

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?



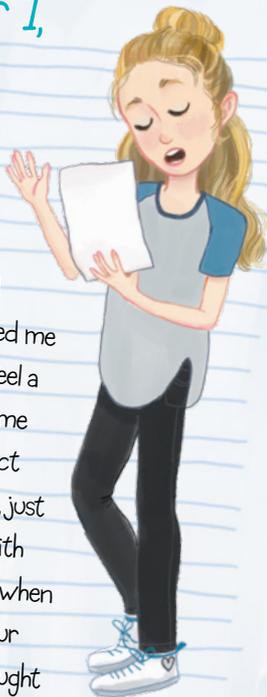
October 18, 2004

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

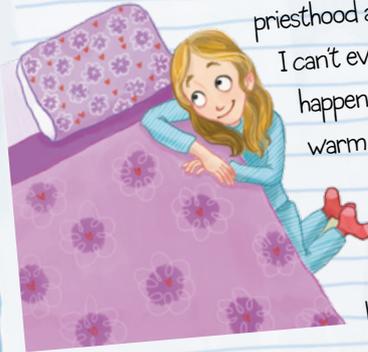
I couldn't focus on my homework today. Mom asked what was wrong. I guess I'm still wondering about the priesthood. She said when she has a question that doesn't have a clear answer, she puts it on the "back burner" of her mind. She doesn't ignore the question, but she doesn't let it crowd out all the 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

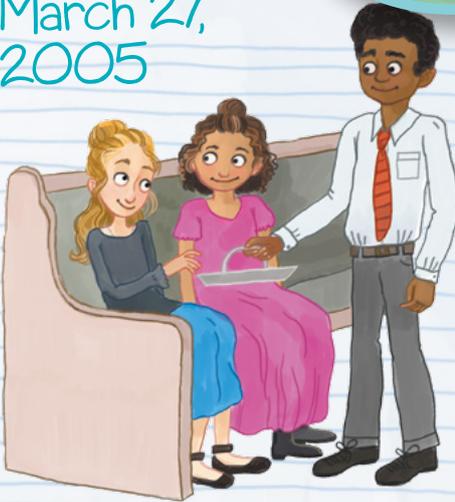
November 2, 2004

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.



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(Based on a true story)

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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.

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.

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