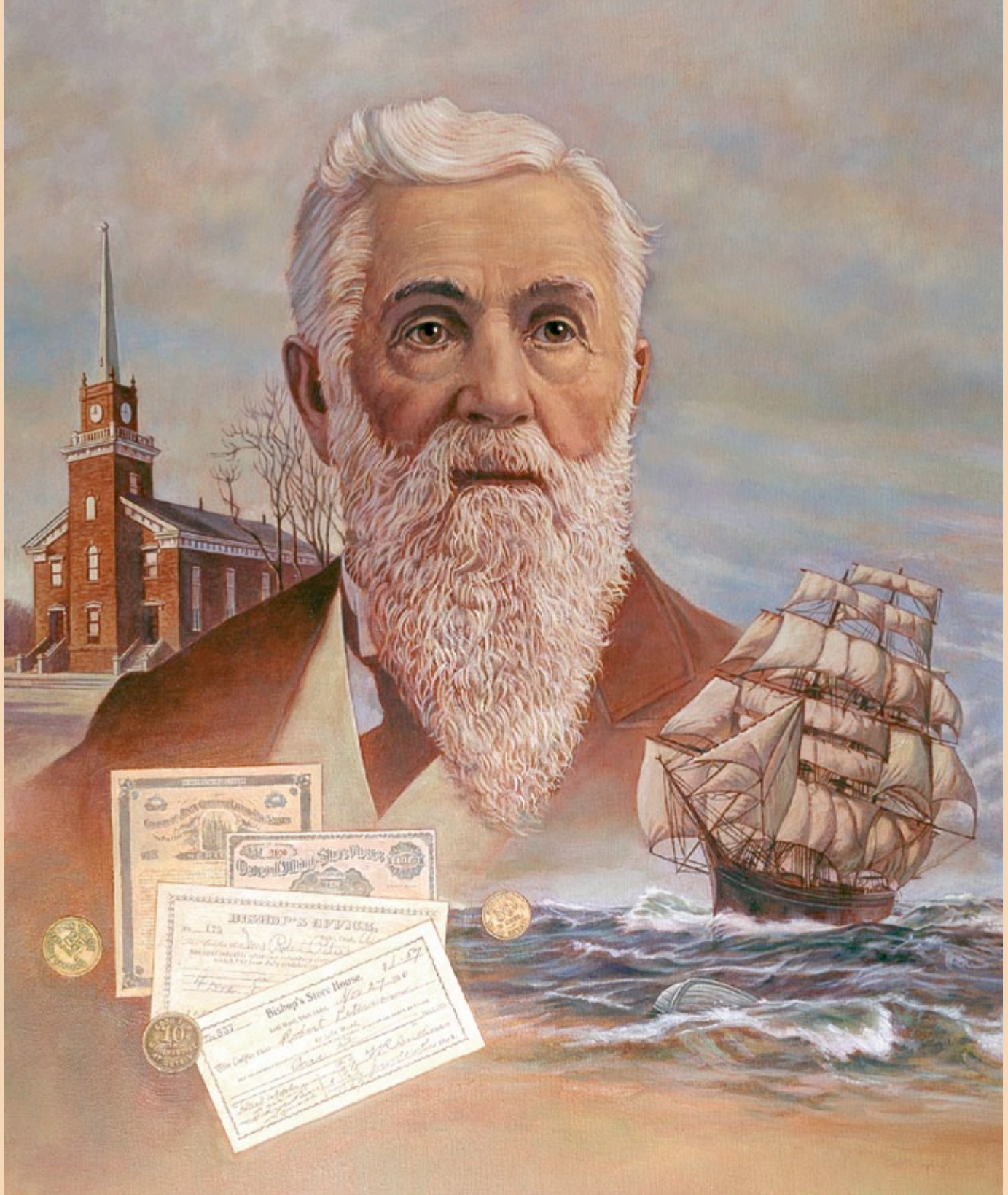
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Through **Your** Eyes



I am blessed to live on my grandpa's farm. I am thankful for my chickens.

**Ava L., age 5,
Texas, USA**



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