

Trying to Be Like Jesus

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



I PROMISED HEAVENLY FATHER

When Yukari was three years old, her preschool served milk with coffee in it. Because Yukari's mother had taught her about the Word of Wisdom, Yukari would not drink the coffee milk. She would fill up her cup with water and drink that instead.

One day Yukari said to her mother, "I want to drink coffee milk like everyone else." Her mother sat down with her and helped her understand that Heavenly Father loves her, that He doesn't want her to drink coffee, and that it is a commandment. From that day on, Yukari was sure she never wanted to drink coffee. More than a year passed.

A KIND HELLO

There's a girl on my bus who acts a little different. She doesn't have any friends, and everyone is mean to her. I felt bad, so I went over and said hi. She wanted me to sit with her, so I did. Now I often sit with her on the way to school. She seems happier, and that makes me feel good. I have a little sister with special needs, and I hope someone will do the same for her when she grows up.

Brittany H., age 9, Ohio, USA

TEACHING ABOUT PRAYER

My little sister, Lily, doesn't like to say her prayers. She cries and whines when it's time to pray. One night Lily saw me kneeling down to say my bedtime prayers. She wanted to say the prayer with me. I told her how important it is to say your own prayers to thank Heavenly Father for all your blessings. That night Lily was excited to say her prayers.

Connor M., age 7, California, USA, with help from his mom



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One day when Yukari's teacher could not be there, another teacher came to the class. As usual, Yukari was drinking water. The teacher saw this and asked, "Why are you drinking water?" Yukari explained that she attended church and she had promised Heavenly Father she would not drink coffee. The teacher was impressed. From that time on, the preschool stopped serving coffee milk and served other drinks instead.

Hiroko Fukuda, Tochigi, Japan

BEARING TESTIMONY

"I will go first," says Irinka every first Sunday of the month. With hands holding tight to the chair and eyes full of excitement, she works up the courage. Irinka is only nine years old, but it seems like she's the

bravest of all eight members who come to church regularly in her branch in Bulgaria.

Before she stands up, Irinka usually waits to see if someone else wants to bear testimony first. Everyone secretly gives her a glance and waits for her to go up front. Finally, with a big smile, she walks to the pulpit. The branch president gets her a stool to step on so she can see the members. Irinka, the only child in Primary, looks at the small congregation and starts talking.

She doesn't appear nervous that everyone is looking at her. The members listen to her sweet voice. As she speaks of Christ, the scriptures, and the truthfulness of the Church, she is influencing the testimony of everyone else.

When she sits down, everything is quiet and it seems that the Spirit has touched other hearts. Then one of the members stands up to bear testimony, and then another and another . . .

Maria Kaneva, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

