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Friends by Mail



Prayer in the Woods



A few winters ago, my sister Mallory and I went across the street into the woods to find a Christmas tree. Later, the whole family would return to cut it down and we would decorate it in family home evening. After a little while, we finally found a good tree. We were heading back to the house to tell my dad when we realized that we couldn't recognize anything. It was getting dark and that made me a little queasy, because in our area coyotes come out at night.

I told Mallory I thought we should say a prayer, and she agreed. We stopped and asked Heavenly Father to help us get safely home before it became too dark. After our prayer we started walking again. Only minutes later we saw a light and began running toward it. Soon we came to a clearing and saw our house. Later that night when I was snuggled in my bed, I said an extra prayer in my heart thanking Heavenly Father for our safe return home and for the power of prayer.

Maddie Muse, age 10
Gladewater, Texas



Friend to read while we were waiting.

When we got to the doctor's office, I was scared. I didn't want to get stitches. I was crying a little bit. While the nurse was getting the doctor, I started to read from the *Friend*. It made me feel a lot better. I got six stitches, and it hurt a little, but I wasn't scared anymore. I'm grateful that we listened to the Holy Ghost and took the *Friend* with us. I know that the *Friend* is my friend.

Tanner Allred, age 7, with help from his family
Las Vegas, Nevada

The *Friend* Is My Friend



A few months ago I fell and cut myself. My mom and dad decided I needed to go to the doctor and get stitches. I was really scared and did not want to go because I knew the doctor was going to give me a shot.

Before we went to the doctor's office, my dad gave me a blessing. The Holy Ghost comforted us and whispered to us that we should bring the



Friend to read while we were waiting. One day at church I wasn't being good. When I came home I felt really bad. So I went into my closet and shut the door. I knelt down and asked Heavenly Father to forgive me. I felt better after I prayed, and I knew I was forgiven. I know Heavenly Father hears and answers our prayers. I know He will forgive us if we repent.

Sydney Miller, age 10
Nampa, Idaho

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the *Friend* (inside back
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evening ideas.

HIDDEN CTR RING

In Russian,
“choose the right”
is written like this:
Выбирай истину.



As you look for the
Russian CTR ring hidden in
this issue, remember the
birth of Jesus Christ and
think of three ways you can
become more like Him.



A Christmas Message from the First Presidency
to the Children of the World



A Wonderful Time of Year

*M*erry Christmas to the children of the world! This is a joyous time of year when our hearts are filled with love as we think about the birth of the Savior and feel sincere gratitude to our Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Because of the Savior's birth and mission, we will receive the blessing of the Resurrection. Through the Savior's Atonement, as we keep the commandments, serve others, and do what the Lord has asked us to do, we will return to live with our Heavenly Father.

Our sincere prayer is that each of you and your families will feel the Savior's love at this wonderful time of year. We bear our witness that Jesus is our Savior, the Son of God.

*With love,
The First Presidency*





A Cabbage for Christmas

BY TRISA MARTIN
(A true story)

He will preserve the righteous by his power
(1 Nephi 22:17).

Annie, we need a cabbage for Christmas dinner tomorrow,” Mother said. “Please go to the Olsens and trade these potatoes for one. Hurry now. Night’s coming.”

Eleven-year-old Annie sighed, dropping her knitting and picking up the burlap bag of potatoes. It was a tradition in Norway for families to have a cabbage for Christmas dinner, and Annie knew it would be delicious. But she didn’t want to leave the warm fire. “Can Gunnild come, too?” she asked hopefully.

“No, she must feed the goats and help your father.”

Annie buttoned her sheepskin coat and hurried outside into the brisk air. The snow crunched under her feet and the sharp wind whipped her blonde braids as she scurried down the path.

A few minutes later she reached the Olsens’ cabin and rapped on the wooden door. Mrs. Olsen peeked out, her blue eyes wide with surprise.

“Why, Annie! What are you doing out in this bitter wind? Your cheeks are as bright as strawberries. Come in and warm yourself.”

Annie’s fingers and toes tingled as she stood by the crackling fire. “Mother asked me to trade these potatoes for a cabbage,” she said.

“Oh, child, I’m sorry. I have no more cabbages. We ate our last one yesterday.” Mrs. Olsen stirred the big black kettle hanging over the fire. “Would you like some porridge?”

“No, thank you,” Annie replied. “I can’t stay. Do you know where I can get a cabbage?”

“The Petersens may have one. Jens had a good crop this year. But if you go there, you must hurry. It feels like there’s a storm brewing.”

“Thanks, Mrs. Olsen,” Annie said as she hurried outside. Tucking the bag under her arm, she plunged her hands deep into her pockets and trudged forward. The icy wind slapped her face, and black clouds rumbled overhead.

After what seemed like hours, she reached the Petersens. Luckily, Mrs. Petersen had an extra cabbage to trade for Annie’s potatoes. Waving good-bye, Annie headed home. Tiny snowflakes fluttered around her, covering the path with a goose-feathery whiteness.

Annie thought of her family’s warm cabin. She could almost smell the savory *lutefisk* (dried codfish) and potatoes cooking. Perhaps her mother was also making *riskrem* (rice pudding) and hiding an almond inside. Maybe Annie would be the lucky one to find it.

The snow began to fall faster. Thick flakes coated her eyelashes and buried the path. Annie stared at the



landscape ahead of her, struggling to find the trail. “Is that our cabin?” she thought, noticing a dark shape in the swirling snow. But it was only a thicket of trees. Annie was confused. “Where am I?” she wondered. “Why do the mountains look like giants?” She felt like she was in a dream.

Huge snowdrifts seemed like a warm, white feather bed, urging her to stop and sleep. At first she resisted by thinking about home. She plodded forward on what felt like wooden-post legs, clutching her cabbage. But finally her weary legs collapsed, and she lay down, wrapping herself in a soft blanket of snow.

Back at home, Annie’s father stared out into the whirling whiteness. Where was Annie? He bundled up in his heavy coat and grabbed his lantern. He hurried down the trail, shouting into the wind, “Annie, Annie!”

Next to a giant spruce tree he noticed a strange mound. He rushed forward, swinging his lantern. In the dim light, he saw a pale figure in the snow. Was it Annie? He rushed to her, gathering her in his arms and wrapping his fur coat around her.

“Please, God,” he prayed, “let her live.”

A faint breath stirred Annie’s lips as she whimpered, “Papa.”

“Annie, you’re alive! It’s a miracle!” he cried. “God has preserved your life for a special purpose.”

Nine years later Annie married Soren Hansen. They had eight children. When Soren died, Annie sold sawdust to the butcher shops to support her family. Every day she hitched her yellow pony to a little cart and carried a load of sawdust to nearby Oslo.

One day as Annie neared the open-air market, she heard a strange commotion. Two young men were speaking to a crowd gathered near the vegetable market. Annie was curious and stopped to listen. They spoke about a prophet and the Book of Mormon.

Their message stirred Annie’s heart. On 2 March 1857 she was baptized as one of the first converts in Norway.

Annie became a powerful missionary. She shared the gospel with everyone who would listen. Even Mr. Gulbrandsen, who owned the sawmill, joined the Church after Annie taught him the gospel. She continued to share her testimony until she died in Norway



“God will preserve and protect us, and will prepare the way before us, that we shall live and multiply . . . and always do His will.”

President Joseph F. Smith (1838–1918), in Conference Report, Oct. 1905, 5–6.

at age 81. Some of her children and grandchildren emigrated to America.

Today her great-great-grandchildren still love to hear about the miracle of Annie, who went to get a cabbage for Christmas. ●

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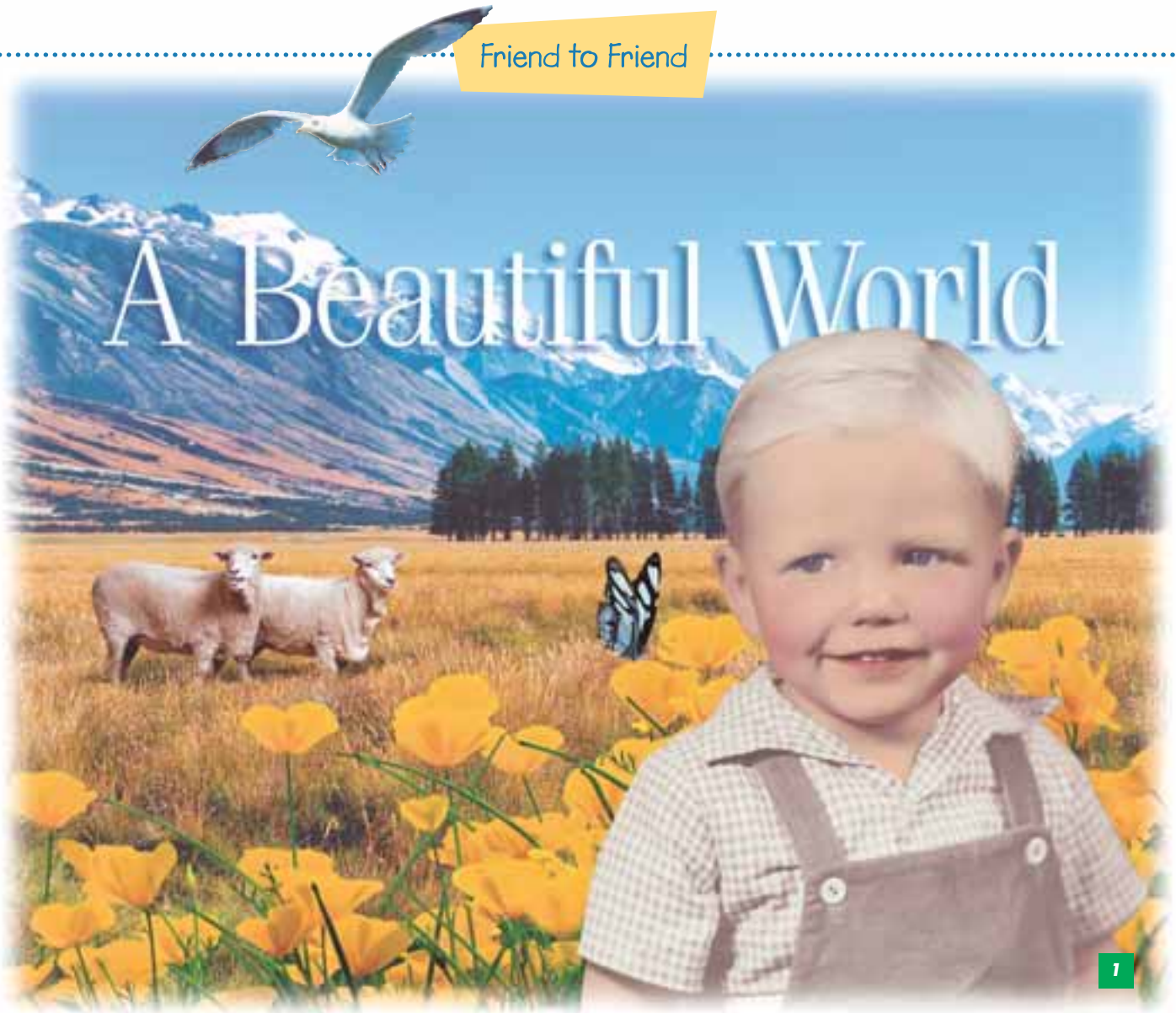
The Nativity

BY REBECCA TODD ARCHIBALD

On the rough Judean plains
The night was dark and still
Until a host of angels
Spoke to shepherds on a hill.

In a stable not far off,
In a manger filled with hay,
While His loving mother watched,
The little Christ child lay.





A Beautiful World

Let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth . . . knoweth God (1 John 4:7).

The earliest memory I have as a small child happened on our farm. I was three or four years old at the time, and we were herding sheep. The Wasatch Mountains had a little snow on them; in the sunset, they looked absolutely beautiful. The thought came to my mind of how beautiful this world is.

That picture has come back to my mind several times since then as I have seen those mountains at various times of the year. I reflect upon the beautiful things of this world that the Savior has made for us—trees, streams, birds, flowers, and



From an interview with Elder Mervyn B. Arnold of the Seventy, currently serving in the Brazil North Area Presidency; by Callie Buys

butterflies. I love the beauty of this earth. I have a great love for my Heavenly Father and the little things He puts around us to remind us that He loves and cares about us.

My parents were wonderful examples of love and nurturing. They loved the gospel and lived the gospel, and were in my mind perfect examples of Christlike people. They loved their neighbors and took care of them. We had a small farm with lots of chickens, a cow, and a horse. We were not in a wonderful financial condition ourselves, but we never went without food. As a young child I remember many instances of people who were too poor to pay for their eggs. I remember my mother saying, “It’s OK, you don’t need to pay for the eggs

today.” And, “Why don’t you take this chicken home with you and have a good chicken dinner?”

Wonderful Primary teachers also taught me many good things. My memory of names is very poor, and yet these people’s names are engraven on my soul. I think there is a cement of love that permanently binds such people’s names to our hearts and our minds. Most of all, I remember their love toward me. My Primary teachers demonstrated that love in lots of ways. I remember them coming over to see me when I was sick. If I ever missed Primary, they were there to find out why and to check on me.

When I was a very young boy I had pneumonia, and both my lungs filled up with fluid. My father asked me if I wanted a priesthood blessing. I told him

I did. I remember asking him to call my uncle to come. When they placed their hands on my head and through the holy Melchizedek Priesthood called down a blessing of heaven, I felt different. I felt something flow into me, and I knew that the priesthood was very real. The doctor had told my mother that I was in very serious condition, but the next morning I felt great. My mother took me back to the doctor, and he checked my lungs. They were completely empty of fluid.

I would like to tell you children that I love you. I think about you all the time. I want you to know that I personally pray for you, and that I care about what is happening in your lives. I have great hopes for you. This world is just as beautiful now as when I was growing up, and I hope you see the beauty around you. I know that the Savior cares about every child individually. I want you to know that. He knows you personally and cares about each one of you dearly, deeply. He wants you to succeed and be happy. I know this Church is true. If you live the commandments, you will always feel good, and the Lord will bless you. ●



1. At age 4

2. At age 8

3. Elder Arnold with his wife, Devonna, and their six children in April 1985

4. Elder Arnold and his family in 2002



This Is Christmas!

BY LINDA G. PAULSEN

(Based on an experience of the author)

I am the light of the world (John 8:12).

As I buttoned my coat and tied the cords of my knit cap, I shivered with excitement. The whole Christmas season lay before me, and tonight Dad was taking us out into the middle of it. I hadn't a clue where, but it didn't matter. Dad always had a good plan for family night.

"There's a special event on Temple Square tonight," Dad told us as we drove downtown. "I had you dress warmly because it's outdoors." Becki, my little sister, was bouncing with anticipation as we searched for a parking spot. I couldn't help bouncing a little, too. We had only recently moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, and the granite-gray walls of the Salt Lake Temple were a source of wonder to me.

When we reached Temple Square, there was quite a crowd gathered in the garden south of the temple. Bleachers and a podium had been set up

on a little slope. Dad led us to a spot slightly above and to the side of the bleachers. We stamped our feet to keep warm in the cold night air.

Dad hoisted Becki onto his shoulders. "Look," he said softly. "There's President McKay." I stretched to see, and there he was! President David O. McKay! I could hardly believe it. I could see his wavy white





hair and smiling face. The feeling I had was amazing. I felt tingly. I hardly had time to think about it, though, because the program was starting.

The people on the bleachers turned out to be members of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, who sang some Christmas songs. I was hearing the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in person! I kept on tingling, and somehow I knew it wasn't from the cold. Then, after an introduction, President McKay stood up and reached into a box partly hidden by the podium.

It's hard to describe the marvelous moment when the prophet flipped the switch. The light! The color! Thousands of tiny lightbulbs sparkled in the trees. The walkways were lined with them, and the bushes, shrubs, and flower beds were suddenly transformed.

A huge gasp and a sigh rose into the night as the crowd shared the wonder of the moment. We soon found ourselves moving along the sidewalks and pathways around the Tabernacle, past monuments and fountains. It was glorious! I had to keep reminding myself to breathe.

"Well," I thought, "*this* is Christmas!" It seemed absolutely right to me that I should feel the spirit of Christmas so strongly this close to the house of the Lord. After all, we were celebrating the Lord's birth. Christmas lights *ought* to shine more brightly here. And it was perfect to have the prophet turn on the lights. He

represented Jesus Christ, and Jesus is the Light of the World. It felt like a little bit of heaven.

That was in 1965. Almost every Christmas since then, lights have gleamed on Temple Square. Going to see the lights on Temple Square became a Christmas tradition for our family, as it has been for countless others. It is more than a tradition for me, though. It has become part of my testimony. Several things happened to me as I watched President McKay turn on the lights that December night. I felt the Holy Ghost witness to me that the old gentleman with white hair was a true prophet of God. I also came to know as I had never known before that the temple is God's holy house. I promised myself that I would feel that joy and wonder again—by being worthy to enter it someday.

In December 1996 I found myself again on Temple Square, this time inside the temple. It was the day our daughter was married. As I watched my daughter smile with the joy of her dream come true, I remembered another December long ago and the witness I had felt. I looked around me, seeing the people I love most sharing a long-awaited day. This was happiness.

This was Christmas! ●

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"I testify that Christ is the light to all mankind."

President Gordon B. Hinckley, "Christ Is the Light to All Mankind," *Ensign*, Nov. 1991, 4.

Friends in the News



Maria Rebeca Arana, 6, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, likes to go to Primary to pray and sing. She has a lot of good friends at church. She is looking forward to being baptized.



Nathan Wootton, 5, Auckland, New Zealand, has an older brother and sister. He loves his Primary class, family home evening, and family prayers. He likes motorbikes.



C. J. Hinkley, 9, Gallup, New Mexico, likes to go camping. Her favorite song is "I Am a Child of God." She reads the Bible every day.



Christian Putegnat, 11, Parker, Colorado, was chosen to travel to New Zealand and Australia as a student ambassador. He is a good speller, likes soccer, and is kind to his younger brother John-Paul.



Caitlin Grandstaff, 8, West Haven, Utah, is happy her father baptized her. She plays the piano and enjoys school, riding her bike, and drawing. She loves her cat, Pouncer.



Dickson Musembi Mbithi, 9, Kyulu, Kenya, likes to sing "I Am a Child of God" in Primary. At home he takes care of the family's goats, cattle, and sheep. He also makes clay out of dirt to build little houses.



Liberty Aidan Draper, 4, Ontario, Oregon, has memorized the Articles of Faith and the 15 latter-day prophets. She enjoys gymnastics, swinging, and making her baby sister laugh.



A good older brother, **Jake Behrens**, 5, Ashburn, Virginia, likes school, playing with friends, riding his scooter, and swimming. He likes missionary work and teaching others about the gospel with his daddy.



Alicia Rose Fiore, 6, Scottsdale, Arizona, likes Primary, singing, and playing with her brothers and sisters. Her favorite song is "I Love to See the Temple." Her hero is her daddy!



Martyn Cruz Hong, 4, Melaka, West Malaysia, likes going to church and singing Primary songs and hymns. Martyn is thankful for heavenly blessings.



Brandi Palmer, 7, Houston, Texas, likes writing letters and going to school. She looks forward to being baptized and likes to have the missionaries visit her home.



Jordan Kuhar, 7, Henderson, Nevada, likes to play all kinds of sports, especially baseball. He also enjoys painting and riding his bike. He always makes his family laugh.



Ashley Cronin, 9, Farmingville, New York, likes ballet, tap dancing, swimming, reading, and helping prepare family home evenings. She loves her four sisters and five brothers.



Zachary Logan Dye, 8, Springville, Utah, likes to draw and read the *Friend*. He likes puzzles. Zachary's favorite song is "I Am a Child of God."



Holly Jane Smibert, 7, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, is a happy, bright, loving girl. She likes music and is learning to play the piano. She reads her scriptures very well.



Connor Doeblor, 4, Saugus, California, enjoys Primary, playing computer games, and visiting the beach. He likes to shake the missionaries' hands at church. He is a good older brother to his sister, Tabitha.



Jordan Foster, 11, Cumming, Georgia, is a big help on her family's farm. She enjoys playing soccer, basketball, and the piano. As the oldest of five, she loves baby-sitting her brothers and sister.



Jacob Graf, 10, Santa Clara, Utah, likes to read the Book of Mormon and play hymns on the piano. One of his favorite things to do is milk the cow. He likes swimming with his best friend, Kalynn.



Emily Deyholos, 10, Okotoks, Alberta, Canada, has two brothers, two sisters, and three cats. She likes reading the *Friend* and playing the piano. She enjoys school, activity days, and family home evening.



Christopher Moore, 7, Overland Park, Kansas, is a terrific big brother. He is very funny, laughs a lot, and brings happiness to his family. He likes swimming and riding his bike. He is learning to play the piano.



Mariah Sione, 9, Honolulu, Hawaii, was baptized on her po-po's birthday. (*Po-po* is a Chinese word for "grandmother.") She enjoys Primary and singing.



Hayden Robert Mast, 8, Dodge Center, Minnesota, likes to draw, read, and learn about cars. He enjoys acting and sharing with friends. Paying tithing and saving for his mission are important to him.



Rachel Untch, 7, Independence, Missouri, has two brothers and one sister. She likes reading, writing, clogging, and singing. She's very helpful to her mom and a wonderful older sister.



The youngest of 15 children, **Kirk Lewis**, 9, Boise, Idaho, likes to cook, ride his bike, play soccer, and play the violin. He's a Cub Scout, and he likes doughnuts.

They Spoke to Us

As you make the October 2004 general conference a part of your own and your family's life, you might consider using the following ideas for personal study and family home evening. Or you may wish to create your own questions, activities, and discussion ideas. (Page numbers refer to the beginning of the talks in the November 2004 Ensign.)

Search the Words Activity

1. Did children take part in conference in the Conference Center? If so, what did a group of them do? (Clue: See the photograph on p. 29.)

2. Where will two new temples be built? How many temples will there be when all those announced so far are built? (Clue: Search President Gordon B. Hinckley's talk, p. 4.)

3. Name the two new members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Find one interesting fact about each of them. (Clue: Look at the General Authority chart in the center of the magazine. See stories about them on

pp. 125 and 126.)

4. When Elder John H. Groberg was a young missionary, for weeks he and many others suffered great hunger because of a hurricane. What are some of the things he found as evidence that Heavenly Father loved him? (Clue: See p. 9.) List some of your blessings that show God's love for you.

Quotes and Activities

1. President Hinckley spoke of the attitude we should have toward women. (See p. 82.) Invite family members to list things they appreciate about their mother, wife,



sister, or grandmother and ways they can better show her their love.

2. “The choices we make determine our destiny,” said President Thomas S. Monson. (See p. 67.) How have some of your seemingly small everyday choices affected your life? What decisions could you make to help you progress spiritually?

3. “Joy can be ours if we are willing to sacrifice all for the Lord,” said President James E. Faust. (See p. 18.) What are some sacrifices you can make for the Lord? What bad habits can you give up? What service can you give? What items can you donate to those in need? How can you give time and talents to strengthen your family, your ward or branch, or your neighborhood?

4. Who is Oliver Granger? How does the Lord’s promise that “his name shall be

had in sacred remembrance . . . forever and ever” apply to you and your own family? (See President Boyd K. Packer’s talk, p. 86.)

5. Elder Dallin H. Oaks said: “It is not enough to know that President Gordon B. Hinckley is God’s prophet. We must put his teachings to work in our lives.” (See p. 43.) Study President Hinckley’s talks in this issue. (See pp. 4, 59, 82, 104.) What counsel did he give that you can put to work in your own life? Make a list. Begin today.

6. “We are all brothers and sisters, children of our Heavenly Father. We must reach out to those that for some reason have forgotten the path,” said Elder Ned B. Roueché. (See p. 30.) Do you have a friend who has not attended church lately? Think of ways you could encourage him or her to come with you.

Stories to Read and Share

Are you preparing a talk or lesson? In the conference talks beginning on the pages listed below, you’ll find stories you can tell and insights you can share.

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Jesus Grew Up in a Righteous Family

And whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do good is of me; for good cometh of none save it be of me. . . . I am the light, and the life, and the truth of the world (Ether 4:12).

Heavenly Father gives us parents and families to teach us righteous principles so we can return to Heavenly Father and live with our families forever. Heavenly Father planned for Jesus Christ to be born into a family, too. Jesus had righteous parents on earth to take care of and teach Him.

Before Jesus was born, an angel came to His mother, Mary. The angel told her that she would have a son and that she should call Him Jesus. He would be the Son of God. The angel told her, “The

Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women” (Luke 1:28). Mary told the angel that she would do as she was commanded: “Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word” (Luke 1:38).

The angel also appeared to Joseph. The angel told him that Mary would have a son, that His name would be Jesus, and that He would be the Son of God. The angel told Joseph that Jesus would save His people from their sins (see Matthew 1:20–21).

Mary and Joseph had faith. They did what they were commanded to do. When we remember Jesus Christ and follow His example and the example of Mary and Joseph, our families will be blessed. ●



Activities and Ideas

1. Color the picture on page 16. Hang it in your room to help you remember that Jesus had an earthly family, too.
2. For a family home evening activity, make copies of the picture on page 16 for your family. Color the pictures, then roll them up to look like scrolls. Tie a ribbon around each one and give them to people who have helped your family this year (for example, a neighbor, a grandparent, or your bishop or branch president).
3. For a family home evening lesson or Primary talk, read about Joseph in Matthew 1:19–25, and read about Mary in Luke 1:26–56 and Alma 7:10. Talk about good qualities Mary and Joseph had. (For example, Matthew 1:19 describes Joseph as “a just man.”) Pick a quality you would like to develop that would help you become a better member of your family.

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Christmas in the Americas

A Christmas Program

BY PATRICIA REECE ROPER

Use this Christmas program for your ward, Primary sharing time, or family gathering. You will need people for the following roles:

Two narrators
Seven Nephites

An angel
An angelic choir

Three shepherds
Samuel

Two unbelievers

Although this play is designed for 16 or more cast members, roles could be easily combined to accommodate fewer participants. For costume and prop ideas, see page 21. All songs are from the *Children's Songbook* unless otherwise noted.





Narrator #1: Long ago in the town of Bethlehem, a wonderful miracle took place.

Narrator #2: On the night Jesus Christ was born, signs in heaven were seen by people both in Judea and in the Americas. Our Savior had been born.

Song: “Hosanna” (pp. 66–67)



Nephite #1: Look there! It is just as Samuel prophesied. A great star!

Nephite #2: Yes, the sun has gone down, but it is still light. There is no darkness at all.

Nephite #3: He has come! The Son of God has come into the world to redeem all who repent and come unto Him.

Nephite #4: It happened in five years, just as Samuel said. He really was a prophet of God. Do you remember when he spoke to us?

Song: “Samuel Tells of the Baby Jesus,” verse one (p. 36)

Samuel: “Behold, I give unto you a sign; for five years more cometh, and behold, then cometh the Son of God to redeem all those who shall believe on his name” (Helaman 14:2).

Unbeliever #1: How can that be?

Samuel: “And behold, this will I give unto you for a sign at the time of his coming; for behold, there shall be great lights in heaven, insomuch that in the night before he cometh there shall be no darkness, insomuch that it shall appear unto man as if it was day” (Helaman 14:3).

Unbeliever #2: I can’t believe it! This man is crazy!

Samuel: “And behold, there shall a new star arise, such an one as ye never have beheld; and this also shall be a sign unto you” (Helaman 14:5).

Song: “Samuel Tells of the Baby Jesus,” verse two (p. 36)





Shepherd #1: It's such a calm and peaceful night.

Shepherd #2: Yes. The stars sure are bright and clear in the sky. I don't think I've ever seen them shining so brightly.

Shepherd #3: That one over there is the brightest by far. It seems to shine right over Bethlehem.

Song: "Stars Were Gleaming" (p. 37)

Nephite #5: If we can see the star, I'm sure that others can see it, too.

Nephite #6: Surely they must know that the star is a sign of the coming of the Son of God.

Nephite #7: I'm sure the Lord has found a way to tell them, just as He sent Samuel the prophet to tell us.

Song: Softly play "Far, Far Away on Judea's Plains" (*Hymns*, no. 212) in the background as shepherds show signs of fear while looking at the angel.

Angel: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:10–12).

Song: Members of **Angelic Choir** enter and sing first verse of "Joy to the World" (*Hymns*, no. 201).

Nephite #6: Seeing this star is wonderful, but it is also difficult to understand.

Nephite #2: What don't you understand?

Nephite #6: Well, why did the Son of God have to come to earth?

Nephite #4: Samuel said that Christ would come to save all those who have faith in Him and keep His commandments. God loves us, so He sent His Son to show us the way back to heaven.

Song: "He Sent His Son" (pp. 34–35)

Nephite #3: I remember that wicked people did not want to listen to Samuel. They were mad because he spoke the truth.

Nephite #1: They tried to kill him just for prophesying of the birth of the Son of God.

Nephite #5: If people here tried to kill Samuel just for prophesying, I wonder if wicked people will also try to kill the Son of God in His country!

Nephite #1: Don't be afraid—the Son of God will be safe, I know it. Tonight is a night of peace and joy, not fear.



Nephite #7: Yes, and He has a mother, remember?
She will watch over Him.

Nephite #5: I wonder what she's like.

Song: "Mary's Lullaby" (pp. 44–45)

Nephite #6: Do you think we'll ever get to see the
Son of God?

Nephite #4: Well, if He's the Son of God, He can do
anything. The Savior could even come and visit us!

Nephite #2: He will come. I feel the Spirit testify to
me that He will come. I only wonder when.

Narrator #1: We share these same feelings today. We
wonder when the Savior will return in our time.

Song: "When He Comes Again" (pp. 82–83)

Narrator #1: In spite of the great ocean separating
these two continents, people in Judea and America
recognized the promised signs of the Savior's birth.

Narrator #2: We can feel peace as we read about
Christ's birth in the Bible and Book of Mormon.

Narrator #1: Sometimes we can even feel it when we
look up at the stars, and think of the joy that was
experienced by so many when they saw the star
2,000 years ago.


Narrator #2: Just as the Nephite and Judean children
of old were joined together in love for one night,
perhaps we can feel peace and love right now as
we join in singing "Silent Night" together.

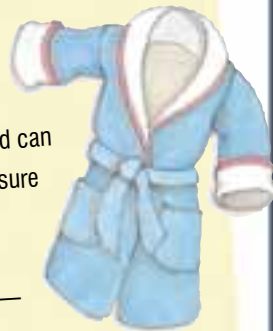
Song: "Silent Night" (*Hymns*, no. 204)





Back-to-the-Basics Costume and Prop Ideas


*It's time to put on another year's
Christmas program, and once again
there are shepherds to dress and stables
to create. Here are some helpful hints:*

 Bathrobes, large towels, and sheets
make great costumes. They are easy to get
in and out of, come in a variety of colors, and can
still be used after the program ends. (Make sure
costumes aren't too long so no one trips.)




 Remember to keep costumes simple—
more than two layers will be too bulky to
manage easily.

 If you don't have any wood for a shepherd's staff,
try using cardboard from a roll of wrapping paper or a
length of plastic PVC pipe wrapped in brown tape.

 For large scenery back-
drops, ask a home improvement,
furniture, or appliance store for old card-
board refrigerator boxes. These are free
and large enough to create scenery that
is visually appealing. They can be painted
using acrylic paints—but remember to
focus on shapes and ideas, not
small details.



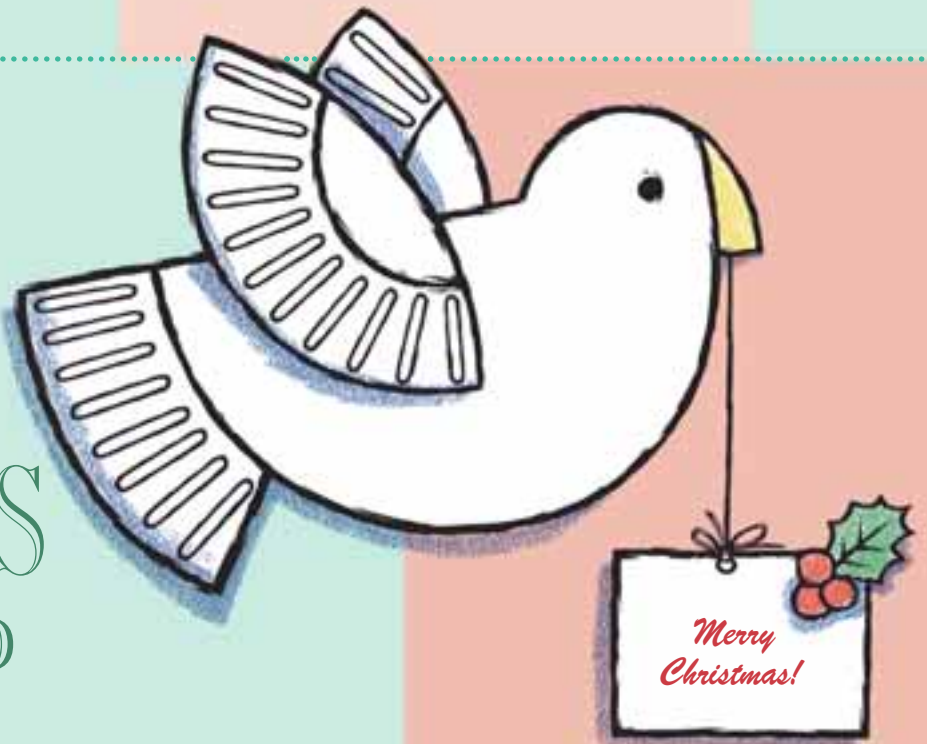
 Many tissue boxes come
elaborately decorated for the
holiday season. Try using three
different sizes of decorated tissue
boxes for the Wise Men's gifts.
If they are empty, fill them with
something so they are handled more realistically. You could
even fill them with treats to hand out after the Christmas
program ends.



**Open up the
refrigerator box and
paint on the inside
so there's no printing
to cover up.**

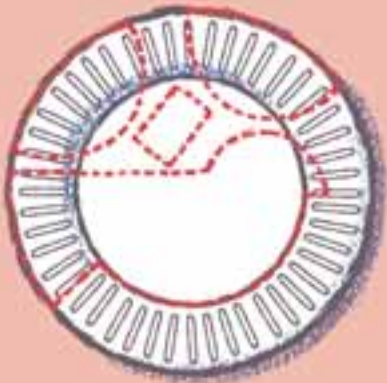


CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP



Paper Plate Dove

To make a dove ornament, gift, or package decoration, you will need: a pencil, any size white paper plate with fluted edges, scissors, yellow and black crayons, glue, scraps of red and green paper, white sewing thread, needle, a pen, and string (optional).



1. Following the example on this page, draw the dove, wings, and card on a paper plate and cut out.

2. On each side of the dove, color the beak yellow, make a round black

eye, and glue the wings in place (see illustration).

3. Cut out two green holly leaves and six red berries. Glue a holly leaf and three berries on each side of the card (see illustration). Then write "Merry Christmas!" on each side of the card.

4. Thread the needle and push it through the top of the card and then through the bird's beak. Remove the needle from the thread and tie the ends of the thread together. If desired, glue or tie a piece of string between the wings for hanging.

Fudgy Oat Drops

- 1 cup milk chocolate chips**
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine**
- 16 large marshmallows**
- 2 cups quick-cooking oats**
- 1 cup flaked coconut**
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract**

1. Place the chocolate chips, butter or margarine, and marshmallows in

a large saucepan and melt over low heat, stirring constantly.

2. Remove the pan from the heat and mix in the oats, coconut, and vanilla.

3. Drop by rounded tablespoon-fuls 1" (2.5 cm) apart onto waxed paper and let cool.

Makes about three dozen.

Candy Bar Cookies

- 1/2 cup sugar**
- 1/2 cup brown sugar**
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened**
- 1/2 cup peanut butter**
- 1 teaspoon vanilla**
- 1 egg**
- 1 1/2 cups flour**
- 1/4 teaspoon salt**
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda**
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder**
- 36 miniature candy bars (chocolate-covered nougat and caramel)**

1. In a large bowl, cream together the sugars, butter or margarine, and peanut butter. Add the vanilla and



Colorful Dip

- 2 cans (4 ounces/113 g each) chopped green chilies, drained**
- 1 can (15 1/4 ounces/432 g) corn, drained**
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper**
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese**
- 1 cup regular mayonnaise**

1. In a medium bowl, stir all the ingredients together.

2. Spoon mixture into an ungreased two-quart baking dish and cover with foil.

3. Bake at 350° F (175° C) for 20–25 minutes. Serve with Baked Tortilla Shapes (see recipe on this page).

egg and mix well.

2. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, salt, baking soda, and baking powder. Gradually add and stir the flour mixture into the sugar mixture.

3. With clean hands, shape a tablespoon of dough around each candy bar, forming a round ball. Place 4" (10 cm) apart on a lightly greased baking sheet.

4. Bake at 375° F (190° C) for 13–15 minutes. Place cookies on a wire rack to cool.

Makes three dozen.

Baked Tortilla Shapes

To make these chips, you will need: large soft flour tortillas, a cutting board, metal Christmas cookie cutters, a baking sheet, cooking oil, a pastry brush, and salt.

1. Place a tortilla on the cutting board. Using the cookie cutters, cut each tortilla into fun shapes. Then place the shapes on a baking sheet. (Scraps can be cut up and used, too.)

2. Brush the shapes lightly with oil, then turn them over and brush again. Sprinkle lightly with salt.

3. Bake at 350° F (175° C) for 4–7 minutes or until the edges brown slightly. Remove from the oven and cool chips on wire racks. Serve with Colorful Dip (see recipe on this page).

Homemade Stickers

BY SHERRY TIMBERMAN

To make your own stickers, you will need: 2 tablespoons unflavored gelatin, 4 tablespoons hot water, a spoon, a small paintbrush, scissors,



and small pictures cut from old magazines or your own drawings.

1. In a small bowl, mix the gelatin and water together until dissolved.

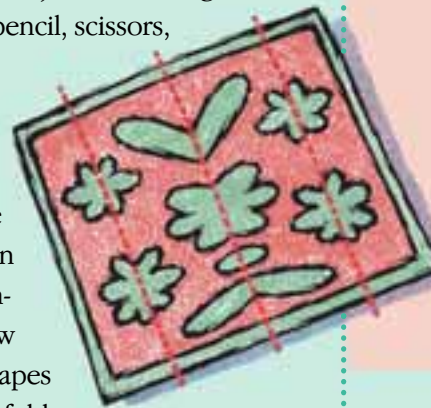
2. Dip the paintbrush in the mixture, coat the back of the pictures, and let dry. Then lick and stick your stickers.

Card with Cutouts

To make a card, you will need: 2 pieces of paper 8 1/2" x 11" (21.5 x 28 cm) in contrasting colors, a pencil, scissors, glue, and a pen.

1. Fold one piece of paper in half width-wise. Draw simple shapes along the fold, making sure you leave some of the fold intact (see illustration). Cut out the shapes and unfold. Continue folding anywhere you like, drawing shapes with part of the fold left intact, and cutting out until you have finished your design.

2. Glue the cut paper to the other piece of paper and let dry. Fold the glued papers in half width-wise. Write a Christmas message inside and remember to sign your name.



CHRISTMAS ON TEMPLE SQUARE

BY KIMBERLY WEBB
Church Magazines

When Jesus Christ came to earth, He was born in a lowly stable. Today majestic temples all over the world are dedicated to Him.

This Christmas season, celebrate His birth by helping to decorate Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Instructions: Remove pages 24–25, and mount them on heavy paper. Remove page 27 and save. Beginning on 1 December, read the activity listed and complete it during the day. Then cut out the picture from page 27 that fits in the corresponding numbered space, and glue it in place.

- 1 Send a Christmas card to a loved one.
- 2 Do a secret act of kindness.
- 3 Remember to thank a family member.
- 4 Help with a chore when it's not your turn.
- 5 Remember to think of Jesus during the sacrament.
- 6 Talk about your ancestors. What was Christmastime like in their day?
- 7 Sing a Christmas song with your family.
- 8 Compliment each family member.
- 9 Give a small gift anonymously.
- 10 Write (or draw) a family Christmas tradition in your journal.
- 11 Make a Christmas craft for a neighbor.



11 Make a Christmas craft for a neighbor or the missionaries.

12 Read Isaiah 9:6 and Mosiah 3:1–8 with your family.

13 Go caroling with your family.

14 Draw a picture of your favorite temple.

15 Write down your testimony, and keep it in your journal.

16 Look at the sky, and remember the sign given at Jesus' birth.

17 Ask your parents to tell a Christmas memory from their childhood.

18 Visit someone who may be lonely.

19 Draw a picture of what Christmas means to you.

20 Help your family make a favorite Christmas treat.

21 Name one way you can better prepare to meet the Savior someday.

22 Name one way you can follow the Savior.

23 Read 3 Nephi 1:1–23 with your family.

24 Read Luke 2:1–20 with your family.



Note: *If you do not wish to remove pages from the magazine, this activity may be copied, traced, or printed out from the Internet at www.lds.org. Click on Gospel Library.*

ILLUSTRATED BY DILLEEN MARSH

Christmas Music Quiz

BY CYNTHIA RAKES BOWDEN

Draw a line to a picture of a word missing from a phrase of a song from the *Children's Songbook*. (See answers below.)

1. "This is the _____ proclaiming the birth, singing 'Hosanna!' and 'Peace on the earth!'" ("The Nativity Song," pp. 52–53).
2. "Stuff a _____ for a loved one; hang the holly joyously" ("Have a Very Merry Christmas!" p. 51).
3. "And can you see so rev'rently the _____ kneeling there?" ("Picture a Christmas," pp. 50–51).
4. "A loving mother laid her baby in a _____ filled with hay" ("Once within a Lowly Stable," p. 41).
5. "'And _____ will be born in a land far, far away'" ("Samuel Tells of the Baby Jesus," p. 36).
6. "_____ riding through the desert dark and far" ("Stars Were Gleaming," p. 37).
7. "Fairest little Jesus child, from the heavens angels smiled. We a _____ before thee lay" ("Little Jesus," p. 39).
8. "Onward going, gleaming, glowing, leading still, our Christmas _____!" ("Stars Were Gleaming," p. 37).
9. "Have a most exciting Christmas! Ring a bell and trim a _____" ("Have a Very Merry Christmas!" p. 51).
10. "While _____ watches through the night, a star reflects thy light" ("Mary's Lullaby," pp. 44–45).
11. "He urged the donkey forward then, with _____ on its back, and carried bread and goat cheese in a little linen sack" ("When Joseph Went to Bethlehem," pp. 38–39).

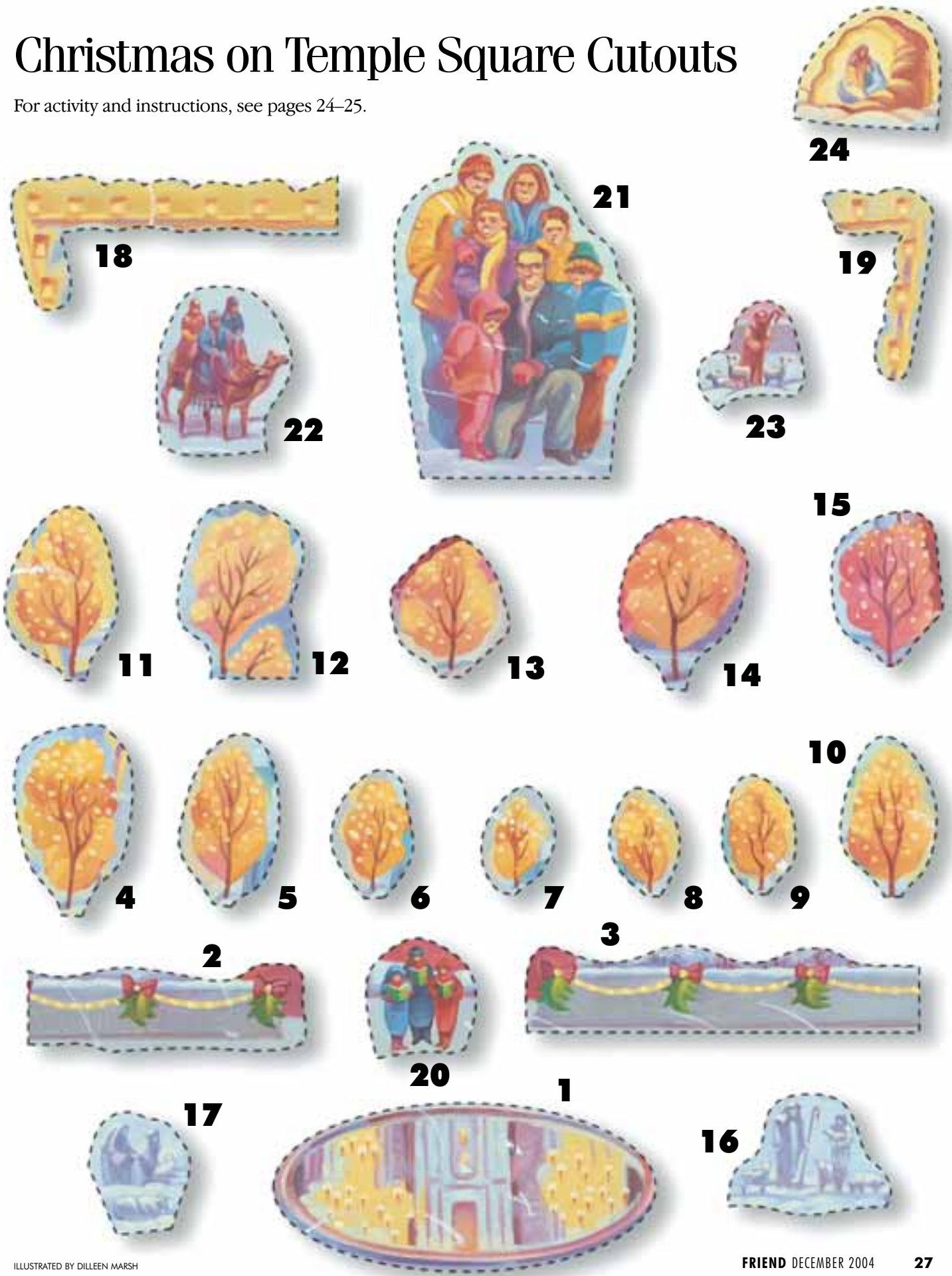


Answers

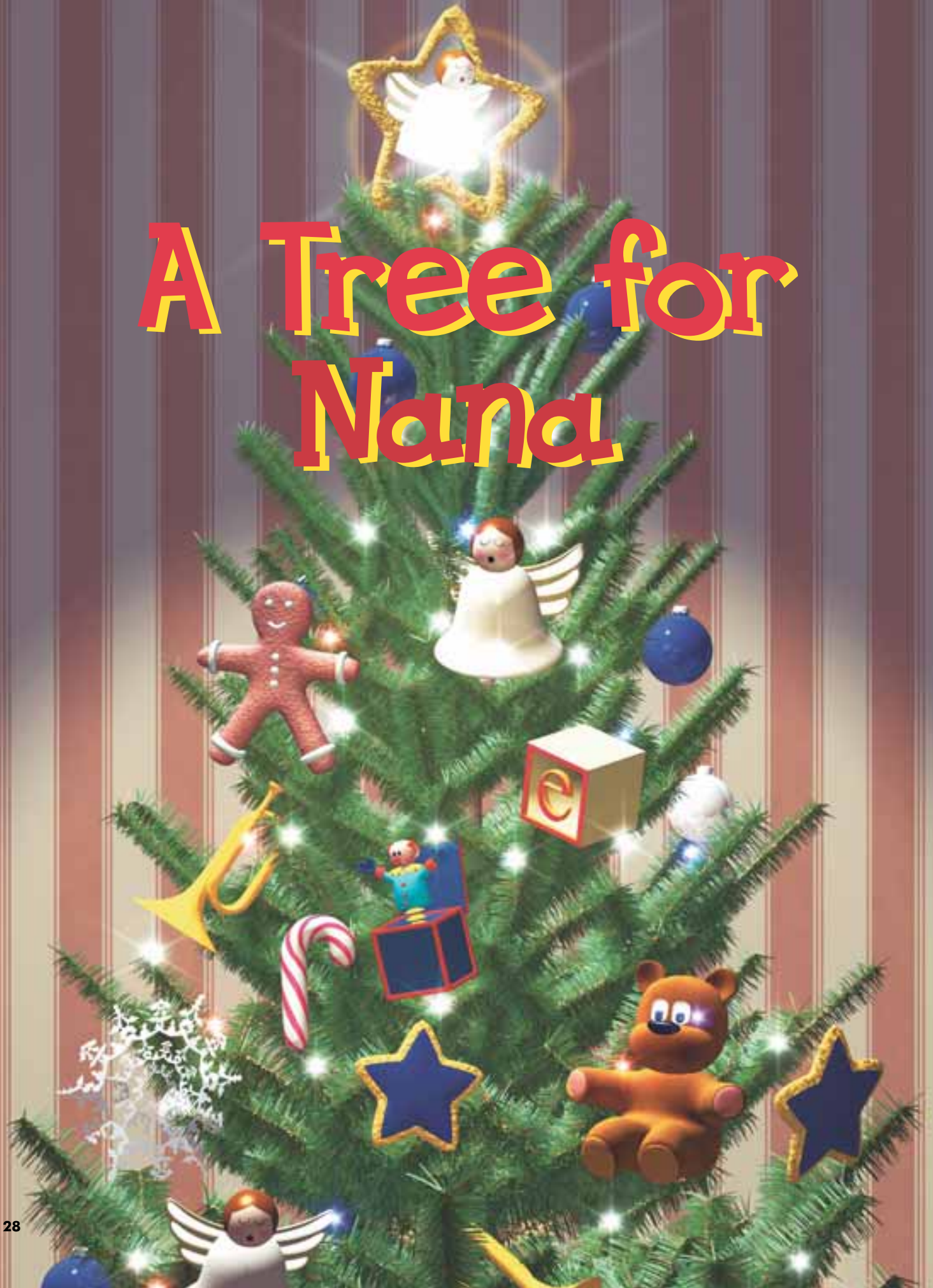
(1) angel, (2) stocking, (3) shepherds, (4) manger, (5) baby Jesus, (6) Wise Men, (7) gift, (8) star, (9) tree, (10) Joseph, (11) Mary.

Christmas on Temple Square Cutouts

For activity and instructions, see pages 24–25.



A Tree for Nana





BY CALLIE BUYS

(Based on an experience from the author's family)

Behold, I am Jesus Christ. . . . In me shall all mankind have life (Ether 3:14).

James loved everything about Christmas—the songs and stories about baby Jesus, the twinkling lights, the bright packages under the tree, and the smell of yummy treats. He also loved the Christmas traditions with his grandparents, Nana and Papa. Every year Nana made steaming mugs of her special hot chocolate and baked dozens of sugar cookies shaped like stars and trees. All seven grandchildren would gather in Nana and Papa's kitchen to frost and decorate the cookies. Then James and his cousins would play games with Papa. Last year, Papa taught eight-year-old James, the oldest grandson, how to operate the train that circled the Christmas tree.

Christmas would be different this year. Papa had died at the beginning of December, and Nana felt too sad to plan their special Christmas traditions. James felt very sad, too. He missed Papa.

"Christmastime feels wrong without Papa," James told his mom one snowy afternoon.

Mom thought for a minute before she hugged James. "James, why do we celebrate Christmas?" she asked softly.

"Because that's when Jesus was born," he answered quickly.

"That's right. We celebrate Christmas to remember Jesus Christ's birth. And we know that Jesus made it possible for us to see Papa again and be together forever as a family. So don't you think we can think about Papa and Christmas at the same time?" Mom said.

James hadn't thought about that before. He still missed Papa, but he felt happier remembering that they could be together forever.

"I'm glad I'll get to see Papa again," he said.

"Me too," Mom said. "And I'm going to go visit Nana in a few minutes. You can come with me."

At Nana's house, James looked around in surprise. He didn't see any Christmas decorations—not even a tree.

"Where is your Christmas tree, Nana?" James asked. "And where is the train?"

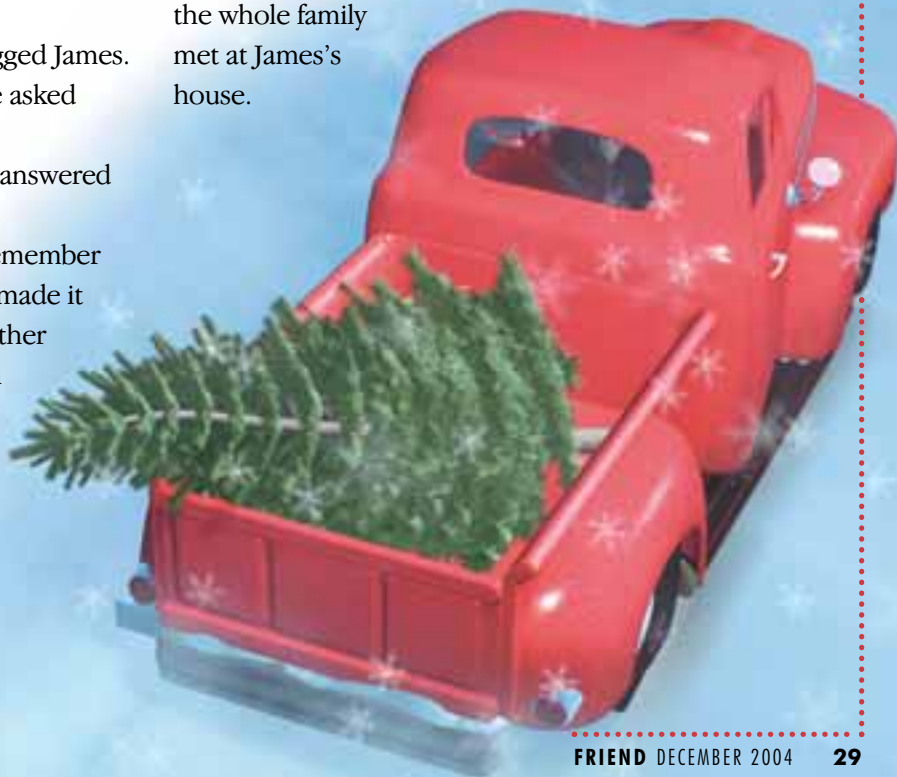
"I'm not having a tree this year," Nana said sadly. "It takes too much work to buy one and put the lights on it. I can't do that all alone. And I don't know how to run the train. Papa always did that."

"Oh," James said softly.

"We need to help Nana," he told Mom as she tucked him into bed later that night. "She is so sad."

James crinkled his forehead in concentration as he and Mom thought about what they could do. Soon they had a plan.

The next evening, the whole family met at James's house.





“I wish that each of us will have a fuller and richer appreciation for all that the great gift of the Savior’s birth, life, and death means to us and our eternal happiness. Christmas is a season of hope.”

President James E. Faust, Second Counselor in the First Presidency, “Speaking Today: First Presidency Christmas Devotional,” *Ensign*, Feb. 2001, 73.

James and his cousins giggled as they piled into cars and drove to a Christmas tree lot. They looked at many different trees. Some were too tall. Others were too fat or too prickly. Some had drooping branches and bare spots. Finally, Uncle Max found a perfect tree. They paid for it, put it in the back of the truck, and drove to Nana’s house. Then James and his cousins huddled together on Nana’s front porch and began singing Christmas carols as Dad unloaded the tree.

Soon the door cracked open and Nana peeked out. “Surprise!” James called. Nana opened the door wide. “What’s this?”

“We got you a Christmas tree,” James bubbled. “And now we want to help you decorate it!” Dad hefted the tree into the house while Uncle Max rummaged through some bins to find a tangled strand of white lights. Uncle Ben positioned the tree in its metal stand,

and Mom placed a red cloth under it. Christmas music streamed from the radio as they hung sparkly star-shaped ornaments from the tree’s branches. Then Uncle Ben carried a big brown box up from the basement. Inside, James saw the shiny red train engine and black train tracks. He carefully helped Uncle Ben connect the tracks in a circle around the tree.

When they finished, Nana looked at the tree and wiped a tear from the corner of her eye. She smiled at James and his cousins.

“Thank you,” she said. “Papa would have loved this.”

“Well, you know, Christmas is the perfect time to think about him,” James said, reaching for Nana’s hand. He nudged her over to the tree, where the little train circled happily. “And one more thing. I need to teach you how to run the train.” ●

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Keep the Commandments

BY ELDER ROBERT D. HALES
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

I would like to tell you a true story about a man named Abinadi. Abinadi was a prophet who preached repentance to a wicked people and a wicked king. He preached boldly and courageously.

Wicked King Noah angrily ordered his priests to kill Abinadi. Abinadi withstood them, saying: “Touch me not, for God shall

smite you if ye lay your hands upon me, for I have not delivered the message which the Lord sent me to deliver. . . . I must fulfil the commandments wherewith God has commanded me.”

The people of King Noah were afraid to touch Abinadi because the Spirit of the Lord was with him. Abinadi declared that he would finish the message that God had sent him to deliver—and then it wouldn’t matter what King Noah and the people did to him. (See Mosiah 13:1–9.)

When Abinadi concluded his message, King Noah demanded that he deny the words he had spoken—or he would be put to death. But Abinadi refused.

What a powerful example Abinadi should be to all of us! He courageously obeyed the Lord’s commandments—even though it cost him his life!

Choosing to live the commandments frees us from the shackles of sin and allows us to experience true happiness.

Let our lives reflect our love of the Lord by being obedient to the commandments and reaping the promised blessings both in this life and in the life to come. ●

From an April 1996 general conference address.



Did you know that Elder Hales served as a pilot in the United States Air Force? He shares his love for commandments that guide and protect us and allow us to return to Heavenly Father.



Our Creative Friends



I Have Never

Snow that sparkles in the winter sun—
I have never seen it.
Making snowmen and having fun—
I have never done it.
Icy cold, yet a feeling to please—
I have never felt it.
Snowdrifts falling off the trees—
I have never heard it.

All these things I've never known,
Oh, my dear amigo,
Winter isn't very fun
When one lives in San Diego.

*Stephanie Coleman, age 11
San Diego, California*

My Christmas Haiku

Jesus in manger
Hay is underneath His head
Quietly sleeping

*Mandi Diaz, age 10
Plainville, Kansas*



When I Think of Christ

I wasn't there in Bethlehem
To see the Baby fair.
I wasn't with the Wise Men
So I didn't travel there.
But I can tell you when I think of Christ
I know that He is there,
Watching me and hoping I'll return to Him
someday.

I wasn't with the shepherds
When they found the Baby dear.
I didn't hear the angels sing,
"Rejoice, be of good cheer."
But I can tell you when I think of Christ
I know that He is there,
Watching me and hoping I'll return to Him
someday.

*Martha H. Rallison, age 11
Salt Lake City, Utah*

Gather Round at Christmastime

Today like no other
People come to one another
To celebrate a special date.
Candles lit, holly hung, mistletoe above,
Family members gather round
From all points of town.
Too bad it only comes around one time
a year
For everyone to gather round.

*Samantha Ludwig, age 10
Yuba City, California*

Oh, What Do You Do in the Wintertime?

*(To be sung to the tune of "Oh, What Do
You Do in the Summertime?" Children's
Songbook, 245.)*

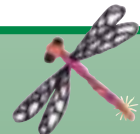
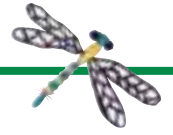
Oh, what do you do in the wintertime
When all the world is white?
Do you build a snowman,
Bake a gingerbread man,
Or look at the snow so bright?
Is that what you do? So do I!
Oh, what do you do in the wintertime
When all the world is cold?
Do you drink hot chocolate,
Warm your hands in your pockets,
Or listen to stories old?
Is that what you do? So do I!
Oh, what do you do in the wintertime
When all the trees are bare?
Do you sled down a hill,
And get a big thrill,
Or hibernate like a bear?
Is that what you do? So do I!

*Micab Cox, age 12
Kapaa, Hawaii*

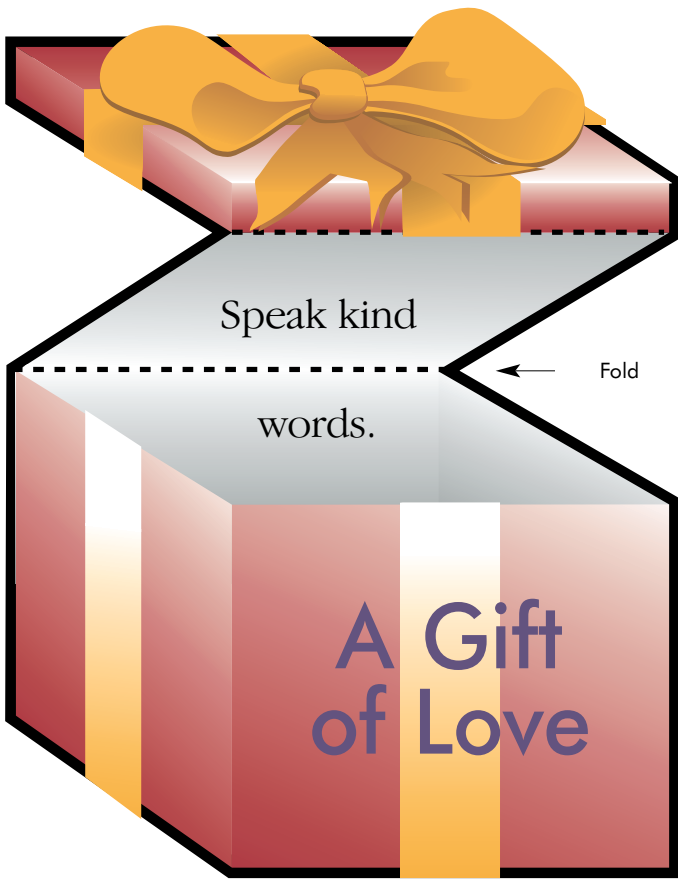


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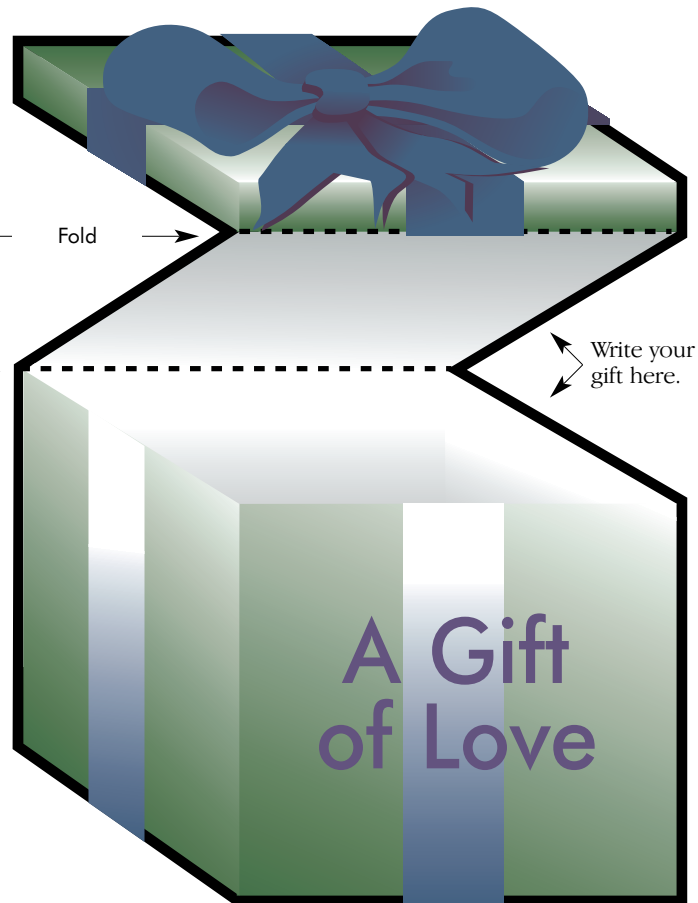
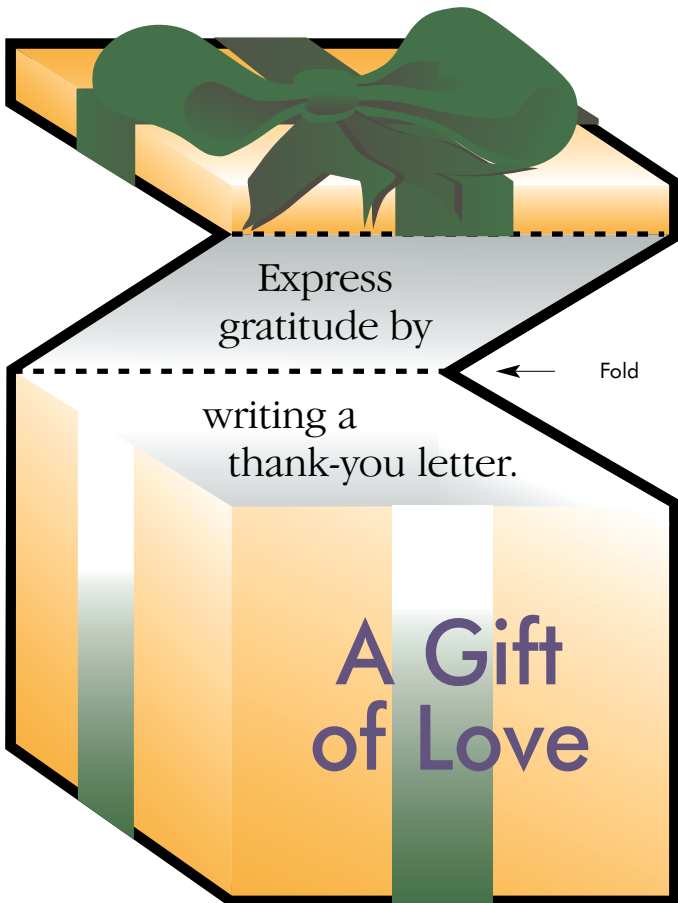






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Christmas Gifts All Year

BY SHEILA E. WILSON



And whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do good is of me; for good cometh of none save it be of me. . . . I am the light, and the life, and the truth of the world (Ether 4:12).



More than 2,000 years ago Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem. Joseph tried to find a place for them at an inn, but there was no room. They found a stable where Mary could give birth.

This was the first Christmas. There were no large family gatherings. There were no decorations. There were no brightly wrapped presents. But there were carols and singing and rejoicing. The angels in heaven joined in a great chorus of rejoicing and praise at the birth of the Son of God (see Luke 2:13–14). Heavenly Father gave us a great gift. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus gave us the gift of the Atonement and eternal

life. Jesus Christ is our Savior and Redeemer. He gave the gift of a perfect example for us to follow. He showed us the gift of love and taught us to love one another.

We can also give gifts of service and love. Jesus said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15). We can show our love for Jesus by keeping His commandments and serving others, not just at

Christmastime but throughout the year.

Gift Ornaments

Cut out the gifts on page 34 along the solid lines. Write your own gift activity on the blank one. Fold on the broken lines; then tape the lids down. Punch a hole at the top of each gift, and attach string. Hang the gifts where you can see them. Every few days, open a “gift” and do the activity inside. Remember, you can give these gifts throughout the year! ●

Sharing Time Ideas

(Note: All songs are from *Children's Songbook* unless otherwise noted; **GAK** = Gospel Art Picture Kit, **TNGC** = *Teaching, No Greater Call*.)

1. Show a picture of the Last Supper (GAK 225). Before Jesus' Crucifixion, He broke the bread, blessed it, and commanded that those who were with Him partake of it. Jesus gave His Apostles the sacrament so that they would have a way to always remember Him and His sacrifice and so that they could have His Spirit to be with them. The sacrament is a covenant to remember Him and to keep His commandments. Read together Luke 22:19.

Show a picture of Christ visiting the Nephites (GAK 316). Following His Resurrection, Jesus Christ appeared to the Nephites on the American continent. During this visit, He taught the people how to prepare and partake of the sacrament. The Savior broke the bread, blessed it, and commanded that the disciples who were with Him partake of it. Read together 3 Nephi 18:6–7. The Savior also blessed the wine (we use water now—see D&C 27:2) and commanded the disciples to drink of it. Read together 3 Nephi 18:11. Jesus Christ taught the disciples that when they partook of the sacrament, they were renewing their baptismal covenants to always remember Him, to take His name upon them, and to keep His commandments.

Show the pictures of blessing and passing the sacrament today (GAK 603 and 604). We can participate in the same ordinance that Jesus taught. The sacrament prayers tell us that if we remember Jesus Christ and keep His commandments, we will always have His Spirit with us. He wants us to remember Him so we can be strong and faithful. Read the sacrament prayers in Moroni 4:3 and 5:2.

Remind the children that without the Atonement, which we remember as we take the sacrament, we would not celebrate Christmas. To reinforce this teaching moment, sing "The Sacrament" (p. 72), "I'm Trying to Be like Jesus" (pp. 78–79), or a favorite sacrament hymn. If the song or hymn is new for the children, sing one line at a time and have them echo it back to you. Bear testimony that we can remember the Savior when we take the sacrament and try to become more like Him.

2. For *younger children*: Post the pictures suggested in idea #1 on the board in a vertical row and discuss each one. Above the pictures write "Sunday." Discuss with the children ways they can remember Jesus. On Sunday we can think of Him at church, during prayers, during the sacrament, and as we sing Primary songs.

Divide the children into six groups, and give each of them a large strip of paper with one day of the week printed at the top (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday). Invite them to write or draw ways they can remember the Savior throughout the week (for example, forgiving others, keeping the commandments, being grateful). Post each wordstrip, and give each group a chance to show and tell their ideas. Remind the children that we can remember the Savior not just on Sunday, but throughout the week.

3. To prepare, invite a mother, father, and baby to portray Mary, Joseph, and the Christ child. (They could wear simple clothing in a biblical style.) Ask the mother to be prepared to sing "Mary's Lullaby" (pp. 44–45). Use a sing-a-story (see *TNGC*, pp. 174–75) of favorite Christmas songs to teach children that Heavenly Father planned for Jesus to be born into a family. Older children could read the scripture references at the bottom of the song pages. Pictures from the GAK (200, 201, 202, 203, 314) or the Primary manuals (1-76 and 2-6) could be used.

Suggested sing-a-story—Sing: First verse of "The Nativity Song"



(pp. 52–53). Tell: Many prophets testified of the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. Samuel, a prophet who came to Zarahemla, also foretold of His birth (see Helaman 14:2–6). Sing: "Samuel Tells of the Baby Jesus" (p. 36). Tell: God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary. He told her she would have a baby boy and should name Him Jesus. The baby would be the Son of Heavenly Father. One night an angel came to

Joseph in a dream and told him Mary's baby was the Son of God and that he should marry her. Jesus would be the Savior of the world (see Matthew 1:18–21). Joseph and Mary were married, and he took care of her. Joseph and Mary had to leave Nazareth and go to Bethlehem to pay their taxes. The baby would be born soon (see Luke 2:2–6). Sing: "When Joseph Went to Bethlehem" (pp. 38–39). Tell: When they arrived in Bethlehem, they found a stable for Mary to have her baby in. And she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger (see Luke 2:7). Sing: "Away in a Manger" (pp. 42–43). Tell: Joseph and Mary named the baby Jesus (see Luke 2:21). Have the mother representing Mary sing "Mary's Lullaby" (pp. 44–45). Tell: While the shepherds were in the fields, an angel came to them and told them the Savior had been born. The shepherds went to Bethlehem and saw the baby Jesus. They were happy they had seen the Savior (see Luke 2:8–12, 15–17, 20). Sing: "Stars Were Gleaming" (p. 37). Bear testimony that Heavenly Father planned for Jesus to be born into a family. We are blessed as we sing praise to Him and remember Jesus Christ this Christmas. Sing "Picture a Christmas" (pp. 50–51).

4. To help the children understand how we can be spiritually prepared for Jesus to come again, copy and cut out enough oil lamps for each child and five or six extra ones (see *Primary 7* manual, p. 86).

Show a picture of the Second Coming (GAK 238). When Jesus died and was resurrected, He promised that He would come again. Have you ever wondered what that will be like? Jesus has not told us when He will come, but the scriptures tell us that it will be a glorious event. He will be our King and Ruler. It will be a heavenly, happy time for us if we are prepared to meet Him.

Because Jesus wanted us to know how important it is to be prepared, He told us a parable, or story, of the ten virgins. Teach the children the parable (see Matthew 25:1–13), and help them to understand that this parable likens the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, which is when the Savior will return to earth to rule during the Millennium, to a wedding (see *Primary 7* manual, p. 84).

How can we prepare for the Savior's coming? President Spencer W. Kimball taught: "In our lives the oil of preparedness is accumulated drop by drop in righteous living" (*Faith Precedes the Miracle*, 256).

As you pass out the extra paper lamps randomly among the children, ask them to think of things they can do to add oil to their lamps. Sing "When He Comes Again" (pp. 82–83), and have the children pass the lamps back and forth. When the music stops, the children holding lamps should tell or act out a way they can prepare. Sing and repeat.

Pass out a paper lamp to each child. Let them draw or write on the lamps what they will do to prepare for the Savior's Second Coming and take them home to share with their family.

5. *Friend* references: "Taking the Sacrament," Aug. 2003, 34–35; "Remembering Jesus Christ," Jun. 1999, 10–11; "In Remembrance of Jesus," Apr. 1998, inside front cover; "When Jesus Christ Comes Again," Dec. 2002, 34–35; "Jesus Christ Will Come Again," Dec. 1999, 10–11; "When He Comes Again," Dec. 1999, 35–37; *Sharing Time #4*, Dec. 2001, 22. These references and others can be found at www.lds.org. Click on Gospel Library.



Trying to Be Like Jesus

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

A Letter to Santa

By Bonnie Gibbons

Last Christmas Madison brought her mother a letter to Santa Claus. In it she had written that she really didn't need anything for Christmas, but she would like him to use the money inside to help buy presents for children who didn't have much. She asked her mom to



make sure that Santa got the letter and the enclosed plastic sandwich bag full of money. It was all of her savings—

about \$30. Her mom asked if she would like to keep a little of the money, since it was all she had. Madison started to take out a 10-dollar bill, but quickly returned it to the bag, saying she wouldn't feel good about that.

About a week later, a box was left on her front porch. In the box was a beautiful handmade blanket. There was a letter telling Madison that she had helped others to remember the true meaning of Christmas. The letter said to always serve others and help those in need. The letter was signed "Mrs. Santa Claus."

Madison Gibbons, age 6, is a member of the Aiken Ward, Augusta Georgia Stake.

I Will Strengthen My Family*

By James Zippi with help from his family



One of my sisters got sick and had to go to the doctor's office. While she was gone, my other sisters and I made get-well posters and decorated her room. She was happy when she came back and saw what we had done.

James Zippi, age 6, is a member of the Buffalo Grove First Ward, Buffalo Grove Illinois Stake.

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

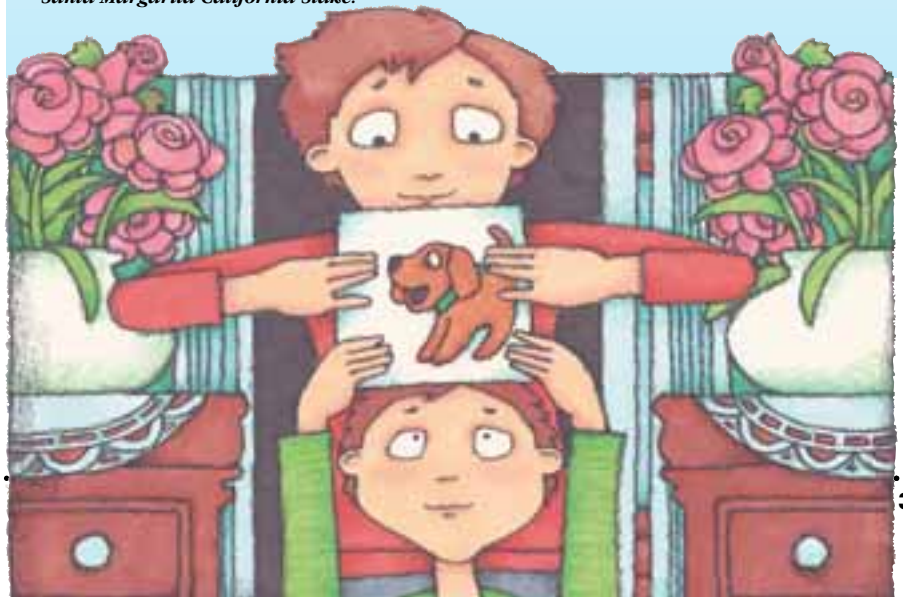
A Lesson from My Brother

By Cole Johnson

A couple of days ago, our neighbors' dog died. That day my little brother asked me to look at a letter he had written. It was a letter to our neighbors saying how sad he was that their dog had died. On the other side there was a picture of a dog barking. He was too shy to give it to them face to face, but he left it on their doorstep and rang the bell. I used to think I could only learn from people older than me. But that day I learned a lesson from my little brother.



Cole Johnson, age 7, is a member of the Tijeras Canyon Ward, Santa Margarita California Stake.



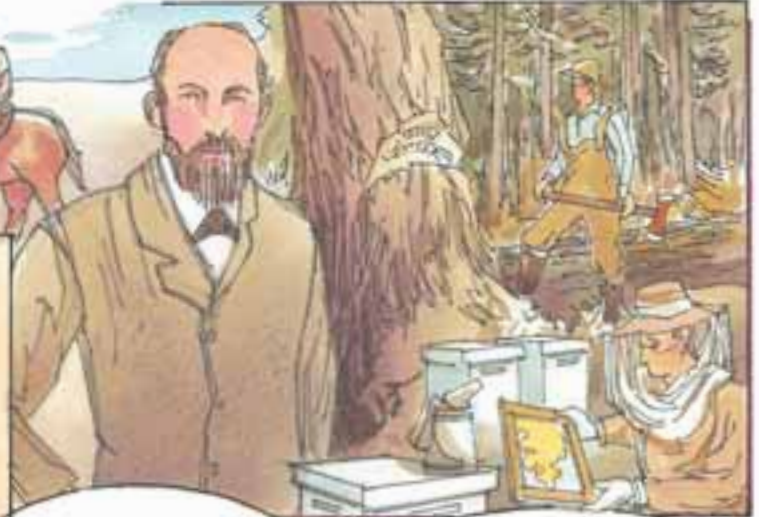


FROM THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

Charitable Businessman



Heber J. Grant tried his hand at several business ventures: lumber, wool, vinegar manufacturing, sugar refining, insurance, ranching, newspaper publishing, soap making, and beekeeping, to name a few.



His greatest talent in business was banking. He did all he could to learn about it, starting at a young age and eventually becoming president of a bank.

Heber, how can you afford to spend hundreds of dollars giving books away to your friends?

I don't spend any more on giving books away than you do on some of your hobbies. Giving *is* my hobby—it makes others happy, and it makes me happy, too.



Heber was now in a position to help others.



Heber gave much more than books. He bought a poor family some land to farm, and he bought a house for one of his relatives. He often paid for patients' hospital bills.



He had never even met some of the people he helped.

Look, Papa. There's an article in the newspaper about a widow who has two sons on missions. It sounds like she's struggling with money.

Tell me her name, and I'll contact her. I can help keep those two boys on missions.

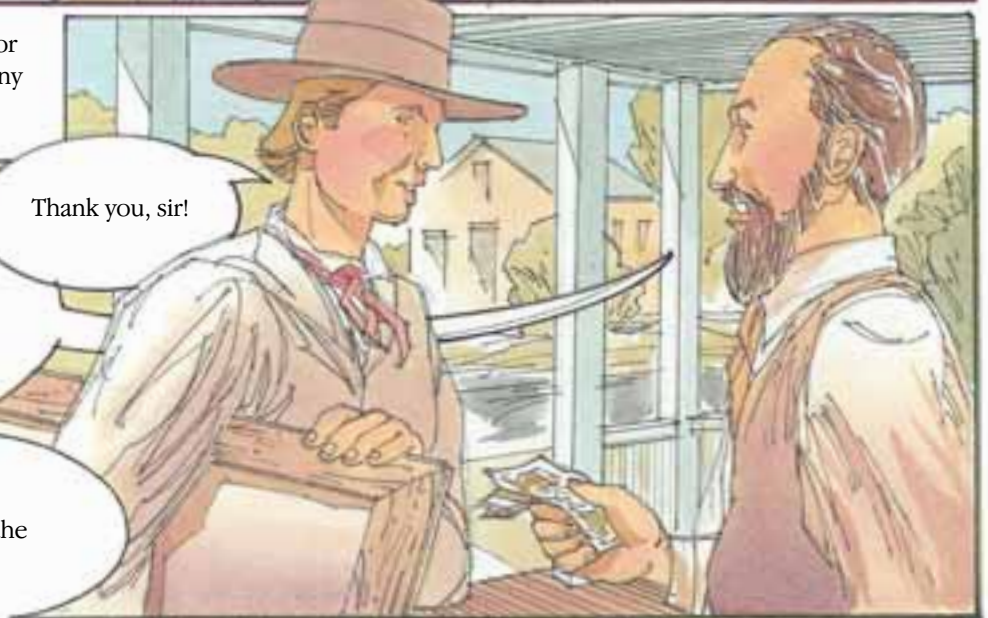


One day a poor artist came to the door selling paintings. Heber didn't have any wall space for a new painting.

Here is another \$50 for the lovely piece I bought from you a while back. I've always felt bad that I let you sell it to me for so little.

Thank you, sir!

Now go sell this painting to someone who will have the space to enjoy it.



Heber continued sharing until the end of his life. Only a few days before he died, he wrote a letter to a widow. He would forever be remembered for his love and generosity.

Adapted from Emerson Roy West, Profiles of the Presidents (1972), 209-10, 213; Bryant S. Hinckley, Heber J. Grant: Highlights in the Life of a Great Leader (1951), 203-5, 207, 216.

Will you please tell me how much you are owing on your home and let me join with you 50-50 in paying it off at once?





For Little Friends

The Nativity set

BY JANE McBRIDE CHOATE

(Based on an experience of the author's friend)



For unto us a child is born (Isaiah 9:6).

Three-year-old Elizabeth watched as her mother arranged the ceramic nativity set on the low table in front of the sofa. Her mother had made the set many years earlier. Each year she told the children that she had painted each figure. Then she reminded everyone to be very careful because the figures could be easily broken.

Elizabeth loved to look at the figures, especially that of the baby Jesus. One day, she picked it up and held it reverently.

Mother walked into the living room at that moment. “Elizabeth, those pieces are breakable,” she gently reminded her.

Elizabeth carefully replaced the figure. “I know, Mommy.”

Each day, Elizabeth was drawn to the nativity set. She frowned when she noticed that the camel couldn't see the Christ child. She moved the camel closer to the manger. Then she saw that the Wise Men, shepherds, and other animals couldn't see Jesus either. She set the manger in the center of the table



with all the others surrounding it.

She smiled. That looked much better.

When Mother saw what Elizabeth had done, she explained again how special the nativity set was and then replaced the figures in their original places.

The next day, Elizabeth stared at the nativity set. Once again, she set the baby Jesus in the center with Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, Wise Men, and animals looking on.

When Mother walked into the room and saw the nativity set, she wasn't happy. "Elizabeth, I told you—"

"Don't you see, Mommy?" Elizabeth asked.

"Everyone wants to see the baby Jesus."

Tears rolled down Mother's cheeks. "I see, Elizabeth. I finally understand." She kissed the top of Elizabeth's head. "We'll leave it just as it is."

In the years that followed, the nativity set was always grouped as Elizabeth had arranged it. Jesus was in the center, where everyone could see Him. ●

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Gift Tags and Ornaments

BY VIRGINIA L. TERRELL

To make Christmas gift tags and/or ornaments, you will need: scissors, heavy paper, ruler, old Christmas cards or wrapping paper with pictures you can easily cut out, glue, marking pens or crayons, a hole punch, and yarn or string.

Gift Tags

1. Cut the heavy paper into rectangles about 2" x 3" (5 x 7.5 cm).
2. For each tag, cut out a figure or scene from the old Christmas cards or wrapping paper, small enough to fit on one side of the rectangle, and glue it on (see illustration).
3. Ask an older person to print *To:* and *From:* next to the picture, then punch a hole near the left edge of the tag at the corner or middle (see illustration).
4. Thread a short piece of yarn or string through the hole and knot the ends.



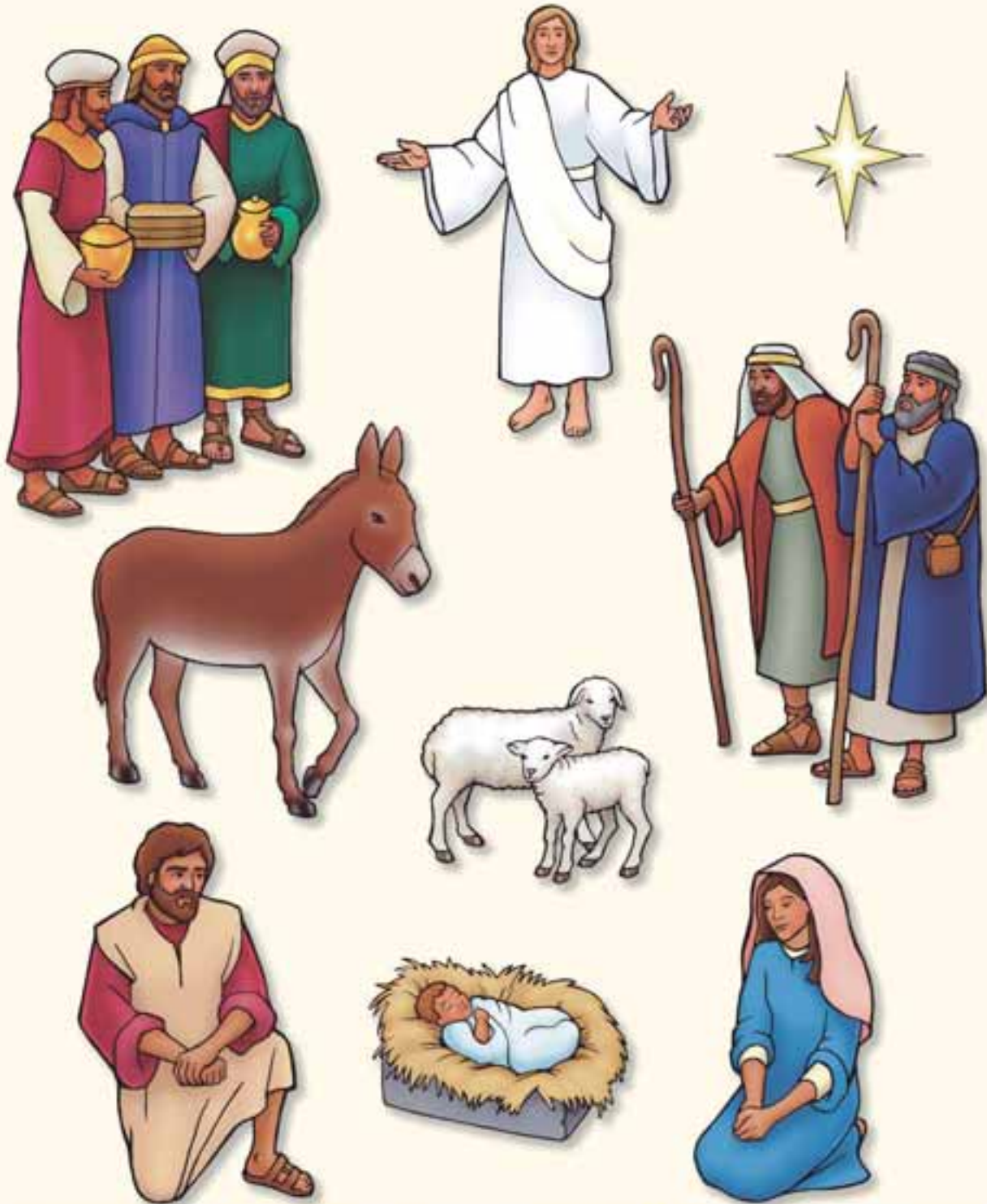
Ornaments

1. Cut out small figures or scenes from the old Christmas cards or wrapping paper.
2. Glue as many as will fit on pieces of heavy paper, then cut each one out.
3. With an older person's help, punch a hole at the top of each ornament where it will hang the best (see illustration).
4. Thread a short piece of yarn or string through the hole in each ornament and knot the ends.
5. Hang the ornaments on your own tree or give them as gifts.

The Christmas Story

BY JULIE WARDELL

Tell the story of Jesus' birth as you point to each figure. Or as someone reads the story in the scriptures, point to the appropriate figure. (See Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-14.)



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Gratitude, *Rebecca M. Taylor*, Nov, 7

Lord's Day, The (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Nov, 16

Gratitude, *Rebecca M. Taylor*, Nov, 7

Great Sister, A, *Melanie Marks*, Feb, 40

H

Haight, David B.

Honesty (SW), Oct, 29

HAIGHT, DAVID B.

Elder David B. Haight, 1906-2004, Oct, 7

Honesty (SW), Oct, 29

Hales, Robert D.

Keep the Commandments (SW), Dec, 31

HAPPINESS

Don't Delay (SW), *Henry B. Eyring*, Jun, 43

Finding Joy (SW), *Richard G. Scott*, Aug, 31

Happiness (PV), *James E. Faust*, Feb, 2

If I Choose to Obey, I'll Be Happy All Day! (ST),

Sheila E. Wilson, Apr, 28

Treasure Map, A (PV), *Thomas S. Monson*, Sep, 2

Happiness (PV), *James E. Faust*, Feb, 2

Happy Home, A (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, May, 14

Hard Worker, Oct, 30

Hartley, William G.

Where's Arthur? May, 4

Harvey, Shirley Adwena

Best of All, The, Feb, 31

Heavenly Father Loves Me, Jan, 27

Hayes, Janice Porter

My Sister Speaks Russian, Jul, 30

Haylee Atkinson of Provo, Utah, *Kimberly Webb*,

May, 17

HEAVENLY FATHER

Clear Answer, A, H. Bruce Stucki (FF), *Barbara*

Jean Jones, Feb, 8

Heavenly Father Loves Me, *Shirley Adwena*

Harvey, Jan, 27

I Know Heavenly Father Loves Me (PA), Jan, 38

Missing Jarom, *Frank C. Wilson*, Mar, 4

Prayer Is Important, William R. Walker (FF),

Barbara Jean Jones, Apr, 8

We Believe in You! (PV), *James E. Faust*, May, 2

We May Be Like Him (SW), *Boyd K. Packer*, Jan, 45

Heavenly Father Loves Me, *Shirley Adwena Harvey*,

Jan, 27

Hendricks, Hilary M.

Beginning of a Testimony, The, Steven E. Snow

(FF), Mar, 6

Hinckley, Gordon B.

Following the Crowd (PV), Aug, 2

Spring Cleaning (PV), Mar, 2

Take Not the Name of God in Vain (PV), Nov, 2

Hinrichsen, Ronda Gibb

Song of Faith, Jan, 18

Holland, Jeffrey R.

Trust Jesus (SW), Sep, 17

HOLY GHOST

Baptism Difference, The, *Jane McBride Choate*,

Jul, 20

Comforted by the Holy Ghost, Nov, 14

David's Prayer, *Patricia Reece Roper*, Aug, 4

Decision, The, *Nycole S. Larsen*, Mar, 40

Family Traditions, Christoffel Golden Jr. (FF),

Barbara Jean Jones, Aug, 6

Feeling the Spirit, May, 12

Finding Happiness (PA), Apr, 42

Finding Joy (SW), *Richard G. Scott*, Aug, 31

I Feel the Spirit (m), *Matthew Neeley*, Feb, 15

Keep Praying, *Patricia Reece Roper*, Feb, 32

My Prayer Was Answered, *Thad A. Carlson*, Nov, 10

Silent Warning, *Alma J. Yates*, Mar, 32

Speaking in Church, Jun, 10

Warm Feeling, A (FF), *Spencer J. Condie*, May, 8

Watching Over Wasel, *Julia Oldroyd*, Aug, 46

Well Boxes, The, *Jens Kristoffersen*, Sep, 14

Holyoak, Kathleen and Gary Croxall

Sabbath Day, The (m), Nov, 27

HONESTY

Foxtails, *Ray Goldrup*, Jun, 20

Honesty (SW), *David B. Haight*, Oct, 29

100% Correct, A+! *Hazel Lamoreaux*, Jun, 40

We Believe in You! (PV), *James E. Faust*, May, 2

Honesty (SW), *David B. Haight*, Oct, 29

Honoring Parents (PA), May, 32

House or a Home? A (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Jun, 12

Hoyt, Myrna M.

Jar Full of Love, A, Nov, 40

Hughes, Jennifer

Lord Speaks to Us through Prophets, The, Nov, 24

I

I Am a Child of God (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Jan, 15

I Feel the Spirit (m), *Matthew Neeley*, Feb, 15

I Know Heavenly Father Loves Me (PA), Jan, 38

I Love Him, He's My Dad, *Ray Goldrup*, Sep, 28

I Love My Family, *Carol Coles*, Jun, 24

I Will! (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Sep, 34

I Will Follow the Savior, Jan, 24

If I Choose to Obey, I'll Be Happy All Day! (ST),

Sheila E. Wilson, Apr, 28

In His Hands, *Kimberly Webb*, Jun, 46

In This Home We Honor His Name, Mar, 24

Ipson, Valerie

Mysterious Visitors, Oct, 4

J

Jar Full of Love, A, *Myrna M. Hoyt*, Nov, 40

Jensen, Jennifer

Scriptures in a Suitcase, Jun, 28

Jessica Greenfield of Torrance, California, *Janet*

Thomas, Oct, 26

JESUS CHRIST

Beautiful World, A, Mervyn B. Arnold (FF), *Callie*

Buys, Dec, 8

Christmas Gifts All Year (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*,

Dec, 34

Christmas on Temple Square, *Kimberly Webb*,

Dec, 24

Clean Again (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Mar, 14

Easter Lilies, *Kimberly Webb*, Apr, 7

"Follow Me" (SW), *Joseph B. Wirblin*, Feb, 35

I Feel the Spirit (m), *Matthew Neeley*, Feb, 15

I Will Follow the Savior, Jan, 24

If I Choose to Obey, I'll Be Happy All Day! (ST),

Sheila E. Wilson, Apr, 28

In This Home We Honor His Name, Mar, 24

Jesus Grew Up in a Righteous Family (PA), Dec, 16

Missing Jarom, *Frank C. Wilson*, Mar, 4

No Candy for Easter, *Kimberly Webb*, Apr, 4

Repentance and the Atonement (PA), Mar, 36

Sacrament, The (SW), *L. Tom Perry*, Jul, 39

Take Not the Name of God in Vain (PV), *Gordon B.*

Hinckley, Nov, 2

This Is Christmas! *Linda G. Paulsen*, Dec, 10

Tree for Nana, A, *Callie Buys*, Dec, 28

Trust Jesus (SW), *Jeffrey R. Holland*, Sep, 17

Warm Feeling, A (FF), *Spencer J. Condie*, May, 8

Wonderful Time of Year, A, *First Presidency*, Dec, 2

Working for Jesus, Bonnie D. Parkin (FF), *Monica*

Weeks, Jun, 8

Jesus Grew Up in a Righteous Family (PA), Dec, 16

Johnson, Marianne Dahl

Flower Girls, The, May, 39

Jones, Barbara Jean

Clear Answer, A, H. Bruce Stucki (FF), Feb, 8

Family Traditions, Christoffel Golden Jr. (FF), Aug, 6

Prayer Is Important, William R. Walker (FF), Apr, 8

Just Like in Heaven, *Jane McBride Choate*, Oct, 46

Just Like You, *Wendy A. Miller*, Sep, 20

K

Keep Praying, *Patricia Reece Roper*, Feb, 32

Keep the Commandments (SW), *Robert D. Hales*,

Dec, 31

Kindred, Sheila

Dishing Up Blessings, Nov, 28

Make a Joyful Noise, Feb, 12

KITCHEN KRAFTS

Aug, 22; Oct, 22

Knowing Who You Are (PV), *James E. Faust*, Jul, 2

Kristoferson, Jens

Well Boxes, The, Sep, 14

Kullberg, Lois

Grandma and Grandpa's Mission, Sep, 44

L

Lamoreaux, Hazel

100% Correct, A+! Jun, 40

Larsen, Nycole S.

Decision, The, Mar, 40

Learning to Sing, Jul, 40

Leavitt, Melvin

Sam Stewart of Henderson, Nevada, Mar, 21

Lewis, Tiffany E.

Medgine Atus of Miramar, Florida, Jul, 26

Lewis, Tiffany E. and Eeva Ståhle

Susanna Ståhle of Turku, Finland, Feb, 16

Living Prophet, A, *Tamra S. Arthur*, Oct, 13

Looking for Brittany, *Tamra S. Arthur*, Oct, 18

Lord Speaks to Us through Prophets, The, *Jennifer*

Hughes, Nov, 24

Lord's Day, The (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Nov, 16

Lost in a Blizzard, *Danny and Lindi Anderson*, Jan, 4

LOVE AND KINDNESS (see also FAMILY, SERVICE,

and TRYING TO BE LIKE JESUS)

Beautiful World, A, Mervyn B. Arnold (FF), *Callie*

Buys, Dec, 8

Birthday Cookies, *Elizabeth Westra*, Apr, 46

Charitable Businessman, Dec, 38

Christmas Gifts All Year (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*,

Dec, 34

Courage and a Kind Word, *Patricia Reece Roper*,

Jul, 10

Dress for Primary, A, *Patricia Reece Roper*, Jan, 42

Gift for Kathryn, A, *Anne Petersen Creager*, Nov, 46

Honoring Parents (PA), May, 32

House or a Home? A (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Jun, 12

I Love Him, He's My Dad, *Ray Goldrup*, Sep, 28

I Will! (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Sep, 34

Jar Full of Love, A, *Myrna M. Hoyt*, Nov, 40

Knowing Who You Are (PV), *James E. Faust*, Jul, 2

Love at Home (PA), Sep, 42

Make a Joyful Noise, *Sheila Kindred*, Feb, 12

More Blessed to Give (PV), *Thomas S. Monson*, Jan, 2

Mother's Day for Mrs. Martin, *Peggy Epstein*, May, 20

My Family (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Feb, 20

Mysterious Visitors, *Valerie Ipson*, Oct, 4

New Boy, The, *John Allen*, Oct, 36

Now Is the Time (SW), *M. Russell Ballard*, Nov, 43

Petey Didn't Want to Be a Sunbeam, *Lori*

Mortensen, Jan, 32

Send a Gift on a Mission, Sep, 48

Tree for Nana, A, *Callie Buys*, Dec, 28

Valentine, The, *Linda Stotts*, Feb, 46

Watching Over the Flock, *Sara V. Olds*, Oct, 32

We Have to Try! *Patricia Reece Roper*, Mar, 8

Wildflower and a Prayer, A, *Gayle M. Clegg*, Mar, 46

Love at Home (PA), Sep, 42

M

Madsen, Susan Arrington

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Marks, Melanie
Great Sister, A, Feb, 40
Martin, Trisa
Cabbage for Christmas, A, Dec, 4
Mary Jane Listens, *Mary Ann Snowball*, Mar, 18
Maxwell, Neal A.
Answers to Prayer (SW), May, 27
MAXWELL, NEAL A.
Answers to Prayer (SW), May, 27
Elder Neal A. Maxwell, 1926–2004, Sep, 7
Medgine Atus of Miramar, Florida, *Tiffany E. Lewis*, Jul, 26
Michael and Kaylene Shumsky of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, *Shanna Gbaznavi*, Jan, 21
Miller, Angie Bergstrom
Making a New Friend, May, 10
Miller, Wendy A.
Just Like You, Sep, 20
Missing Jarom, *Frank C. Wilson*, Mar, 4
MISSIONARY WORK
Baptism Difference, *The Jane McBride Choate*, Jul, 20
Cabbage for Christmas, A, *Trisa Martin*, Dec, 4
Called to Serve, Sep, 32
Emily Shares the Gospel, *Kersten Campbell*, Sep, 4
Grandma and Grandpa's Mission, *Lois Kullberg*, Sep, 44
Jar Full of Love, A, *Myrna M. Hoyt*, Nov, 40
Mary Jane Listens, *Mary Ann Snowball*, Mar, 18
Missionary Work, Jun, 31
No Candy for Easter, *Kimberly Webb*, Apr, 4
Now Is the Time (SW), *M. Russell Ballard*, Nov, 43
Righteous Desires, Clate W. Mask Jr. (FF), *Kimberly Webb*, Oct, 8
Scriptures in a Suitcase, *Jennifer Jensen*, Jun, 28
Send a Gift on a Mission, Sep, 48
Special Day, A (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Jul, 36
Missionary Work, May, 31
Monson, Thomas S.
Crossroads (PV), Apr, 2
More Blessed to Give (PV), Jan, 2
Race, The (PV), Jun, 2
Treasure Map, A (PV), Sep, 2
More Blessed to Give (PV), *Thomas S. Monson*, Jan, 2
Mortensen, Lori
Petey Didn't Want to Be a Sunbeam, Jan, 32
Mother's Day for Mrs. Martin, *Peggy Epstein*, May, 20
Mr. Draper's Farm, *Lori Anne Ries*, Sep, 18
MUSIC
Courage and a Kind Word, *Patricia Reece Roper*, Jul, 10
I Feel the Spirit (m), *Matthew Neeley*, Feb, 15
Learning to Sing, Jul, 40
Make a Joyful Noise, *Sheila Kindred*, Feb, 12
Sabbath Day, The (m), *Gary Croxall and Kathleen Holyoak*, Nov, 27
Song of Faith, *Ronda Gibb Hinrichsen*, Jan, 18
My Eternal Family (PA), Feb, 38
My Family, *Paula K. Obering*, Sep, 13
My Family (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Feb, 20
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MY GOSPEL STANDARDS
Following the Crowd (PV), *Gordon B. Hinckley*, Aug, 2
Foxtails, *Ray Goldrup*, Jun, 20
My Gospel Standards, Oct, 24
My Gospel Standards, Oct, 24
My Prayer Was Answered, *Thad A. Carlson*, Nov, 10
My Sister Speaks Russian, *Janice Porter Hayes*, Jul, 30
Mysterious Visitors, *Valerie Ipson*, Oct, 4

N

Nativity, The, *Rebecca Todd Archibald*, Dec, 7
Nativity Set, *The Jane McBride Choate*, Dec, 40
Neeley, Matthew
I Feel the Spirit (m), Feb, 15
Nelson, Russell M.
Book of Mormon, The (SW), Mar, 43
Nephi, *Elizabeth Giles*, Jan, 30
New Boy, *The Jobn Allen*, Oct, 36
NEW TESTAMENT STORIES
After the New Testament, Jan, 10
No Candy for Easter, *Kimberly Webb*, Apr, 4
Now Is the Time (SW), *M. Russell Ballard*, Nov, 43

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Oaks, Dallin H.
Bishop, Help! (SW), Apr, 19
OBEDIENCE
Crossroads (PV), *Thomas S. Monson*, Apr, 2
Elder David B. Haight, 1906–2004, Oct, 7
"Follow Me" (SW), *Joseph B. Wirthlin*, Feb, 35
Follow Your Leaders, D. Rex Gerratt (FF), *Callie Buys*, Jul, 8
Happy Home, A (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, May, 14
Honoring Parents (PA), May, 32
If I Choose to Obey, I'll Be Happy All Day! (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Apr, 28
Jesus Grew Up in a Righteous Family (PA), Dec, 16
Keep the Commandments (SW), *Robert D. Hales*, Dec, 31
Well Boxes, *The Jens Kristoffersen*, Sep, 14
Obering, Paula K.
My Family, Sep, 13
Oldroyd, Julia
Watching Over Wasel, Aug, 46
Olds, Sara V.
Watching Over the Flock, Oct, 32
100% Correct, A+! *Hazel Lamoreaux*, Jun, 40
Orgill, Emily Cannon
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Packer, Boyd K.
We May Be Like Him (SW), Jan, 45
PARENTS (see also FAMILY)
Happy Home, A (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, May, 14
Honoring Parents (PA), May, 32
Paul and Philip Hathaway of Burien, Washington, *Richard M. Romney*, Nov, 19
Paulsen, Linda G.
This Is Christmas! Dec, 10
Paulsen, Vivian
Always Choose the Right, Aug, 24
Perry, L. Tom
Sacrament, The (SW), Jul, 39
PERSEVERANCE
Best Penmanship, Apr, 10
Elder Neal A. Maxwell, 1926–2004, Sep, 7
Learning to Sing, Jul, 40
Petey Didn't Want to Be a Sunbeam, *Lori Mortensen*, Jan, 32
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Place to Sing and Pray: A Story of Faith, A, *Shauna Gibby*, Aug, 42
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I Am a Child of God (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Jan, 15
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Best of All, *The Shirley A. Harvey*, Feb, 31
Easter Lilies, *Kimberly Webb*, Apr, 7
Eternal Families, *Elizabeth Giles*, Jul, 7
Family Chorus, *Aimee Wilson*, Feb, 43
Gratitude, *Rebecca M. Taylor*, Nov, 7
Heavenly Father Loves Me, *Shirley Advena Harvey*, Jan, 27
I Love My Family, *Carol Coles*, Jun, 24
Just Like You, *Wendy A. Miller*, Sep, 20
Living Prophet, A, *Tamra S. Artbur*, Oct, 13
My Family, *Paula K. Obering*, Sep, 13
Nativity, The, *Rebecca Todd Archibald*, Dec, 7
Priesthood Power, *Callie Buys*, May, 7
Read the Book of Mormon, *Terri Clark*, Mar, 11
Spiderweb, *Lola Sneyd*, Aug, 40
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PORNOGRAPHY
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Answered Prayer, *An Jennifer White*, Jun, 4
Answers to Prayer (SW), *Neal A. Maxwell*, May, 27
Blessing the Brick Kiln, *Susan Arrington Madsen*, Aug, 28
Build Upon My Rock (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Aug, 14
Clear Answer, A, H. Bruce Stucki (FF), *Barbara Jean Jones*, Feb, 8
David's Prayer, *Patricia Reece Roper*, Aug, 4
Dress for Primary, A, *Patricia Reece Roper*, Jan, 42
Fasting for Grandma, *Wendy Ellison*, May, 44
Great Sister, A, *Melanie Marks*, Feb, 40
Haylee Atkinson of Provo, Utah, *Kimberly Webb*, May, 17
House or a Home? A (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Jun, 12
In His Hands, *Kimberly Webb*, Jun, 46
Keep Praying, *Patricia Reece Roper*, Feb, 32
Looking for Brittany, *Tamra S. Artbur*, Oct, 18
Lost in a Blizzard, *Danny and Lindi Anderson*, Jan, 4
My Prayer Was Answered, *Thad A. Carlson*, Nov, 10
Prayer Is Answered, A, *Cherry G. Wolf*, Jun, 32
Prayer Is Important, William R. Walker (FF), *Barbara Jean Jones*, Apr, 8
Service and the Sabbath, William W. Parmley (FF), *Kimberly Webb*, Nov, 8
Shield of Faith, A (PA), Aug, 38
Teacher, Can You Help? *Patricia Reece Roper*, May, 36
Warm Feeling, A (FF), *Spencer J. Condie*, May, 8
Watching Over Wasel, *Julia Oldroyd*, Aug, 46
Wildflower and a Prayer, A, *Gayle M. Clegg*, Mar, 46
Prayer Is Answered, A, *Cherry G. Wolf*, Jun, 32
Prayer Is Important, William R. Walker (FF), *Barbara Jean Jones*, Apr, 8
PREPARATION
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Special Day, A (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Jul, 36
Treasure Map, A (PV), *Thomas S. Monson*, Sep, 2
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PRIESTHOOD
Answers to Prayer (SW), *Neal A. Maxwell*, May, 27
Daddy's Blessing, *Jane McBride Choate*, Feb, 28
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Paul and Philip Hathaway of Burien, Washington, *Richard M. Romney*, Nov, 19
Priesthood Power, *Callie Buys*, May, 7
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Priesthood Power, *Callie Buys*, May, 7
PRIMARY (see also SHARING TIME)
Acting Like Pioneers, *Shanna Butler*, Jul, 14
Beginning of a Testimony, *The Steven E. Snow (FF), Hilary M. Hendricks*, Mar, 6
Finding Happiness (PA), Apr, 42
Petey Didn't Want to Be a Sunbeam, *Lori Mortensen*, Jan, 32
Place to Sing and Pray: A Story of Faith, A, *Shauna Gibby*, Aug, 42
Primary Quilt, *The Chelsey and Wendy Ellison*, Oct, 10
Warm Feeling, A (FF), *Spencer J. Condie*, May, 8
Working for Jesus, Bonnie D. Parkin (FF), *Monica Weeks*, Jun, 8
Primary Quilt, *The Chelsey and Wendy Ellison*, Oct, 10
PROFANITY
Aren't You a Mormon? *Lisa Passey Boynton*, Apr, 12
Take Not the Name of God in Vain (PV), *Gordon B. Hinckley*, Nov, 2
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Follow the Prophet (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Oct, 14
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Hard Worker, Oct, 30

I Know Heavenly Father Loves Me (PA), Jan, 38
Living Prophet, A, *Tamra S. Artbur*, Oct, 13
Lord Speaks to Us through Prophets, *The Jennifer Hughes*, Nov, 24
Prophets Teach Me to Strengthen My Family (PA), Oct, 40
Speaking in Church, Jun, 10
Take Not the Name of God in Vain (PV), *Gordon B. Hinckley*, Nov, 2
They Spoke to Us, Jun, 26; Dec, 14
Watching Over the Flock, *Sara V. Olds*, Oct, 32
We Have to Try! *Patricia Reece Roper*, Mar, 8
Prophets Teach Me to Strengthen My Family (PA), Oct, 40

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Race, The (PV), *Thomas S. Monson*, Jun, 2
Randy's Turn, *Rachelle Pace Castor*, Nov, 32
Rasmussen, Stacey A.
Grandma's Notebook, Feb, 4
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Peanut Butter Balls, *Jane McBride Choate*, Aug, 33
Snowball Snack, *Ronda Gibb Hinrichsen*, Jan, 31
Spring Basket Cookies, Apr, 31
Remember the Sabbath Day (PA), Nov, 38
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Aren't You a Mormon? *Lisa Passey Boynton*, Apr, 12
Build Upon My Rock (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Aug, 14
Clean Again (ST), *Sheila E. Wilson*, Mar, 14
Don't Delay (SW), *Henry B. Eyring*, Jun, 43
Poison, *Emily Cannon Orgill*, Aug, 10
Repentance and the Atonement (PA), Mar, 36
Shield of Faith, A (PA), Aug, 38
Spring Cleaning (PV), *Gordon B. Hinckley*, Mar, 2
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After the New Testament, Jan, 10
Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon, Sep, 24
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Romney, Richard M.
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 More Blessed to Give (PV), *Thomas S. Monson*, Jan, 2
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 Warm Feeling, A (FF), *Spencer J. Condie*, May, 8
 Scriptures in a Suitcase, *Jennifer Jensen*, Jun, 28
 Send a Gift on a Mission, Sep, 48
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 Jessica Greenfield of Torrance, California, *Janet Thomas*, Oct, 26
 Knowing Who You Are (PV), *James E. Faust*, Jul, 2
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 Mysterious Visitors, *Valerie Ipson*, Oct, 4
 Primary Quilt, The, *Chelsey and Wendy Ellison*, Oct, 10
 Righteous Desires, Clate W. Mask Jr. (FF), *Kimberly Webb*, Oct, 8
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 Working for Jesus, Bonnie D. Parkin (FF), *Monica Weeks*, Jun, 8
 Zucchini Bandit, *Mary L. Glasco*, Jul, 44
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1. Read the First Presidency's "A Christmas Message" (pages 2–3). Then prepare the advent calendar "Christmas on Temple Square" (pages 24–25). Plan to do each of the daily activities listed. (Note that activities listed on Mondays can be incorporated into family home evenings throughout the month.)

2. In "This is Christmas!" (pages 10–12), Linda is reminded of the Savior while visiting Temple Square. What else does she learn? Discuss your family's favorite holiday traditions and how they can help remind you of the Savior.

3. Read "Christmas in the Americas" (pages 18–21) and plan to perform it. You may want to involve extended family, neighbors, or ward members as well. Afterward, serve Fudgy Oat

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4. In "A Tree for Nana" (pages 28–30), James cheers up his grandmother. Can your family think of someone who needs help? Using recipes and craft ideas from the Christmas Workshop (pages 22–23) and "Gift Tags and Ornaments" (page 42), assemble a Christmas cheer package for someone special.

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