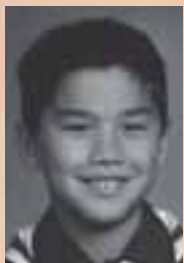


Trying to Be Like Jesus

"He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).



TEACHING A FRIEND



I went on a two-day school field trip with other fifth and sixth graders to study paleontology. I shared a motel room with three of my friends. One of my friends found a Bible in the nightstand drawer. He flipped through

some of the pages and then asked me if I would help him read it. I was surprised that he didn't know any of the Bible stories I thought everyone knew. I taught him about the Creation, Adam and Eve, and the Resurrection. I also told him about Joseph Smith. I told him some of the stories I learned in Primary.

Afterward, I felt like we should have a prayer. I let my friend say the prayer. I led him through it by saying one phrase at a time and having him repeat it. I had a warm feeling, and my friend said he felt good inside.

I never expected that to happen on a school field trip. I was glad that when I had an opportunity to be a missionary, I was prepared and I wasn't afraid to share my beliefs. ●

Christian S., age 10, Arizona, USA

THE SECRET TO SUCCESS

When I was little and learning to read, it was really hard. But with my mom's and Heavenly Father's help, I learned to read. My best friend, Renzo, was also having a hard time learning to read.

One day I told him that I would give him a secret to help him learn to read because it worked for me. We went into the schoolyard. I

taught Renzo how to pray, and he said a prayer to Heavenly Father, asking for help.

At the end of the school year, both Renzo and I received a medal of honor in reading because of Heavenly Father's help. I know Heavenly Father answers our prayers. ●

Edis Hazel T., age 11, El Salvador

SUNDAY FOOTBALL



My football team went to a tournament on a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. My mom asked me what I was going to do about Sunday's game. I said I didn't know what to do. My dad encouraged me to pray, so I prayed about it. That night, the song "Nephi's Courage"¹ got stuck in my head. I knew Heavenly Father answered my

prayers through that song so I would remember to have courage to obey His commandments. On Sunday after church, I knew my team was playing. I was a little sad that I couldn't help my team, but I knew I was doing the right thing. I am glad that Heavenly Father helped me make the right choice, even though it was hard to make. ●

DJ W., age 9, South Dakota, USA

NOTE

1. "Nephi's Courage," *Children's Songbook*, 120–21.

THE IMMODEST COSTUME



For the year-end program at my school, we were putting on a musical. I was so excited, especially when I got a part.

I went to all the rehearsals even though no one could drive me there. But when my teacher showed us the costume we were to wear, I was disappointed. It was immodest.

I told my teacher that I would not wear the costume, and she was upset with me. She told me that none of the other girls had a problem with the costume and if I didn't want to wear it, I couldn't perform. She even tried to get my mom to pressure me to wear it. But I knew I had to keep the commandments, so I said I wouldn't perform.

Then, just a few days before the program, the teacher got new costumes that were modest. I'm happy that I didn't think that "just this one time" it would be OK to be immodest. ●

Estera C., age 12, with help from Cecilia Squarcia, Italy

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