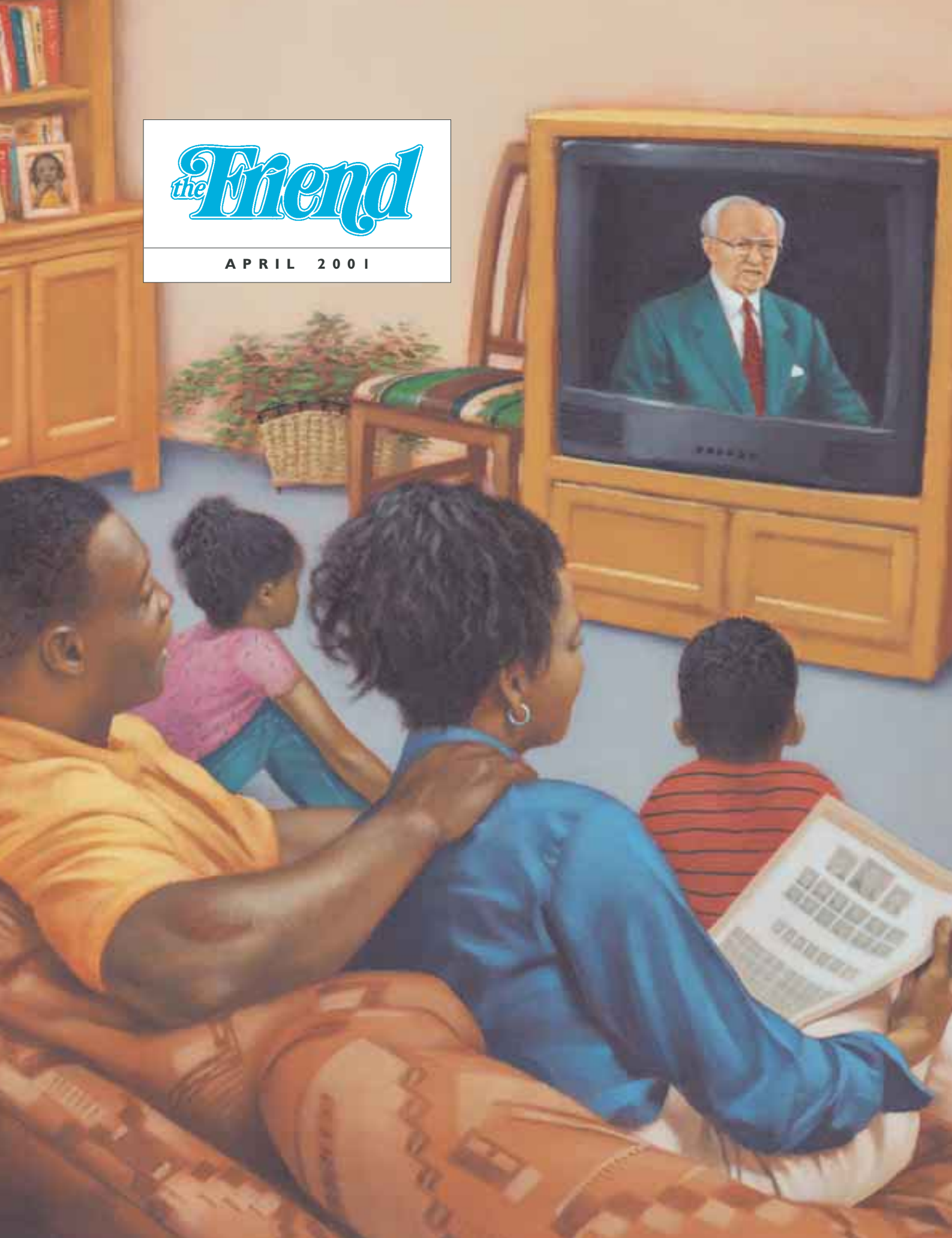


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*The record which we bear is the fulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ (Doctrine and Covenants 76:14).*

FROM LATTER-DAY PROPHETS:

# David O. McKay

**At this month's general conference we will be able to hear teachings and testimonies from our current prophet, President Gordon B. Hinckley, and other Church leaders. As we listen carefully, we will learn what Heavenly Father wants us to do. And as we listen to and obey their counsel, our testimonies will grow and we will draw nearer to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. At the end of a general conference many years ago, Church President David O. McKay told the Saints how grateful he was for the teachings and testimonies that had been given:**

had before to live the gospel of Jesus Christ, to be kind to our families and to our neighbors, to be honest in all our dealings so that men seeing our good works may be led to glorify our Father in heaven. . . .

May God bless you all, and may he guide and help you that righteousness, harmony, and love for one another may dwell in each home, I pray.

**(Conference Report, October 1966, pages 136–138.)**



**W**e have come to the closing session of another great conference of the Church. My soul, with yours, has been filled with thanksgiving and gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the

outpouring of his Holy Spirit throughout the entire conference. . . .

We have had testimony of the Spirit that we are children of our Father in heaven. We have had testimony that God is a living being. We have had testimony that Christ, who was crucified and who rose the third day a resurrected being, is the head of his Church. We have had testimony of the Spirit that he has revealed in this dispensation the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is again established on earth in all its fullness. . . .

God bless us that we may go home with a firmer resolve than we have ever



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# Achievement Day



*Jesus took bread and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them, and said, Take it, eat. Behold, this is for you to do in remembrance of my body. (Mark 14:20-21 in the Joseph Smith Translation, page 805, following the Bible Dictionary.)*

**BASED ON A TRUE INCIDENT**

By Stacey A. Rasmussen

**W**hat were you assigned to bring?" Melissa asked Clara as they walked to Sister Wilson's house for their Achievement Day activity.

"Four cups of flour," Clara answered. "How about you?"

"Some yeast."

"I wonder what we're doing today. Hannah is bringing flour, too. Sister Wilson has kept it such a secret."

"I know," Melissa agreed. "All she would say was that it's going to affect many ward members this Sunday."

Still talking about the mystery, the girls soon came to Sister Wilson's house. Before Clara could knock, Sister Wilson opened the door and invited

them in. Tina, Jenny, and Susan were already sitting on the couch. A tape of Primary songs was playing softly in the background. Just as Clara and Melissa sat down, Hannah arrived. Now all the girls were present, and the mystery project would soon be revealed.

Sister Wilson offered the opening prayer, asking that they might understand the importance of the great sacrifice Jesus Christ made for them. She also prayed that the food they would prepare might be blessed for the sake of all who would eat it.

After the prayer, they made their way to the kitchen with their assigned ingredients. A couple of bowls and a mixer waited on the counter.

"Let's see," Sister Wilson began, "who was assigned to bring the yeast?"

"I was." Melissa stepped forward.

"Good. We're going to put the yeast into some warm water and let it dissolve. Meanwhile, we'll put some of the other ingredients into this larger bowl. Who has the flour, sugar, and salt?"

# Mystery Activity



“I do,” Clara, Hannah, and Jenny answered together.

As the girls worked, they visited, laughing and giggling. Amidst the chatter, Clara asked, “What are we making, and how will it affect the ward members?”

“Does anyone have any idea?” Sister Wilson asked.

“Are we making cookies?” Susan asked.

Sister Wilson smiled. “No, we are making the bread that will be used for the sacrament.”

The giggling stopped suddenly, and the girls spoke almost in whispers as a quiet reverence filled the room. They weren’t making bread just to learn how, but for use in a sacred ordinance!

When the yeast was dissolved, Susan poured in the milk she had brought and Tina added her oil. Then the girls combined the liquid and dry ingredients and mixed them together. They took turns kneading the dough on a flour-dusted counter. When it was smooth, the dough was covered with

a cloth and allowed to rise. Then it was punched down, divided in half, shaped into loaves, and placed in loaf pans. While the dough rose a second time, they went into the next room for a lesson on the sacrament.

“Can anyone tell me what the bread and water represent?” Sister Wilson asked.

“The flesh and blood of Jesus Christ,” Melissa answered.

“That is right. Shortly before His crucifixion, Jesus gathered His Apostles around Him in an upstairs room. He knew that He was going to die, and He wanted the Apostles to always remember Him so that they could be strong and faithful to His teachings. He blessed bread and broke it into pieces. He gave it to His disciples to eat in memory of His body. He blessed wine and gave it to them to drink in memory of His blood.

“When we partake of the sacrament, we renew the covenant we made when we were baptized. Can anyone tell me what we promised to do?”



in sacrament meeting, they sang the sacrament hymn reverently. They listened carefully as a priest blessed the bread, and when they said “amen,” they really meant it. Then the deacons passed the bread. When Clara took a piece from the tray, she was suddenly filled with gratitude for all the Savior had done for her. She thought about the Last Supper and what Jesus had taught His disciples about the sacrament. She knew that there were things she could do better to show that she was trying to keep the commandments.

Clara glanced quickly at Melissa out of the corner of her eye. From the look on her friend’s face, she knew that the sacrament had touched her heart, too.

After the meeting, the girls stopped in the foyer to talk a moment before going home. “I’m glad Sister Wilson let us help make the sacrament bread,” Jenny said.

“I thought it made the sacrament extra special,” Tina added.

“It wasn’t just the bread that made it special for me,” Melissa replied thoughtfully. “It was really thinking about the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and what the sacrament means in my life.”

Clara smiled. “I felt the same way. It wasn’t the bread that made the difference. It was the Savior.”

“I know,” Clara said. “We promised to keep the commandments.”

“We promised to remember Jesus Christ,” Jenny added.

“Very good,” Sister Wilson said. “We also promised to take upon us the name of Jesus Christ. The way we act, the things we do, the words we say should let others know that we are followers of Christ. The Lord promised us that if we keep our covenant, we will always have His Spirit to be with us.

“Is there anything special we should do during the sacrament service?” Sister Wilson continued.

Hannah raised her hand. “My mom always tells us that we should be reverent.”

“She’s right. We should also be prayerful and think of the Atonement. We need to examine our lives, looking for ways to improve ourselves and become more like Christ. And we should think about the promises we are renewing.”

After more discussion about the sacrament, the lesson ended. By then the dough had risen again, and it was time to put the pans into the oven. While the bread baked, the girls planned upcoming activities.

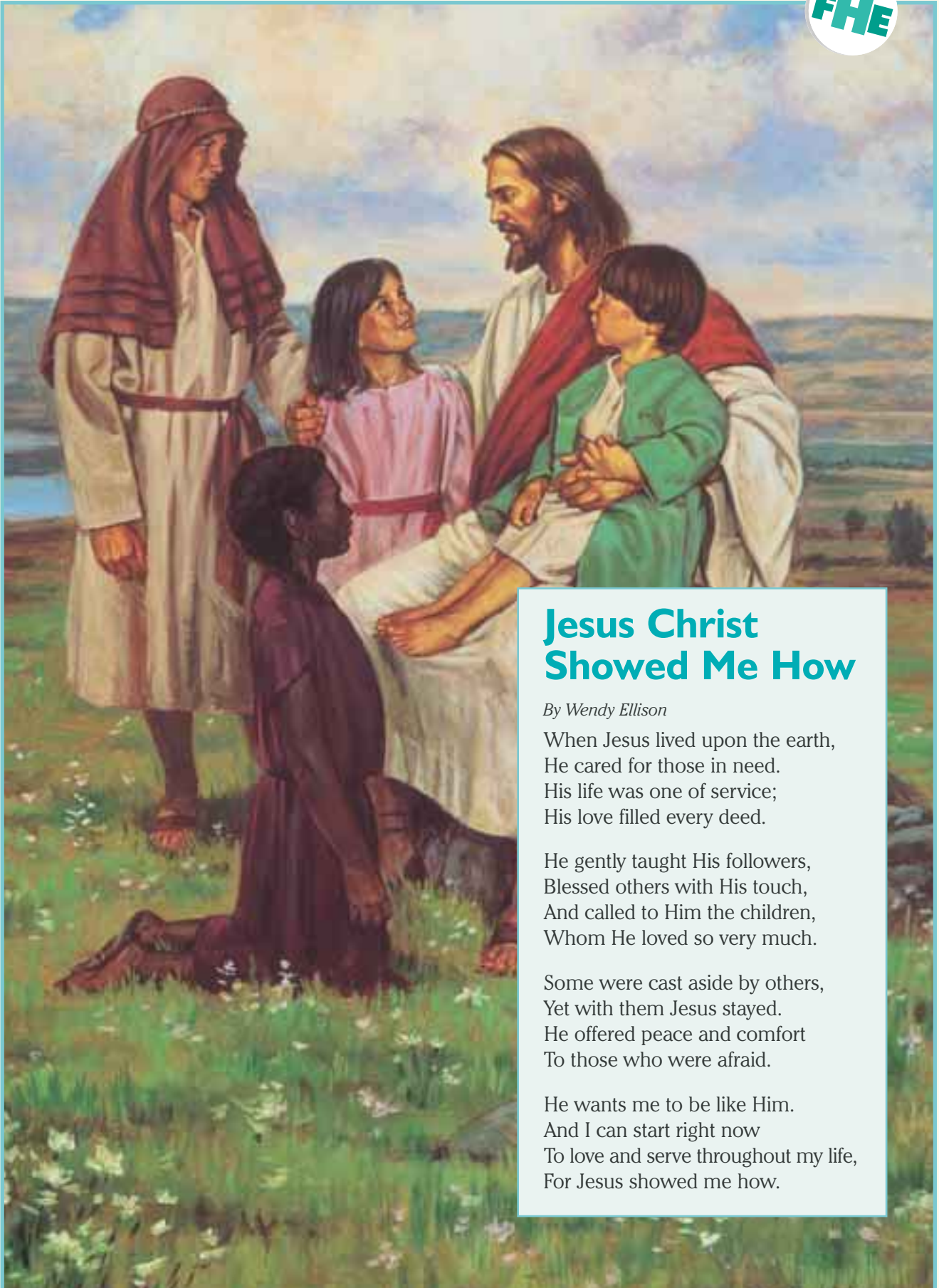
When the loaves were taken from the oven, they were a golden brown. “After they cool, I’ll slice them. Then I’ll give them to Bishop Carmichael. He’ll make sure they are used on Sunday.”

On Sunday, as the girls sat with their families



- When we take the sacrament we promise to
- take upon us the name of Jesus Christ,
  - always remember Him,
  - keep the commandments.

(See Doctrine and Covenants 20:77, 79.)



## Jesus Christ Showed Me How


*By Wendy Ellison*

When Jesus lived upon the earth,  
He cared for those in need.  
His life was one of service;  
His love filled every deed.

He gently taught His followers,  
Blessed others with His touch,  
And called to Him the children,  
Whom He loved so very much.

Some were cast aside by others,  
Yet with them Jesus stayed.  
He offered peace and comfort  
To those who were afraid.

He wants me to be like Him.  
And I can start right now  
To love and serve throughout my life,  
For Jesus showed me how.



# ADVENTURES

From an interview with Sister Gayle Clegg, First Counselor in the Primary General Presidency; by Kellene Ricks Adams

*Pray always, and I will pour out my Spirit upon you, and great shall be your blessing—yea, even more than . . . treasures of earth (Doctrine and Covenants 19:38).*

**B**efore I celebrated my sixteenth birthday, I had lived in fourteen different homes! My father was a homebuilder, and every home he built was



With her family (left)

for sale—including the ones we lived in. Because we moved so often, we did not collect a lot of possessions. Every home I lived in was full of the spirit of love, friendship, humor, fun, and laughter. These priceless

things always moved with us. The things we didn't take with us were given to Deseret Industries.

A few things, however, were never discarded, including books, scriptures, family histories and

photos, and music. Those material items were handled with care every time we moved, and I learned to value deeply what they stood for. My father and mother carefully wrapped and boxed these items, and I sensed even as a very young child that they were extremely important. As I grew older, this



As a four-year-old

sense developed into a great love for the scriptures and also for family history and for our ancestors who sacrificed so much for us.

These moving adventures shaped me into the person I am today. I am not attached to material possessions. Instead, I place the highest value

on relationships with people, including written records of these relationships, such as the ones you find in the scriptures or in family histories. I love to meet new people and look forward to getting to know others and making new friends.

As a young girl, I developed a strong imagination and sense of humor. Listening to music was one of my favorite pastimes. I often pulled out our old record player and listened to the music from popular plays and movies such as *Carousel*, *Oklahoma*, and the *Music Man*. I had never actually seen them, so I created my own plots and story lines based on the words from the songs. I also made up all the dances and acted out many of the roles. It didn't take much to make me happy. A few dress-up clothes from my parents' closet, a record, an empty room, and I was off on an adventure.

In my mind, I traveled to many faraway places and experienced many marvelous things. In fact, later in my life, when I was able to travel, I discovered that the places I visited in my imagination were almost more fun and exciting than trips I actually took.

The scriptures were also a source of wonderful stories and adventures for me. As I mentioned, my





Reading to her grandson Brandon

parents carefully packed our scriptures with every move, and even today I have a sense of reverence for the scriptures. My father had entire chapters of scripture memorized, and our family could have

a scriptural discussion without even having any scriptures nearby, because Dad recited them by heart. The scriptures were always with him, and I wanted that, too. I wanted the scriptures to be inside of me, to be a part of me like they were a part of my father.

One of my favorite scriptures is in 3 Nephi when Jesus Christ visits the Nephites. While He is visiting them, He teaches them how to pray. One of the things He tells them

to pray for is to not enter into temptation (see 3 Nephi 13:12, including footnote a). Heavenly Father hears our prayers and wants us to be strong and make good decisions about our choices. He can help us make these decisions when we are obedient and pray for His help.

Looking back, I realize that many people might have thought my childhood was hard. Moving so often and having to make new friends might have seemed very hard. In addition, we didn't have a lot of money for toys and other things. But I never felt that it was hard. It's important to not feel sorry for ourselves and to not focus on the things we don't have or the things we can't do. Instead, we should be grateful for what we do have and be happy and positive. It will make our lives much richer and rewarding.

I love meeting children all over the world. The scriptures say that "little children do have words given unto them many times, which confound the wise and the learned" (Alma 32:23). As a schoolteacher, I have taught many children. I have also taught children in Primary. Even though I'm supposed to be the teacher, sometimes I learn more from children than they learn from me! You children are curious. You love to learn. Your hearts are pure. Heavenly Father loves you dearly, and I'm thrilled to be sharing the message of His love with Primary children all over the world.

I love our world. It has so many undiscovered beauties! How grateful I am that Heavenly Father created it for us. I love all the different people and languages and cultures that create such



Sister Clegg with her husband, Calvin, and their family

an interesting and exciting world for us to live in. I also love new adventures, and the one I am on right now—to love and work with the children of the world and their great families—could not be more exciting or fulfilling.



With Brother Clegg in 1997

# Alan's



*I, the Lord, forgive sins, and am merciful unto those who confess their sins with humble hearts (Doctrine and Covenants 61:2).*

#### **A TRUE STORY**

*As told to Judy Arrington*

**M**y name is Alan Matthews.\* I'm nine years old and have listened to many lessons in church and family home evening. None ever taught me so much about Heavenly Father's

love for me as the lesson I learned through our ducks.

I'm an animal lover. I have a huge collection of small plastic animals from all over the world, and I've read nearly every book on animals that our school library has to offer. The fact that I love animals so much is what makes what happened to me so amazing.

My parents, my brothers, and I live in the state of Washington. We have a huge yard with trees, a

# Miracle



pond my dad made, and our own little hill. Last spring, my parents surprised us by coming home with two baby ducklings, Samson and Delilah. We raised them in the house until their adult feathers grew in and it warmed up a bit outside. They were cute and cuddly, and we loved to sit and hold them. But once they were old enough to set loose in the backyard, it was pretty hard to catch them when we wanted to hold one.

One day I found myself sitting by the edge of the

pond, watching them dive for bugs and bathe themselves. The longer I watched, the more bored I became and the more I wanted to catch one of them to hold. I circled the pond several times, trying to get them to come out of the water. But they knew exactly what I intended and swam away from me. Finally, tired of going in circles, I sat down to try to come up with another idea.

That's when I came up with what I thought was a foolproof plan. I began to toss small stones into



the water beyond the ducks. The splash startled them and made them instinctively swim closer to me. With each stone, I became more confident that I'd soon have a duck to hold. Then the unexpected happened: I looked down to pick up a stone, and there were none left.

Fearful that the ducks would retreat to the other side of the pond, I quickly searched behind me for another rock. I spied one a little way off. Without taking my eyes off the ducks, I grabbed the rock. My fingertips barely had time to feel its smooth edges before I hurled it into the water.

In my hurry, my aim was a little off. Everything would have been fine except that Samson, spooked by my sudden movement, jerked around and headed right into the stone's path. With a small thud, the rock hit him squarely in the head. For a moment, I sat frozen, shocked at what I'd done and afraid that he'd been badly hurt.

Delilah started beating the water with her wings and screeching at me. Samson jumped out of the water and ran straight across the yard to a little hut we'd built for them. I was relieved that he seemed to be OK, but my heart was beating so hard that I went to lie on my bed for a while.

Two days later the scene came back to haunt me. Mom was out feeding the birds and found

Samson nearly drowned at the edge of the pond. Scooping him up and hollering for one of us to get Dad, she rushed Samson into the house. Delilah, who normally set up quite a wail when separated from her mate, followed and stood patiently on the back porch next to the door.

Samson was very cold and could not stand or control his wings very well. Dad wrapped him in towels and put him in a tub under a heat lamp. He showed no sign of improvement after an hour, so Dad brought in Delilah. She nestled right up to Samson.

The next few days, I spent a lot of time by the side of the tub, cleaning up after the ducks and feeding them. I found little comfort in helping them. Everyone tried to guess what had caused Samson's illness. I felt terrible, knowing what was wrong and that it was my fault.

A week passed. We had seen little change in Samson. It was a warm spring day, and we were all outside enjoying the sunshine. I walked around aimlessly, hitting the ground with a stick that I'd picked up somewhere. I didn't hear my mother walk up behind me. I jumped as she gently placed her hand on my shoulder.





“Alan, your father felt that I should ask you about Samson.” When I didn’t respond, she continued. “Sometimes we do something we’re not proud of, and it can make us very unhappy inside. It can make us so unhappy that it is like carrying a huge boulder around with us everywhere we go.”

I turned to face her. Tears began to well up in my eyes. I wanted to cry out, “Yes, that’s just how I feel!” but I remained silent.

“When that happens, we need to confide in our Heavenly Father and ask for His forgiveness and for the burden to be removed,” she said.

Finally I mustered up the courage to speak. I asked, “Is that all I have to do?”

“No,” Mother said. “We need to confess our sins, do whatever we can to make the wrong right, and promise that we will never do it again.”

I thought about what she had said. I knew that she was right, and I knew what I had to do. I looked up at her, unable to hold back the tears any longer. “Mom, I hit Samson in the head with a rock. I didn’t mean to hurt him, and I don’t want him to die.”

She pulled me close to her and hugged me tightly. “That surely has been a heavy burden to carry around all this time.”

I nodded. Then, pulling out of her comforting arms, I said, “I need to go to my room for a few minutes.”

She nodded in understanding, and I ran inside.

As I knelt beside my bed, I told Heavenly Father that I’d done something very wrong and that I was very sorry. I explained that despite our efforts, Samson was not getting any better, and I asked Him if He would help make things right. I asked for His forgiveness and promised that I would try to never

again do something so careless. Closing in the name of Jesus Christ, I arose, amazed at how much better I felt inside already.

For the first time all week, I joined in the dinner conversation and played with my brothers. I now understood what my mother was saying about the weight, because I felt as light as a feather.

When I awoke the next morning, I hurried to check on the ducks and to get their food and water. As I went around the corner, the first sight that met my eyes was Samson, standing up and preening his feathers! He looked his old self again, and he started quacking for his breakfast. He had been healed! Excitedly I ran to tell my parents the good news. I had been forgiven, and I knew that Heavenly Father had helped make Samson better.

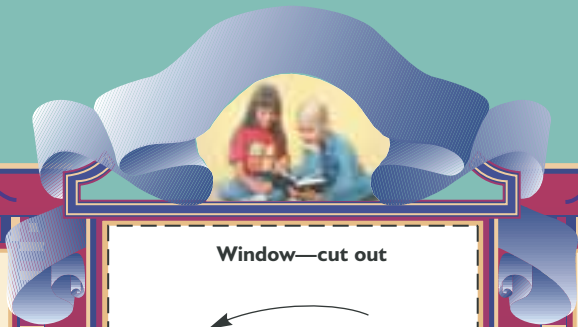
That evening I sat on my bed, writing in my journal:

“I know that I am a child of God, that He hears and answers my prayers, and that even a nine-year-old is important enough for a miracle.”

**\* Name has been changed.**



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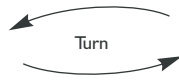


THINGS THE PROPHET ASKS ME TO DO

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THINGS I WILL DO TO FOLLOW THE PROPHET

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Section 2



I will pray.



I will study the scriptures.



I will remember the Savior.



I will be kind to others.

Glue



*What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, . . . whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same (Doctrine and Covenants 1:38).*

# Listen to a Prophet's Voice!

By Diane S. Nichols

Last October, our prophet, President Gordon B. Hinckley, spoke to us, and he will speak to us this April. Like King Benjamin, he speaks to us for the Savior. He

If you knew that Jesus Christ was coming to speak to you, would you take time out from your playing to go and listen to Him? Each April and October, the prophet and other General Authorities speak to us in special meetings called general conference. They tell us the things the Savior would tell us if He were here. Their words are like the scriptures and will guide us in our lives.



tells us the things we should do to live our lives the way the Savior wants us to. He doesn't need a high tower to speak to us today. He speaks to us from the new Conference Center in Salt Lake City.

In the Book of Mormon, we read about a king who was also a prophet. His name was Benjamin. When King Benjamin was getting very old, he wanted to teach his people about the Savior one more time before he died. He had a tall tower built near the temple, and he climbed upon the tower to speak so that he could be heard by all the people.

The Center holds many people, but not everyone can go there to hear him, so his words are carried by television, radio, computer, and Church magazines to people all over the world. His words, like those of all the Latter-day Saint prophets before him, testify of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is important to listen to his words just as we would listen to Jesus Christ if He were here to speak to us.

The people came with their families to hear him. They pitched their tents around the temple and were ready when King Benjamin spoke to them. However, there were so many people that they still couldn't all hear him. So he had his words written down and given to them.

Our prophet loves us just as the Savior loves us. If we do the things he teaches, we can be happier in this life. We can learn how to live again with Father in Heaven and the Savior, Jesus Christ. It is wonderful to know that through our prophet, the Savior is speaking to each of us!

He taught them the things the Savior wanted them to do. He testified to them that the Savior, Jesus Christ, would come to them.

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The people listened to their prophet. When he finished speaking to them, they wanted to take upon them the name of Jesus Christ and to keep His commandments. They made a covenant to always remember Jesus, and they taught their children the words of King Benjamin. The people became very righteous as they did what the Lord, through their prophet, asked them to do.

1. Glue page 12 to a heavier piece of paper.
2. Cut out the two sections and the window in Section 1.
3. Under "Things the Prophet Asks Me to Do," write four things you remember from conference that President Hinckley asked us to do.
4. Under "Things I Will Do to Follow the Prophet," write four things you will do to follow the prophet's counsel.
5. Color the pictures of children doing things that prophets have asked us to do.
6. Form two tubes by gluing the ends of Section 1 together, and then gluing the ends of Section 2 together (see illustration).
7. Place Section 2 inside Section 1, and turn it until a picture is visible. Each day, turn the pictures and remember what you will do to follow the prophet.

## SHARING TIME IDEAS

(Note: *CS* = *Children's Songbook*; *GAK* = *Gospel Art Kit*)

1. Attach statements from conference addresses along a string, with *BIRTH* as a label at one end, and *ETERNAL LIFE* as a label at the other. To help the children understand how we are led by the words of our prophets, first explain that when we come to earth, we cannot remember Heavenly Father's plan for us. We must learn from the scriptures and our living prophets about His plan and have the faith to follow their words.

Using a soft scarf to represent forgetting our pre-mortal existence, blindfold a child and have him/her move along the string from Birth to a conference-address statement. Remove the blindfold and have him/her read the statement and tell how the message can be applied to his/her life. Repeat with different children (using a different scarf each time or simply having the children close their eyes) until all the messages have been read and the applications made. Sing "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet" (*Hymns*, no. 19).

2. Play "What Song Am I?" Have the children toss a beanbag onto musical notes placed on the floor. When the beanbag lands on a note, tell the pianist the number on the note and have her play the first few notes of that song. Let the children guess which song it is. Tell them that this song teaches us one of the same messages that our prophet taught us in our last general conference. Ask what the message is. Have the child who identifies the message tell what she/he can do in the coming week to follow the prophet. Have her/him help lead the song. (Use songs similar to those listed in Idea #3.)

3. To help the children understand how we progress "line upon line," have them build a ladder. Make a poster without rungs, and have the children draw the rungs from a container. Each rung should have written on it something that the prophets have counseled us to do (e.g., pay tithing, keep the Word of Wisdom, pray, hold family home evening, study the scriptures). Explain that with only one or two rungs, it is impossible to climb the ladder, but with all the rungs, we can climb to the top and obtain the peace and happiness that Heavenly Father has

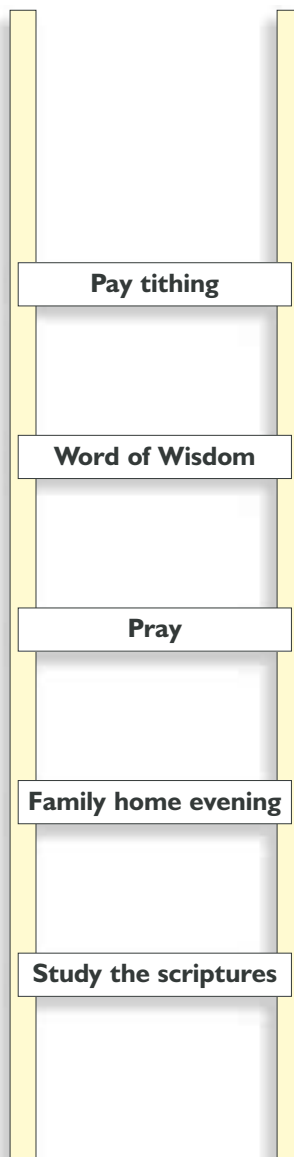
in store for those who follow the prophets' counsel. Reinforce each subject by singing a song from the *CS* on that subject, noted on the back of the rung (e.g., •tithing / "I'm Glad to Pay a Tithing," p. 150 •Word of Wisdom / "The Lord Gave Me a Temple," p. 153 •family home evening / "Family Night," p. 195 •scripture study / "Seek the Lord Early," p. 108).

4. Invite a member of the bishopric/branch presidency to help with this Idea. Hang a sheet or blanket in the front of the Primary room. Have him stand behind it, and have a child stand in front of it. Have the bishopric/branch-presidency member whisper a scripture or some special message to the child; then have the child share it with the entire Primary. Explain that this is an example of one way the Lord speaks to us, that the child was speaking for the bishopric/branch-presidency member, just as our prophet speaks for the Lord. Have the bishopric/branch-presidency member share an experience he has had in which he was blessed by obeying the counsel of our prophet, and invite him to bear his testimony to the children.

5. Help the children memorize a portion of D&C 1:38 (see *Teaching, No Greater Call*, pp. 171–172). Explain that this scripture teaches us that Heavenly Father speaks to us through his servants, our prophets. Whenever the prophet teaches us, it is the same as if Heavenly Father is speaking to us.

Divide the children into four groups. Give the first group a picture of the First Vision (*GAK* 403) and have one child hold it up as they repeat: "What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken." Repeat this procedure with the other three groups. Group two's picture: Moses and the Burning Bush (*GAK* 107); its scripture: "whether by mine own voice." Group three's picture: President Hinckley (*GAK* 520); its scripture: "or by the voice of my servants." Group four's picture: a large equal sign; its scripture: "it is the same." Occasionally a group might repeat the phrase silently in their minds. Repeat each phrase until the children have memorized the scripture.

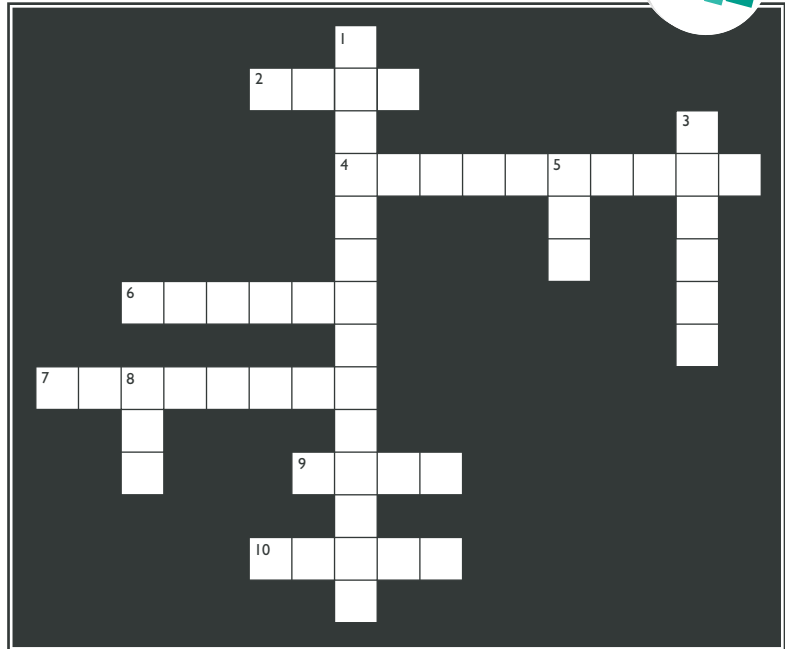
6. Additional *Friend* resources: "At Conference Time" (song), Oct. 1997, pp. 12–13; "He's Talking to Me," May 1998, pp. 36–37, 11; "Finding Safety in Counsel," Aug. 1998, *IFC*; "They Testify of Him," Jan. 1999, pp. 24–25.







## President George Albert Smith



# CROSSWORD

By Hilary Hendricks

You can learn about President George Albert Smith, the eighth President of the Church, by doing this crossword puzzle. Read the clues, then fill in the puzzle by choosing the correct answer from the words listed below.

- |        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| coffee | ill             |
| creed  | lawn            |
| eye    | overalls        |
| food   | southern states |
| guitar | television      |

### ACROSS

2. President George Albert Smith asked the president of the United States if the Church could send clothing and \_\_\_\_\_ to help people in Europe after World War II.
4. President Smith was the first President of the Church to have his general conference message broadcast over this new invention.
6. As a youth, George played this instrument while performing with boyhood friends. He loved to sing funny songs and make people laugh.

7. As a boy, he worked in a factory sewing buttons on \_\_\_\_\_.

9. He and his brothers worked hard to have \_\_\_\_\_ in their front yard. They had to haul water in buckets to make it grow.

10. President Smith wrote a personal \_\_\_\_\_ in which he promised to love and to serve others.

### DOWN

1. Just after marrying his sweetheart, Lucy, he was called on a mission to the \_\_\_\_\_. While in Alabama, he was shot at by a mob but was not hurt.

3. When President Smith was a boy, a doctor told him to drink \_\_\_\_\_ to help him recover from a serious illness. He asked for a blessing, instead. He felt better by the next day and was glad that he had kept the Word of Wisdom.

5. Even though President Smith was often \_\_\_\_\_, he worked hard to help the Saints.

8. As a young man, he hurt his \_\_\_\_\_ while working for the railroad.

(See answers on page 43.)

# JESUS CHOOSES HIS APOSTLES

Chapter 18



One day Jesus taught people on the shore of the Sea of Galilee from a boat. The boat belonged to a man named Peter. Peter and his friends had fished all night without catching any fish.

**Luke 5:1-5**



After Jesus taught the people, He told Peter to take the boat into deep water. Then He told Peter and his friends to put their fishnets into the water, and they did.

**Luke 5:4-5**



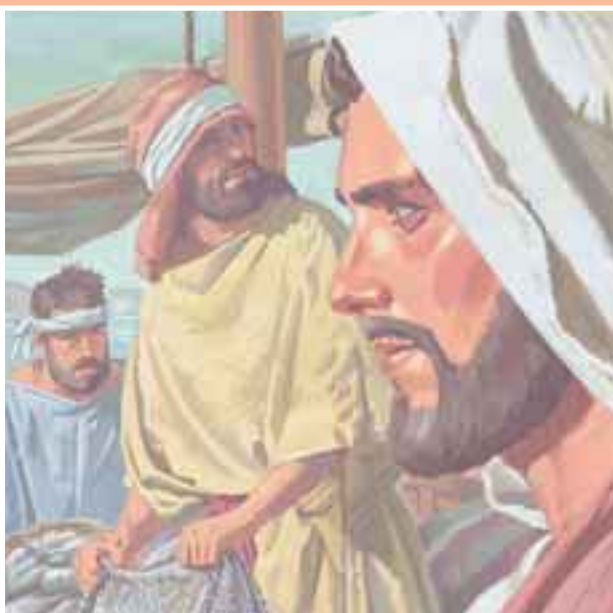
They caught so many fish in their nets that they began to break.

**Luke 5:5-6**



Peter called to his friends in another boat to come and help. The fish filled both boats.

**Luke 5:7**



Peter and his friends were amazed. They knew that Jesus Christ had made this happen.

**Luke 5:9**



Peter knelt by the Savior's feet and said that he was a sinner and not worthy to be near Jesus. Jesus told Peter to not be afraid.

**Luke 5:8-10**



Two of Peter's friends, James and John, were brothers. Jesus told all of them to come with Him. The three men left everything they had and went with Jesus. The Savior asked other men to go with Him, too, and be "fishers of men."

**Luke 5:10-11; Matthew 4:18-22, 9:9; John 1:35-51**



He needed twelve Apostles to lead His church. Because He wanted to choose the right men, the Savior prayed all night. The next morning He chose and ordained twelve men, giving them the priesthood and the power to be Apostles.

**Luke 6:12-16; John 15:16**



The Apostles traveled to many cities and taught the gospel and healed people. Then they returned to tell Jesus what they had done.

**Luke 9:1-6, 10; Mark 6:30**

The background of the page is a beach scene. At the top, blue waves with white foam wash onto a sandy shore. Scattered across the sand are numerous colorful marbles in various shades like blue, green, red, and yellow. In the lower-left foreground, a white baseball cap with dark vertical stripes and a dark blue brim sits on the sand. At the bottom center, there is a large, rough, purple crystalline geode. A few more marbles are visible near the geode.

# *The* PERFECT

*All things which come of the earth . . . are made for the benefit and the use of man, both to please the eye and to gladden the heart (Doctrine and Covenants 59:18).*

**FICTION**

*By Clare Mishica*

Jake looked through his bag of marbles. He had bumblebee marbles and cat's-eyes. None would do. He opened a box and picked a sparkly stone out of his rock collection. He tossed it back. He wanted to find something super special for Nana's birthday.

Nana, Jake's grandmother, lived with him and his mom and dad because she needed help. Her legs were not strong, and she used a wheelchair. Jake loved having Nana nearby. She was never too busy to play checkers, and she showed him how to do magic tricks. Best of all, Nana told him stories about all the seashells on her bedroom shelf. Nana had loved walking along the seashore.

Thinking about the different things Nana liked, Jake searched his room again. He found his glow-in-the-dark yo-yo, a baseball cap, and his toy spaceship. But Nana liked seashells and the seashore. What could he do?

Jake put on his jacket and went outside. Maybe he could find some pretty flowers or a four-leaf clover. He looked all over his grassy yard, but he



# PRESENT

found only three-leaf clovers and lots of dandelions. Finally he plopped down in his sandbox to think some more. He took off his shoes and dug his feet into the sand. It tickled his toes. No wonder Nana had liked walking along the seashore. Suddenly Jake knew the best gift for Nana. He put on his shoes and hurried off to find a box.

Before long, Jake had a big present waiting for Nana on the table.

“Happy Birthday!” Jake yelled as Nana opened the package.

“What is this?” Nana asked, peeking inside. “Is this a box full of sand?”

“No,” giggled Jake. “It’s a box full of seashore!” Dad helped Jake put the box on the floor. Jake took off Nana’s slippers and put her bare feet in the sand.

“Oh my!” Nana smiled. She closed her eyes. “This is wonderful! I feel like I’m walking along the seashore again.”

Jake smiled too. He had done lots of looking and thinking, but at last he had found the perfect present. Now Nana could enjoy the sandy seashore every day, even while she was sitting in her wheelchair.



# WORD of HONOR in NAUVOO

*Keep all your pledges (Doctrine and Covenants 136:20).*

**A TRUE STORY**

*By Susan Billings Mitchell*

Eunice loved to sing. Her parents, Titus and Diantha Morley Billings, often sang for Church meetings at the request of the Prophet Joseph Smith. At a very early age, Eunice was taught to harmonize with them and sing the alto part. The Prophet Joseph must have enjoyed her singing, because every time he saw her, he took her on his knee and had her sing a song. Eunice attended Eliza R. Snow's school with the Prophet's children. Her mother did sewing and doctoring for the Prophet's family, so Eunice was in his home often.

One day Mother finished a sewing project and asked Eunice to deliver it to Sister Smith. Upon doing so, Eunice saw the Prophet. This was not unusual, except that at the time, Joseph was in hiding for the safety of his life. He had just slipped home for a change of clothes. The Prophet knelt and lovingly sat young Eunice on his knee. He had her sing a song as always. Then he looked deeply into her eyes.

"Eunice," he said, "no one must know that I am here. My family is in danger. Please rush home and tell no one that you saw me."

Eunice ran all the way home so that no one could stop her to talk. Long afterward, she said, "I would have cut out my tongue before I would have told anyone I had seen the Prophet that day!"







# The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Was Organized

By Stephanie Keime

**A**pril 6, 1830, was a most important day in history. Joseph Smith and five other men, all of whom had been previously baptized, legally organized The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints. The true Church was again upon the earth. This event, however, was not the beginning (or the end) of Heavenly Father's plan for this dispensation. You and your family can use this game in



family home evening to become better acquainted with some of the important events that took place during the ten years prior to this day. (See Joseph Smith—History.)

### Instructions

1. Carefully remove pages 24–25 from the magazine. Glue them onto lightweight cardboard and let dry.

2. Cut out the pictures and the list of events and dates.  
3. Place the pictures facedown. A player turns one picture over, tells what that picture represents (others can help, if needed), then matches it with the event and date listed. Repeat until all pictures have been turned over. You might discuss why the events took place in the order they did.

(See answers on page 43.)



1. **The First Vision—spring, 1820**
2. **Moroni's first appearance to Joseph Smith—September 21, 1823**
3. **Joseph Smith receives the gold plates—September 22, 1827**
4. **The Aaronic Priesthood is restored by John the Baptist—May 15, 1829**
5. **The Melchizedek Priesthood is restored—between May 1829 and April 3, 1830**
6. **The Book of Mormon is printed—from July 1829 to early 1830; it goes on sale—March 1830**
7. **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is organized—April 6, 1830**

## Blueprints

By William Schlegl

A carpenter uses a blueprint to guide him in building a house. To find out what blueprint we need to guide us toward our heavenly home, answer each question below, then find the blanks with that number under them and place the letter that follows the answer in those blanks.

### How many . . .

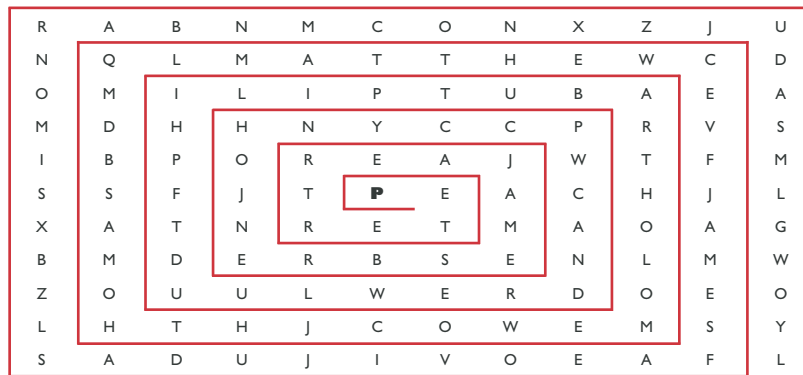
- months in a year? \_\_\_\_\_ (A)
- seconds in a minute? \_\_\_\_\_ (D)
- books in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_ (E)
- inches in a yard? \_\_\_\_\_ (F)
- pennies in a quarter? \_\_\_\_\_ (G)
- quarts in a gallon? \_\_\_\_\_ (H)
- days in a week? \_\_\_\_\_ (I)
- hours in a day? \_\_\_\_\_ (K)
- years in a decade? \_\_\_\_\_ (L)
- books in the Old Testament? \_\_\_\_\_ (M)
- nickels in a dollar? \_\_\_\_\_ (N)
- fingers on a hand? \_\_\_\_\_ (O)

- tails on a kitten? \_\_\_\_\_ (P)
- sides on an octagon? \_\_\_\_\_ (R)
- books in the New Testament \_\_\_\_\_ (S)
- days in September? \_\_\_\_\_ (T)
- sides on a hexagon? \_\_\_\_\_ (U)
- centimeters in a meter? \_\_\_\_\_ (W)
- wings on an eagle? \_\_\_\_\_ (Y)

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 $\frac{100}{66} \frac{12}{30} \frac{20}{4} \frac{30}{39} \frac{4}{66} \frac{7}{20} \frac{10}{30} \frac{66}{4} \frac{12}{66}$   
 $\frac{1}{12} \frac{30}{4} \frac{27}{5} \frac{36}{27}$   
 $\frac{8}{20} \frac{7}{66} \frac{25}{27} \frac{4}{27} \frac{30}{36} \frac{66}{5} \frac{6}{8} \frac{27}{4} \frac{7}{27}$   
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(Psalm 23:1, 3.)

(See answers on page 43.)



## Jesus Christ's Twelve Apostles

By David R. Byrd

To find the names of the Savior's twelve Apostles in the word maze above, begin in the center with the bold letter *P* and follow the maze around to spell each Apostle's name. Circle the names as you find them, and mark them off the list in the next column.

- Andrew
- Bartholomew
- James
- James (the son of Alphæus)
- John
- Judas (the brother of James)
- Judas (Iscaiot)
- Matthew
- Peter (Simon)
- Philip
- Simon (Zelotes)
- Thomas

# Kitchen Krafts

If your family stays home to watch general conference on television, a parent or older person could help you make this special family breakfast to eat before conference begins. If you go to a stake center to watch conference, your family might enjoy these recipes as a breakfast-for-dinner when you return home. The "General Conference Snack Mix" would also make a great family home evening treat!

## Amazing Apple Pancake

- 2 apples, peeled and sliced
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 5 tablespoons butter/margarine
- 6 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- powdered sugar

1. With the help of an older person, lower the rack in your oven so that it is closer to the bottom of the oven than to the top. Preheat the oven to 425° F (220° C).

2. In a small bowl, mix the apple slices with the two sugars and cinnamon; set aside.

3. Chop the butter/margarine and scatter it in a 9" x 13" (23 cm x 33 cm) glass baking dish, then place the dish in the oven.

4. While the butter/margarine melts, beat the eggs, then stir in the milk, flour, and salt.

5. As soon as the butter starts to bubble, remove the baking dish from the oven and pour in the sugar-and-apple mixture. Without stirring, pour the egg-milk-and-flour mixture on top.

6. Carefully return the baking dish to the oven and bake for 20–22 minutes. Watch the amazing pancake rise! Cut the pancake into squares and sprinkle powdered sugar on top. Makes 6 servings.

## Foaming Orange Juice

By Brian S. Hoyt

- 2 cups milk
- 3/4 cup frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 15–17 ice cubes

1. Place the milk, orange juice concentrate, sugar, and vanilla into a blender and cover with the blender's lid. Blend these ingredients together. If you do not have a blender, place the ingredients in a large bowl and use a hand or an electric mixer.

2. With the blender still running, drop the ice cubes through the hole in the lid, one at a time. Keep the blender running until all of the ice is chopped. If you are using a hand or electric mixer, place the ice cubes in large plastic bag and

crush them with a hammer. Then stir the crushed ice into the bowl of ingredients. Pour the juice into six small cups and serve it immediately.

## Breakfast Kabobs

By Hilary Hendricks

- 2 pounds (910 grams) precooked ham, cut into 1" (2.5 cm) cubes
- 1 package (12 ounces/340 grams) small frozen sausages, thawed and cut in half (small fresh sausages may also be used)
- 6 metal or wooden skewers

1. If using wooden skewers, soak them in water. Preheat a griddle or electric grill. Alternately thread ham cubes and sausage onto the skewers.

2. Grill the kabobs for 15 minutes or until the meat is heated through, turning frequently.

## Yummy Fruit Dip

- 1 package (8 ounces/227 grams) cream cheese, softened
- 1 jar (7 ounces/198 grams) marshmallow creme
- variety of fruit, washed and cut into bite-size pieces

1. In a medium bowl, stir together the cream cheese and marshmallow creme; refrigerate it until served.

2. Serve the dip with the fruit of your choice.

## General Conference Snack Mix

- 2 cups salted peanuts
- 3 cups miniature pretzels
- 1 cup candy-covered chocolate pieces
- 1 cup raisins

1. In a large bowl, toss together all the ingredients. Store in an airtight container.

2. For individual servings, scoop the snack mix into small plastic resealable bags.

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Pure religion . . . is this, To visit the fatherless and widows . . . and to keep himself unspotted from the world (James 1:27).

# Homemade Sunshine

(A rebus)

By Trudy Harris

splashed on the s & & s. “ am tired of ,”

said. “ want shine.”

Holly

“We make shine,” said. put , ,

Mom

, & in **2** a . helped stir. rolled the dough.

dough

cut round . After the were baked, put yellow

frosting on them.

“They *look* like shine,” said. “But they do *feel* like shine.”

“We must do **1** more thing,” said.

& put on **2** a & walked **2** ’s

Mrs. Brown

. When first opened the , she looked sad. Then smiled.

“Thank **U 4** the ,” said. “They **R** like a bit of shine.”

& walked back **2** their . still splashed on the

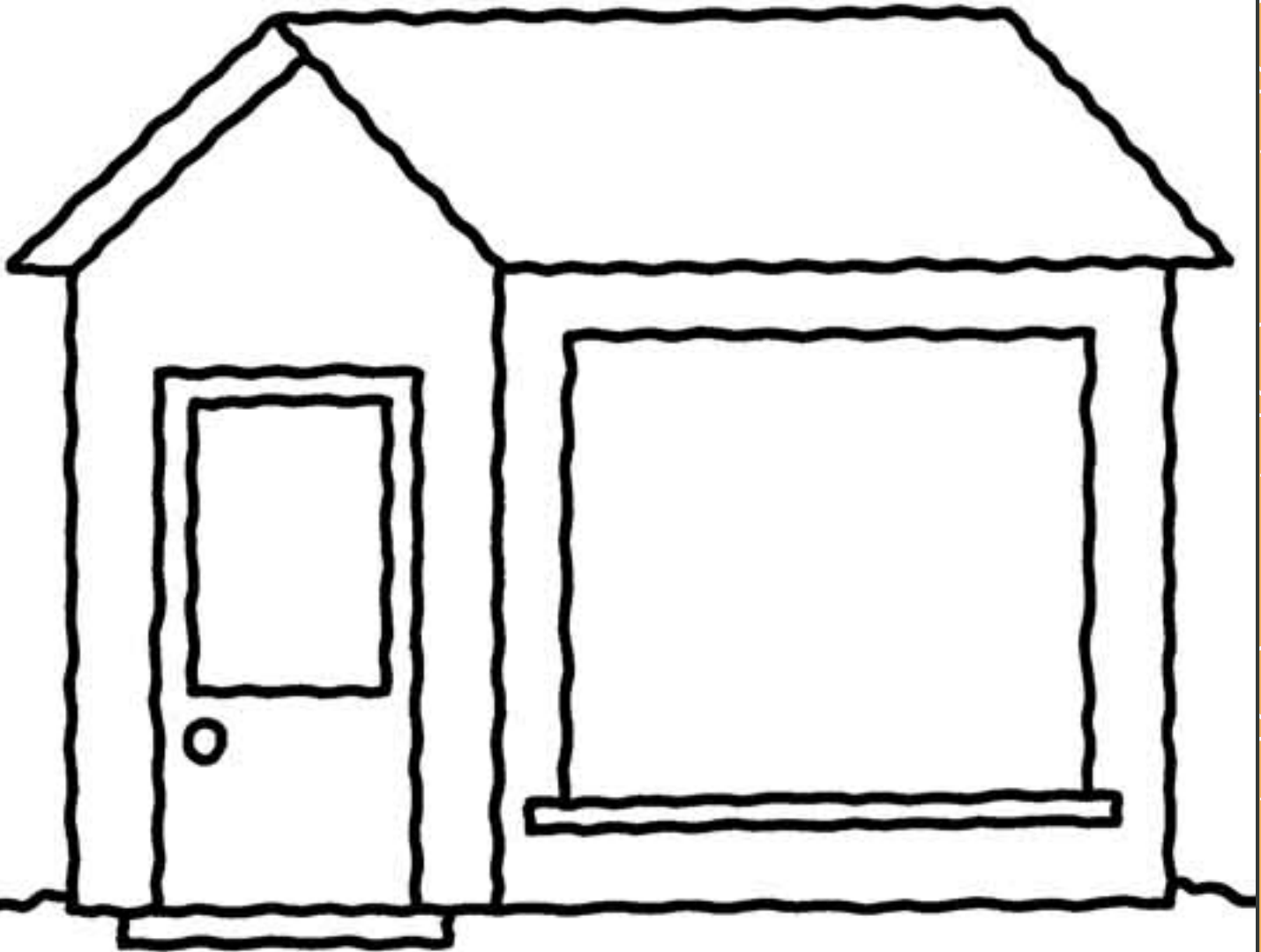
s & & s. But inside ’s , it felt like shine.

# House Filled with Love

By Rosie Centrone

**P**hotocopy or trace the house below onto a white sheet of paper. Lightly color the house except for the windows and door. Draw some spring flowers, a tree, a sun, some clouds in the sky, or whatever you wish. On the back of the page,

draw your family behind the windows and door or around the house. Turn the picture back around so that your family is hidden. Then hold the picture against a windowpane, and your family will reappear, filling the house with love.





**King Snowman**



**Spring**

# From King to Spring

**K**ing” rhymes with “spring.” Draw a line from the King Snowman picture to the nearest picture whose name also rhymes with “spring.” Keep drawing lines to

pictures whose names rhyme with “spring” until you reach the Spring picture. Then look at all the pictures you haven’t drawn lines to. All are springtime gifts from Heavenly Father.





# He Lives!

*By Elizabeth Giles*

Jesus Christ  
has risen,  
and He lives  
today.  
He lives to teach  
and guide me.  
He's the Light,  
the Truth, the Way.

## Ice-Cream Baskets

*By Hilary Hendricks*

**T**o make six Ice-Cream Baskets, you will need: a melon scoop; six aluminum cupcake liners (the baskets—small pudding dishes may also be used); four cups ice cream or sherbet, preferably in different flavors; a freezer-safe baking dish, six pieces of curling ribbon, 10" (25 cm) long, curled; and six licorice sticks.

Use the small end of the melon scoop to fill each basket with tiny balls of ice cream. Place the filled baskets in the baking dish and freeze them for at least one hour.

Just before serving, tie a ribbon around each licorice stick. Then form a handle for each basket by wedging the ends of a licorice stick into opposite sides of it.



# FROM THE LIVES OF THE CHURCH PRESIDENTS

## George Albert Smith Saves the Tabernacle



George Albert Smith was born during the week of April general conference, 1870. Many people came to Temple Square that week to see the balcony that had just been added to the Tabernacle.

Two thousand extra seats, and it's still crowded in here!

As a young man, George Albert often went to visit Lucy Woodruff, who lived just across the street from the almost-finished Salt Lake Temple.

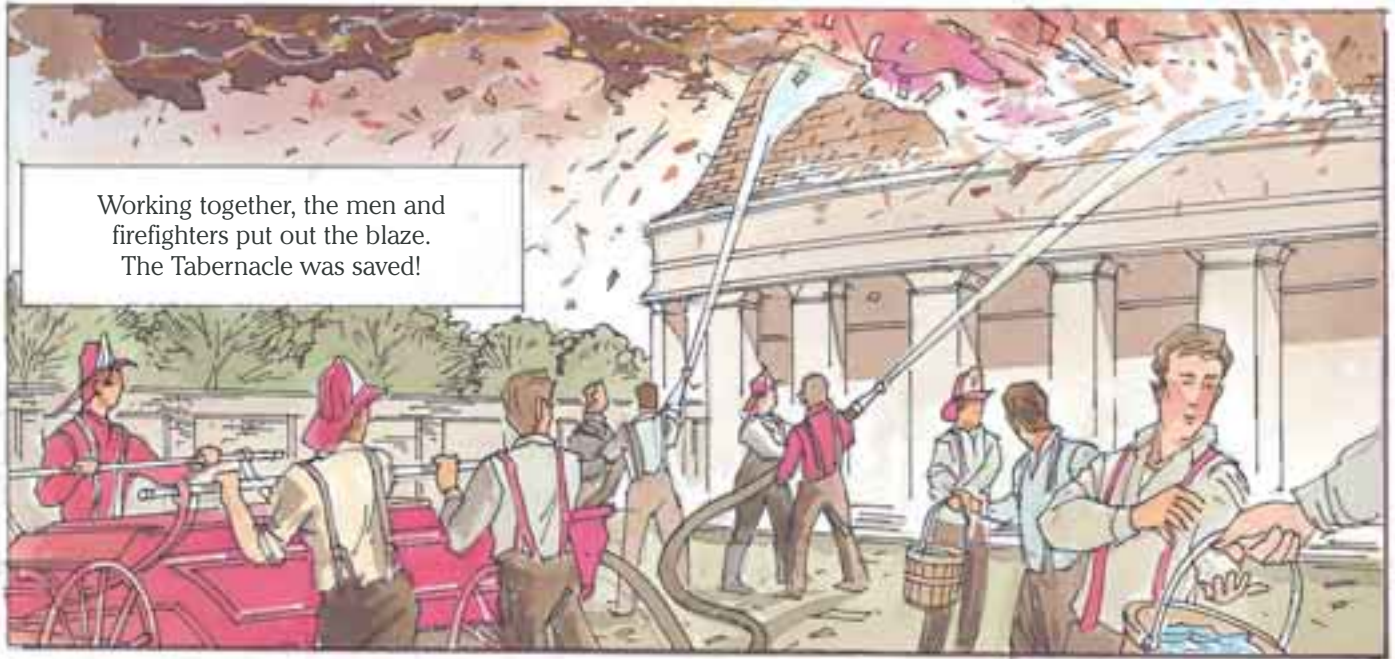
George Albert, look at that beautiful hot-air balloon.

I think it's going to hit the Tabernacle!

George Albert ran to call the fire department from the nearest telephone. But when the firefighters got to Temple Square, they discovered that the gates were locked and that the night watchman didn't have a key.

We have to break in fast!

Line up, men. We'll charge the gate on the count of three.

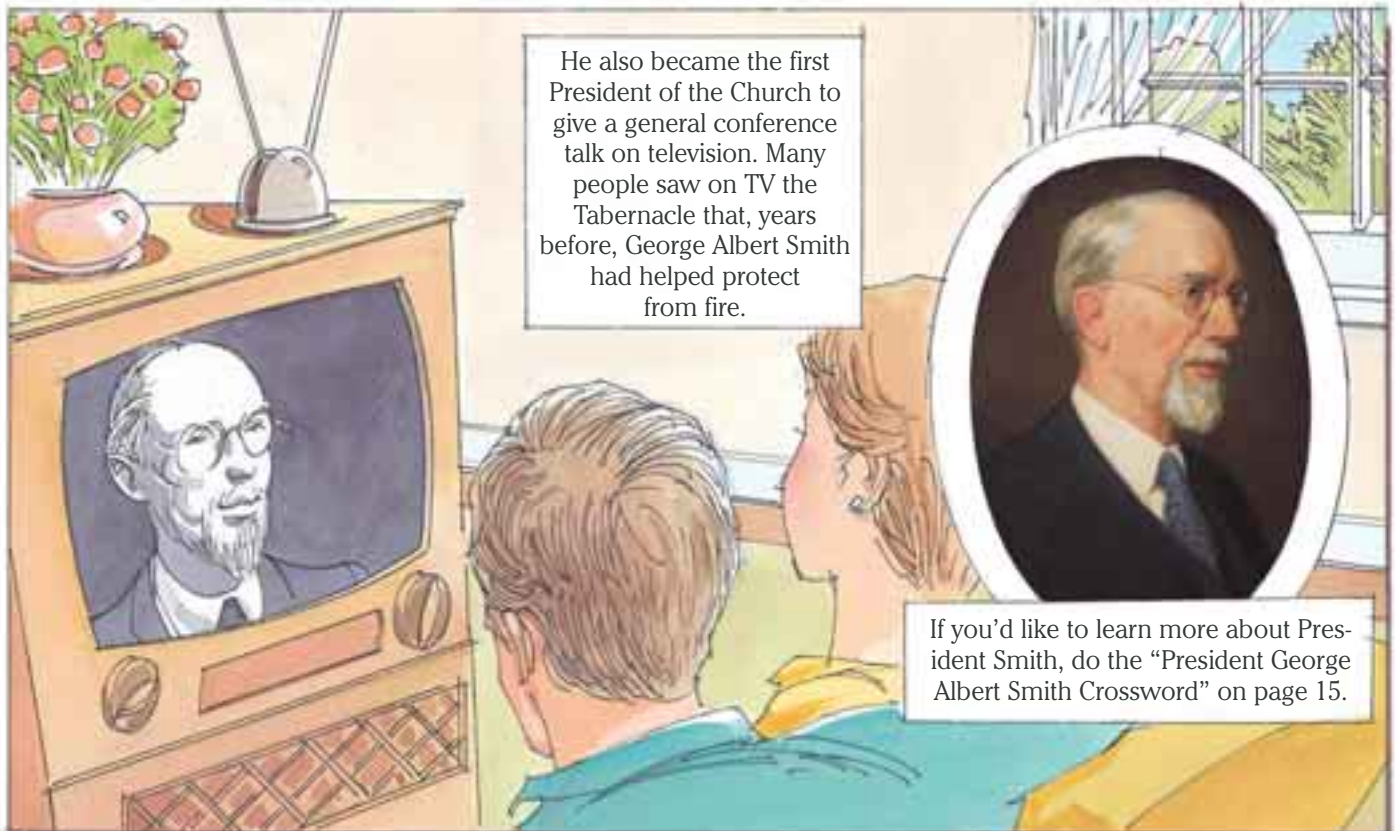


Working together, the men and firefighters put out the blaze. The Tabernacle was saved!



George Albert, you're a hero!

Later, after marrying Lucy and serving a mission, Elder George Albert Smith gave many sermons in the Tabernacle as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.



He also became the first President of the Church to give a general conference talk on television. Many people saw on TV the Tabernacle that, years before, George Albert Smith had helped protect from fire.

If you'd like to learn more about President Smith, do the "President George Albert Smith Crossword" on page 15.



*Succor [help; take care of] the weak  
(Doctrine and Covenants 81:5).*

FICTION

By Brenda Smith

# AMAZING

## Chicken Soup

Emily smelled something good coming from the kitchen. *I know that smell*, she thought. *Mom's making chicken soup.* She watched her mom ladle soup from a big, steaming pot into a glass jar. "What are you doing with the soup?" she asked.

"Mrs. Jenkins isn't feeling well," Mom replied, putting the jar into a sturdy paper bag with a handle. "I was hoping that you would take it to her."

"Sure. Your chicken soup always makes me feel better when I'm sick."

Mrs. Jenkins was their neighbor. She was old and lived alone.

That gave Emily an idea. She raced to her room and hunted for her favorite storybook, "The Three Little Pigs."

"What's the book for?" asked Mom.

Emily buckled her sandals. "I thought I'd read it to Mrs. Jenkins while she eats."

Emily rang Mrs. Jenkins' doorbell. There was no answer, so Emily rang the doorbell again.

Mrs. Jenkins' door finally creaked open, and Mrs. Jenkins peeked around the door.

*She's as white as a marshmallow!* Emily thought.

"Good afternoon, Emily." Mrs. Jenkins' voice was barely above a whisper.

"I brought you some chicken soup that my



mother made." Emily held up the bag. "We hope it makes you feel better."

"Please come in."

While Mrs. Jenkins got a bowl from the cupboard, Emily set the soup on the kitchen counter. "I brought a story to read to you while you eat."

Mrs. Jenkins sipped some of the soup.

"Once upon a time, . . ." Emily began.

Mrs. Jenkins sipped another spoonful.

"Is the soup good?" Emily asked.

"It's wonderful." Mrs. Jenkins smiled. "Now, please read on."

Emily read. She made huffing and puffing sounds every time the wolf tried to blow one of the pigs' houses down.

Mrs. Jenkins laughed every time Emily huffed and puffed.

By the time Emily had finished the story, Mrs. Jenkins had finished her soup. Her cheeks were pink, and her eyes sparkled. The chicken soup had sure worked fast!

"Maybe you should have another bowl," Emily said.

"Only if you read the story again."

So Mrs. Jenkins had another bowl of soup, and Emily huffed and puffed some more.

"I feel much better," Mrs. Jenkins said. "Thank you. And thank your mom for me, too."

**M**om, your chicken soup is amazing!" Emily exclaimed when she went back home. "Mrs. Jenkins already feels better."

Mom gave Emily a great big hug. "I don't think it was just the soup."

The hug felt warm and good. Emily thought about Mrs. Jenkins alone in her big house with no one to share hugs with. "May I read another story to Mrs. Jenkins tomorrow?"

Mom smiled. "I'm sure she'd like that."

*Maybe it isn't just the chicken soup, Emily decided. Maybe visits and stories are good medicine, too.*





# MY FRIEND

By Korbie Fowers

*A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another (John 13:34).*

At the beginning of the school year, I met a wonderful student. She has a big heart and is always willing to share anything of hers with other students. At first, most of them didn't know how nice she was. Because she has some mental disabilities, sometimes she would do things that made them uncomfortable.

One day the music teacher asked my friend to perform some of the actions for the song we were practicing. When she started to dance, some of the other students began to laugh. I know that most people don't like being laughed



Korbie Fowers, age 6  
Fiddlers Creek Ward  
Layton Utah Holmes  
Creek Stake

at, so I didn't laugh at her. I thought about what Jesus would want me to do, and I kept quiet and enjoyed her cute dance.

In the mornings, while we are waiting to go into the school, my friend comes to see me first thing and gives me a big hug. We sit together at lunch as often as we can, and she always has a bright smile that makes me happy to be her friend. Sometimes I see her playing alone at recess, and I make an extra effort to play with her. It makes me sad when I can't find a friend to play with, and I want my friend to be happy.

In my Primary class and in family home evening, I have learned that Jesus wants each of us to love one another, as He loves us. John 13:34 is my favorite scripture, and I have read it twice in Primary this year. It helps me to remember to be like Jesus. Trying to be like Him gives me a special feeling in my heart that makes me feel good.





# HELPING MOM



*Live together in love (Doctrine and Covenants 42:45).*

By Adrian Glover

Mom had had a really busy day, and lots of things had gone wrong for her. We were eating supper when the phone rang. Some neighbors were coming over, and my toys were all over the family room. One of the neighbors used a walker, so she might have tripped on a toy. I hurried and cleaned up really fast so that when they came in, it was looking nice. I felt happy that I had helped, and I help my mom more now.



Adrian Glover, age 6, with his mom  
Kokomo Ward  
Lafayette Indiana Stake



*Learn of me, and listen to my words . . . , and you shall have peace in me (Doctrine and Covenants 19:23).*

# RECESS CARTOON

By Shala Seely

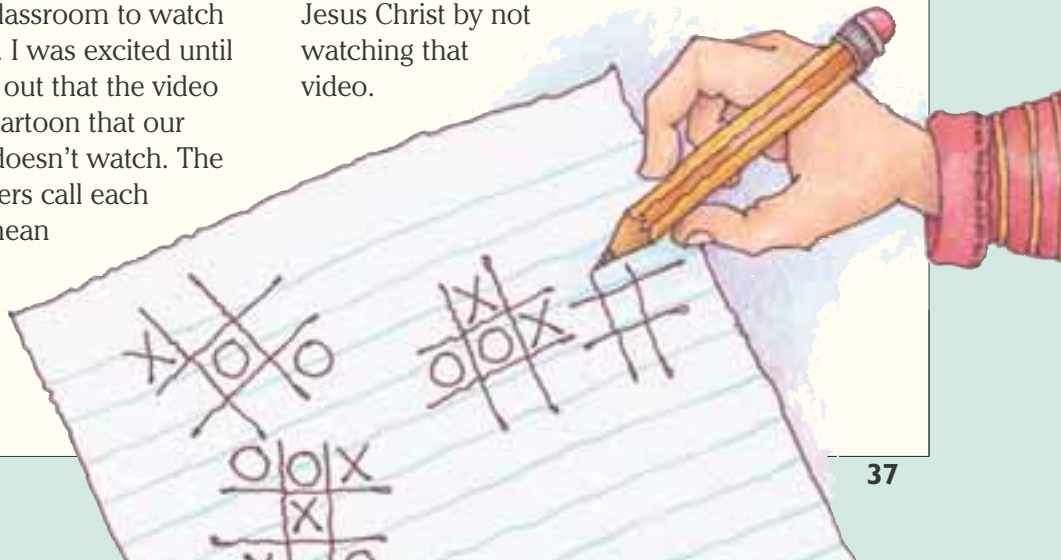


Shala Seely, age 8  
Rapid City First Ward  
Rapid City South Dakota  
Stake

Last winter when it was too cold to go out to recess, our class went into the third grade classroom to watch a video. I was excited until I found out that the video was a cartoon that our family doesn't watch. The characters call each other mean names

and use bad language. I went to the teacher and told her that I didn't want to watch the video. She said I could color quietly at the back of the room, instead. Then I whispered to my best friend, and she agreed to play ticktacktoe with me until recess was over. I felt good that I followed Jesus Christ by not watching that video.

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## When the Prophet Speaks

*What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, . . . whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same*  
(Doctrine and Covenants 1:38).

Twice a year, now in the beautiful new Conference Center, President

Gordon B. Hinckley and others speak to us. Because he is the President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we often refer to President Hinckley as “the prophet.” But if you listen closely during the sustaining of the General Authorities of the Church, you will hear that the members of the First Presidency and the members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles are called as “prophets, seers, and revelators.”

A revelator *reveals*, or makes known to us, what the Lord wants us to know and do. A prophet *prophesies*, or explains to us and makes sure that we understand what has been revealed. (Sometimes he also tells us of future happenings, as when Lehi warned the Jews that they would be destroyed and scattered if they did not repent of their wickedness, and when Samuel the Lamanite told of the birth and death of Jesus Christ.) “A seer is greater than a prophet. . . . A seer is a revelator and a prophet also; . . . by them . . . things shall be made known . . . which otherwise could not be known.”\*

Listen closely to what these great men have to say. What are they telling us that the Lord wants us to know? Do they use stories to help us understand? Do they warn us of what will happen if we disobey the commandments of Jesus Christ? Do they help us know Him better? Do they tell us of their love for Him and of His love for us? When we truly listen to them, sincerely wanting to grow closer to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ, we will feel the Holy Ghost testifying to us that the words of these prophets, seers, and revelators are true!†

\*See Bible Dictionary—“Revelation,” page 762; 1 Nephi 1:18–19; Helaman 14:2–6, 14, 20–28; Mosiah 8:15–17.

†See 2 Nephi 33:1.



## Conference Center True/False Quiz

One year ago, on April 1, 2000, general conference was held in the Church’s beautiful new Conference Center for the first time. To test your knowledge of the new center, read the statements below and circle (T) if it is true, or (F) if it is false. The answers are printed upside down at the end of the quiz.

(T) (F) 1. The Conference Center was not finished when the first general conference was held there.

(T) (F) 2. The chandeliers in the lobby can be mechanically lowered for replacing bulbs and cleaning.

(T) (F) 3. The pulpit is made out of a black walnut tree taken from President Hinckley’s family homesite.

(T) (F) 4. There is a large garden of trees, bushes, flowers, and waterfalls on the roof.

(T) (F) 5. In August 1999, while under





construction, the building survived a tornado.

(T) (F) 6. Including the Tabernacle Choir and the General Authorities, there is seating for more than 21,000 in the amphitheater.

(T) (F) 7. A large airplane could fit inside on the main floor of the amphitheater.

(T) (F) 8. The granite on the outside walls came from the same place in Utah's Little Cottonwood Canyon as the granite for the Salt Lake Temple walls.

(T) (F) 9. The Conference Center has four levels of underground parking with 1300 parking places.

(T) (F) 10. It was dedicated on October 8, 2000.

(T) (F) 11. In one of the foyers, a sculpture of the head and shoulders of each former Church President is displayed.

(T) (F) 12. Including parking, the Center is about 40 times bigger than the Tabernacle.

(T) (F) 13. The organ has 7,667 pipes.

(T) (F) 14. The Center has another smaller theater that seats 900.

(T) (F) 15. There is enough electrical wiring in

the building to circle the earth two times.

(T) (F) 16. It has a spire that is 48 feet (14.6 m) high.

(T) (F) 17. There is a large meadow on the roof.

(T) (F) 18. Facilities in the center allow for translators of up to 60 languages to work at the same time, second only to the United Nations building in New York.

(T) (F) 19. Inside are 13 passenger elevators, 12 escalators, and 3 service and stage elevators.

(T) (F) 20. Last year, on June 23, 2000, President Hinckley was 90 years old and had a birthday celebration in the new Conference Center.

(T) (F) 21. The roof has an irrigation system for the gardens and a snow-melting system that sends the water down floor drains and into the ground drainage system.

### Answers:

All of the above statements about the magnificent Conference Center are true!

# Ashley, Rebecca, and Daniel Petterle

*of Lowell, Indiana*



Lowell, Indiana, is a small town on the edge of a great metropolitan area that goes around Lake Michigan from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, through Chicago, Illinois, and Gary, Indiana, to Detroit, Michigan. The Petterles live on the outskirts of Lowell.

Their ward is in another small town, Hebron, Indiana. Part of Valparaiso Indiana Stake, Hebron Ward has about 220 members and four full-time missionaries—two from Utah, one from Mexico, and one from Russia—serving there.

**1** Ashley gives a family home evening lesson. All three children feel that family home evenings help them learn important things. Daniel said that one of the things he learned was “to be nice to everyone, even if they are not nice to me.” Rebecca: “The steps we need to take to become a member of the Church.” Ashley: “How you can return to Heavenly Father after you are baptized.”

**2** The road past the Petterle home is too bumpy to ride on much, but the driveway to their house is long and smooth and lots of fun to bike up and coast down. Dancing, including making up dances, is also something the three children like to do together, especially in the basement on rainy days.



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Ginger is their three-month-old golden retriever puppy. She loves to be with people and runs to meet the school bus in the afternoon. Daniel said, "She likes to play and sleep a lot. I will be nice to her and brush her." Rebecca said, "She's cute and friendly. I'm going to feed her and give her water." Ashley said, "She's a little chubby and likes to chew on fingers. I will help clean up after her and play with her."



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Ashley likes to draw and to write scary stories. Here, she is holding up a picture of Christine, one of the characters in the book she has begun, called *The Cave of Time*. So far it is thirty-six pages long and takes about forty-five minutes to read. It is about two girls who go through time warps, first through a cave with coffins, into a girl's house in the seventeenth century. Next, they find themselves on the *Titanic*. Then they find themselves on a raft on the Atlantic Ocean. That's all so far. . . . It's a very exciting story.

Daniel (8) and Rebecca (9) think that the hardest part about being a Latter-day Saint is having to go so far every Sunday to church. But the ward is comfortable and family-like. Daniel especially likes its Cub Scout program; Rebecca likes Primary and other activities.

Ashley (11) said, "I knew inside that the Church was true right before I was baptized. That is why I wanted to be baptized." Though she is struggling right now in earning her Gospel in Action award,

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Daniel is in line to shake hands with the other team after a soccer game. He scored a goal in the game, and Rebecca made a great defensive play. Ashley was a voluntary cheerleader (she is too old to play in this league, but she has been in a cheerleading camp at Lowell High School). Daniel and Rebecca's team, the Planets, won, 3-2!



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she loves learning both at church and at home about Jesus Christ and Heavenly Father, and she especially likes being part of the Children’s Sacrament Meeting Presentation each year with her Primary class.

Rebecca used to love to bear her testimony, “when I was young,” she said, “but now I am too shy.” She has a strong testimony, though, and would like to tell children everywhere to “always believe in Jesus.”

Daniel said that he felt really happy when he was baptized by his dad. He also said, “I want to tell the children in the Church that I like them.”

Daniel is holding up the trophy and ribbon he won in the Pinewood Derby. His friend Jay Berkey gave him some good tips for making his car, and it was the second fastest car in the stake! He likes to play most sports. Math is his favorite subject at school. He wants to be an airline pilot when he grows up “because my dad is one. I’ll need to learn how to drive and to get good grades in school.”



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Rebecca likes to play the piano, and she wrote the lyrics and some music for this song, which she calls “Christmas”:

- C is for Christ, born this day.
- H is for holiness He gives to us.
- R is for His Resurrection.
- I is for Israel, the place where He stayed.
- S is for His sacrifice He gave to us.
- T is for the blood He shed.
- M is for His mother, who took care of Him.
- A is for the angel who helped guide His way.
- S is for His sacred love.

She writes other things, too. In fact, she won first place in a contest at school for her poem about a leprechaun. She also won a book and a pizza for reading over six hundred pages of books. Another time, she won a book and chose one on sign language so she can speak at least a little bit with her Aunt Cindy, who is deaf.

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Ashley is on the Lowell swim team, the Dolphins. She won this first-place medal in the freestyle race. She likes gymnastics, too, and singing, bike riding, and playing with her friends.

Daniel likes to make breadsticks, Caesar salad, macaroni and cheese, and other things—like chocolate chip cookies with candies on top! He isn’t the only one who likes cookies—Rebecca and Ashley like them, too.

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Rebecca and Jenna Berkey love to get together and play with their dolls. On this particular day, they were having so much fun that they fell off the bed, laughing. Sometimes they play dress-up, with fancy dresses, high heels, hats, and jewelry. Jenna didn’t have any with her on this day, but it didn’t matter.

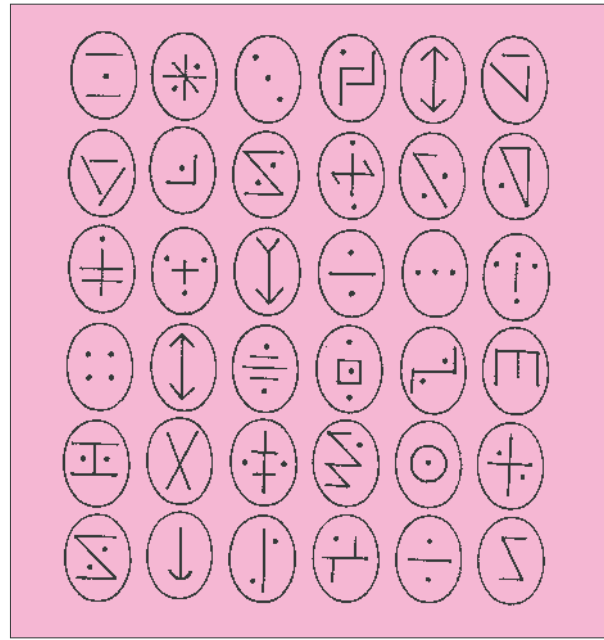


# Testimony

By Lois T. Bartholomew

Solve the puzzle below to find one of the things Sara said when she bore her testimony.

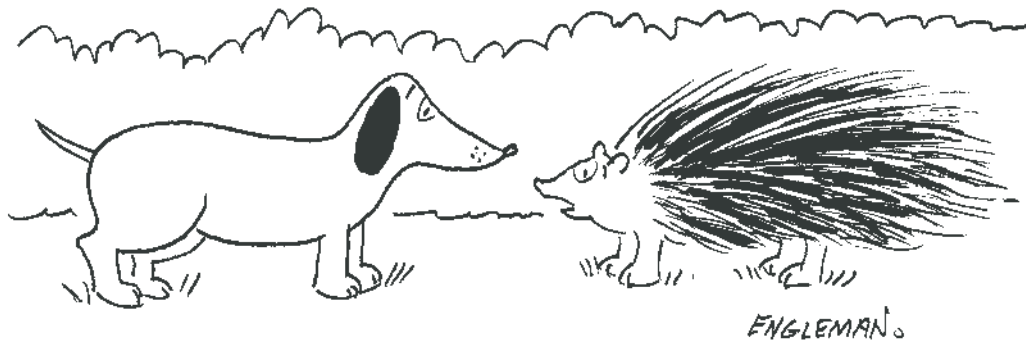
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## Which Ovals Match?

By Colleen Fahy

Can you find the three pairs of matching ovals in this puzzle?



What's it like to be petted?

## FUNSTUF ANSWERS

President George Albert Smith Crossword:

Across—(2) food, (4) television, (6) guitar, (7) overalls, (9) lawn, (10) creed. Down—(1) southern states, (3) coffee, (5) ill, (8) eye.

Blueprints: (A) 12, (D) 60, (E) 66, (F) 36, (G) 25, (H) 4, (I) 7, (K) 24, (L) 10, (M) 39, (N) 20, (O) 5, (P) 1, (R) 8, (S) 27, (T) 30, (U) 6, (W) 100, (Y) 2. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want . . . : he leadeth

me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

Testimony: "I know that the gospel is true."

Which Ovals Match?:



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Was Organized: (1) A, (2) F, (3) C, (4) G, (5) E, (6) B, (7) D.



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# Our Creative Friends



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Never hit or kick or push,  
Not even a little shove.  
Instead, give a friendly handshake  
Or a hug filled with love.

When a person bothers you  
By calling you a name,  
Be a better person  
And do not do the same.

Always lend a helping hand.  
Do chores without a pout.  
Set good examples for your friend,  
And Mom and Dad will cheer and shout.

*Brady Lester, age 9  
Mesa, Arizona*



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## The Savior

The Lord is our Savior.  
He died for us.  
He suffered on the cross.  
He loves us very much.  
We go to church on the Sabbath  
Day.

We take the bread to remember  
His body,  
And the water to remember His blood.

*Jenna Bristol, age 8  
Fanwood, New Jersey*



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## Spring Is the Best Season

Spring, oh spring, what a beautiful thing—  
Spring so nice, spring so fun.  
Play in the garden with everyone.  
Flowers in spring—hear them sing, “Oh spring.”  
Spring is the best season,  
That’s a good reason.

Oh spring, what beautiful flowers,  
What a beautiful day.

I have a wonderful feeling,  
Today is going my way!

*David Christiansen, age 7  
Fredricksburg, Virginia*



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## The Holy Ghost

Here’s a poem about the Holy Ghost.  
It’s one of the gifts that we need the most  
To help us complete our earthly quest  
By helping us choose the choice that is best.

When we are lonely, sad, or lost,  
The Holy Ghost will comfort us.  
He’ll be with us, both day and night,  
If we choose to do what’s right.

*Karlan Hansen, age 11  
Port Angeles, Washington*

## Be Kind

The scriptures teach us to be kind  
And good to one another.  
Treat each other just the same  
As you would treat your brother.

Keep kindness in your heart  
In everything you do,  
And people will be kind and right  
And show their love for you.



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## In My Sister’s Hands

In my sister’s hands, I feel love.  
In my sister’s hands, I feel no doubt,  
In my sister’s hands, I feel hope,  
In my sister’s hands, I feel a friend.

*Jessica Hagemeister, age 11  
Hesperus, Colorado*

## Baptism

One of the ages that I think is great,  
An age you will remember,  
Is the wonderful, fantastic age of eight,  
Because you can become a member.  
“A member of what?” you will ask.  
“The Church of Jesus Christ,” I will say.  
It is one of the most important tasks,  
And in your heart it will stay.

Now here is the task you will need to do  
When you reach the age of eight:  
Be baptized by immersion,  
As Jesus was. It will be great!

*AJ McCleary, age 12  
West Jordan, Utah*

## The Sabbath Day

Sunday is the Sabbath Day.  
We go to church; we sing and pray  
On the Sabbath Day.  
We do not work on the Sabbath Day.  
We always rest and pray.  
We listen to talks  
And make prayer rocks  
On the Sabbath Day.

*Cheryl Green, age 10  
Shelby, Michigan*

## My Imagination

I have a secret place where no one else  
can go.  
I can do whatever I want.  
I can go to a friend’s house far away.  
I can eat chips forever.

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I can build a block castle for Rapunzel,  
And I can run like a cheetah.  
So can you guess what my secret place is?  
It's my imagination.

*Jade Stocks, age 6  
Hillsboro, Oregon*

### Funny Me

I would have to be a dummy  
If I thought I could get money  
From a melted chocolate bunny  
That got melted in the sunny!

*Rick Tolman, age 10  
Boise, Idaho*

### Jesus Christ

Sometime in their life,  
Everyone does a sin.  
But a sinner Jesus Christ  
has never been.

He's everything we need to be—  
Righteous, kind, and true.  
We need to try to be like Him  
To have eternity, too.  
So please repent of your sins.  
Jesus won't be mad at you.  
Just tell Heavenly Father your sin,  
Repent, and don't do it again.

*Zachary Tyler Bell, age 10  
Bonifay, Florida*



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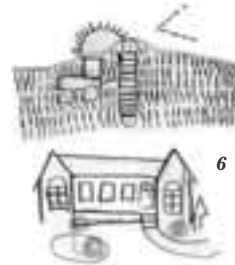
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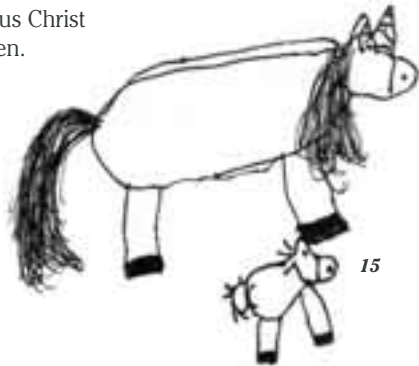
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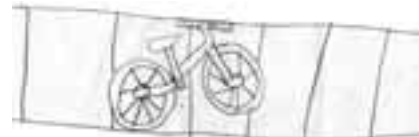
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### Cats

Cats have sharp nails.  
Cats have cute ears.  
Cats have small mouths.  
Cats have cute noses.  
Cats are cute.  
Cats are cuddly.  
Cats are soft.  
Cats are funny.  
Cats like mice.  
Cats are white.  
Cats are brown and black.  
Cats have stripes.  
Cats have whiskers.

*Heather Lindsey Bitter, age 7  
Cypress, Texas*



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- 1 Emmaleigh Litchfield, age 10  
Jupiter, Florida
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Las Vegas, Nevada
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Norcross, Georgia
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St. Johns, Arizona
- 7 Sadie Styler, age 6  
Delta, Utah
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- 17 Jessica Hall, age 7  
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- 18 Hunter Buxton, age 6  
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- 19 Lauren Brimhall, age 7  
Gilbert, Arizona
- 20 Josh Nauman, age 8  
Shelton, Washington



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# FRIENDS IN THE NEWS



**Willian Da Silva**, 10, Fernando de la Mora, Paraguay, is excited to see the temple that is going to be built in his country. Until now he has seen only *pictures* of temples and their beautiful gardens. He is grateful to be a member of the Church.

**Sara Anne Pawloski**, 8, Carrizozo, New Mexico, is a very good student. Her family calls her "Grandma" because she is concerned about everyone and everything. She likes to wrestle with her younger brother, Dallas.



**Tyler Goble**, 10, Valrico, Florida, likes to read, play video games, swim, and play baseball. He enjoyed going to the Hill Cumorah Pageant and visiting the Sacred Grove.

A fast-pitch softball pitcher, **Britney Burwell**, 11, Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania, also has a yellow belt in karate and is very musical. She enjoys Achievement Day activities and is a great help to her family.



**Steven Anderson**, 9, Woodland, California, plays soccer, basketball, and the piano. He attends a Catholic school. His teachers there enjoy having Latter-day Saint students. He helps with his six brothers and sisters.

**Chereshe Manning**, 7, Clifton, Virginia, likes to play the piano, dance the hula, and play with friends. She is a good helper in the kitchen. She likes to draw, read the scriptures with her family, and write letters to her missionary sister.

Being blind doesn't stop **Christian Craig Phillips**, 10, Morgan, Utah, from riding his bike, roller-blading, and playing the piano. He listens to the *Friend* on tape and memorizes his favorite stories, *Friends* in the News, and recipes.

**Rebecca Marie Waite**, 7, Powell, Wyoming, enjoys taking care of animals, riding her bike, and playing with her sisters and brother. She likes attending Primary and reading the *Friend* and is looking forward to her baptism.

**Matthew Lewis**, 9, Albuquerque, New Mexico, loves his family. He likes to swim, ride his bike, go to Primary and school, and play with his dog. Matthew enjoys learning about temples and Book of Mormon heroes.

**Merley Remember Mandroski**, 4, Waxahachie, Texas, enjoys swimming, gymnastics, and helping her parents. She also enjoys attending Primary and reading the *Friend*.



**Jeffrey Lundgreen**, 11, Monroe, Utah, goes beyond the call of duty in helping and in being a gentleman to his four sisters. He is smart and likes to play all sports. This is a surprise from his sisters, who love him.

**Briana Alyse Belluomini**, 5, Fairfield, California, really likes Primary, especially singing time. She has begun memorizing the Articles of Faith, enjoys swimming and gymnastics, and plans to serve a mission and be a prima ballerina someday.

Full of adventure, fun-loving **Ashton Nicholas**, 5, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, enjoys family home evening, reading, physical activities, and playing computer games with his brother Dallyn.

**Ashley Pokora**, 7, Breckenridge, Missouri, wants to be a nurse when she grows up. She likes visiting Adam-ondi-Ahman, playing computer games, and singing solos in Church. She enjoys her friends in her new branch.

**B. J. Elkington**, 11, Bone, Idaho, reviews the Articles of Faith, which he has memorized, on his way home from Scouting activities. He enjoys sports and likes working with his dad, uncle, and cousins on their farm and cattle ranch.

**Sarah Smith**, 9, Nashville, Tennessee, thinks Primary and Achievement Day activities are a lot of fun. She likes to play games, ride horses, and play with her animals. She is a great help around the house.



**Trenton Lund**, 11, Anchorage, Alaska, recently received his Gospel in Action award. He is a tender-foot Scout and the den chief of Cub Scout Pack 92. He is reading the Book of Mormon with his family.

**Emily Thomson**, 9, Rotorua, New Zealand, has earned her Gospel in Action award. She likes to swim, play water polo, go to Girl Guides, and play the piano. Her favourite sport is netball. She also likes roller-blading.

**Sean Church**, 10, Elkton, Oregon, likes Scouts, animals, 4-H, and building and fixing things. He loves to read the scriptures and can't wait to serve a mission.

**Katie McAllister**, 9, Kennesaw, Georgia, likes to read scripture stories and to teach family home evening. She also enjoys swimming and drawing. Katie cares about the feelings of others and is a great sister.

**Grant Romrell**, 10, Centerville, Ohio, enjoys drawing, going to Webelos, and fishing with his dad. He can't wait to serve a mission, like his big brother Hyrum.

**Andi Aubrey**, 8, South Jordan, Utah, likes to play soccer and baseball, read books, and play the piano. Her favorite subject is spelling. She speaks English and Spanish and likes to go to Church, especially to Primary.



# Guide to the *Friend*

The Guide to the *Friend* can help you find stories or articles for preparing lessons or talks for church or for family home evening. Also included is subscription and submission information.



## FAMILY HOME EVENING IDEAS

If your parents ask you to help plan a family home evening, you may want to use an idea from the *Friend*.

Here are some ideas in this issue that you may like (look for the FHE symbol on the pages mentioned):

1. Read what one of the prophets had to say about general conference in “From Latter-day Prophets: David O. McKay” (IFC). Then share the information in “When the Prophet Speaks” and do the “Conference Center True/False Quiz” (pages 38–39). Decide to listen to conference as a family. Make the “General Conference Snack Mix” (page 27).
2. Read the story “Achievement-Day Mystery Activity” (pages 2–4). Talk about the sacred promises you make with Heavenly Father when you take the sacrament, and discuss ways you and your family can keep those



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promises better during the week.

3. Ask a brother or sister to memorize the poem “Jesus Christ Showed Me How” (page 5) and present it. Read the examples of the children in “Trying to Be Like Jesus Christ” (pages 36–37). Share how you have each tried to follow the Savior’s teachings recently.

4. Read “George Albert Smith Saves the Tabernacle” (pages 32–33), then work the crossword puzzle about him (page 15). Share your testimonies about the Latter-day prophets.

5. Ask Mom or Dad to tell the story “Amazing Chicken Soup” (pages 34–35). Think of someone in your neighborhood or ward who could use your help, and plan ways to help him or her.

6. Do the activity “The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Was Organized” (pages 24–25). Then tell the historical story “Word of Honor in Nauvoo” (pages 22–23). Ask each family member to tell one reason why they are grateful that the Church was restored to the earth.

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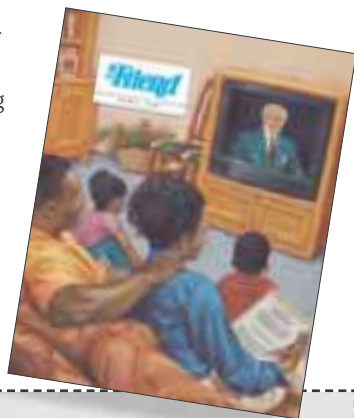
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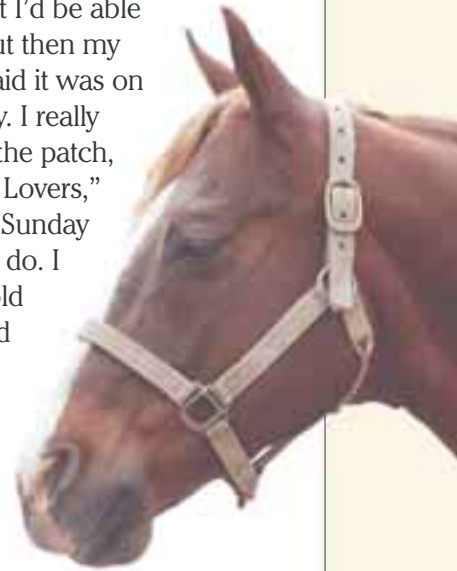
*Jonathan Warner, age 5  
Jacksonville, Florida*



## SUNDAY GIRL SCOUTS

At Girl Scouts, we had to go horseback riding for a patch. I thought I'd be able to go, but then my leader said it was on a Sunday. I really wanted the patch, which was called “Horse Lovers,” but I knew that going on Sunday was not the right thing to do. I told my mom, and she told the leader. The leader said that Sunday was the only time they could schedule it. I decided not to go, and it felt right.

*Ava Elefante, age 9  
Leavenworth, Kansas*



## LOST GLASSES

I have to wear glasses. One day when it was time to go to school, I could not find them. I looked for them and looked for them and had to go to school without them. Days passed, and it was Saturday night. I looked for them, as usual, but still could not find them. So I prayed. And I found them.



*Mariah Mertlich, age 7  
Puyallup, Washington*

## THE BOY WHO WANTED TO SWIM

I went to the swimming pool with my mom and little brother. A boy I didn't know started bugging me and my brother by pulling on us. My mom told him to leave us alone. Later, I was practicing swimming, and the boy came up to me and asked if I could teach him to swim. I taught him what I had learned in my swimming class. He was glad for the help and was nice to me after that. I felt good for helping him.

*Seth Root, age 8  
St. George, Utah*





*Come, listen to a prophet's voice,  
And hear the word of God (Hymns, no. 21).*



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