

## Fun Cleaning the Church



I read “Dylan’s Saturday Surprise” in the June 2012 issue of the *Friend*. It made me excited to clean the church. Last Saturday was my family’s turn to clean. I went to bed early on my own the night before and woke up before my daddy on

Saturday because I was so excited to clean. I had a good day cleaning with my daddy at the church. It was fun.

**Gracie F., age 6, Texas, USA**

## How I Read the *Friend*

During Christmastime I love reading the *Friend* under the lights of the Christmas tree before bed with my mom and dad. It really helps me feel the true spirit of Christmas!

**Parker P., age 5, California, USA**



## An Unexpected Example



I’m 12 years old, and I just read the April 2013 *Friend*. The story I read is “An Unexpected Test.” I really like how the girl chose the right and obeyed the commandments.

**Louis R., age 12, Arizona, USA**

## My Favorite *Friend*



I love to read books. My favorite book is the *Friend*. I enjoy reading the stories and finding the CTR ring. I spend most of my time reading the *Friend*. I learn more from it every day. I’m thankful for the *Friend* and glad we have it.

**Brooke P., age 8, Arizona, USA**

Dear Friends,

Planning this month’s *Friend* was like packing a surprise package just for you! Inside you’ll find a song to sing, a recipe to make, a program to put on, and an advent calendar to help you count the days till Christmas. On pages 34-35 you’ll find a story about what Jesus did when He was a child.

We hope this month’s *Friend* will help you think about the Savior Jesus Christ and celebrate His birth!

Merry Christmas!

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.