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When My Friend Died

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During my junior year in high school, my friend had a brain aneurism and passed away the next day. Although I was a member of the Church, I still struggled. I had been taught my entire life that I could turn to Heavenly Father and the Savior for anything, but I never had to go through something like this before.

I cried for hours, trying to find something—anything—to give me peace. The night after her passing, I turned to the hymnbook. As I flipped through the pages, I landed on “Abide with Me; ‘Tis Eventide” (*Hymns*, no. 165). The third verse stuck out to me:

*Abide with me; ‘tis eventide,
And lone will be the night*

*If I cannot commune with thee,
Nor find in thee my light.
The darkness of the world, I fear,
Would in my home abide.
O Savior, stay this night with me;
Behold, ‘tis eventide.*

This verse filled me with so much peace. I knew then that not only could the Savior stay that night with me but that He also knew exactly how I was feeling. I know that the love I felt through the hymn not only got me through that night but has also gotten me through many other trials I’ve endured.

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CHILDREN

Focus on Jesus

When we focus on Jesus, He can help us handle the hard things in life. Loving others, keeping the commandments, and praying to Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus Christ are all ways to focus on Jesus.

Draw pictures in the blank squares so that each row and each column has a picture for love, prayer, and commandments.

		
		
		