

### **Conference Reverence Tent**



e love the *Friend* and read from it almost every morning. After reading "Conference Reverence Tent" in the October 2008 issue, we decided to make our own conference reverence tent

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for the next conference. We decorated the inside of the tent with pillows, blankets, and a picture of Jesus. We were happy we were listening when President Monson announced there was going to be a temple built in Calgary—that's where we live!

Emily and Evan K., ages 6 and 4, Alberta, Canada

### **Gaining a Testimony**

In the November 2008 Friends by Mail section, I liked reading about how the children received answers to their prayers. It reminded me of how my own prayers have been answered. I once told my mom that I didn't think Jesus was real.



My parents asked me to pray to Heavenly Father to ask Him if Jesus is real. I prayed and was excited when I could tell my mom a week later that I felt a good, warm feeling when I prayed that let me know Jesus is real. I'm glad that I can ask Heavenly Father for help and get answers to my prayers.

AlemaMax L., age 6, Hawaii

### Sharing the Friend



y friend and I were in my room talking about what we got for Christmas. I was looking around my room for something to show her when I saw my stack of *Friend* magazines. I showed them to her and asked her if she subscribed to

the magazine at her house. She said no. I told her she can borrow any of my *Friend* magazines any time she wants. I'm glad that I can share the *Friend* with her.

### Amanda H., age 10, Utah

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### Hidden CTR Ring

Clue: When you choose the right, families can be together forever.

### Come Listen to a Prophet's Voice



By President Henry B. Eyring First Counselor in the First Presidency

# Helping Feed the Savior's Lambs

The Savior had been crucified and then resurrected. His disciples had gone to Galilee. They had fished through the night, catching nothing. When they drew near to shore, in the dawn, they did not at first recognize Him. He called out to them, telling them where to cast their nets, and when they did, the nets were filled. They rushed to greet Him on the shore.

> They found a fire of coals with fish cooking and bread. Then He gave a commandment to them which still stands for each of us. "So when they had dined,

Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith

unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs" (John 21:15).

The Saints of God have always been under covenant to **nourish** each other spiritually, especially those tender in the gospel.

A child can do the things which nourish the faith of others. Children could invite a recent convert to come with them to a meeting. Children could smile and greet a new member coming into a chapel or into a class. And as we do, the Holy Ghost will be our companion.

Every word we speak can strengthen or weaken faith. We need help from the Spirit to speak the words which will nourish and strengthen.

We can by simple obedience help the Lord to take the lambs, His lambs, into His arms home to their Father and our Father.

I know that Jesus is the Christ. I know that He lives. And I know that He leads us in this work—His work—to bring to pass the eternal life of His Father's children. ◆

From an October 1997 general conference address.

### **CARING FOR LAMBS**

ambs are weak and cannot defend themselves. They need special care so they can grow up to be healthy and strong. Look at the pictures of some things that lambs need.

To *nourish* means to feed.



Protection from wolves and other dangers

### A safe place to sleep











FROM LEFT: THE LOST LAMB, BY DEL PARSON; PHOTOGRAPHS OF WOLF AND LAMB © GETTY IMAGES; PHOTOGRAPH OF BARN © CORBIS; PHOTOGRAPHS OF FOOD AND WATER BY DAVID STOKER; ILLUSTRATIONS BY APRYL STOTT

### WHO ARE THE SAVIOR'S LAMBS?

The Savior asked His disciples to give special care to people who are not strong in the gospel or who are new members of the Church. He called these people "lambs." They need someone to help them so they can grow strong strong in the gospel.

Color the pictures of things children can do to help the Savior's lambs. Then draw one picture of something you can do.



Greet a new member of your class.



Invite a friend to come to Primary.



Share the Friend.



By Jeannie Lancaster (Based on a true story)

And [Elijah] shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers (Malachi 4:6). ara quietly climbed into her family's car

after church. She sighed and leaned her head against the window.

"Why are you so sad?" Mom asked.

"Today in Primary Jonathon gave a talk about families. He talked about his grandma and the things they do when they are together. It made me think of Grandma and how much I miss her."

"I miss her too," Mom said.

"I know that I'll see her again

### evening that night.

"Definitely," Dad said. "What do you want to share?" "You'll have to wait and see," Sara said, smiling. That night, during family home evening, Sara stood

up. Holding the box, she said, "This is my memory box." "What's inside?" Eric asked.

Sara lifted the lid of the box. She pulled out a small flower called a snapdragon. "When I was at Grandma's house last summer, she picked a bouquet of snapdragons from her garden. With one of the flowers, she made the snapdragon tell me a story."

someday," Sara said, "but right now I miss her so much. I wish I could still do things with her."

As they walked into the house, Mom put her arm around Sara and said, "Wait in the living room. I have something to give you."

Sara was very curious.

Mom came into the room carrying a sack. Sitting on the couch next to Sara, Mom reached inside the sack and pulled out a small wooden box. She put it on Sara's lap.

"What's this?" Sara asked.

"It's a memory box," Mom said.

Sara opened the box, but there was nothing inside.

"One thing that helps me feel better when I am missing Grandma is to think about all the special things I did with her," Mom said. "Why don't you see if you can find things to put into the memory box that remind you of her? When you're feeling sad, you can open the box and remember some of the wonderful things about her. You'll still miss her, but maybe it will help."

Sara took the box to her bedroom. She started to remember special things about Grandma. She spent much of the evening gathering things for her box.

The next morning at breakfast, Sara asked Dad if she could share something during family home

"How can a snapdragon tell a story?" Susan asked.

"Like this." Sara pinched the edges of the flower together. Each time she did, the flower petals opened and closed like a mouth.

"When I was a little girl, Grandma used to tell me snapdragon stories too," Mom said.

"What else is in the box?" Dad asked.

Sara pulled out a cupcake wrapper. "Grandma made the best cupcakes."

"I loved her chocolate ones," Eric said.

Next Sara pulled out a penny. "Grandma told me to be sure to pay my tithing—even if it is only a penny."

Sara pulled out one thing after another. At last she took out a piece of paper with music on it. "I love that Grandma liked to sing as she worked. This is her favorite song. Can we sing it now, Mom?"

"Absolutely," Mom said.

Sara smiled as her family sang "Families Can Be Together Forever."

That night Sara placed the memory box on her bookshelf. Even though she missed Grandma, she was happy to have so many memories of her. Sara's happy memories would keep her from being sad until she could be with Grandma again. A Year on Temple Square



Come with us this month for a look at an important place on Temple Square.

### By Jan Pinborough

Church Magazines

or an extreme music lover like Matthew N., it's a very exciting day.

Matthew plays violin and piano and sings in a children's choir. When he isn't making music, he's often thinking about it. A few weeks ago, Matthew discovered a new passion—the

organ. So imagine how excited he was to hear the Tabernacle organ, one of the most famous organs in the world!

There's an organ recital every day on Temple Square. Today Brother Richard Elliott played the Tabernacle organ.





join Matthew for a behindthe-scenes look at the Tabernacle organ and to hear a pin drop in the Tabernacle.



After the recital, Matthew got an up-close look at the organ. The organ is made of two parts—the console (where the organist plays) and the pipes (where the sound comes out).

### Tabernacle Organ Facts

\* It was first played in 1867. Back then, the organ was only 1/3 the size it is now.

\* It has 11,623 pipes!

\* The biggest pipes are made of pine wood, covered with very thin sheets of gold.

\* The organist can push a button to make the lights behind the organ blue, pink, purple, orange, or green to match the mood of the song he or she is playing.

\* The biggest pipes make the lowest sounds. One sounds like a helicopter!

\* The first Tabernacle organist was a 16-year-old pioneer boy. Now there are five Tabernacle organists—three men and two women.

> \* The people who tune the organ's pipes wear earplugs so the sound won't damage their hearing.

\* An outline of the Tabernacle organ pipes is on the cover of our hymnbook.





### Are You Interested in Learning to Play the Organ?

The organ isn't just for older people. You could ask your ward or branch organist to show you how the organ in your chapel works. If you already play the piano, he or she might be willing to give you a few organ lessons.





Matthew saw the pipe chamber behind the pipes. A big pump blows air into the pipes. The biggest pipes are over 32 feet tall.



"Music can lift your spirit," Matthew says. Today his spirit was soaring to the sky!



There's a set of knobs, called "stops," for each keyboard. Each stop gives the notes on the keyboard a different sound. The organ can sound like a harp, a trumpet, a flute, and dozens of other musical instruments. With all the stops pulled out, the organ has a huge, magnificent sound. That's Matthew's favorite.

understand how my letter would make a difference. "If they have stopped coming to Scouts and church, an invitation from a total stranger won't help," I thought.

I slumped down in my chair and tried to think

of something to say—*anything* to say. "Hi, I'm Ryan," I wrote. "I'm new."

That didn't seem like a great thing to say, but I couldn't think of anything better, so I left it.

I slumped further down in my chair and

thought harder about what I could write. Finally I added, "We have fun at Cub Scouts, but there are only four boys in our den. I really wish you guys would come." It was the truth.

The paper was still almost blank, so I added, "We are going to build birdhouses next week. You should come." While I tried to think of something else to say, I started drawing on the letter. Though I am not great at writing, I *am* good at drawing. I drew a birdhouse. It looked pretty good. Then I started drawing lots of birds around the

### By Melanie Marks (Based on a true story)

Every man is given a gift by the Spirit of God. To some is given one, and to some is given another, that all may be profited thereby (D&C 46:11–12).

H

ow is your letter coming along, Ryan?" Sister Woodland asked. "Not great," I said.

For our Cub Scout activity, we were writing letters to Easton and Aiden. They were brothers who used to come to church, but they had stopped coming for some reason. Their whole family had stopped coming.

"It's been a long time since they've come to church," one of the Cub Scouts said.

I had never seen them because I had just moved into the ward. I felt weird writing them a letter since they didn't know me, and I didn't know them. I had no idea what to say. Besides, I wasn't very good at writing letters.

"Just let them know we'd love to see them at our activities," Sister Woodland said. "Make them feel welcome."

"OK," I muttered. But I didn't



birdhouse. I drew many different kinds of birds until the paper wasn't blank anymore.

I looked at the paper. There was no way that it was going to help Easton and Aiden come to church again. I was a stranger. I wasn't a missionary or an adult. I couldn't get someone to come to church. I was a little embarrassed as I handed the letter to Sister Woodland.

The next week was our activity to build birdhouses. And guess what? Easton and Aiden were there! I was shocked.

"Hey, I really liked your letter," Easton told me. "I like to draw too."

"Yeah," Aiden said, "and I've always wanted to build a birdhouse."

Hey, Sophie, you draw well I couldn't believe it. They actually came—because of *our* letters! I became good friends with Easton and Aiden, and they started coming to Scout activities every week. Then they started coming to church too. Sometimes their family came to church with them. Now, years later, they still come to church every week.

So, I guess you really can make a difference in someone's life—even if you are a stranger, even if you are just a kid, and even if you aren't very good at writing letters. ◆

"You may feel that there are others who ... could fulfill your callings and assignments better than you can, but the Lord gave you your responsibilities for a reason. There may be people and hearts only you can reach and touch."<sup>1</sup>

President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, Second Counselor in the First Presidency

Thanks



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ILLUSTRATIONS BY BRAD TEARE

# Come to the Rescue

Being shipwrecked on a deserted island would be very lonely. This is how some of your friends may feel if they have stopped going to church. But you can help come to the rescue of these friends.

President Thomas S. Monson said that we have the "responsibility to man the lifeboats"\* and try to help our friends make it back to safety.

One of the ways the Lord will help us is by giving us the Spirit to guide us to those who need to be rescued. If we follow the promptings of the Spirit, we will know what we need to do and say to help.

Complete the maze below to rescue a friend who is shipwrecked and in need of your help.

# How can I be a missionary now?



**1.** Overcome feelings that make you afraid to share the gospel.

**2.** Do not be discouraged.

share the gospel.

**3.** Be a good example and take every opportunity to



Elder Quentin L. Cook of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles shares some of his thoughts on this subject.

y specific challenge to each of you is to make a commitment to be a missionary for the rest of your life. There are many among your friends who would respond to the gospel if you would have the faith to share the message of the Restoration with them.

Adapted from "Be a Missionary All Your Life," Ensign, Sept. 2008, 44-49.



# Bulletin Board

FLOWERS by the DOZEN

empty egg carton acrylic paints colored pipe cleaners

1. Cut out the individual cups from an egg carton. Each cup will be a flower.

2. Paint the cups and let them dry completely.

3. Poke a hole in the bottom of each cup and pull a pipe cleaner through the hole to make a stem. Make a small loop at the top of the stem to secure it inside the cup.

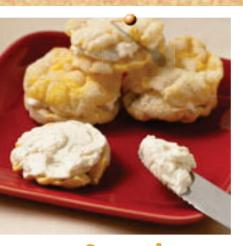
4. Place flowers in a clean jar or vase to display in your room or give to a friend.

5. You can try different things when creating your flowers—twist two pipe cleaners together, cut the egg cups to have petal shapes around the edges, or add colored tissue paper.

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### ADVICE FROM YOU

For you *Friend* readers who have turned 12, what advice do you have for those going into Young Men or Young Women soon? What made your transition from Primary easier? Let us know, and we'll share your advice in an upcoming issue of the *Friend*. Your older brothers or sisters can share their advice too! Turn to page 48 to find out how to send us your letter and photo. Submissions need to be received by May 31, 2010.



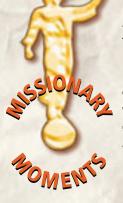
Mini **Crunches** 

Make these small sandwiches for a snack or share them with friends. Spread a small amount of cream cheese on a mini rice cake. Place a second rice cake on top of the cream cheese and press down gently. Use different flavors of cream cheese to make your snack sweet or spicy.

### JOURNAL JUNCTION

On april 6,

1830—180 years ago—The Church of Desus Christ of Latter-day Saints was officially organized by the Prophet Doseph Smith. Take some time this month to read D&C III-S and the section heading. Then write in your journal how you feel about Doseph Smith and what the Restoration of the Church means to you.



Joseph Smith called missionaries to preach the gospel in the United States, Canada, and England. Today, there are more than 50,000 missionaries and 17 missionary training centers around the world. Even though you won't serve a full-time mission until you are older, there are things you can do now to be a missionary. Here are some things children like you have done to share the gospel.

My class was doing an "around the world" project. Part of it was to drink tea. I told my teacher about my religion and that I do not drink tea. My friend asked me if the tea was bad for him. I said in my religion we believe it is. He said thanks and put his tea away. I am glad I obeyed the commandments and shared the gospel.

When I was at my friend's house, we were really scared because someone told a scary story. I was the only member of the Church, so I asked my friends to join me in a prayer. I asked Heavenly Father to help us not be afraid. Afterward, we all felt better and braver. I felt happy that I chose to do the right thing. Caitlin B., age 10, Oregon When my best friend was moving, I wanted to give her a nice gift. So I gave her the *Children's Songbook* CDs and *Book of Mormon Stories*. I also invited her to go to church and Primary with me a few times. I felt so good inside!



# Jehovah Blesses

### By Diane L. Mangum

The account of Joseph can be found in Genesis 37, 39–42.

rom far across the fields, Joseph's 10 older brothers saw him coming. He was wearing that colorful coat of his. Their father had given a coat of many colors only to Joseph, and all of his brothers were jealous.

What made his brothers even angrier was that Joseph told them about his dreams. He said his dreams meant that someday his brothers would bow down to him. They didn't want to bow down to their younger brother.

"Here comes the dreamer," Joseph's angry brothers said, and they plotted what they would do. When Joseph reached his brothers, they tore off his coat and threw him into a deep pit. They sold him as a slave to some merchants who were traveling to Egypt.

The brothers ripped Joseph's coat, dipped it in goat's blood, and took it to their father. Their father, Jacob, thought a wild beast had eaten Joseph. He was heartbroken.

In Egypt, a man named Potiphar bought Joseph as a slave. Then Potiphar's wicked wife lied about Joseph, and he was put in prison. But Jehovah did not forget faithful Joseph.

In prison, Joseph interpreted the dreams of two servants of Pharaoh. Later, Pharaoh had some dreams that worried him. His servant remembered that Joseph could interpret dreams. Pharaoh sent for Joseph to come to the royal court to listen to his dream.

Joseph said Pharaoh's dream was a warning from God. It meant there would be seven years when a lot

# Joseph's Family

of food would grow in the fields, but then there would be seven years of famine when no food would grow. Joseph said the people needed to store food to be ready for the famine.

Pharaoh listened. He put Joseph in charge of storing food. Joseph was given good clothing, a chariot, and a fine home.

Just as Joseph had said, for seven years plenty of food grew, and the people in Egypt stored extra food. Then the famine came, and the people ate the food they had stored.

In Canaan, where Joseph's father and brothers lived, the people did not store any food. When the famine came, they were hungry. Joseph's father, Jacob, sent his 10 older sons to Egypt to buy food.

When the brothers arrived in Egypt, they went to the house of an important man. They bowed down to him and asked him to sell them corn. None of the brothers realized they were bowing to their brother Joseph. But Joseph knew they were his brothers.

"I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt," he said. The brothers were speechless and frightened. Would Joseph be angry with them?

Joseph forgave his brothers. He explained that Jehovah had provided a way for all of their family to be saved during the famine. Joseph's father and brothers and their families came to live in Egypt. There they had plenty to eat. Joseph knew his family had been blessed by Jehovah.

### Jehovah

is another name for Jesus Christ. He is Heavenly Father's oldest son. Heavenly Father asked



Him to create the world and to help people return to Heavenly Father's presence. When Jehovah speaks to people, He is usually representing Heavenly Father. In the Old Testament, Jehovah is usually referred to as LORD. After He was born in Bethlehem, He was known as Jesus Christ.

God, our Heavenly Father, is the father of our spirits. He loves and watches over us always. We worship Him and pray to Him.



### **Pharaoh** In ancient Egypt, the king was called the pharaoh.

### Israel

Jehovah told Jacob he would be called by the name Israel. He was the father of 12 sons and one daughter, and his posterity were called "the children of Israel."

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### By Marianne Monson

Seeking Ar

Joseph sought his answer in a grove. I kneel by my bed.

Joseph saw God the Father and Jesus Christ. I listen to the whisper of the Holy Ghost.

Joseph's prayer began the restoration of the gospel. My prayer taught me Joseph's answer was true.

> We are two boys with two prayers Answered by the same listening Father.

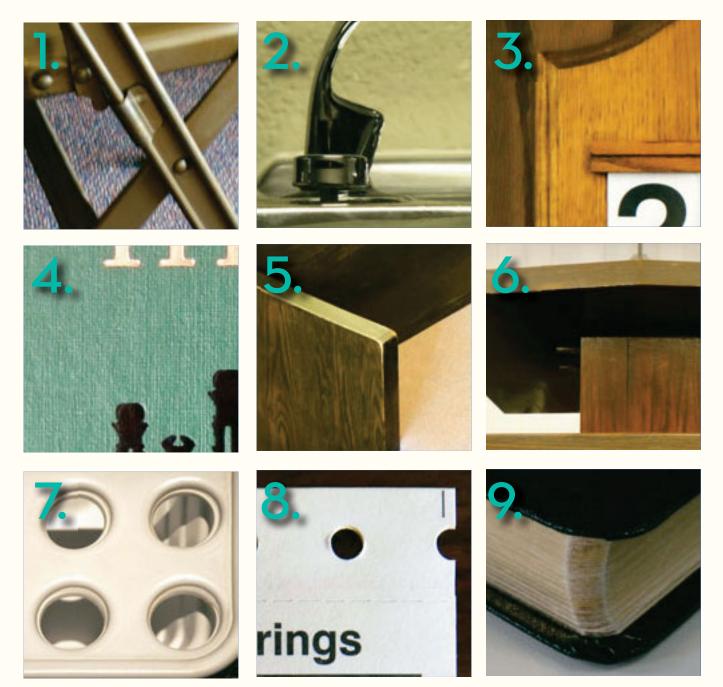
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# What Is This?

By Amie Jane Leavitt

The pictures on this page are close-up photos of things you might find in a church building. What are they?

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The answers are on page 48.

# A WEDDING DRESS By Jane McBride Choate (Based on a true story)

Marriage is ordained of God (D&C 49:15).

ori sat on her older sister's bed as Karyn finished packing her temple bag. Karyn was getting married today.

Lori was excited to go to the wedding reception that evening, but she also felt sad. Her older brother, who had served a mission, could go inside the temple with Karyn. Her parents could go too. But Lori and her two younger brothers couldn't go inside.

"I wish I could be in the temple with you," Lori said.

Karyn looked up from her packing. "I do too, but you'll be right outside. And someday I'll go to the temple with you when you get married."

Lori didn't feel so sad anymore, but she wondered about something else. "How did you know you wanted to marry Matt?" she asked.

Karyn sat down beside Lori. "A long time ago I learned that Heavenly Father has a plan for me. When I met Matt, I realized we could fulfill that plan together." "Each day as you choose to live the commandments, keep your baptismal covenants, and try to be more like Jesus Christ, you are preparing to go to the temple."<sup>2</sup>

Vicki F. Matsumori, second counselor in the Primary general presidency

IS,

Heavenly Father has a plan for you. "Have you finished that plan?" Lori asked.

Karyn shook her head no. "Matt and I want to have children, finish our education, and much more."

Lori looked at the beautiful white wedding dress hanging on Karyn's closet door. "Your dress is so pretty," she said.

Karyn smiled. "That's another part of the plan," she said. "I always wanted to be married in the temple, so my dress needs to be modest."

A few hours later Lori watched Karyn and Matt come out of the temple. Their faces glowed.

Lori ran to Karyn and threw her arms around her.

Several weeks later Lori got a picture in the mail. It was a photo of Karyn and Matt standing in front of the temple. Karyn had written at the top, "Heavenly Father has a plan for you."

Lori put the picture on her dresser. She promised herself that someday she would go to the temple and have the same glow that shone on her sister's face. 

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# Search the Scriptures By Robert Peterson

Taking time to read and ponder the scriptures is an important way to build faith. In this picture, look for a cupcake, fork, glass, hammer, ice-cream cone, ladle, man's shoe, pocketknife, sailboat, screwdriver, seal, and toothbrush.



nine years old—that is, until it started bucking.

When the horse took off, it didn't take very long for me to fall off. My shoelace got caught in the stirrup, and I was dragged behind the horse. I was right between the horse's hind legs, and I could see its hooves on both

sides of me. The longer this went on, the more scared the horse became. He kept bucking and kicking and jumping. I was sure I was going to die.

Finally, my shoelace broke. My pants and shirt were ripped to shreds, but I didn't have a scratch on me. I wasn't hurt at all. My dad always called it a real miracle.

This experience strengthened my testimony. I know that my life was preserved by Heavenly Father. I know that Jesus Christ is my Savior and that Heavenly Father is my Father. I know that They know me and love me. I know my life was preserved for a purpose and that I need to live the best I can to perform that purpose. I know that President Thomas S. Monson is the Lord's prophet and that this is Jesus Christ's Church. I know these things without any doubt.

# **A Real Miracle**



From an interview with Elder Daniel L. Johnson of the Seventy; by Lena Harper

Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe (Proverbs 29:25).

grew up in Colonia Juárez—one of the Mormon colonies in Northern Mexico. Each morning I had to milk two cows, feed the pigs and chickens, and gather and clean the eggs. On Saturdays I worked in the orchard with my father.

My father owned about 20 to 30 cattle. Every year we gathered them together to brand the calves. Once I was riding with my father on his horse when my father got off to brand a calf that he had roped. I was alone on the horse when it became spooked. I was old enough to ride a horse—about eight or "When you practice, it's not a test. If you mess up, it's fine because you're learning. Have confidence, and keep believing." Andrea C., age 11

### **PRACTICE TIPS**

**By Jan Pinborough** Church Magazines "I practice before school and again after school. Keep practicing until you get it. Playing the piano is a great experience. You can help lots of people." **Erick V., age 10** 

"No way!"

"You've got to be kidding!" "That's never going to happen!"

That's what Andrea, Erick, Kristofer, Suzett, and Yuridia of Provo, Utah, might have said if you had told them they would play the piano for their next Primary sacrament meeting presentation. After all, only one of them had ever played the piano before! But their Primary pianist, Sister Perry, gave them the challenge and they were willing to accept it.

Once a week, each child had a piano lesson with Sister Perry, except for one child who already had a teacher. At home they practiced on electric keyboards. Soon they were learning simplified versions of the songs for the sacrament meeting presentation. They also practiced in Primary as other children sang along.

Finally, the big day came. Each child played one or two songs.

Were they nervous to play in front of the whole ward? Definitely! But that didn't stop them.

"I felt really nervous," Kristofer said, "but I kept having faith."

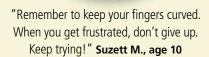
Thanks to their faith and hard work, everyone did well that day. And the best thing about it?

"It feels good to be able to help in church," Andrea said. "It's a great blessing for me."

Now the children can play during family home evening, at baptisms, and when their families sing in sacrament meeting. Awesome! •



"Go slowly at first. When you know the song better, you can play it faster." Yuridia M., age 11 "Play the song you like best first. I practice an hour after school and also after dinner." **Kristofer P., age 8** 



### YOU CAN LEARN TOO!

The children learned to play from a book called the *Keyboard Course*. You can read it online or print it from the Internet at Ids.org/churchmusic (in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish). Click on **Learning Materials, Accompanying Others,** and **Keyboard Course Book and Audio.** In the United States and Canada, you can order it with your parent's permission and help from Idscatalog.com.

Keyboards like the ones the children used are also available from the Church Distribution Center.

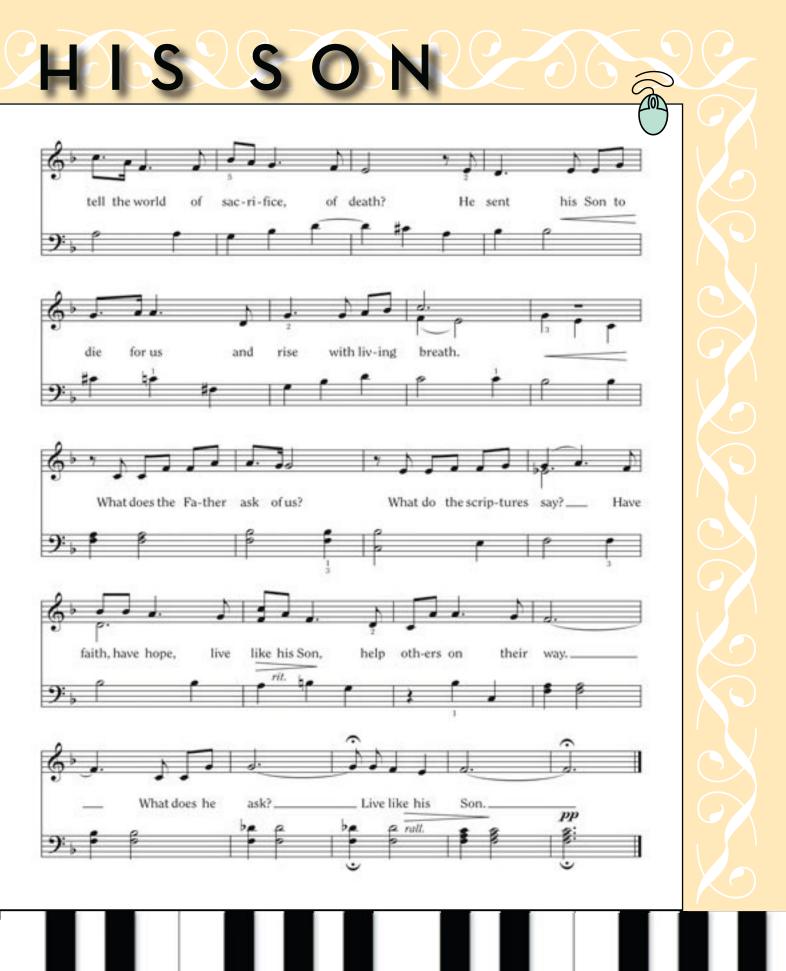
But what if you don't have a piano teacher? Your Primary president or your bishop or branch president might know someone who could help you learn. If you are determined, you can find a way. Think how happy you'll feel when you can serve others with the gift of music.

You might want to start by learning "He Sent His Son" on the next page of this issue. It's one of the songs your Primary may sing for the sacrament meeting presentation this year.

### **A SPECIAL TEACHER**

The children's teacher, Sister Janice Kapp Perry, is a composer. She wrote "I Love to See the Temple" and other songs in the *Children's Songbook.* "Children are the future of music," Sister Perry says.





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# Dan Jones Preaches the Gospel in Wales

**By Chad E. Phares** Church Magazines



Dan Jones visited Joseph Smith in Carthage Jail the day before the Prophet was killed by a mob. During the visit, Joseph Smith told Dan Jones that he would serve as a missionary in Wales. During Dan Jones's four years in Wales, more than 3,000 converts were baptized.

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1. Which of these puzzle pieces belong in the numbered spaces? Find the answers on page 48.

2. In this picture find and circle a cane, a mule, a person wearing glasses, a briefcase, a coal miner, a castle, a green window, and a blue bonnet.



## "I will **trust**, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my **strength** and my song."

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**By Chris Deaver** (Based on a true story)

Be faithful, and yield to no temptation (D&C 9:13).

hen the bell rang at the end

of class, Brian turned around in his desk. "Hey, Chris, have you seen the ads for the latest video game?"

Chris grinned. "Yes, it looks awesome!"

"Do you have it?" Brian asked.

Chris shook his head. "It'll take me forever to save enough money. But I wish I could play it right now!"

Chris *really* wanted the new video game. His mom had seen the game and said it was OK for him to get, but he had to buy it himself. But he knew it would be months before he could afford it.

"Guess what?" Brian said. "I got it yesterday!"

Chris's jaw dropped. "No way!"

Brian nodded. "Do you want to come over tomorrow and play it?"

Chris nearly jumped out of his chair. "Sure I do! That'd be great!"

As soon as Chris got to Brian's house the next day, they settled in front of the TV. Chris couldn't stop smiling as he earned points and advanced level after level.

But after a while, Brian put down his controls. "Let's go outside," he said.

Chris reluctantly put down his own controls and followed Brian out the back door. They played tag and then hide-and-seek. Chris was hiding behind some bushes when he realized that Brian was taking a long time to find him.

"Where is he?" Chris thought.

Chris left his hiding place. After a minute, he smelled smoke. Was something burning? He followed the smell around the corner of the house and stopped in his tracks. Brian stood in front of him, smoking a cigarette.

Brian smiled and held out a cigarette toward Chris. "Here. It's fun," Brian said. Chris stared at the cigarette. "No," he said.

Brian puffed on his cigarette. "Tell you what," he said. "If you smoke with

me, we'll go back in and play the game some more."

Chris felt like time had slowed down. He thought about how much he wanted to play the game and then he thought about the long months it would take him to save his money for his own copy.

But then Chris thought about the cigarette and what it would mean to smoke it. He thought about the promise he had made to the Lord to never smoke.

Chris stood up straight. "No. I won't do it for anything."

Brian looked stunned. But Chris turned away and walked home. When he got there, he sat down on the sidewalk in front of his house. He felt a little sad, but he was proud that he had the strength to make the right choice.





# **Trying to Be Like Jesus**

When Jesus Christ was on the earth, He followed the commandments, helped others, and showed love to everyone. Every day, children find ways they can follow the Savior's example.

### Telling the Truth



A t school one day there was a misunderstanding about how long we should wait until we started our project. When my teacher

asked how long we were told to wait, I said 20 minutes. My teacher said

she believed me because I always tell the truth. That made me feel so happy. I know it is important to always tell the truth. Benjamin S., age 8, California

### Always a Friend

n the first grade I met a girl who was not a member of the Church. I became her friend. I decided that I wanted to invite her to church.



I gave her a pass-along card and invited her to church. She wanted to come, but her parents didn't give her permission. I decided to be her friend no matter what. Hopefully someday she can come to church.

Emma M., age 7, Utah

### **Hospital Happiness**

ach month, my mom, sisters, and I take treats to the children who are in the hospital. One day while we were visiting, we stopped to toss coins into a water

fountain. I noticed a little boy sitting in a wheelchair. He only had one leg and he looked



very sad. I asked my mom if I could give my coins to the boy. She said yes, and I walked over and handed all of my coins to him. He smiled as he tossed them into

the water. It made me feel very happy. I know Jesus wants me to be kind to others. Caroline S., age 6, Florida



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Tell us how you're trying to be like Jesus. Turn to page 48 to find out how to send us a letter.

### Reverent Example



know that Jesus wants me to be reverent at church, so I have decided that I will follow Jesus by being

reverent. Each week in Primary I listen to my teacher and try to be a good example. Following Jesus makes me feel good inside. *Katelyn P., age 5, Missouri* 





### Sharing a Treat



ne day I had some money and I bought a really yummy candy bar. I was about to eat it, but then

thought about my family. I took the candy bar and broke it into seven pieces. Then I shared it with my family. I felt good because I shared. *Hyrum D., age 6, Oregon* 

### **Concert Decision**



was invited to go to a popular singer's concert. The problem was that it was on a Sunday.



Though I really wanted to go, my parents were happy with my response. I said, "Too bad it's not on a Saturday." I didn't go to the concert, and I'm glad I kept the Sabbath day holy.

Cami S., age 8, Texas



# "Feed My Sheep"

**By Jennifer Holt** (Based on a true story) *Follow me, and feed my sheep* (D&C 112:14).

"Jesus told Peter to feed His sheep. That's how Peter could show Jesus he loved Him."

"Mom, did Jesus have a herd of sheep?" "No, sweetie. Jesus is sometimes called the Good Shepherd, and we are like His sheep. Jesus was teaching Peter that if we want to show Jesus we love Him, we should help others."

"Is that why we are going to deliver the pie to Sister Jacobs after family home evening?"

> "Yes, it is. But it would be nice for you to think of something you can do to show Sister Jacobs you love her."

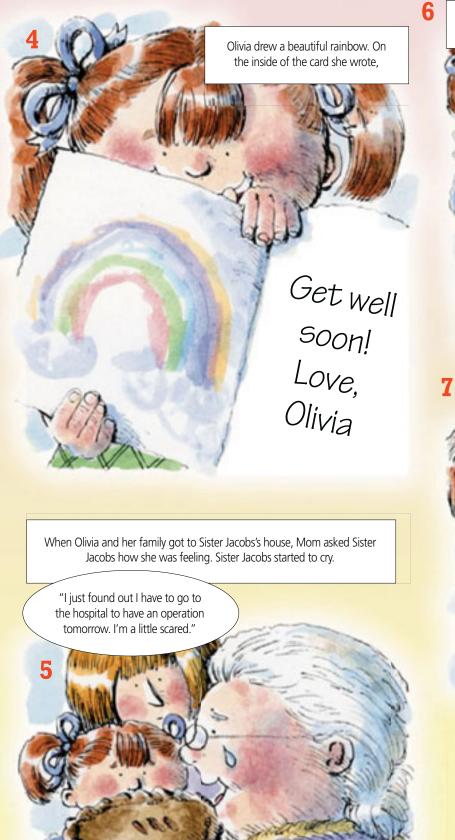
Olivia thought about what she could do. She remembered that Mom and Grandma really like the pictures she draws.

"I know! I can make a card for Sister Jacobs and draw a picture on it!"

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Mom handed Sister Jacobs the pie. Then Olivia gave her the card she had made.

"Thank you, Olivia. This beautiful card and your sweet smile make me feel better."

Olivia felt like somebody was hugging her heart. She was happy that she could help Jesus feed His sheep.



### **HELPS FOR PARENTS**

Ask your children to think of somebody they would like to make happy. Help them make and deliver a card to this person.

# William With Stars Find the Sheep

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### By Chad E. Phares Church Magazines

Jesus taught that we can show our love for Him by "feeding His sheep" (see John 21:15–17). We can do that by helping others. These children are feeding Jesus's sheep by helping their neighbor pull weeds from her garden. We should always look for people to serve.

See if you can find and circle the 10 sheep hidden in this picture.

### **HELPS FOR** PARENTS

Consider reading John 21:14–17 with your children. Ask them who Jesus Christ's sheep are. Explain that the Lord expects us to help other people. Tell of a time somebody helped you.





### **By Darlene Little**

I say to my feet When they walk down the street, You can skip, hop, and run, You can have lots of fun. But at church It is time to be still. Yes, I will.

My hands like to clap. They can wave, they can snap. They can eat with a spoon. They can play a sweet tune. But at church I will make them be still. Yes, I will.

When I'm out playing ball, I can yell, I can call. I can make lots of noise, With the girls and the boys. But at church I'll keep my voice still. Yes, I will.



God gave me a family, a cheerful heart and eyes to see, that I might live here happily (Children's Songbook, 234).

arah watched everyone gathered around her baby sister, Hannah. The baby was wearing the lacy white dress that Grandma had made. It was so long that when Sarah first saw it, she thought it must be for her. But no, like everything else, it was for the baby.

The doorbell rang. Sarah's face brightened when she saw Aunt Karen at the door. But then she saw the gift her aunt was holding.

"Another present for the baby," Sarah thought. She slumped down on the sofa.

When Mom and Dad first told her there was going to be a new baby in the family, Sarah was excited. When Dad took her to the hospital to see her new baby sister, she was thrilled.

But now Sarah wasn't so excited. Whenever she wanted Mom to help her with something, Mom was taking care of the baby. Everyone wanted to see the baby and hold the baby.

Sarah frowned. It wasn't fair. No one noticed her anymore. Now Aunt Karen was talking to the baby in a silly, babyish voice.

"She doesn't know what you're saying," Sarah muttered.

"You were sitting so quietly that I didn't even see you," Aunt Karen said.

"I always have to be quiet, or I'll wake up the baby," Sarah complained.

Aunt Karen sat down by Sarah. "It's not always easy being the big sister, is it?" Sarah shook her head.

Aunt Karen handed Sarah the present she was holding. "I brought something for you."

Sarah's eyes opened wide. "For me?" she asked.

"It sure is," Aunt Karen said. Sarah pulled the ribbons off the package,

By T. S. Hettinger (Based on a true story) tore off the paper, and lifted the lid off the box. Inside she found a hair bow, a coloring book, and a pink shirt with glittery letters.

"What does it say?" Sarah asked, holding up the shirt.

"It says, 'I'm the big sister,'" Aunt Karen said. "I have one for Hannah that says, 'I'm the baby sister.'"

Sarah gave Aunt Karen a big hug. "Thank you," she said. "You're the best aunt."

"I'm also a pretty good big sister," Aunt Karen said.

"What do you mean?" Sarah asked.

"When I was about your age, my mom had a baby," Aunt Karen explained. "And do you know who that baby was?"

Sarah shook her head.

"Your mom."

"Really?" Sarah said.

"It's true," Aunt Karen said. "Most of the time I liked being a big sister, but sometimes I felt like the baby was getting all the attention, and I didn't like that."

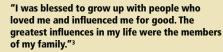
"I feel that way too," Sarah admitted. She picked up her new hair bow and coloring book. "All the other presents are for Hannah."

"That's not true," Aunt Karen said. "Your mom and dad gave you a great present."

Sarah was puzzled. "What did they give me?"

"They gave you a baby sister," Aunt Karen said. "My baby sister was the best gift I ever had, until I got a wonderful niece."

Sarah giggled. "I'm not just a wonderful niece," she said. "I'm also a pretty good big sister." ◆



Elder Keith R. Edwards of the Seventy



#### **Our Creative Friends**



#### **A Beautiful Place**

The Creation made such a beautiful place. The Creation gave birth to the human race. All the beautiful, tall trees Wave in the cool breeze. Everyone loves this place, So I'm sure it won't go to waste. As everyone grows old So does the earth—that's what I'm told. As lives go away every day, A new life is on the way. The beautiful, rich, and fertile soil, With hard work we shall toil. This is such a beautiful earth, So let's not put it to dirt.

Heather N., age 11, South Africa

#### Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ was the One Who was chosen to be God's Son. Jesus died for us on the cross, Those three days He was gone and we suffered a loss. But He rose from the dead; He is a member of the great Godhead. As the people realized He got back His life, The people who loved Him had no more strife.

#### Mackenzie B., age 11, Michigan



Savannah R., age 8, Texas



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Emma C., age 7, California



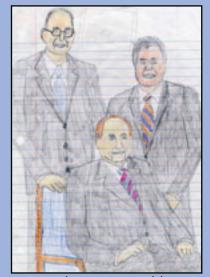
Gideon P., age 9, India

#### The Way Home

God is my Heavenly Father, Jesus is my Brother. We can go back to Them If we love one another.

Thomas C., age 6, Texas

Peter C., age 11, Utah



Matthew A., age 10, Idaho



Joshua B., age 8, England

Jessica B., age 9, Ohio

ake out your crayons or paints, and get ready to create! In 2011, art by Primary children from around the world will appear in an exhibit at the Church History Museum and in an online art show. Here's how you can get involved:

- 1. Create a work of art on the theme "The Gospel Blesses My Life." Your artwork could be about families, temples, missionaries, prophets, scriptures, nature, service, pioneers, Primary, or Church activities.
- You must be between the ages of 5 and 12, and you may send only one work of art.
- 3. Your artwork should be on a flat piece of paper or fabric. It should be no larger than 12 inches by 14 inches (30 cm by 36 cm), and it should not be framed.
- 4. You may use crayon, pencil, marker, ink, charcoal, acrylic, watercolor, pastels, oil, or any other two-dimensional medium.
- 5. Take your time so your artwork will be the best you can create. Your art should take up most of the space on your paper.

- 6. Write your full name on the back of your artwork. Have a parent complete and sign the form below. Then tape the form to the back of your artwork.
- 7. Your entry must be postmarked on or before July 31, 2010. Your artwork will not be returned to you.

Your entry might be featured in an exhibit at the Church History Museum, from January 3 to July 4, 2011; in an online art show on the *Friend* Web site; or in Our Creative Friends. Not all entries will be used or exhibited.



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## Jesus Christ Restored the Fulness of the Gospel through Joseph Smith

#### By Sandra Tanner and Cristina Franco

magine a glass full of clear, pure water. If we bump the glass, some water might spill out and the glass wouldn't be full anymore.

When Adam and Eve were created, the fulness of the gospel was on the

earth. For many years prophets taught the gospel.

When Jesus Christ was on the earth, He established His Church. He taught the fulness of the gospel: faith in Jesus Christ, repentance, baptism by immersion, the gift of the Holy Ghost, and obedience to the commandments. Jesus showed all people how we should live. He became the Savior of us all. The gospel glass was full.

But as the years passed, parts of the gospel were lost because wicked people changed it or didn't obey it. The fulness of the gospel was no longer on the earth. Heavenly Father promised His children He would give them the fulness of the gospel again. He called Joseph Smith to help Him restore the fulness of the gospel.

John 3:16 teaches us that Heavenly Father gave us His Son and the gospel because He loves His children. He calls prophets to teach everyone His gospel so we will know the way back to Him.

We are blessed to have the fulness of the gospel in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Our gospel glasses are full to the top, and Heavenly Father



has promised that the gospel will never be taken from the earth again.

#### April 2010 Scripture Journal

*Read* the sixth article of faith in the Pearl of Great Price.

Memorize this article of faith.

*Pray* to ask Heavenly Father to help you know that Jesus Christ restored the fulness of the gospel through Joseph Smith.

Choose one of these activities, or create your own:

- Help someone else learn this article of faith.
- Read or have someone read to you Joseph Smith— History in the Pearl of Great Price.
- Make the story wheel on page 41. Cut out the two wheels, and attach them with a brass fastener.
   Use the wheel to teach someone how Jesus Christ restored the fulness of the gospel through Joseph Smith.
- Our missionaries are teaching the truths of the restored gospel throughout the world. Pray for them. Pray to know whom you could invite to listen to the missionaries' message.

How does what you have done help you understand the sixth article of faith?

*Write* in your journal or draw a picture about what you have done. ◆

Jesus Christ Restored the Fulness of the Gospel through Joseph Smith

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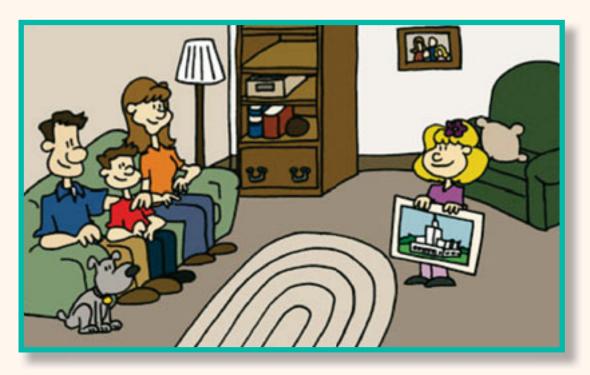


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## **Spot the Differences**

By Arie Van De Graaff

Our families should hold family home evening every week. There are 10 differences in these two pictures of a family home evening. Can you find all of them? See the answers on page 48.





# A Dime from a Dollar

#### By Lisa Ray Turner (Based on a true story)

I'm glad to pay a tithing, one-tenth of all I earn; it's little when I think of all God gives me in return (Children's Songbook, 150).

ight, nine, ten. Hooray!" I cheered as I counted my last dollar. "Mom, I've finally earned enough money to buy the space shuttle."

"That's great, Jacob," Mom said. "You've worked hard, and you've wanted that model for a long time."

She was right. For the last month, I'd been mopping floors, watering plants, taking out garbage—and thinking about the space shuttle model. It had cool flag stickers for the wings and booster rockets that snapped off.

"Can we go to the store now?" I asked.

"It's almost dinnertime," Mom said. "Then it will be time for family home evening. But we could go tomorrow after school."

"OK," I said. One more day wouldn't hurt.

After dinner, Dad spread out 10 pennies, 10 dimes, and 10 one-dollar bills on the living room floor.

"Tonight we're going to talk about tithing," Dad said.

"What's that?" asked my four-year-old brother, Willy. "It's money we give to Heavenly Father," Dad said.

"It's one-tenth of what we earn."

"What's one-tenth?" I asked. I knew it was a fraction. But in second grade we had only learned about halves and thirds.

"There's a simple way to remember," Dad said. "It's a dime from a dollar, a penny from a dime."

"What happens to our tithing?" Tod asked.

"It helps the Church grow," Dad said. "Some of it is used to build new church buildings and temples."

We practiced paying tithing with the dollars, dimes, and pennies on the floor. It was fun to play with all that money.

But then I thought of my own dollars. I had a sinking feeling. Did I owe one of those dollars for tithing?

"Do I have to pay tithing on my space-shuttle dollars?" I asked. But I didn't really want to hear the answer. I was tired of mopping floors.

"Well," Dad said, "one of those dollars you earned belongs to Heavenly Father. But no one forces you to pay tithing. It's something you choose to do."

What's one-tenth of zero cents?



For the rest of the night, I thought about doing the right thing—that is, when I wasn't thinking about the space shuttle. Would it hurt to skip tithing this time? Surely one dollar wouldn't make much difference to the Church.

The next day I raced home after school. "Let's go buy the space shuttle, Mom," I called.

"OK," she said. "Get your brothers, and we'll be on our way."

In the car I wondered if I was doing the right thing. I wanted to pay tithing, but I really, *really* wanted the space shuttle.

At the store I went straight to the model aisle and grabbed the box. For some reason, though, holding the box didn't feel as good as I thought it would. And the longer I held it, the worse it felt.

Holding the dollars in my other hand didn't feel right either. Maybe it was because I knew one of them didn't belong to me. Last night Dad said one-tenth isn't very much to give to Heavenly Father when you think of everything He gives to us.

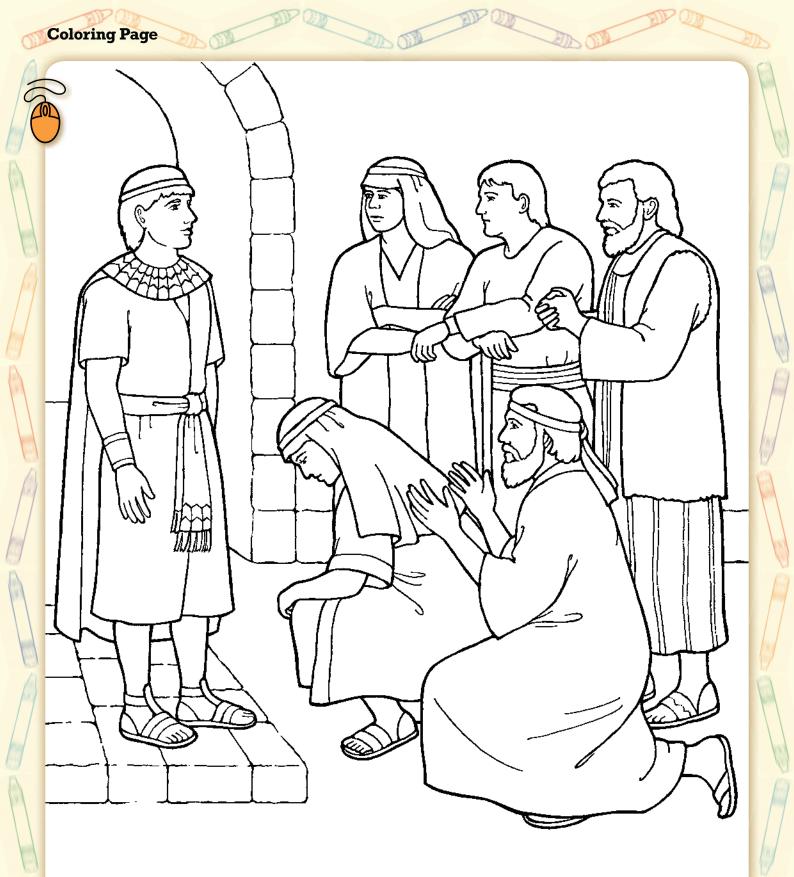
"Mom," I said quietly, "are there any jobs I can do to earn some more money?"

"There are always lots of jobs," Mom said.

"Maybe I should buy the space shuttle in a few days. Can we come back?"

"Sure," Mom said.

On the way home, I held nine dollars in one hand and one in the other. I felt a little disappointed. But I didn't wonder if I was doing the right thing. I knew I was. ◆



Joseph Forgives His Brothers

I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life (Genesis 45:4–5).

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## Friends in the News



#### Homestead Ward

Primary children in the Homestead Ward, Miami Florida South Stake, had a missionary activity. They were given pretend name tags, plane tickets, passports, and booklets containing missionary information. With a companion, the children learned how to tie a tie, lead music, teach the gospel, and make a sandwich for lunch.



Daisy Art and Molly Raine B., 7 and 10, Costa Rica, attend an international school. They like making friends with children from all over the world and learning about different cultures. They have many missionary opportunities because many of their friends aren't members of the Church. They are best friends who play together every day. They both like to do gymnastics, play the violin, do crafts, color, and paint.



Annie B., 6, Utah, enjoys reading the Book of Mormon with her family. She likes gymnastics, sledding, dancing, singing, bike riding, and playing with her friends. She is kind to others.



Joel M., 7, Alberta, Canada, is learning about Heavenly Father's plan. He likes to draw, play basketball, and read about dinosaurs.

Would you like to be a friend in the news? Turn to page 48 to find out how.



Matthew T., 5 Washington, likes to play football and basketball with his two older brothers. His favorite activity is cooking with his mom. He particularly likes making desserts. He enjoys family home evening and stories about the prophet Nephi.

Troy J., 9, Pennsylvania, is a big help to his family. He excels in math and spelling. He likes gymnastics and karate. Troy loves Heavenly Father and Jesus and looks forward to becoming a deacon when he turns 12.



Madeline E., 10, Indiana, likes to dance; sing; and ride her horse, Dolly. She is a good student. Math is her favorite subject, and she hopes to be a math teacher when she grows up. She looks forward to church every week.



**Red Leaf Ward** Primary children in the Red Leaf Ward, Westminster Colorado Stake, enjoyed touring the grounds of the Denver Colorado





## Possible Ideas for Family Home Evening

**1.** Read "Helping Feed the Savior's Lambs" (pages 2–3). How is Jesus Christ like a shepherd? How are people like lambs? Color the pictures on page 3 as you discuss ways to feed the Savior's lambs. Younger children could complete the activity on page 34.

2. What talents do you have within your family? Read "Making a Difference" (pages 8–9). Ryan didn't feel like he could write well, but he could draw well. Take turns sharing observations about each family member's talents. You could write down what your family members say about you in your journal.

3. Read "How can I be a missionary now?" on page 11. Then read about young member missionaries on page 13. Make a goal with your family to share the gospel. You could write your testimonies in copies of the Book of Mormon and give them away, invite friends to church, or invite another family over for family home evening.

4. Hold your own family art exhibit! Encourage each family member to create a work of art relating to the topics listed on page 39. Display the artwork for a week. Then encourage your children ages 5–12 to enter the Children's Art Exhibit.

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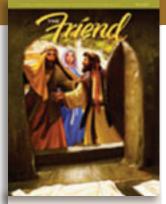
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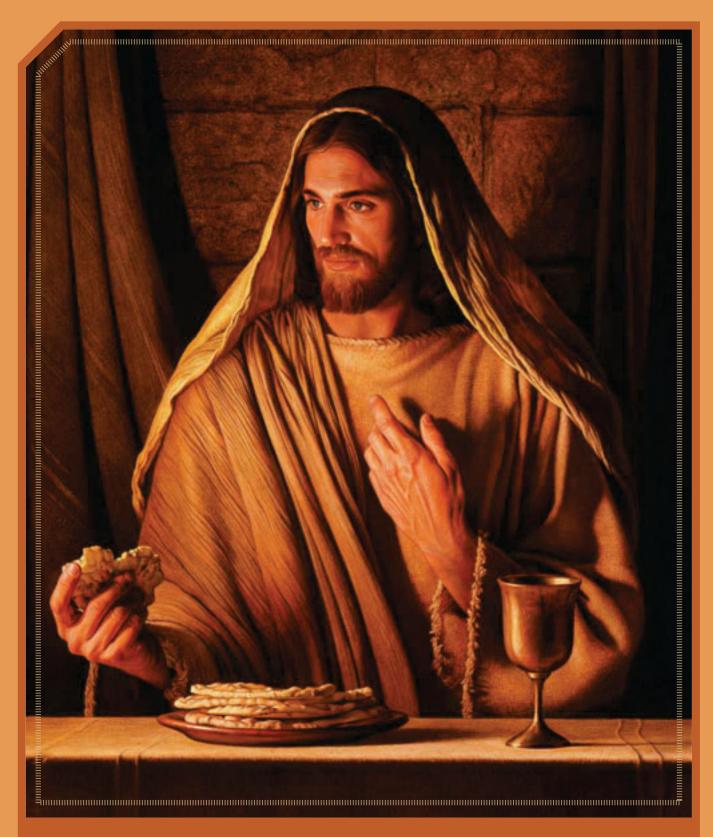
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-Matthew 26:26-28

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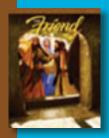
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