

Clara and the PRIMARY PROGRAM

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Based on a true story

Clara and her family had just been baptized. Clara liked getting up on Sunday and going to church together.

One Sunday the Primary president said there would be a Primary program soon. Clara wasn't sure what a Primary program was. But she knew she wanted to be in it.



“Can you read a scripture and bear your testimony in the Primary program?” her teacher asked.

Clara nodded. She was excited! She wanted to learn as much as she could about the gospel. But she was nervous too. What if she made a mistake?



Clara practiced her part every night. She didn't know all the words in the scripture yet.

"You'll do great," Mama said.

Clara wasn't so sure. This was her first Primary program. All the other kids had done this before.



"Remember, if you do your best, Heavenly Father will do the rest," Papa told her.

The night before the program, Clara prayed for help to do her best. She stayed on her knees and thought about her part. She felt good about it.

On Sunday morning Clara prayed that she wouldn't be scared.



When it was her turn, Clara walked to the front. She messed up one of the words in the scripture. But then she remembered how good she'd felt after her prayer. She smiled and bore her testimony. She talked about how much she loved the Savior.



Clara smiled as she sat back down. She knew Heavenly Father didn't care that she didn't say everything perfectly. He cared what was in her heart. ■

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