

A 10-Year-Old TEACHER

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(Based on a true story)

I will make an instrument of thee in my hands unto the salvation of many souls (Alma 17:11).

Chance skipped into his aunt's home after a long drive. He and his mother and younger brother were excited to be visiting her. "Hi, Aunt Barbie!" Chance exclaimed as he hugged his aunt. "Do you have any crayons and scissors?"

Aunt Barbie smiled and got Chance settled at the kitchen table with the supplies.

As Aunt Barbie made dinner, she glanced at Chance's project. "What are you drawing, Chance?" she asked.

"I'm coloring a picture I got in Primary," Chance said. He carefully filled in the black-and-white figures with bright colors. "After we eat, can we have family home evening?" Chance asked. "I have a lesson I would like to teach."

"That would be very nice," Aunt Barbie said. "Thank you, Chance!"

After dinner Aunt Barbie invited her roommate to join them for family home evening. The roommate wasn't a member of the Church, and she was curious

about the family gathering.

Chance began the lesson by asking, "Where did we come from?" Then he held up a picture he had colored of the spirit world. He asked more questions and showed colorful drawings about Heavenly Father's plan. Finally, Chance asked, "Does anyone know the name of this plan?"

Aunt Barbie's roommate said, "I don't. What is it?"

"It is the plan of salvation," Chance said, smiling. "Because of it, we can be together forever with our family."

After the lesson, Aunt Barbie took Chance aside. "Chance, you just helped my roommate learn about Heavenly Father's plan. Thank you," she said.

Chance didn't say anything for a moment. Then he asked, "Why do I feel funny inside? I feel warm and happy?"

"That is the Holy Ghost testifying to you that what you just taught is true," Aunt Barbie said. "I'm sure Heavenly Father is very happy with you."

Chance got a big smile on his face. He was glad he could teach someone about Heavenly Father's plan of happiness. ♦



The Plan of Salvation

In the story "A 10-Year-Old Teacher," Chance taught about the plan of salvation. Look at the pictures on the next page, and then draw your own on a separate piece of paper. Cut out your drawings, look up the scriptures, and then talk about the plan of salvation with a family member or friend. Or ask your parents if you can talk about it in family home evening.

What is the plan of salvation?

Before we were born, we lived with Heavenly Father as His spirit children. We accepted His plan so we could be born on earth, have a body, and be tested. Heavenly Father would send His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to overcome death and to atone for our sins. By faithfully following Heavenly Father's plan, we can return to Him. (See Abraham 3:23–28.)

Where did I come from?

We lived with our heavenly parents in our premortal life. Sadly, one-third of Heavenly Father's spirit children did not accept His plan. They chose to follow Satan, then known as Lucifer. Lucifer didn't want us to be able to make our own choices. A war of ideas was fought in heaven, and Lucifer and his followers were cast out. You are on earth because you chose Heavenly Father's plan. (See Revelation 12:7–9.)

Premortal Life
D&C 138:55–56



Earth Life
D&C 59:23



Spirit World
D&C 138:5–15



Why am I here?

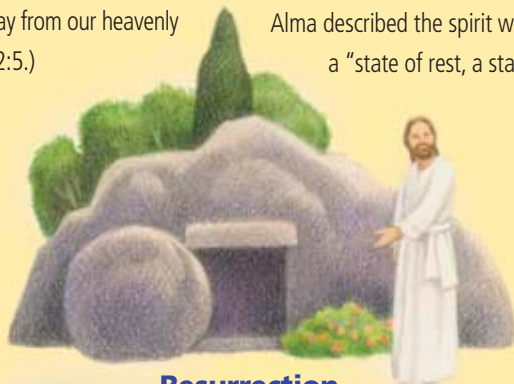
When we come to earth, we gain bodies, live in families, and experience joy as we follow Heavenly Father’s plan for us. While we are here, we need to receive the ordinances that will help us return to Heavenly Father: baptism, confirmation, priesthood ordinations for young men, and temple ordinances, including celestial marriage. The Holy Ghost helps guide us to do what is right while we are away from our heavenly home. (See 2 Nephi 32:5.)

Where will I go when I die?

When your body dies, your spirit will continue to live, and it will go to the spirit world. The spirit world is a wonderful place where you will be reunited with your family members who have also passed away. The prophet Alma described the spirit world as a “state of rest, a state of

peace” for the righteous (Alma 40:12).

Through the Atonement of Jesus Christ, all people will be resurrected. Resurrection is when your body and spirit are reunited. After a period of peace called the Millennium, the Lord will judge all people, and most people will enter one of three kingdoms of glory: the telestial, terrestrial, or celestial kingdom. Wicked people who fought against Jesus Christ and denied the Holy Ghost will be sent to a place called outer darkness. (See 2 Nephi 9:15; Alma 40:11–12.)



Resurrection
D&C 88:14–17



Final Judgment
2 Nephi 9:15–17



Telestial Kingdom
D&C 76:98–102



Terrestrial Kingdom
D&C 76:77–79



Celestial Kingdom
D&C 76:50–53