



# Trying to Be Like Jesus

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



## Pass-Along Joy



**O**ne night, my mom and I were at the store and a store employee was helping us. He said it was

his last day at the store because he was moving. He said he was getting married in a month. Mom said she loved being married because “it’s being married to your best friend.” He said, “Everyone I talk to says don’t get married, so it’s good to hear that. Thank you.”

We walked past him again on our way out, and I gave him a pass-along card. Mom told him the things on the card have added a lot of joy to her marriage. He said thanks. I felt good, and I was so excited about being a missionary that it took me a long time to get to sleep that night. I felt so happy.

*Elizabeth R., age 9, Oklahoma*

## I Will Treat Others Kindly\*



**T**he other day at recess I was playing football with some of my friends. A girl from our class came over and asked if she could play with us. Some of the boys told her no because she was a girl. They

said girls can’t play football. She looked really sad and started to walk away.

I remembered when the older boys wouldn’t let me play with them because I was too little. It made me feel bad. I told her to come back and that I would play a different game with her. Then the other boys said it would

be OK if she played. She was so happy, and she turned out to be a better player than a lot of the boys. Now she plays with us every day. I feel good inside knowing I helped her to be happy. It makes me happy when I help others.

*Kade P., age 5, Idaho, with help from his mom*

*\*See My Gospel Standards, Faith in God guidebook, back cover.*



## Lost and Found



**O**ne day while walking home from school, my sister and I spotted a

little girl crying on our street. She said she was lost, so we took her to our house. My dad asked for her number and called her mom to come pick her up. I had a warm feeling inside.

*Hannah C., age 9, New Mexico*

## Keeping Clean



One day after school I was playing with my friends near a pond by our house. The boys started putting garbage in the pond. I knew that it was against the rules to play in

the pond. I also knew that putting anything in the pond was against the rules. It is not good for the fish, and garbage doesn't make the pond look nice. I reminded my friends of the rule. They didn't care and kept putting garbage in the water. I knew it wasn't right so I went home. Even though I wanted to play with my friends, I wanted to choose the right more.

When I got home my mom said she was proud of me for following the rules and choosing the right.

*Dallin S., age 7*

## Cereal Solution



When I was eating breakfast I saw a cereal box advertising a movie. I thought it wasn't appropriate because the movie was rated PG-13. I sent a letter to the cereal company saying the cereal boxes should not advertise bad movies. I think they should put appropriate pictures on the cereal boxes.

About a month later I got a letter back. I am glad I could stand up for my beliefs.

*Abby B., age 7, Nevada*



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