



## Soft Answers Are the Best Answers



I used to fight with my brothers about things that weren't important. Then I read "Soft Answers and Muddy Paws" in the December 2011 *Friend*. I realized that soft answers are the right answers. That story has really helped me to not fight

with my two brothers. Now that I have read the story, whenever I almost get in a fight, I say a soft prayer and walk away. Soon after, I am able to come back and say, "I love you!" Thank you for that story!

**Samantha M., age 9, Utah**

## Thanks for "Trust and the Truth"

I really liked "Trust and the Truth" in the January 2012 *Friend*. It teaches that if you don't lie, in the end it all pays off. I also enjoy reading the comics and looking for the CTR ring.

**Josh G., age 11, Washington**



## A Friendly Sunday



One Sunday I was bored. My dad told me there were still some activities in the *Friend* I had not completed yet. My dad and I did the Funstuf pages and the coloring pages. At the end of the day, it was a fun Sunday!

**Samantha C., age 10, North Carolina**

## How We Read the *Friend*



These cousins like to read the *Friend* in front of the world's largest ball of twine!

**Lilianna, Lincoln, and Olivia M., and Spencer S., ages 2, 4, 9 months, and 3, California**

Dear Friends,

Almost everyone has played a game called "Follow the Leader." We're celebrating President Monson's birthday on August 21 with a new yearlong series called "Follow the Prophet."

Each month, we hope you'll look for ways you can follow President Monson's example and teachings.

Write and tell us how you are trying to follow the prophet!

Happy August!

The *Friend*



Was there a letter or a story in this month's issue that helped you? Tell us about it. Turn to page 48 to find out how.