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the Friend



Happy
EASTER!

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FRIENDS BY MAIL



A Poem for the Friend!

It's something to cheer
When life seems so blue.
It's a safe place from my fears;
Funstuff's in there too.

When life seems it's broken,
I know there is hope.
You don't need a token—
No need to mope.

Don't worry, there's no limit
To how old you can be.
The *Friend* is for everyone.
It's for you; it's for me.

**Sosaia T., age 10,
Montana, USA**



How We Read the Friend

We like to go on walks and family adventures with the *Friend*!

**Alma, Linda, and Emily S., ages 10, 8, and 6,
New York, USA**

Conference Creative Cuts



During general conference, we used art from old *Friend* magazines to make creative pictures.

Joshua, Maylie, and Emma P., ages 11, 9, and 6, Idaho, USA

DEAR FRIENDS,

April is a special month because we celebrate Easter. It's also when we celebrate the Church being organized—188 years ago! On page 24 you can learn what that means to us today. Then you can read about a boy who got a priesthood blessing (page 8) and learn how we

Was there a story or activity this month that helped you? Tell us about it! Turn to page 39 to find out how.

can all help the work of the priesthood (pages 32–34). We hope you'll also like the new song, on page 11!

Love,

The Friend

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FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

Easter Testimonies from the First Presidency



This Easter season, we can learn about Jesus Christ's sacrifice, follow His teachings, and share His joy. Because He lives, we can know "peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come" (D&C 59:23).

President Russell M. Nelson

Adapted from "Because He Lives," *Ensign*, March 2015, 74–75.



Easter is a holy day. It is a good time to think about what it means to take the sacrament. Jesus Christ lived, taught, died, and rose again so that all of us might have eternal life.

President Dallin H. Oaks, First Counselor in the First Presidency

Adapted from "Taking upon Us the Name of Jesus Christ," *Ensign*, May 1985, 80–83.

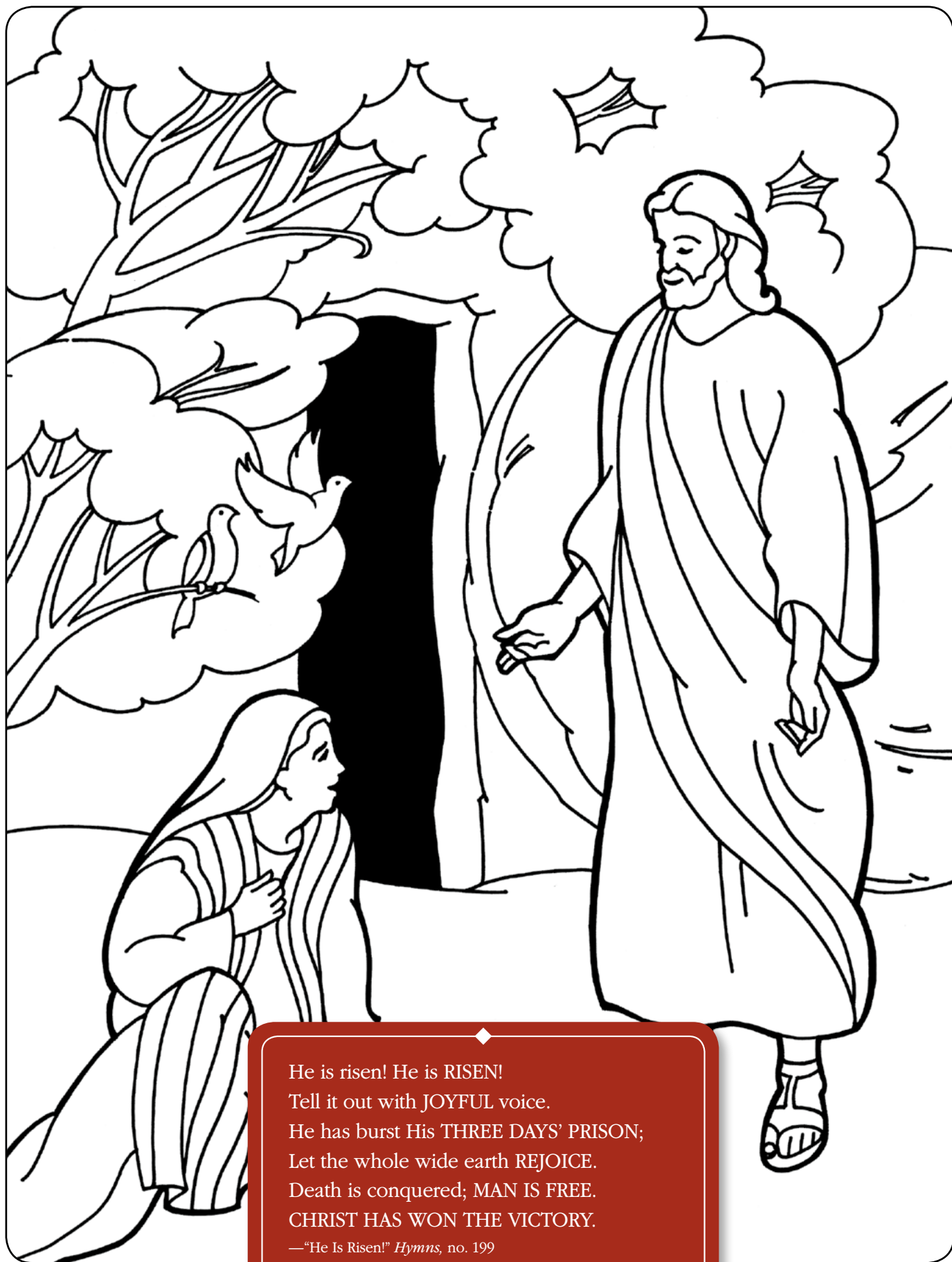


Easter reminds us of why we love Jesus Christ. The Savior promises that His faithful followers can become His beloved friends. He loves us. His arms are outstretched. I know that He lives.

President Henry B. Eyring, Second Counselor in the First Presidency

Adapted from "Come unto Me," *Ensign*, May 2013, 22–25.





He is risen! He is RISEN!
Tell it out with JOYFUL voice.
He has burst His 'THREE DAYS' PRISON;
Let the whole wide earth REJOICE.
Death is conquered; MAN IS FREE.
CHRIST HAS WON THE VICTORY.

—"He Is Risen!" *Hymns*, no. 199

Book of Budd



By Christy Monson
(Based on a true story)

“I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded” (1 Nephi 3:7).

Tory swung her legs back and forth under her chair. Her stomach growled. She loved going to her new church, but sometimes she got a little hungry by the end.

“What can we do to follow Jesus?” Sister Jameson asked the class.

Tory put her feet on the floor. She sat up straight. *I want to follow Jesus!* she thought.

Erica raised her hand. “We can read the scriptures.”

“That’s a great idea. Our stake president just asked us to read the Book of Mormon every day,” Sister Jameson said. “Who will do that?”

Everyone raised their hands high. Everyone except Tory. She raised her hand only halfway.

Tory was a new member of the Church—and the only member in her family. She had first learned about the Church when her friend Erica invited her to Primary.

Tory still had a hard time reading the Book of Mormon on her own. It had lots of funny names in it, like Teancum and Anti-Nephi-Lehies.

“I’m not sure if I can,” Tory told Erica.

“I’ll help you!” Erica said. “You can come to my house before school. My family reads

scriptures right after breakfast. Then we can walk to school together.”

“Thanks!” Tory said. She was glad that Erica lived so close.

Dad said it was OK, so every morning Tory went to Erica’s house before school. They read the Book of Mormon with Erica’s family. Tory even tried reading by herself on the weekends.

But then one day in soccer practice, Tory twisted her ankle. After a trip to the doctor, Mom helped Tory to the couch so she could rest. Then Tory called Erica with the bad news.

“I hurt my ankle at soccer today. I have to use crutches for two weeks! And my mom has to drive me to school.” Tory swallowed. Her eyes stung a little bit. “I can’t come over to read scriptures anymore.”

“Oh no! I’m so sorry,” Erica said.

“I wish I could keep reading the Book of Mormon with your family.” Tory frowned at her foot. It was wrapped in white, sticky tape and propped on a chair in front of her.

Erica was quiet for a moment. Then she said, “I have an idea—a way we can keep reading together!”

“How?”

“Stay by the computer before school tomorrow. You’ll see!”

The next morning Tory got ready for



Mormon dies

hobbled to the living room and plopped into the chair by the computer.

school as fast as she could. But her ankle made it tricky. She got out her favorite green socks. But they wouldn't even fit on her foot! Tory

The computer made a beeping sound. It was a video call from Erica's family! Tory answered, and a blurry screen came up. Erica's face appeared.

"We're ready!" Erica grinned. "Now you can still read with us every morning."

Tory opened her scriptures. She followed along as they read 1 Nephi 3:7: "I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded." She smiled. She was doing what the Lord had commanded too! ♦

The author lives in Utah, USA.



"If you are not reading the Book of Mormon each day, please do so."

President Thomas S. Monson
(1927–2018)

*"The Power of the Book of Mormon,"
Ensign, May 2017, 86.*

Family Night FUN

Here's an idea for family home evening. What other ideas can you come up with?



Scripture Activities

Read “Book of Mormon Buddies” on page 4. Then try these activities for FHE.

- Bring objects to represent different scripture stories. See if your family can guess the stories.
- Sing a hymn or Primary song together and read the scriptures at the bottom of the page.
- Draw scripture stories or act them out for others to guess.
- Watch a Bible video at Biblevideos.lds.org.

Is there a topic you'd like to learn about with your family? Go to lessonhelps.lds.org to find stories, activities, and media.

Scripture Study Lemon Crunchies

This crunchy snack is perfect for sharing with a scripture study buddy or the whole family. Be sure to get an adult's help.

- 5 cups square rice cereal
- 3/4 cup white chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons lemon zest (optional)
- 1 cup powdered sugar



1. Pour the cereal into a large bowl. Set aside.
2. Microwave the white chocolate chips and butter in a microwave-safe bowl until melted, stirring every 15 seconds. Stir in the lemon juice and lemon zest.
3. Pour the melted chocolate over the cereal. Stir until all the squares are covered.
4. Put the cereal mix into a large sealable plastic bag. Add the powdered sugar, seal the bag, and shake well.
5. Spread the mix over waxed paper and let it cool before eating.

MORE IDEAS

Read the story on page 27 and each write about an experience you've had with prayer. Send them to the Friend!

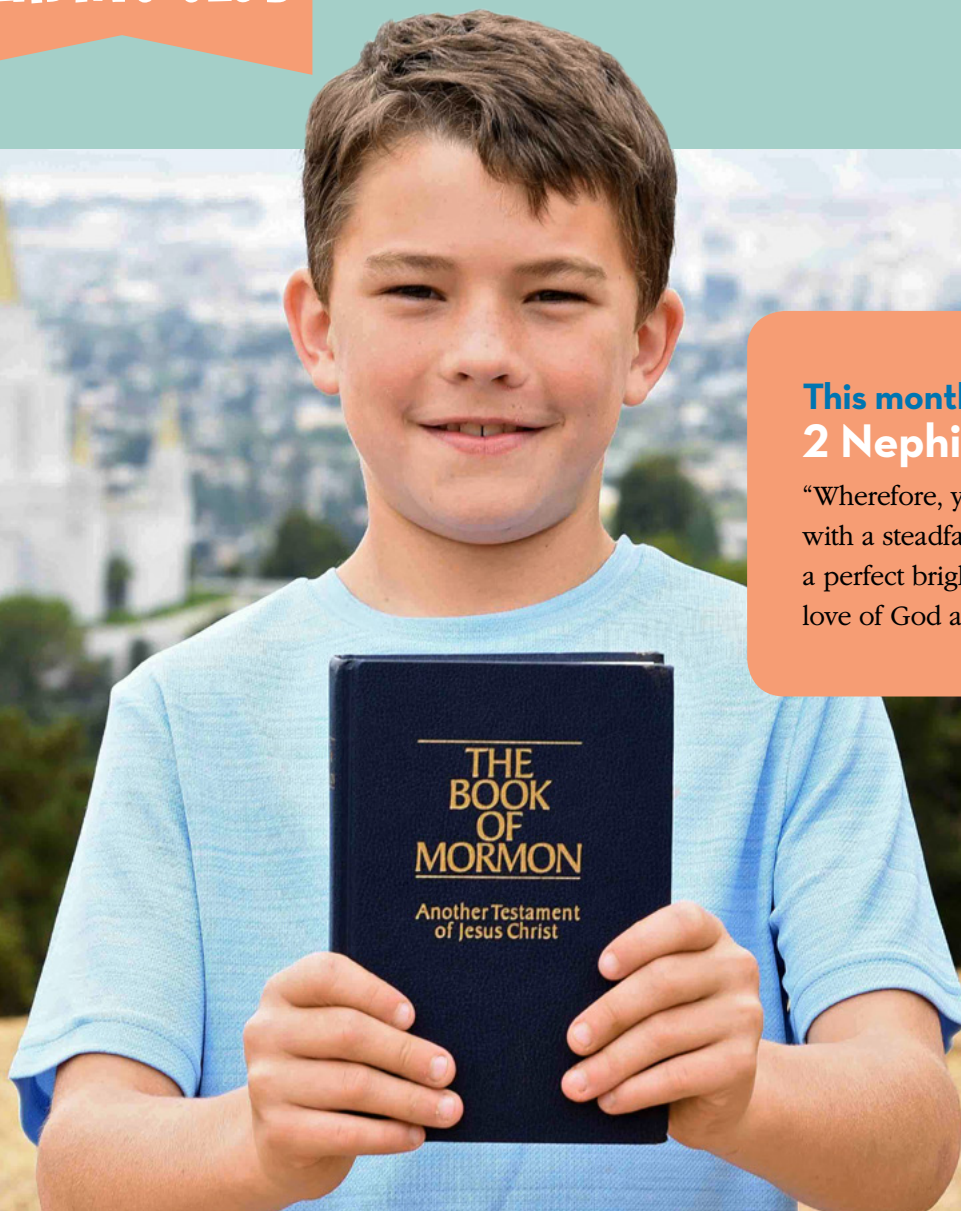
Play the Restoration matching game together (page 24).



Book of Mormon READING CLUB

JOIN IN BY READING THE BOOK OF MORMON!

Read on your own, with your family, or with a friend. Then tell us about it! (See page 39 to find out how.)



This month's scripture: **2 Nephi 31:20**

“Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men.”



I believe that the scriptures will tell you right from wrong no matter what.

Evelyn J., age 9, California, USA



My family is reading the Book of Mormon. We are on [Alma 30:13](#) now. We take turns to read each verse. My dad and mom help me understand words and stories. Sometimes we role-play the stories. This is so fun. It helps me stay close to my family.

Amaron I., age 7, Phnom Penh, Cambodia



Heavenly Father
doesn't always
stop bad things
from happening,
but He helps us get
through them.

By Heather Kirby

(Based on a true story)

"We do not have to see to know God's love is near"

(Children's Songbook, 97).

Tall pine trees flew past the car in a blur. Owen stared through the back window. *If I were Robin Hood, this would be the perfect hideout forest*, he thought. Mama drove while Uncle Eric helped with directions. They were going to a big family picnic at his great-uncle's house.

Owen rolled down his window. The scent of pine filled his nose. *Yup, the perfect Robin Hood forest.*

"This place is so cool!" Owen said. "Let's call it Adventure Forest!"

Uncle Eric smiled. "I think you'll like it. There's a stream and plenty of woods for you and your cousins to explore."

"Is there an evil sheriff waiting in the woods?"

Uncle Eric laughed. "I'm not sure. Let me know if you find one, though."

The car stopped a little later, and everyone climbed out. Owen was itching to start exploring. He saw a small hill up ahead.

"Can I go check out what's over that hill?"

Mama nodded. "Just stay close enough that you can hear me."

Another car pulled up. Owen grinned as his cousin James hopped out. "James! Wanna see what's over that hill?"

"Can we? Please?" James asked his parents. Soon Owen and James took off running. In no time they reached the hilltop.

"Let's race down," James said.

As they reached the bottom, Owen saw a pile of soft dirt at the bottom. He jumped right in, pretending he was Robin Hood leaping into a wagon full of bad guys.

Ouch! The tops of his feet felt like they were on fire! He jumped out, yelling in pain.

Suddenly Mama appeared. She grabbed Owen and ran for the nearby stream. Mama plunged his feet into the cold water, sandals and all.

"What happened?" Owen cried. "All I did was jump in some dirt!"

"That wasn't dirt," Mama said. "It was hot ashes. Someone must have had a campfire last night and not put it out completely."

After Owen soaked his feet for a while, Mama carried him in to his uncle's house.

They found his cousin, who was a children's doctor. Doctor Mark put medicine on the burns and wrapped them. Then he and Uncle Eric gave Owen a priesthood blessing.

Not much of a Robin Hood adventure after all, Owen thought as they drove home.

That night at bedtime, Mama said, "Remember that Heavenly Father loves you."

Owen sat up in bed. "I know He does. But why did He let me burn my feet?"

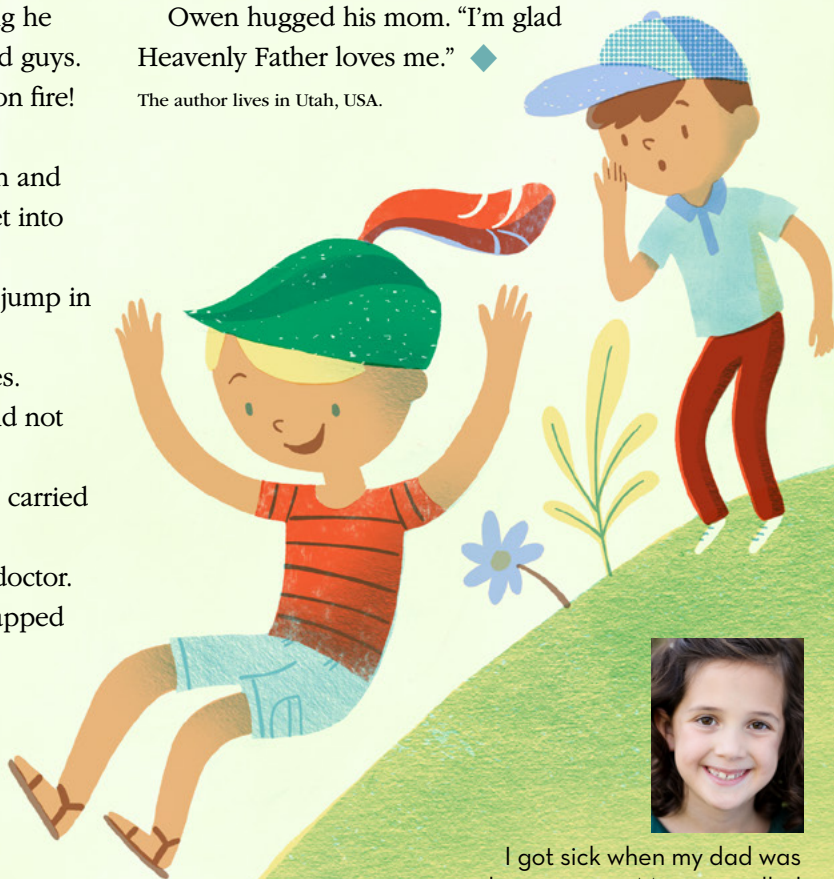
Mama sat next to him. "Heavenly Father doesn't always stop bad things from happening, but He helps us get through them. For example, I'm grateful I saw you from the hilltop right when you jumped into those ashes."

She ran a hand through Owen's hair. "Plus, Heavenly Father helped me know immediately that I should put your feet in the stream."

Mama and Owen talked about more things to be grateful for—like the priesthood blessing he got. Then Owen prayed. As he started listing what he was thankful for, he was surprised at how many things came to mind. Owen felt warm and happy. He knew Heavenly Father was listening.

Owen hugged his mom. "I'm glad Heavenly Father loves me." ♦

The author lives in Utah, USA.



I got sick when my dad was on a business trip. My mom called Brother Hillstrom and Brother Judkins, and they gave me a blessing. They told me that the priesthood was real and Heavenly Father could help me get better. I knew that I might not get better right away, but I would get well soon. I love the priesthood.

Sienna P., age 8, Utah, USA

Furry Fun

Camila and her brother Tomás found a fun and furry way to serve their neighbors! Every Saturday, they walk dogs for people who have a hard time getting around.



ILLUSTRATION BY KATHERINE BLACKMORE



With Priesthood Power

Words by Marvin K. Gardner
Music by Vanja Y. Watkins

Joyfully ♩ = 60-63

1. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. The
 2. Our Sav - ior raised a young maid - en from the dead. He
 3. God shares His pow - er with us in ter days To

sun and glit - ter - ing stars and moon shone bright. With
 spoke, and thou - sands of hun - gry souls were fed. With
 guide, to lift, and to heal in won - drous ways. Each

priest - hood pow - er He made the earth and sea. And
 priest - hood pow - er, He made the blind man see. And
 priest - hood or - di - nance helps me clear - ly see That

with His pow - er, He bless - es you and me.
 with His pow - er, He bless - es you and me.
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Chorus

The God who cre - at - ed the u - ni - verse and ev - 'ry ti - ny flow'r De -
slightly slower

lights to bless me lov - ing - ly through sa - cred priest - hood pow'r.

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Dare to Be **KIND!**



↖
Claudia's
brother, Tyler

Hi!

I'm Claudia,
and I live in
Australia.

I shine
my light by
showing kindness
to others.

I Stand Up for Others

A boy at school has a hard time learning. I stick up for him when people tease him, and I help him in class when he needs it. My teacher said this is the only year he feels a part of his class.



From an interview with Sharon Goodrich



My Tiny Teddy Bear

When my teacher's uncle died, she was very sad. She doesn't know about the Church, so I told her that Heavenly Father loves her. I made her a card and told her that she will see her uncle again. I gave her my special tiny teddy bear to help her through sad times.



Singing and the Holy Ghost

I like to sing songs from the *Children's Songbook*. My family says it helps them feel the Spirit. The Holy Ghost gives me a warm feeling inside.

Lucky Friends

My neighbor Olivia struggles with walking, talking, and hearing. Olivia's mum says that Olivia is lucky to have a friend like me. I am lucky too!



HOW CAN YOU SHINE?

DARE to make friends with someone who doesn't have many friends.

DARE to help your neighbor.

DARE to invite a friend to church.

DARE to sing!

SEND US A STAR!

Jesus asked us to "let [our] light so shine before men" ([Matthew 5:16](#)). How do you let your light shine? Send us a star with your story, photo, and permission. See page 39.





"As one of His servants, I declare my witness that Jesus is the Christ, our Redeemer and our Savior. I know that He lives and that His tender mercies are available to all of us."

By Elder David A. Bednar

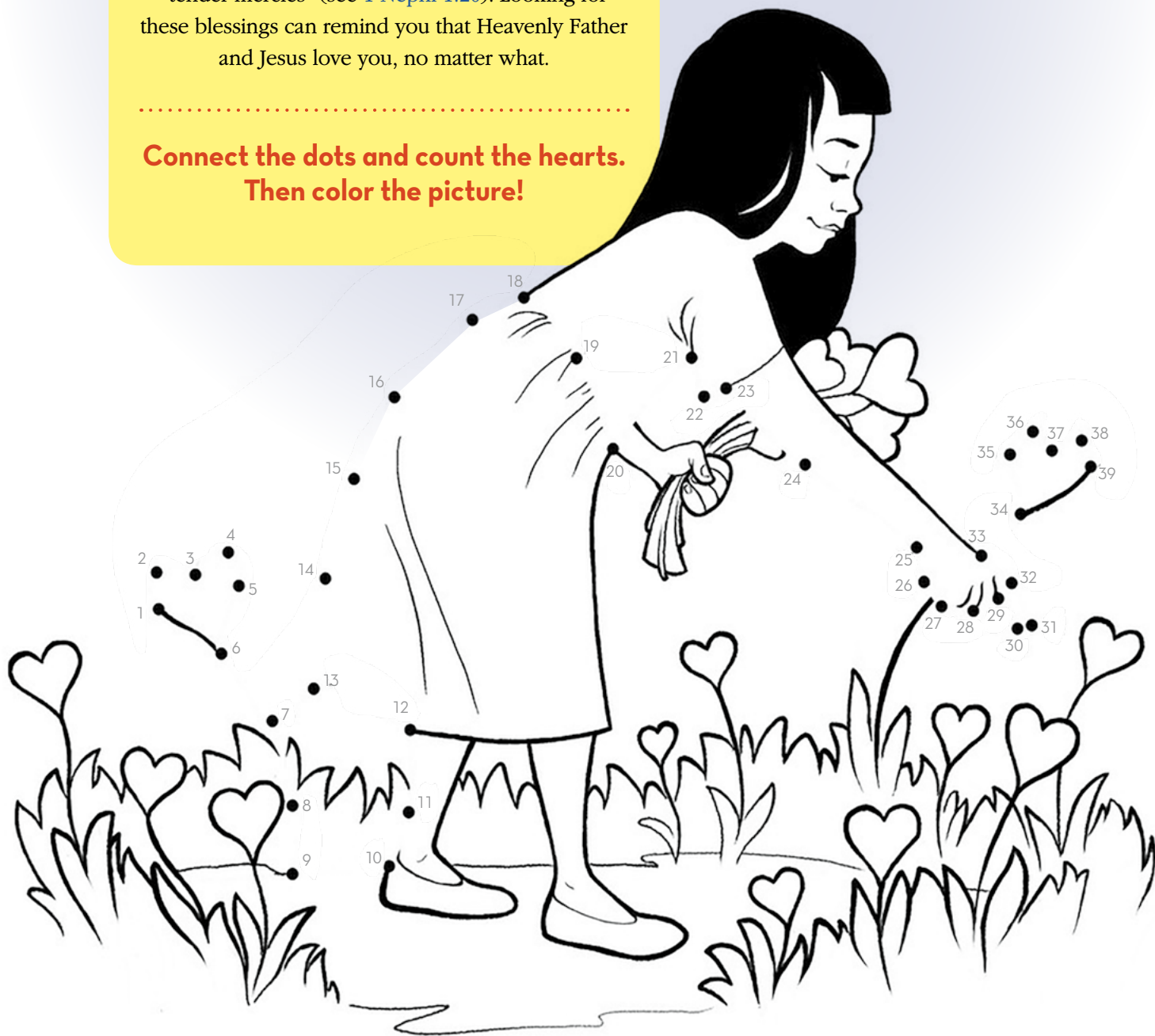
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

"The Tender Mercies of the Lord," Ensign, May 2005, 102.

Jesus Loves You

Sometimes Heavenly Father and Jesus send special little blessings just for you. Elder Bednar called these “tender mercies” (see [1 Nephi 1:20](#)). Looking for these blessings can remind you that Heavenly Father and Jesus love you, no matter what.

**Connect the dots and count the hearts.
Then color the picture!**



Now write a blessing that
Heavenly Father has given to you.

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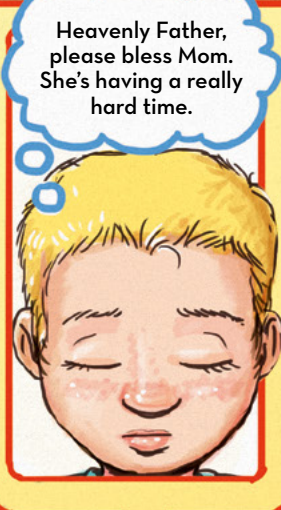
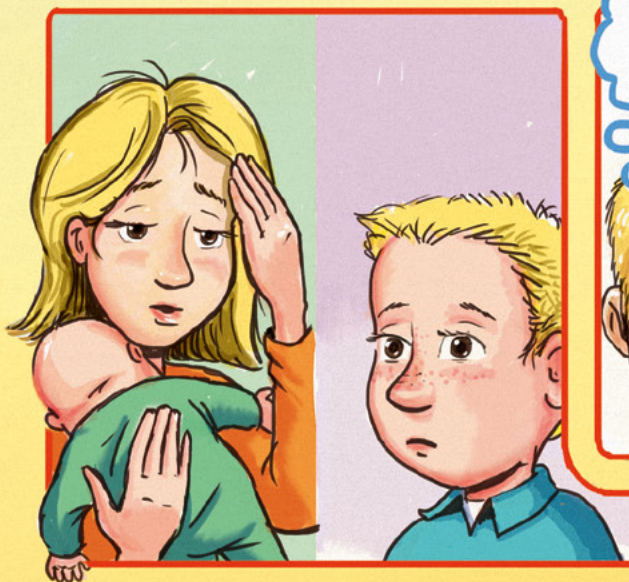
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Prayer in the Checkout Line

By Jane McBride and Maryssa Dennis

(Based on a true story)





Create a Profile

Do you know what a “profile” is? It’s a page that tells about who you are. It will help family members know more about you for years to come. This month, help every member of your family create a profile and collect them in your family history box or binder!

About Me



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here.

Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Birth place: _____



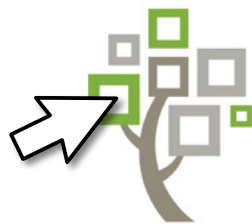
What do I want people to know about me?

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FamilySearch.org?

Yes!

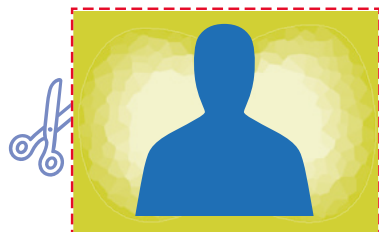
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What are my hobbies, interests, and favorite traditions?



Add Your Profile to FamilySearch.org

Once everyone has filled out a profile page, log onto [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org). At the top of the page, click on “Family Tree” and then “Family Booklet.” Help each person fill in their profile online!



Don't forget to cut out your badge and add it to the badge keeper from January! Print past pages, or extra copies of this page, at [FriendFHQ.lds.org](https://www.friendfhq.lds.org).

Rebekah Chose to Be Kind

The prophet Abraham wanted to help his son Isaac find a wife. So he sent a servant to search in a nearby land. The servant prayed and asked God to help him meet a righteous woman. Before he finished praying, Rebekah came. She asked if she could help get him water from the well. She even gave his camels water! It was hard work. The servant invited Rebekah to come with him to meet Isaac. Rebekah decided to marry Isaac. She was blessed for her kindness.

Read about Rebekah in **Genesis 24**.



Mia L., age 8, California, USA

Print more cards at OTFriend2018.lds.org.



Rebekah chose to be kind, even when it was hard work. We can choose kindness too!

- ☐ Help someone who needs it.
- ☐ Write a thank-you note to someone who was kind to you.
- ☐ Pray and ask Heavenly Father to help you notice someone who needs kindness.
- ☐ I can be kind by ...

Show and tell



I moved a year ago and haven't made any good friends yet. I'm dealing with a lot of emotions, but I

can still be kind to others—even if I don't know them—because they might be having a hard time too.

Marian G., age 11, Colorado, USA



I helped my family at our garage sale to earn money for a hearing aid for my grandma.

Braxton G., age 11, Utah, USA



Mer R., age 8, Ontario, Canada



We are grateful that the gospel is the same all over the world!

It takes four countries to make our stake, and we have church on Friday!

Eli and Adrena S., ages 3 and 5, Qatar



Tyson B., age 9, Utah, USA



My family picks up new members of our ward to give them rides to church. We invite them to our home for family home evening, dinners, and holidays. We want the new members to feel welcome.

Maxwell and Amia H., ages 6 and 11, Norfolk, England



Me and my mom are memorizing scriptures to help us hold on to the iron rod. We know this

will help us make it safely to the tree of life.

Eva S., age 7, Alberta, Canada



I try to be a good example for my brother because he does everything I do. I enjoy learning at school and

about the gospel.

Nefi E., age 8, Santa Ana, El Salvador



Children in the CTR 7 class of the **Hyde Park 7th Ward, Utah, USA**, love their Primary teachers, Sister Fern Jensen and Sister Stephani Pettingill. Sister Jensen just turned 90! The children love her stories about growing up, riding a sleigh to school during the winter, and paying 50 cents to ride an airplane. What do you love about your Primary teacher? Write and tell us!



Baylee T., age 8, Saskatchewan, Canada



I choose not to go to friends' birthday parties when they are on Sundays. My younger brother was invited to his first friend party and was sad that it was on Sunday. He told me that he followed my example of keeping the Sabbath day holy, even though it was a hard choice.

John M., age 9, Texas, USA



Miles, Clare, Bruce, and Rose M., ages 2, 12, 6, and 10, North Carolina, USA

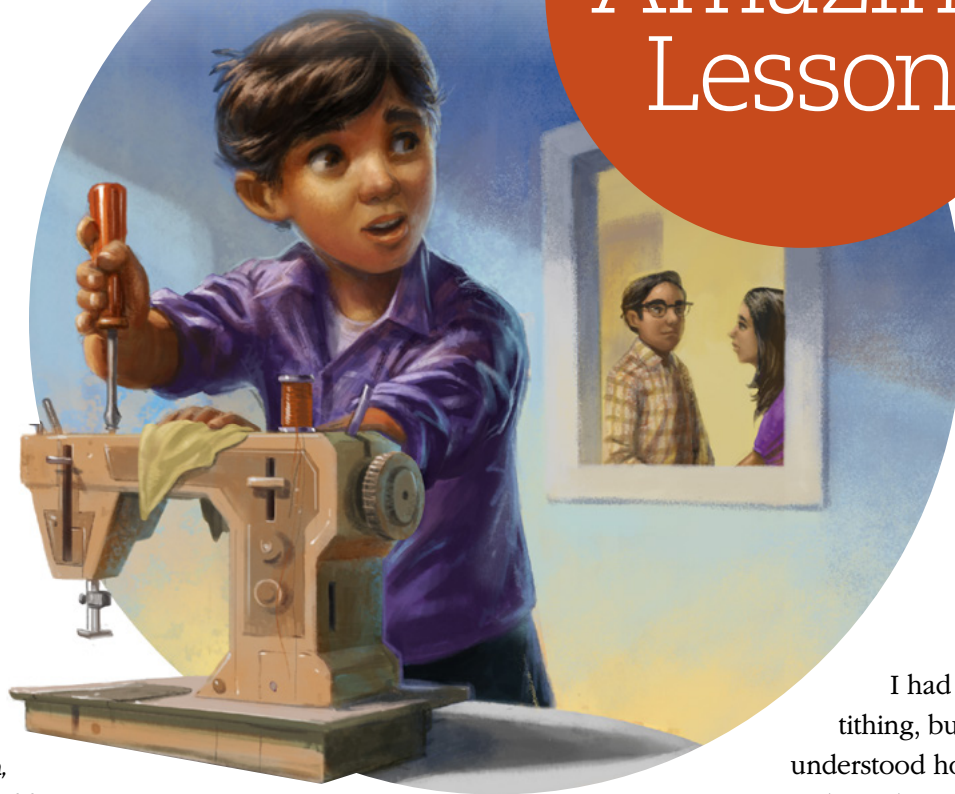


Meghna R., age 7, Maharashtra, India



**By Elder
Valeri V. Cordón**
Of the Seventy

An Amazing Lesson



*"I will ...
open you the
windows of heaven,
and pour you out a blessing"
(Malachi 3:10).*

When I was growing up in Guatemala, my family owned a factory that made uniforms for sports teams.

My dad wanted the children in our family to learn to work hard. We helped him in the factory. I got in trouble a lot when I was little. I always seemed to break things! But when I was older, my dad let me take care of the machines.

My dad paid us for the work we did. Then he would ask, "What are you going to do with your money?" I knew what the right answer was: "Pay my tithing and save for my mission."

When I was about 13, our business lost a lot of money. We had to get rid of a lot of our machines. Instead of having two hundred workers, we had fewer than five. They worked in our garage at home.

I had always paid my tithing, but I never really understood how important it was. Then I learned an amazing

lesson. One Saturday morning I heard my parents talking quietly. My dad told my mom that there was enough money to either pay tithing or buy food. There wasn't enough for both. I was worried. What would my dad do?

On Sunday I saw my dad hand an envelope to our branch president. He chose to pay tithing! I was glad he did, but I was also worried. What would we eat?

The next morning some people knocked on our door. They told my dad that they needed uniforms right away. Usually people paid us after the order was finished. But these people paid my dad that day, even before we had made the uniforms!

In one weekend, I learned a beautiful lesson that has lasted me a lifetime. The law of tithing helps us build our faith and show our gratitude for Heavenly Father. Paying tithing is a blessing! ♦

From an interview with Linda Davies



Tithing around the World

When we give 10 percent of the money we earn, we show our faith, love, and gratitude. How much tithing would you pay for each of these amounts?
Check your answers on page 39.

To find 10 percent: Find the dot (called a decimal), or add a decimal to the end. Then move the decimal to the left one spot. Add a zero at the end.

\$346.00 → \$34.60

100 Guatemalan quetzales	Q100 → Q_____
4,000 Japanese yen	¥4,000 → ¥_____
350 Indian rupees	₹350 → ₹_____
75.30 Canadian dollars	\$75.30 → \$_____
5,925 Russian rubles	₽5,925 → ₽_____
262 Israeli shekels	₪262 → ₪_____
1,670 Nigerian naira	₦1,670 → ₦_____
6.90 British pounds	£6.90 → £_____
3.20 European Euros	€3.20 → €_____
500 Philippine pesos	₱500 → ₱_____

A two-dollar Canadian coin is called a toonie.

And a two-pence British coin is called a tuppence!

Now Match the Coins!

Guatemalan quetzale



Japanese yen



Russian ruble



European Euro



Canadian dollar



Israeli shekel

Nigerian naira



Indian rupee



British pound



Philippine peso



The Restoration and Me

The Restoration of the Church began when Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ visited Joseph Smith in 1820. After that, other important things happened to bring Jesus Christ's Church back to earth. Read these cards, glue them to paper, cut them out, and play a matching game.



Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ appeared to Joseph Smith...



... and now I know They have bodies like me!



Joseph Smith translated the golden plates...



... and now I can read the Book of Mormon!



John the Baptist gave the Aaronic Priesthood to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery...



... and now I can be baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints!



Peter, James, and John restored the Melchizedek Priesthood...



... and now I can have the gift of the Holy Ghost!



The Church was organized on April 6, 1830...



... and now I can go to church!



Emma Smith collected songs for the Church's first hymnbook...



... and now I can sing the hymns!



In the Kirtland Temple, Elijah gave Joseph Smith the keys to seal families...



... and now I can do family history and go to the temple!



The Lord commanded early Saints to pay a tithe of 10 percent...



... and now I can donate tithing and fast offerings!



Aurelia Rogers started the Primary Association to teach children in her neighborhood...



... and now I can go to Primary!

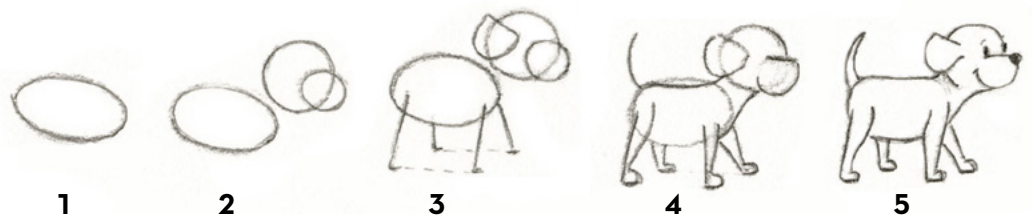
Find It!

Camila and Tomás (from page 10) have brought their dog-walking service to the dog park! Can you find all five dogs from page 10? Can you also find these hidden objects?



DRAW A DOG!

Draw some dogs of your own. Then add new strips to the Funstuff on page 10!





By Cael S., age 8, Virginia, USA

I know that Heavenly Father answers prayers. When my family lived in Germany, we went on a *Volksmarch* in our village. *Volksmarch* is where friends and neighbors enjoy time with each other by going on a nature walk together. My parents said that I could walk ahead of the group with one of my friends, and we started out on the long trail.

After a few minutes I could not see anyone in my family. I told my friend that I was going to stay on the trail and wait for them. Soon I could no longer see my friend or her family, and my parents still hadn't come. I

was all alone in the forest, and I felt scared. I decided to say a prayer that someone would find me.

In another part of the forest, my dad felt the Holy Ghost telling him, "Go look for your son." He felt how much I needed him, so he turned right around and told my mom that he was going to look for me. A few minutes later my dad came running up the trail where I was waiting and found me. I was so glad to see my dad! When he told me about having a strong feeling that I needed help, I knew that Heavenly Father had answered my prayer.

I am so glad to know that wherever I am, I can talk to Heavenly Father. He will help me find my way. ♦

Lost and Found



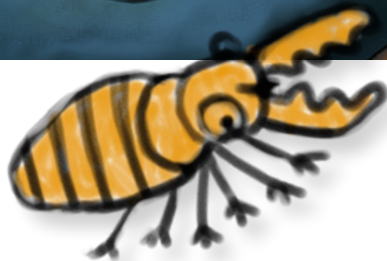
BUGS

for Brother Baugh



By Karen Ahlstrom

(Based on a true story)



"Teacher, do you love me? Teacher, will you care for me?"

(Children's Songbook, 178).

Lizabeth stared out the car window on the way to church. There was a bug on the outside of the window. She grinned. Bugs were her favorite!

Lizabeth had autism. Sometimes people with autism focus a lot on one thing. Maybe that's why she loved bugs so much. She couldn't

get enough of them! Lizbeth loved when Mom told her scripture stories with bugs in them—like when God sent locusts to help Moses.

“I almost forgot!” Dad said as he stopped at a red light. “The bishopric is being released today.”

Lizbeth’s eyes got wide. “Brother Baugh too?”

“Yep.”

“I don’t want Brother Baugh to leave!” Lizbeth felt like crying. It was hard for her to deal with changes. She liked things to stay the same.

Mom twisted around in her seat. “He’s not leaving, sweetie. He just won’t be in the bishopric anymore.”

That made Lizbeth feel a little better. “Will he still be on the stand waiting for my pictures?”

“Not after today,” Mom said. “But you can still see him at church.”

Every Sunday, Lizbeth drew a picture for Brother Baugh. It started one week when he visited Lizbeth’s Primary class. Lizbeth drew a praying mantis on the chalkboard of her Primary classroom. She was sad she had to leave before it was finished. Brother Baugh asked Lizbeth to draw a new picture for him on paper. She drew a bright red ladybug with black spots. Brother Baugh liked it a lot! Lizbeth decided to draw a picture for him every week.

Last week she drew him a beetle. Before that she drew an ant colony full of twisty tunnels.

Now it won’t be the same, Lizbeth thought.

“What if Brother Baugh doesn’t want my pictures anymore?” she asked Mom and Dad.

“I think he will,” Dad said.

“Remember when he brought you an antlion from the desert?”

Lizbeth nodded. That was a

really cool bug! It caught ants in its trap.

Dad parked the car, and they all got out. Mom put her arm around Lizbeth as they walked. “What if you draw an extra-special picture for Brother Baugh today? That way you can thank him for being your friend.”

That was a good idea. Lizbeth tried to think of something special to draw. During sacrament meeting, the bishopric shared their testimonies. Brother Baugh said everyone should make Jesus the center of their lives. That

gave Lizbeth an idea. She got out her yellow crayon.

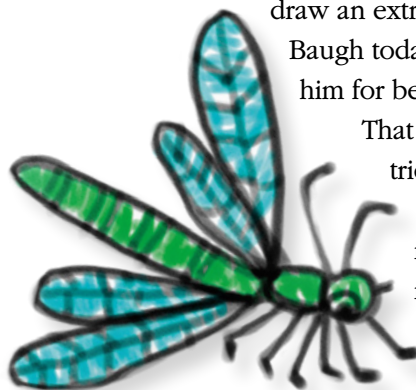
First she drew a big beehive. Then she drew some bees. Each one had wings, stripes, stingers, and even a proboscis—a long nose for drinking nectar. She had to hurry to finish her picture during the closing hymn.

After the meeting, Lizbeth showed Brother Baugh her picture. “Look! For bees, the hive is the center of their lives. And Jesus is the center of *our* lives. We are the bees, and Jesus is our hive.”

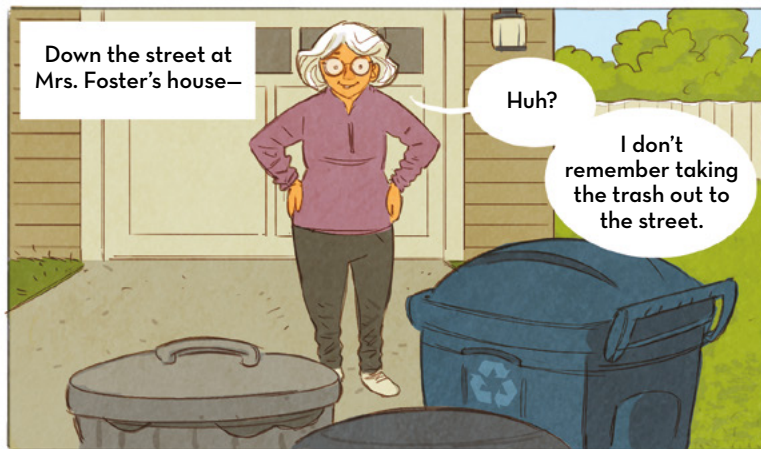
Brother Baugh gave Lizbeth a big smile. “That’s wonderful, Lizbeth! Thank you! I hope you’ll keep saying hello to me at church. I may not be in the bishopric anymore, but I still want to see your great pictures.”

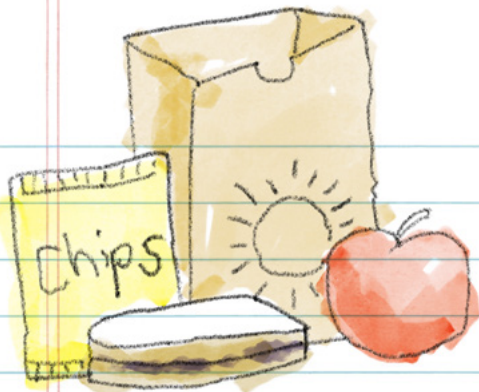
Lizbeth felt warm inside. She knew that Brother Baugh put Jesus at the center of his life too and that he loved her, like Jesus did. She walked to her Primary classroom, humming like a bee. What could she draw next week? ◆

The author lives in Utah, USA.



MATT AND MANDY





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SERVICE CHALLENGE

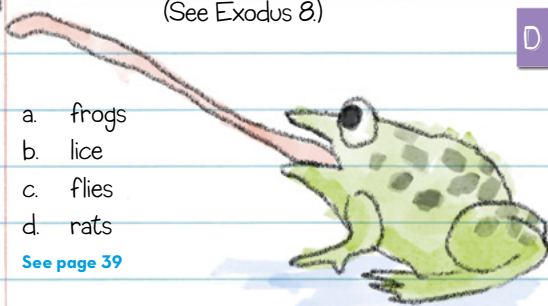
- Pick up trash around your neighborhood.
- Make lunch bags for people who are homeless and deliver them with your family.
- Let your sibling choose what movie to watch or which game to play.

QUICK QUIZ

Which of these was not one of the plagues God sent to Egypt? (See Exodus 8.)

- a. frogs
- b. lice
- c. flies
- d. rats

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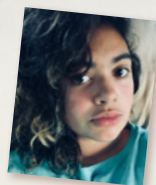


DEAR JOURNAL

Write about your favorite rainy-day memory.



DRAW IT! Draw a swan from the number 2!



I love going to church and learning about the Book of Mormon. I teach my grandma what is important, like that Jesus came to America to teach and heal people because they needed to know of Him and His love.

Sophia R., age 10,
North Carolina, USA

October 17, 2004

Today in Primary we talked about how Travis and Luke will become deacons next year. They'll be able to pass the sacrament then. But it made me wonder... why don't I get the priesthood too?



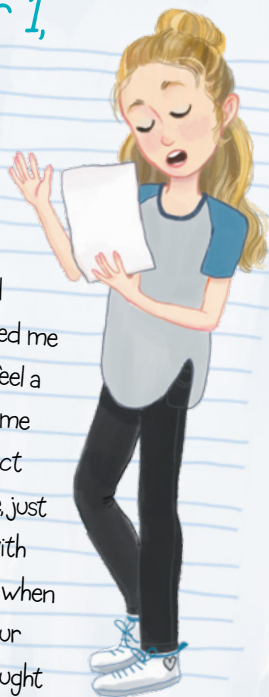
October 18, 2004

We went to a corn maze for FHE and got SO LOST! While we were walking around, I asked Dad about the priesthood. He said boys and girls have different responsibilities. He also said that whenever someone serves in a Church calling, they're using priesthood power. Both women and men. I didn't know that.

The Priesthood and

December 1, 2004

Auditions for the school play are tomorrow! I'm so scared!!! What if I forget my lines? Mom said I could ask Dad for a blessing, and he blessed me to not feel too nervous. I feel a little better now. Dad told me that giving a blessing is an act of service for someone else, just like everything else we do with the priesthood. He said that when he needs a blessing, he asks our home teachers. I'd never thought about it that way.



March 20, 2005

I'm 12 now! My birthday was pretty crazy because it was also the last performance for the play. I only forgot one line! So today was Sunday, and I had my first meeting as part of the Beehive presidency. We talked about what we can do to help Sara feel comfortable at church. I had no idea. Then I remembered what the bishop said when he set me apart for my new calling. He said that God would help me know the needs of the girls in my class. When I remembered that, I had an idea of an activity that Sara might like.



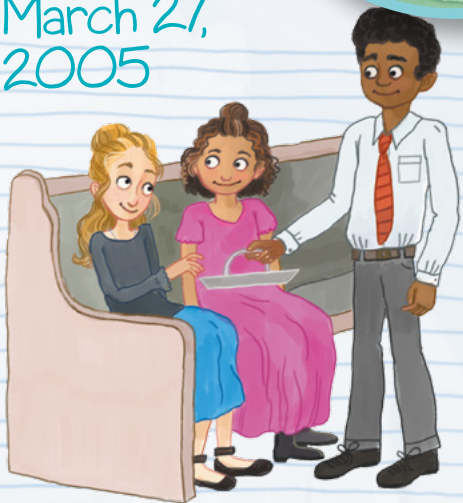
November 1, 2004

I couldn't focus on my homework today. Mom asked what was wrong. I guess I'm still wondering about the priesthood. She said when she has a question that doesn't have a clear answer, she puts it on the "back burner" of her mind. She doesn't ignore the question, but she doesn't let it crowd out all the things she DOES understand. She has the faith to wait for answers, and she trusts that Heavenly Father knows what's best. That's OK, I guess, but I hate waiting.



Me

March 27, 2005



Sara loved our activity on Wednesday and even came to church today! Travis and Luke are both passing the sacrament now. I think I understand what Dad meant about all of us having different jobs. We use priesthood power in different ways, but we all serve each other.

November 2, 2004

A cool thing happened today. Mom said maybe I should pray about my question, so I went to my room and asked Heavenly Father to help me understand why boys get the



priesthood and girls don't. I can't even explain what happened next. I felt warm all over. I think

Heavenly Father was trying to tell me that

He loves me just as much as He

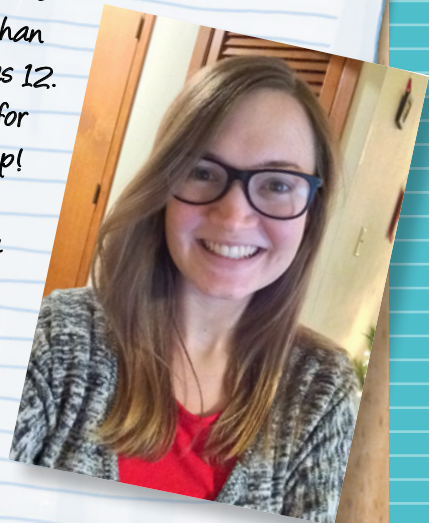
loves Travis or Luke or my brothers—or anyone. I felt so happy! And when I get old enough to have a Church calling, I'll be using priesthood power too.

By Jordan Monson Wright
(Based on a true story)

January 1, 2018

Hello, old journal! I'm 24 now and—wow—I've learned a lot! I understand way more about the priesthood now than I did when I was 12. If you're looking for answers, don't stop! Heavenly Father and Jesus love you and want to bless you.

The author lives in Iowa, USA.



April 2018

Is the priesthood just for men and boys?
—Asking in Aberdeen



Dear Asking,

Definitely not. Heavenly Father blesses both women and men, girls and boys, through the priesthood. And both women and men use priesthood authority to help with God's work.*

The Friend



How the Priesthood Blesses Everyone

Blessings when we're sick or need comfort

Baptism

Gift of the Holy Ghost

Sacrament

Temple ordinances

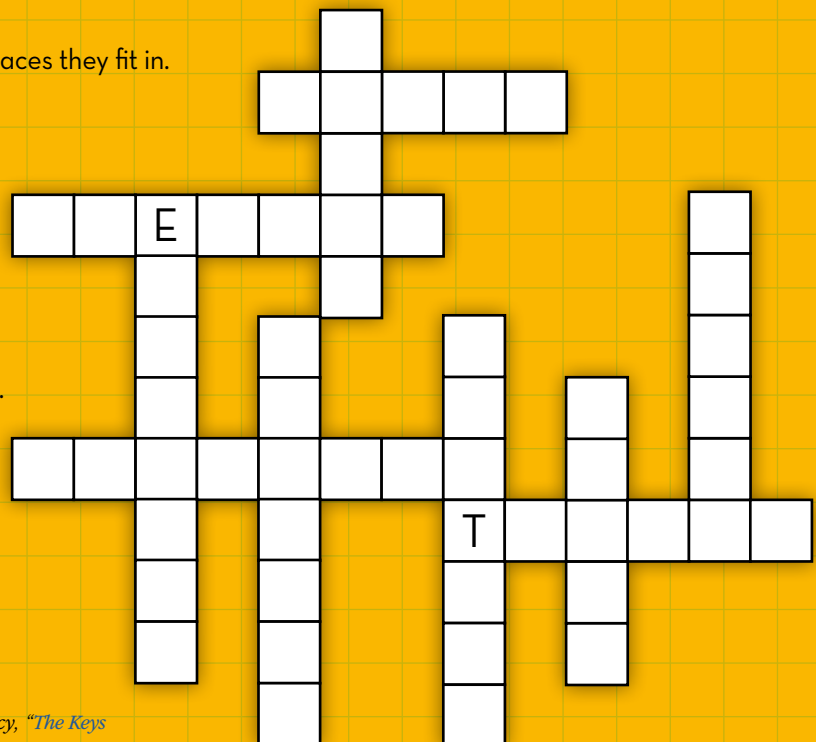
Women and men who serve us in Church callings and in the temple

How I Can Help in the Work of the Priesthood

Fit the **bolded** words below in the puzzle.

Hint: count the letters in each word to find the spaces they fit in.

- **Learn** about what the priesthood means.
- Give a talk in **Primary** or give a lesson in family home evening.
- Do **baptisms** in the **temple** when I'm old enough.
- Get ready to serve in Young **Women** (for girls).
- Get **ready** to be ordained as a deacon (for boys).
- Do family **history**.
- Help people learn about the **gospel**.
- Learn from the **examples** of righteous women and men.
- **Prepare** to be a faithful parent someday.



* Read President Dallin H. Oaks, First Counselor in the First Presidency, "The Keys and Authority of the Priesthood," Ensign, May 2014, 49–52, to learn more.

Pizza with a **TWIST**

Try out this recipe for dinner or a snack!
Be sure to get an adult's help.

2 cups shredded zucchini
(about 1 zucchini)

2 eggs, beaten

1/4 cup flour

1 teaspoon dried oregano

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 cups shredded mozzarella
cheese

1/2 cup shredded Parmesan
cheese

pizza sauce

1. Squeeze out as much water as you can from the shredded zucchini.
2. Mix together the zucchini, eggs, flour, oregano, salt, and half of the mozzarella and Parmesan.
3. Divide the mixture into 4 parts on a greased baking sheet. Spread each part so that it is flat like a crust.
4. Bake at 450°F (230°C) for 10–14 minutes, or until the crusts start to brown.
5. Cover the crusts in sauce and the rest of the cheese. Bake at 400°F (205°C) until the cheese is melted (about 8–10 minutes). Enjoy!



Puppet Pals

What story can you tell about a dog, a bunny, a bird, and a spider? Use these shadow puppets to put on a show for your family! Just turn off the lights and have someone shine a flashlight on your hands during the show.





A LONG Shot

By Jessica Larsen

(Based on a true story)

Utah, USA, 1954

“What’s up, Coach?” DeLyle said.
“Come in,” Coach Gardener said. “Sit down.”

DeLyle Condie walked into his coach’s office and pulled up a chair. He held his red basketball jersey in his hands. It was almost time for practice.

“I hear you’re going on a mission,” Coach said. “Let me show you something.” He turned on the projector.

DeLyle blinked in surprise. Coach often showed films of other teams playing. But these were pictures of palm trees and beaches.

“This is Hawaii,” Coach said. “The team’s going there next year. You’re going to miss it.”

“I know. But I’ve already decided,” DeLyle said. “A mission is the right thing to do.”

*When
Elder Condie
gave up basketball
to go on a mission,
he didn’t know if
he would ever
play again.*

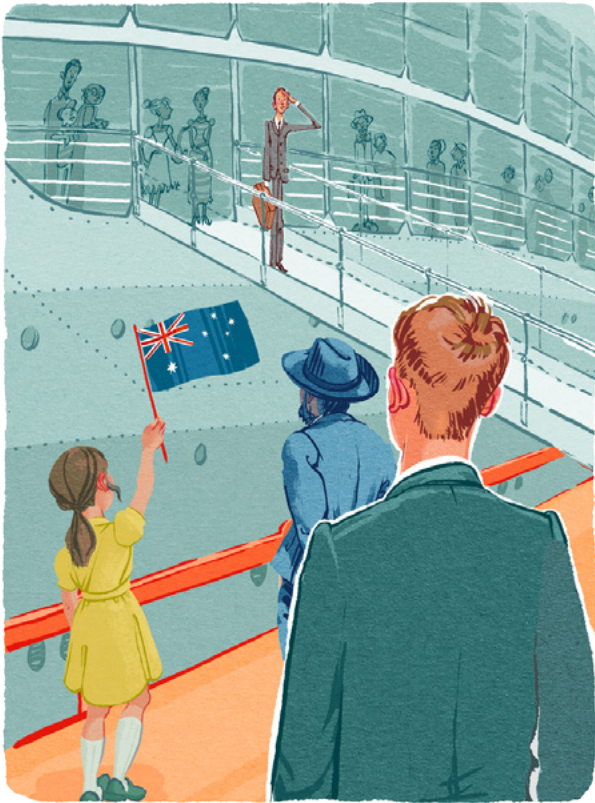
“Suit yourself,” Coach said. “But if you go, I don’t think you’ll ever play basketball again.”

DeLyle looked at his jersey. “I love basketball,” he said, “but some things are more important.”

“Good luck, then,” Coach sighed. “Now get to practice. You’re not a missionary yet!”

A few months later, Elder DeLyle Condie got on a ship in San Francisco, California, USA. It was 1955, and missionaries often traveled by boat back then. Three weeks later the ship arrived in Sydney, Australia. There, Elder Condie took an overnight train to Melbourne. Two elders were waiting for him.

“Wow! You’re a tall one!” Elder Johnson said. “You’d have been a great Mormon Yankee!”



"What's that?" Elder Condie asked.

"More like what was that," Elder Johnson said.

"Missionary teams used to play in local basketball leagues. It was a way to help people get to know about the Church. One of the teams was called the Yankees. But we don't do it anymore."

"That's OK," Elder Condie said. "That's not why I came on a mission."

"Well, let's get to the office," Elder Johnson said. "It's time to meet President Bingham, our mission president."

President Bingham assigned Elder Condie to Tasmania, an island near Australia's southern coast. There weren't many Latter-day Saints there. In fact, in all of Australia, there were only about 1,200 Church members.

Elder Condie soon met lots of friendly Australians. But most weren't interested in discussing the gospel. What they did want to talk about was the Olympics.

"Why are so many people interested in the Olympics?" Elder Condie asked.

His companion grinned. "The games are coming to Melbourne next year," he said. "It's a chance to put Australia on the map. Besides, lots of people are sports crazy already. I think that's why the Mormon Yankees were so popular. I wonder if they'll ever do that again."

At the same time, 200 miles away in Melbourne, two men were discussing exactly that.

The coach of the Australian Olympic basketball team sat across the desk from President Bingham. "We need your help," he said. "I know you used to have teams called Mormon Yankees. Some of your missionaries were pretty good. With the Olympics coming, it's a long shot that Australia will win any games. We need to practice against players with talent and experience. Some friendly practice games will help people know more about your church, and they will help us get ready for the Olympics. Can you put a Mormon Yankees team together one more time?"

After the meeting, President Bingham found one of his assistants. "Bring Elder Condie back to Melbourne," he said. "Missionaries will still be missionaries. But we're going to help Australia prepare for the Olympics. And I'll need Elder Condie to help choose a team." ♦

To be continued...

The author lives in Texas, USA.





A High-Five Example



By Lily K., age 10, Florida, USA

One morning at school, my class was on its way to music class. Some kids from another class were sitting against the wall waiting for their teacher. These kids were in an important class. It was a class for students with disabilities.

As I got closer to them, I noticed that they were

trying to give the kids in my class high fives. But no one in my class would high-five them because they looked a little different.

But as I passed them, I gave them all high fives. When I looked behind me, I noticed that other kids in my class were high-fiving them too. That made me feel good. ♦

Shine Your Light!



Ethan E., age 10,
South Wales, UK



Luciana Z., age 3,
San Jose, Costa Rica



Thomas A., age 6,
Colorado, USA

FUNSTUFF ANSWERS

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Page 31: "I'll meet you at the corner!"; d) rats



HIDDEN CTR RINGS

Did you find the rings?
Look on pages FJ8, 6, and 28.

How to Write to the *Friend*

To send us a letter, drawing, poem, or star...

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The following information and permission must be included:

First and last name

Age

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The Last Laugh



Lorenzo J., age 9, California, USA

Thanks for the
awesome cartoon,
Lorenzo!



the Friend junior



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For Parents of Little Ones

“We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost” ([Articles of Faith 1:1](#)). This simple article of faith teaches wonderful eternal truths. But young children can easily get confused about who the members of the Godhead are and the role each one plays in our life.



Here are some ideas to help your little ones better understand the Godhead:

■ Show them a picture of the First Vision and talk about it. “Joseph Smith saw Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. They are two people! And look, do you see Their eyes, mouths, hair, and hands? They have bodies like us!”

■ When your child prays, point out that they’re talking to their Father in Heaven. When they choose the right, they’re following Jesus. When they have happy feelings after making a good choice, those feelings come from the Holy Ghost.

■ Some hear “Holy Ghost” and think of a scary ghost. Use something comforting like a blanket to cuddle together as you explain: “We can’t see the Holy Ghost. But we can feel Him, like a warm blanket around our heart. Heavenly Father sends the Holy Ghost to help us.”

■ Use this action rhyme to help them remember what they’ve learned: “I pray to my Heavenly Father [fold arms]. I follow Jesus by choosing the right [walk in place]. The Holy Ghost can comfort me and help me feel warm and light [wrap arms around yourself in a hug].”

Hi, Friends!



We helped a grandpa with his wife, who couldn't get around well. We sat with her so he could grocery shop. We sang Primary songs, and she liked us!

Walt, Adriana, and Abram, ages 2, 6, and 1, North Carolina, USA



I shine my light by sharing my food!

Brayden, age 3, Virginia, USA



I like to play at the park and remember to treat others with kindness.

Ben, age 5, Somerset, England



When I go to church, I feel love.

Giselle, age 5, Arizona, USA

Tara's Sabbath Day

By Jennifer Maddy



After church Tara puts away her shiny shoes.



She looks at her Book of Mormon picture book.



She draws a picture to send to her auntie.



While Dad and Mom make dinner, Tara plays with her baby brother.



Then she sets the table.



"Tara, thank you for helping our family have a happy Sabbath day!" says Dad.

Sunday Is a Happy Day

Trace your finger along the line to help Tara move through her Sabbath day. Can you tell what she does to make Sunday a happy day?

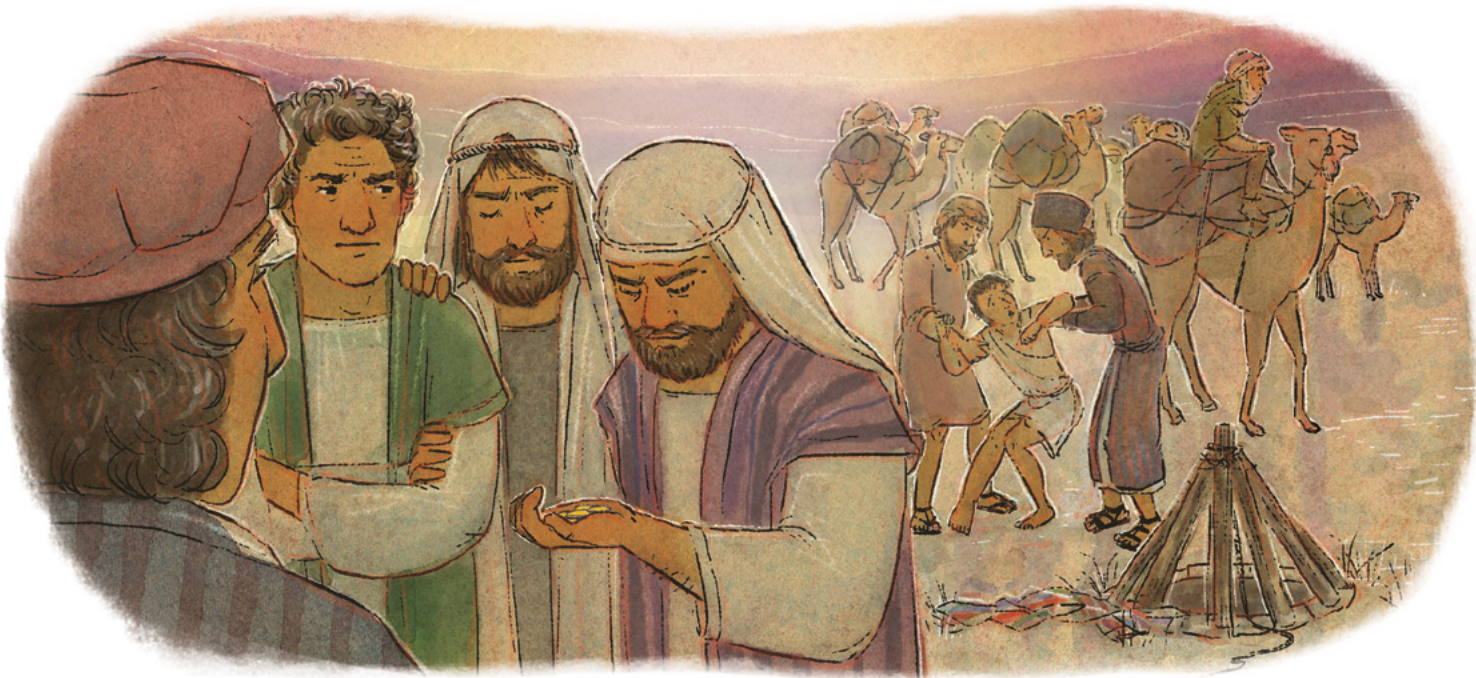


Joseph Trusted God

By Kim Webb Reid

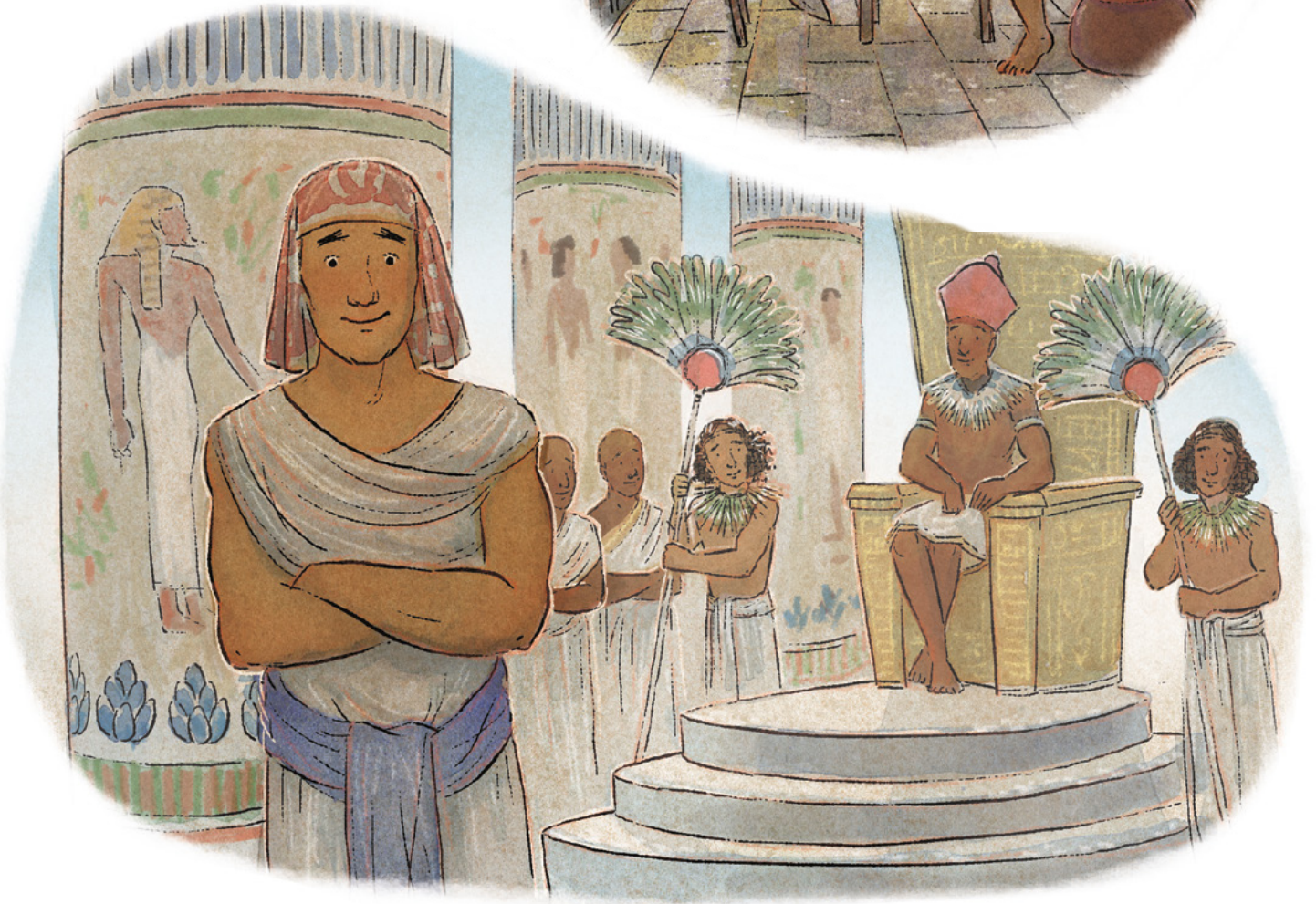
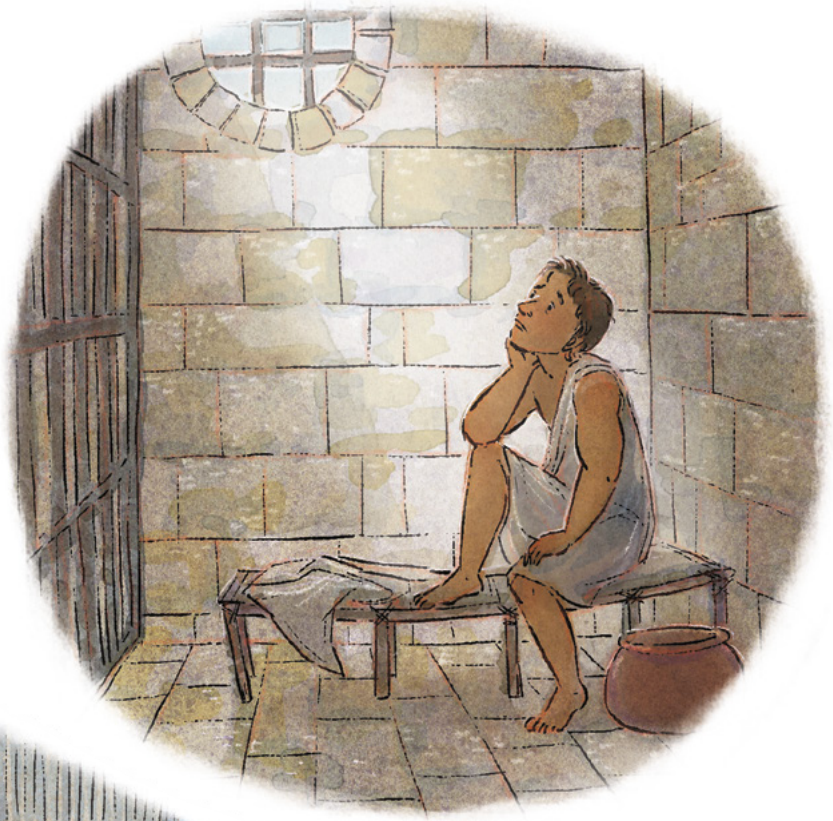


Joseph had 11 brothers. His father gave him a beautiful, colorful coat. God told Joseph that he would lead his brothers.



Joseph's older brothers were angry. They didn't want Joseph to be their leader! They sold him to people going to Egypt, and he became a slave.

Joseph worked hard. He made good choices, even when people lied about him and put him in prison.



Even during the hard times, Joseph trusted God. And God was with Joseph. Joseph became a leader in Egypt! When he got older, he helped lead his family, just like God said he would.



I can trust God like Joseph did. I can choose the right.
God will be with me no matter what. ◆

From Genesis 37–41.

Jesus Says, "Come, Follow Me."



Jesus Is Our Friend

By Heather J. Johnson

(Based on a true story)

One day Carson went to the doctor's office with his mom.

Carson and Mom sat next to a lady in the waiting room. She had a baby with her. Carson said hello to the lady. He said hello to the baby. Carson loved making new friends!

Carson found a book with stories from the Bible. He showed it to his mom. Then he showed it to his new friend.

"Will you read me a story, please?" Carson asked the lady. "I want to read this Jesus book."





The lady smiled at Carson and nodded. She looked at the book.

“Do you like books about Jesus?” she asked Carson.

Carson nodded. “Yes! Jesus is my friend.” Carson looked up at the lady. “Are you Jesus’s friend?”

The lady thought for a second.

“Hmm. I guess He’s my friend. I’ve never thought about it,” she said.

“Well, you can be friends with Jesus, because He loves you,” Carson said. “I like reading stories about Jesus because He loves me.”

The lady flipped through the book.

“I used to read the Bible sometimes. I should read it again,” she said.

“If you follow Jesus, then you’ll be happy,” Carson said. “If you follow the bad guys, you won’t be happy.”

Just then the nurse came to get the lady and her baby.

Carson waved goodbye. The lady smiled and waved back. Carson felt happy. He liked talking to people about Jesus! ◆

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