

Jonah's Reverent Shirt

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(Based on a true story)

Father, I will rev'rent be and in thy house walk quietly
(Children's Songbook, 29).

Every Sunday Jonah wanted to be reverent in church, but sometimes it was hard to remember.

One Sunday, Sister Milner was leading sharing time. "Jonah, you can choose one picture to put on the board," she said.

Jonah ran to the front before he remembered that he should walk in the church building.



Another Sunday, Stella had trouble remembering her scripture. "As I have loved you . . .," she said.

"Love one another!" Jonah called out before she could finish.

Sometimes Sam and Miguel would start acting silly with Jonah. Sister Fox would take Jonah to sit with Mom in Relief Society.

Jonah wanted to be in Primary. He liked his friends, the stories, and his teachers. But sometimes he still forgot to be reverent.

One day after church Mom said, "Jonah, it's important for you to be reverent at church. What do you think you



could do to remember?"

Jonah shrugged. "I don't know. It's hard to remember."

"I know it can be hard," Mom said. "Why don't you think about it?"

That week Mom brought home a new church shirt for Jonah. "You're growing up so fast," she said. "Your old shirt is already too small."

Jonah tried on the new shirt and buttoned all the buttons. He looked in the mirror. "Dad wears shirts like this," he

