Christmas is all about JESUS
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Next year will be very special for the *Friend*. It will be our 50th birthday!

Here are some fun new things to watch for next year:

- A new cartoon starring Margo and Paolo
- Collectible Church history cards
- Stories about how the Apostles minister around the world

And starting in January, the magazine will reach more children than ever before, in **27 countries** and **48 languages**. We hope this will help our readers feel like a stronger part of the worldwide Primary.

P.S. Send us a picture of you reading or holding your *Friend* magazine and tell us what you like about it!
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Heavenly Father gave us His Son, Jesus Christ. And Jesus gave His life for us so we can live with Him again. This is the greatest of all gifts. Jesus gave us this gift freely.

You may want to give a gift to Jesus. What gifts can you give Him?

And there is still something more you can give Him. All around you, there are people He loves who you can help.

I pray that we will freely give, as Jesus did. ●

Adapted from “Gifts of Love,” Brigham Young University devotional, Dec. 1980.
Service Snowflake

We can give a gift to Jesus by serving others. Make a service snowflake to remind you to serve others.

1. Cut out the circle.
2. Fold the circle in half along one of the lines. Then fold it in half again, and then again.
3. Cut along the outside of the person. Do not cut the sides of the feet and hands.
4. Unfold the paper and write on each person the name of someone you can serve.

See Come, Follow Me for Christmas.
By Jane McBride
(Based on a true story)

“Have a happy family Christmas! . . . Wrap your hearts in love this year” (Children’s Songbook, 51).

Anna’s heart sank as she walked into the room and saw the Christmas tree. The water heater in their house had burst, and water was all over the floor. Dad was still trying to clean up the mess. The few presents under the tree were completely soaked.

Anna and her little brothers grabbed some towels and tried to dry the presents. But it didn’t really work. They were a soggy mess. Anna’s family was going through a hard time. Her dad didn’t have a job right now. Her mom was going to have a baby soon, and she felt sick a lot. And now they wouldn’t have any presents for Christmas.

That night as Anna got ready for bed, she could
hear Mom and Dad talking in the kitchen.

“What are we going to do?” Mom asked. It sounded like she was crying. “We don’t have enough money for the house payment, and now we don’t even have presents for the kids.” Anna had an empty, twisty feeling in her stomach.

“We’ll figure something out,” Dad said.

Anna walked into the kitchen. Mom reached out and gave her a big hug. With her arms around Mom’s tummy, Anna felt the baby move. She smiled. “We have a new baby coming. You always say that a baby is a miracle.”

Mom smiled back. “That’s right. We have a lot to be grateful for.”

“We have each other,” Dad said. He kissed the top of Anna’s head. “It’ll be OK.”

On the way to her room, Anna heard her brothers crying. She sat down on David’s bed.

“Everyone is so sad,” David said quietly.

“And we won’t have any presents,” Robbie said, sniffling.

“It’ll be OK,” Anna said again. “You’ll see.”

Before she got into bed, Anna knelt and asked Heavenly Father what she could do for her family. She didn’t have any money to buy presents, but she still had a warm, comforting feeling in her heart.

The next morning, she stayed in bed thinking for a few minutes before getting ready for school. Then an idea came to her! That afternoon she hurried home and did her chores and homework. Then she found some paper and string and a few markers and stickers she had gotten for her birthday. She took them all to her room and closed the door.

Anna almost laughed when she thought about how surprised her family would be. First she folded the paper and tied it together with string to make four booklets. She chose a star sticker to put on Mom’s booklet and a planet for Dad’s. She put a dog for David’s booklet and a rocket for Robbie’s.

Then Anna started drawing. For Mom she drew a picture of herself sweeping the floor. She drew a picture of herself cooking dinner with Dad, one of her playing soccer with David, and one of her reading a book to Robbie. It took her several days to fill each booklet with pictures.

Finally it was Christmas Eve, and Anna carefully placed her booklets under the tree.

The next morning, she gave each person in her family a booklet. “I like these pictures,” David said. “I like playing soccer.”

“They’re not just pictures,” Anna said with a sparkle in her eyes. “They’re coupons! The pictures all show things I’ll do for you.”

“This is the nicest gift you could have given us,” Mom said as she looked through her booklet. Anna was thankful that Heavenly Father helped her think of making Christmas coupons. A new baby was coming, and with Heavenly Father’s help, everything really would be OK. ●

The author lives in Colorado, USA.

Illustrations by Chris Danger; scissors photo by Getty Images

See Come, Follow Me for Moroni 7–9 and Christmas.
A Gift for Jesus
For Moroni 1–6

Sing “Help Me, Dear Father” (Children’s Songbook, 99).

Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ gave us many gifts. Jesus gave His life so we can repent. He gave us the sacrament so we can remember Him. He gave us the Holy Ghost to help us. (See Moroni 4–5.)

On a piece of paper draw or write down a gift you can give to Jesus. You can turn to page 2 for some ideas! Hang your paper up where you can see it this week.

Christmas Coins
For Moroni 7–9

Sing “Love One Another” (Children’s Songbook, 136).

Moroni wrote that “charity is the pure love of Christ” (Moroni 7:47). We have charity when we show love to others, like Jesus did.

Read “I Can Give a Little Too” on page FJ8. Then do a service project of your own! Decorate a box or jar to collect some coins. Use the money to help someone in need.
**TREAT TIME**

**Cranberry-Orange Smoothie**

Place 1/2 cup frozen cranberries, 1/2 cup frozen strawberries, 1 small banana, 1 1/4 cups orange juice, and 1/2 cup milk in blender and blend until smooth. Serves two.

**Popcorn Snowballs**

Melt 4 tablespoons butter and 6 cups marshmallows in microwave, stirring every 25 seconds. Mix with 12 cups popped popcorn and stir until coated completely.

After popcorn cools enough to touch, form into 10 balls and place on a greased cookie sheet. Refrigerate until set.

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**Light the World**

For Christmas

Sing “Away in a Manger” (Children’s Songbook, 42–43).

**Read about Christmas** in the Book of Mormon! Turn to page 26 to read “Samuel and the Star.” You can also read about it in the scriptures in Helaman 13 through 3 Nephi 1.

**You can help** light the world, just like the star did when Jesus was born! Use page 19 to do an activity and sing a song to remember Jesus each day this week.

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**Book of Mormon Chain**

For Moroni 10

Sing “Search, Ponder, and Pray” (Children’s Songbook, 109).

**In the last chapter** of the Book of Mormon, Moroni teaches how we can gain a testimony that it’s true (see Moroni 10:3–5). On page 23, you can read how our friend Damon learned this for himself.

**Make** a Book of Mormon chain! Cut strips out of colored paper. On each one, write something you learned this year from the Book of Mormon. Then tape the strips together in a chain and hang it up!

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**Hey, Parents and Primary Leaders!**

Here are some things to look for in 2021:

- A worldwide invitation for kids to follow Jesus by helping others
- Collectible Church history cards
- Scripture stories from the Doctrine and Covenants for young readers
- More stories and activities from around the world
Check out a new section of the Gospel Library app just for you! Listen to stories, watch scripture videos, meet new friends around the world, and more!

Find the children’s section under Audiences in the Gospel Library app and online.
Jesus came to earth as a baby, so we celebrate **CHRISTMAS**.

Jesus came to earth after He was resurrected, so we celebrate **EASTER**.

Jesus came to earth to teach Joseph Smith, so we celebrate the **RESTORATION**.

Jesus will come to earth again, and we will celebrate His **SECOND COMING**!
Hello from France!

There are almost 40,000 members of the Church in France! The temple in Paris, France, was finished in May 2017.

This is a Book of Mormon in French.

France is famous for its breads and cheeses. Many people buy fresh baguettes from boulangeries (bakeries) every day.

Salut! We’re Margo and Paolo!

We’re traveling around the world to learn about children of God. Join us as we visit France!
Meet some of our friends from France!

I love everything about Primary—the songs, the teachers, the activities, and the things I learn about Jesus Christ. I look forward to Primary every week.

Julien B., age 10, Haute-Garonne, France

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In southern France, people prepare for Christmas by making a “crèche,” or nativity scene. The scene is full of people waiting for Jesus Christ to be born. On Christmas Eve, they put the statue of baby Jesus in the crèche!

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“Jesus, once of humble birth, now in glory comes to earth” (Hymns, no. 196).

“Mama, look at this one!” Joshua pointed to the Christmas tree. It was tall and skinny, with perfect green needles.

Mama paused and looked at the price tag. She shook her head. “No, I don’t think so.”

Joshua sighed and kept walking. The market was crowded with stalls of food and Christmas trees. It was crowded with families buying trees and ingredients to make delicious treats, like bûche de Noël (Yule log cake). Mama had brought Joshua with her to buy some food, but he couldn’t keep his eyes off the Christmas trees. Some of the trees were tall and thin. Others were short and round. Joshua even saw one that was just his height!

Mama said they didn’t have a lot of money this year. They probably wouldn’t be able to buy a tree. That made Joshua a little sad. Whenever he went to the marketplace with Mama, he kept looking for the
perfect Christmas tree. Maybe, just maybe, they could find a tree to take home.

Joshua held Mama’s hand as they walked to the next row of trees. Joshua gasped. There it was—the perfect tree!

He ran ahead and put a hand on the tree. It wasn’t very green. It was missing clumps of needles. It wasn’t too tall. In fact, it was bent far over, like an old man leaning on a cane.

“Mama, it’s perfect!” Joshua said. “Can we take it home? Please?”

Mama glanced at the price tag. “Well, it’s not too many euros. And I think we can fit it in the car.”

Joshua could hardly wait. He kept playing with the sleeves of his coat as he waited for Mama to pay for the tree. Then a nice man helped them place the tree in the car. When they were finally home, his stepbrother, Matthieu, and Papa helped take the tree from the car.

They carried the tree inside and set it in the corner of their front room.

“First, we need to do the lights,” Matthieu said.

It was hard to hang the lights up since the tree was so bent over. Matthieu put the lights on the top. Joshua put them on the bottom. Next they hung the ornaments. Finally Papa helped Joshua place the star on the top.

Papa plugged in the lights and put an arm around Mama. Joshua smiled at the tree. The tree’s lights made the whole room feel warm and cozy. He sat underneath the tree and looked up at the brightly colored ornaments. The tree didn’t look as bent over and sad now. It was beautiful. It was perfect.

“It’s a perfect Jesus tree,” Joshua said.

“What do you mean?” Mama asked.

“Our tree is just like Jesus,” Joshua said. “Jesus was born in a poor, dirty manger. Our tree was poor and sad in the marketplace. But now the tree is beautiful and grand, just like how Jesus is our glorious King.”

“Our perfect Jesus tree,” Papa said. “I love that.”

Joshua smiled. This was going to be a very special Christmas.

This story took place in France. Turn to page 10 to learn more about that country.

See Come, Follow Me for Christmas.
PRAYING FOR MAX

By Elder W. Mark Bassett
Of the Seventy

When I was six, an older couple in our ward wanted to find a good home for their dog, Max. They knew our family would love Max. So we adopted him!

A few weeks later, some of our friends came to stay with us for a few days. Our house was full of playful children running all over.

But Max was used to a nice, quiet home. Being in a house full of noisy children made him very nervous. One day when we were playing and laughing, we suddenly realized that Max was gone!

We looked everywhere for Max. I was near tears as my mom drove us all over the neighborhood. We even checked with Max’s first owners. But he was nowhere to be found.

When we got home, someone said, "Let’s pray for Max!" We knelt in a circle and said a simple prayer. We asked Heavenly Father for ideas for where to look for Max.

Just as we said “amen,” a bark came from the closet! It was Max!

Heavenly Father knows each of us and loves us. Answers to our prayers may not always come right away. And Heavenly Father may not always answer our prayers in exactly the way we want. But that’s how we grow in faith and patience.

If you have any problems or just want to talk, Heavenly Father will always hear you! ●

From an interview with Linda Davies.
Find the Match!

Can you find the two dogs that look the same?
“For unto us a child is born” (2 Nephi 19:6).

Rose bounced on her toes as she peeked out the window. Their friends would be here any minute!

Every year at Christmastime, Rose and her family acted out the Nativity. They always invited people to come over and join them. This time they had invited their neighbors and the missionaries! Rose was excited because their neighbors had a baby to be baby Jesus.

Everything was almost ready. Mom was taking the treats out of the oven. Rose’s little brothers had picked up all their toys. Ellen was getting the costumes. And Rose had even taped a big, yellow star to the wall for decoration.

“Rose,” Mom called from the kitchen. “Can you help Ellen get the costumes ready?”
“OK, Mom!” Rose turned to help her sister, who was carrying an armful of blankets.

“We have blankets, towels, and dress-up clothes from the closet,” Ellen said. “We can even use this basket as a pretend manger.” She handed Rose a big basket. Rose put a soft blanket inside it for the baby.

“Perfect,” said Rose.

Rose’s little brother Jack pulled a gray blanket over his head and made a funny face. “Can I be the donkey?”

Rose laughed. “No, silly! You wanted to be a Wise Man, remember?”

“Oh yeah!” said Jack. He grabbed the toy crown and put it on his head.

Then there was a knock at the door.

“They’re here!” Rose said. “I’ll get it.”

Soon the house was full of happy people. Rose helped everyone get their costumes on. The sister missionaries were the shepherds. Her brothers and sister were the Wise Men. The cute baby was baby Jesus, and his parents were Mary and Joseph.

Rose put on a soft, white hat. She was a sheep.

Finally everyone was dressed and ready to go. Elder and Sister Yancey, a missionary couple from their ward, opened the New Testament to the Nativity story. They read the verses out loud. Everyone acted out their part.

At the end of the story, everyone sang “Silent Night.” Rose felt warm and happy. She knew she was feeling the Holy Ghost. It felt like Jesus was close to her heart.

After the song, Mom played the video “Samuel and the Star.”* Ellen said a prayer. Then they brought out the treats. Everyone had fun visiting.

“So, what was your favorite part?” Sister Yancey asked.

“I liked singing the song,” Ellen said. “And playing with baby Jesus.” Ellen bounced the baby on her lap. She had been playing with him ever since the song ended.

“I liked bringing Jesus gifts,” Jack said. He was still wearing the pretend crown.

“What about you, Rose?”

Rose spread her arms out wide. “I liked everything!” she said in a loud voice. “But most of all, I liked having everyone here to celebrate Jesus. Because that’s what Christmas is all about.”

The author lives in Texas, USA.

* See pages 26–27 to read this story about Jesus’s birth.
Samuel Tells of the Baby Jesus

(Simplified)

Words by Mabel Jones Gabbott
Music by Grietje Terburg Rowley

Simply  $\frac{4}{4} = 96–104$

Samuel Tells of the Baby Jesus

1. Said Samuel, “With in five years A night will be as day, And
   Baby Jesus will be born In a land far, far a way,”

2. A cross the sea, in Beth-le-hem, Lord Jesus came to earth As
   Samuel had prophesied, And angels sang His birth.

Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na! Oh, let us gladly sing. How

blessed that our Lord was born; Let earth receive her King!

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Watch a sing-along video for this song at children.ChurchofJesusChrist.org. Click on “Videos.”
Jesus brought light and love to the whole world. Here are some activities to help you feel and share His light. Color the numbered areas after you do each activity.

2. Make a Christmas card for someone and sing “Away in a Manger” (Hymns, no. 206).
4. Do a kind deed for someone and sing “He Sent His Son” (Children's Songbook, 34–35).
6. Read Matthew 2:1–11 and sing “With Wondering Awe” (Hymns, no. 210).
7. Talk about how you feel about the birth of Jesus Christ and sing “Silent Night” (Hymns, no. 204).
When there were fires in my country, I was eager to fast for rain and for help when our Church leaders asked us to. I wrote messages to the firefighters to tell them thank you. I felt the Holy Ghost.

Lana W., age 9, Tasmania, Australia

I made dog toys and cat beds from towels and fleece for the local animal shelter. When I delivered the toys and beds, I got to see the animals who were waiting to be adopted. I felt happy that I helped.

Tommy F., age 9, Washington, USA

I know that the Book of Mormon is from God.

Jeremias P., age 9, Tacuarembó, Uruguay

I like to read the Book of Mormon because I learn about Jesus and feel His love.

Brianna L., age 5, Valle del Cauca, Colombia

The Book of Mormon teaches me about Jesus and helps me be a good example to my little brothers.

Luke M., age 7, Mississippi, USA

Fae H., age 9, North Carolina, USA

Collin S., age 7, Colorado, USA
Every year, my family and I make Christmas treats and deliver them. It makes me happy to know that we made someone smile. I am grateful that Jesus was born.

Camden R., age 11, Texas, USA

We were part of a community Nativity!

Scarlett and Sergio C., ages 6 and 8, Texas, USA

Our Primary class in Greater Accra Region, Ghana, had fun learning about the commandments and holding to the iron rod!

Maria Clara B., age 8, São Paulo, Brazil

Dylan T., age 9, California, USA

Robyn, Matthew, Peter, Amber, and Katie F., ages 11, 6, 4, 10, and 8, Alabama, USA

Find more art online at childart.ChurchofJesusChrist.org.
Find It!

The members of Sister Mendez’s ward are helping her paint her fence! Find 11 paintbrushes or rollers and 11 paint buckets or pans. Then find the other hidden objects.
Our family has a tradition when we go to bed at night. We have a spiritual time where we read something from the scriptures or the Friend, sing a Primary song, and say a prayer together.

We decided to read the Book of Mormon children’s book with pictures. The last chapter talks about Moroni putting the gold plates in a stone box and burying them in the ground for someone to find someday. He wrote a promise to whoever reads the plates that if they ask Heavenly Father about the words written on the gold plates, they will find out the words are true and come from Heavenly Father.

At the end of the book, there’s a painting of a little boy kneeling by his bed, praying. Dad showed us the picture and told us that when he was young, he also prayed about the Book of Mormon and found out that it was true. He said that Heavenly Father doesn’t usually speak to us with words. Instead, He speaks to our hearts and minds with feelings from the Holy Ghost.

After we finished reading, we sang a Primary song. Then I asked Dad if I could be the one to say the prayer. I knelt next to my bed with my dad and my little brother. During the prayer, I asked Heavenly Father if the Book of Mormon is true. I felt warm inside and very good.

After the prayer I told my dad how I felt. He told me that he felt the same way and that Heavenly Father was speaking to us to let us know that what we just read was true.

That’s how I know the scriptures are true.
Book of Mormon
ART SHOW
Thank you for sharing your Book of Mormon art all year!

1. Felipe L., age 8, São Paulo, Brazil
2. Chloe D., age 8, Queensland, Australia
3. Fernanda A., age 10, Chihuahua, Mexico
4. Slade A., age 9, Idaho, USA
5. Lizzie P., age 8, Pennsylvania, USA
6. Charlotte B., age 7, Tennessee, USA
7. Emma S., age 8, Anzoátegui, Venezuela
8. Jacob A., age 10, Alberta, Canada
9. Lauren S., age 9, Washington, USA
10. Anahí F., age 8, Canelones, Uruguay
11. Martin S., age 5, Jujuy, Argentina
12. Will B., age 8, Utah, USA
13. Johannes H., age 10, Florida, USA
14. Andie S., age 7, Nevada, USA
15. Inãs S., age 9, Centro, Portugal
16. Kayla S., age 9, California, USA
Many ancient years ago, and far from Galilee, a man of God named Samuel gave a prophecy.

He told the people many things about our Savior’s birth. He spoke to them of Jesus Christ and how He’d come to earth.

The people didn’t listen. Their hearts were full of doubt. So they took Samuel to the city gate and threw him out.

But Samuel would not give up. He had to let them know. He climbed atop the city wall and called to them below.

“In just five years the Lord will come, upon a starlit night, to save mankind from all their sins and give the world His light.”
“And even though it’s in five years, and though it’s far away, the sun will set, the night begin, but be as bright as day.”

The faithful waited, breathlessly, in hopes they would behold—the star, the light, the promises, more precious far than gold.

Then in five years, in Bethlehem, Christ lay in a manger stall. They saw the light and knew He’d come, their Savior, Lord of all.

And as it always comes to pass, when prophets are so bold, the Lord fulfils His promises, like Samuel’s made of old.

You can watch this video in the Gospel Media library in the “Inspiration” collection. Or read the account in Helaman 13–15; 3 Nephi 1:13–15, 21.
Wow!

Oooh!

Sigh

Beautiful!

Every year the Coopers love to see the Christmas lights in the town square.

Oooh!

Watch out!

Looks like there’s a puddle ahead.

Whoa!

That’s actually a big hole! Without this light, one of us could have been hurt!

I love the lights that—

I think those are some of the reasons Jesus is called the Light of the World.

I love the lights that—

I think those are some of the reasons Jesus is called the Light of the World.

Christmas lights make me feel happy and peaceful.

Light helps keep us safe too.

May the true Light of Christmas shine brightly in your life—now and always!

Love from the Cooper family and your friends at the *Friend*.
I’LL MAKE THE WORLD BRIGHTER

Words by Larry Hiller
Music by Michael F. Moody

I’ll Make the World Brighter

Cheerfully  \( \frac{1}{4} = 42–48 \)

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Elder Ulisses Soares
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

Elder Soares turned 62 years old this year! His birthday was October 2.

His parents joined the Church when he was six years old. His family first attended church above a bakery. He loved going to church and smelling fresh-baked bread.

He and his wife, Rosana, have three children and five grandchildren.

“Remember . . . always that hope is an important part of the gospel plan.”

Elder Ulisses Soares


He was born in Brazil, and his native language is Portuguese. He can also communicate with people in English, Spanish, and French.
Family History Corner
Write a letter to your future self.
Put it somewhere safe, and open it at the end of 2021!

A Look Inside the Temple
Temples have beautiful chandeliers that sparkle with light. Light reminds us of Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the World.
The temple in this picture was dedicated this year. Unscramble the letters to find out what country it’s in.

Brain Teaser
What is so delicate that saying its name will break it? (See page 39.) Thanks to Elanor J for sending this in!

Secret Service
• Give awards to people who do nice things for you. (Example: Best Hug Award.)
• Leave a kind note in a library book for someone to find!
• Hold the door open for someone behind you.

A Look Inside the Temple
Temple

A Christmas Song for Grandpa

What’s on Your Mind?

Church Choice
When I lived in Hong Kong, a lot of kids didn’t go to church. One day a really good friend of mine invited me to his birthday party. It was on Sunday. I chose to go to church instead, and I felt really happy about my decision. Even though it can be hard, I will always keep the Sabbath day holy.

Isaac M., age 10, Utah, USA

Art Challenge
Draw a diamond using the letter “v.” Thanks to Ander H. for the idea!

Teaser Hint:
The city is called Durban! (See page 39.)

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A Christmas Song for Grandpa

Illustrations by Nicole Walkenhorst
Hermann Mössner was nervous as he walked into the chapel. He and his friends from the English prison camp were still in their uniforms, marked with the letters “P.O.W.” Everyone knew those letters stood for “prisoner of war.” What would the members of the branch think? Would they see him as their enemy?

Hermann was from Germany. After being forced to fight in World War II, he had been captured by British soldiers and sent to the prison camp. This was the first time he’d been allowed to go to church since being captured.

Hermann took a deep breath as he sat down on one of the benches. He could see the branch president, George Camm, sitting at the front. President Camm was Hermann’s friend. Seeing him smile made Hermann feel better.

Several months ago, President Camm came to visit Hermann at camp after hearing that he was the only member of the Church there. At first Hermann was a little worried. Would President Camm hate him? Their countries had fought against each other in the war, after all.

But when Hermann and President Camm met, they smiled and shook hands. Then they prayed together. They sang songs and talked about the gospel. They even took the sacrament together.
“I love you, my brother,” Hermann said when President Camm had to leave. He saw tears in President Camm’s eyes as he waved goodbye.

After that, President Camm visited Hermann every Saturday. During the rest of the week, Hermann did his best to live the gospel. He shared his testimony with the other prisoners while they worked in the fields. He answered their questions while they carved wood after a long day’s work. Sometimes he prayed with them.

“Hey, Hermann,” one of the prisoners had said one night. “Could I join you and Mr. Camm on Saturday?”

Hermann looked up from the block of wood he was carving. He smiled. “Of course!”

“May I too?” another prisoner asked.

Hermann and President Camm were very excited to teach more of the prisoners. Soon some of them even wanted to be baptized!

And now, as Hermann looked around the chapel at the families waiting for church to start, he felt peace. Some members were nervous around Hermann at first. But soon everyone came to trust him. The other prisoners who wanted to learn about the gospel got permission to leave camp to go to church with Hermann on Sundays. Later, Hermann was even called to be the branch Sunday School president.

Time passed, and Christmas got closer. Hermann wanted to do something to thank the members who had been so kind to him. Then he had an idea! It was almost time for the branch Christmas party. Hermann gathered more blocks of wood and started carving. One by one, he turned the blocks into little cars, elephants, planes, trains, and horses.

Finally the day of the party arrived. Everyone ate food and sang Christmas songs together. Hermann and his friends from camp sang Christmas songs in German.

Then Hermann pulled out a big bag. Inside were 40 wooden toys! Hermann gave one to each Primary child. It was a Christmas they would never forget.

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See *Come, Follow Me* for Moroni 7–9 and Christmas.
Food and Fun: NATIVITY EDITION!

Want to bring a little more Christmas into your home? Make your own Nativity set. There are lots of ways to do this. Here are four ideas to get you started! Be sure to get an adult’s help with cooking.

PAINTING ROCKS

Collect rocks of different shapes and sizes. Wash and dry them. Then use paints and markers to make different people and things from the Nativity!

A NATIVITY TREAT

What foods can you use to make a Nativity scene? Popcorn for sheep? Marshmallows to make people? Graham crackers as stable walls? You could use peanut butter or toothpicks to hold it all together. (Just remember to wash your hands before working with food so you can eat it later!)
SALT-DOUGH ORNAMENTS

4 cups flour
1 cup salt
1 1/2 cups warm water
paint and paintbrushes
string

1. Mix the flour, salt, and water in a bowl. Knead it for 10 minutes. Then roll it out thinly on a floured surface.
2. Now cut out different shapes of the people and things in the Nativity. Poke a small circle in the top so you can hang it.
3. Bake the shapes at 300°F (150ºC) for 30 minutes. Let them cool. Then paint away!
4. After the paint has dried, slip a string through the hole in the top and hang up your ornaments.

NEED IDEAS?
Here are some of the important people and things you could have in your Nativity scene:

Mary
Joseph
Baby Jesus
Wise Men
Shepherds
Star
Sheep
Manger
Stable

NO-BAKE SHEEP GRAHAMS

Want a treat while you make your Nativity? Try these fun sheep grahams!

peanut butter or frosting
graham cracker squares
chocolate chips
mini marshmallows
candy eyes (optional)

1. Spread peanut butter or frosting across a graham cracker square.
2. Place a few chocolate chips in the middle of the cracker for the head. Surround the chocolate with marshmallows.
3. Dot peanut butter or frosting on the back of the candy eyes, then place in the middle of the chocolate piece. Enjoy!

Send us pictures of what you make! See how on page 39.
Jennifer twirled in front of her bedroom mirror in her sparkly red Christmas dress. She pictured herself standing center stage under the bright spotlights and giggled with excitement. She couldn’t wait to sing in the community Christmas program tonight!

Jennifer loved to sing. She especially loved singing Christmas songs! She had spent a lot of time practicing with her mom at the piano to get ready for her big solo. And now the day was finally here!

She hummed happily as she brushed her fingers through her curly hair. Then there was a quiet knock at the door.

“Come in!”

Mom opened it and stepped inside. Her eyes looked a little puffy. Jennifer could tell that she had been crying.

“What’s wrong, Mom?” Jennifer asked.

Mom put her arm around Jennifer’s shoulder. They sat down on the bed.

“Grandma just called,” Mom said softly.
The Savior was born to give us light and hope,” Mom said. “Even when we are sad.”

“Grandpa Hoyt passed away.”

Jennifer couldn’t stop the tears that immediately came rolling down her cheeks. She loved Grandpa Hoyt! Jennifer had visited him nearly every day. They played his favorite games, watched old shows on TV, or just talked. He had been sick for a long time and used an oxygen machine to breathe. But she couldn’t believe that he was really gone.

Mom pulled Jennifer into a tight hug while Jennifer sobbed.

“You don’t have to sing tonight if you don’t want to,” Mom said in a quiet voice. She wiped away some of Jennifer’s tears.

Jennifer nodded. Maybe Mom was right. Jennifer missed Grandpa so much it made her heart hurt. Maybe she didn’t feel up to singing anymore.

Mom wiped away some tears of her own. “I guess this gives us a special chance to remember why we really celebrate Christmas,” she said. “The Savior was born to give us light and hope. Even when we are sad.”

Jennifer took a deep breath. “And because Jesus was resurrected, Grandpa Hoyt will be resurrected too,” she said bravely. “Because of Jesus, we’ll see him again.”

Mom gave Jennifer’s hand a squeeze. “That’s exactly right, sweetheart.”

Jennifer felt like a warm, fuzzy blanket had been wrapped around her. She knew it was the Holy Ghost testifying that what she said was true.

Suddenly Jennifer had an idea. “I want to share the light and hope Jesus gives us,” Jennifer said. She was determined. “I’m going to sing for Grandpa.”

Mom smiled through her tears. “I’m sure that would make both Jesus and Grandpa Hoyt very happy.”

“Can we say a prayer?” Jennifer asked.

Mom nodded, and the two of them knelt down by the bed. Mom prayed for Jennifer to have comfort, strength, and courage to sing.

After saying “amen,” Jennifer wrapped her arms around Mom in a big hug. “Thanks, Mom.”

When it was time to go on stage, Jennifer squared her shoulders. She smiled as she walked up to the microphone under the bright lights. The music started playing. Jennifer felt peace. And in her best singing voice, she sang about Jesus—the One who made it possible for her to see Grandpa Hoyt again.

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See Come, Follow Me for Moroni 7-9 and Christmas.
Dear Distracted,

Giving and getting presents is fun! But the real joy of Christmas comes because of our Savior Jesus Christ. Serving others and learning more about Him can help you feel that joy! The game below has lots of ideas. You could play it with your friends or family.

Merry Christmas!

The Friend

Play Christmas Bingo!

Can you do five in a row?

1. WRITE a poem about Jesus.
2. LEARN how another culture celebrates.
3. DO a secret act of kindness.
4. WRITE a letter to a missionary.
5. CLEAN UP without being asked.
6. READ someone a Christmas story.
7. MAKE a treat for someone.
8. SHARE a scripture about Jesus.
9. VISIT someone who is lonely.
10. SAY a prayer for someone.
11. DRAW or make a Nativity scene.
12. WRITE someone a thank-you note.
13. CHRISTMAS BINGO
14. MAKE a treat for someone.
15. SHARE your testimony.
16. DO a secret act of kindness.
18. DO an extra chore.
19. MAKE someone a Christmas card.
20. CALL a family member who lives far away.
21. GIVE someone a homemade gift.
22. DRAW what Christmas means to you.
23. INVITE a friend to a Church activity.
24. DO a secret act of kindness.
25. DONATE something to charity.

What other ideas can you come up with?
Please send your submission to:
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Or email: friend@ChurchofJesusChrist.org

The following information and permission must be included:

First and last name
Age    Boy/Girl    State/Province, Country

I give my permission to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to use my child's submission and photo on the Church websites and social media platforms as well as for Church reports, print products, video, publications, and training materials.

Signature of parent or legal guardian
Date

Email of parent or legal guardian

May the Friend contact you with a survey?

■ Yes    ■ No

FUNSTUFF ANSWERS
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HIDDEN CTR RINGS
Did you find the rings?
Look on pages FJ8, 16, and 37.

How to Write to the Friend
To send us a letter, drawing, poem, or story . . .

1. Fill out the form below and send it in with your story or artwork, and include a school picture or other high-resolution photo.

2. We might edit your submission, and we can't return it to you.
THE SACRAMENT

Read the sacrament prayers in Moroni 4:3 and 5:2 out loud. Each time you get to Jesus Christ’s name, pause and prompt your little ones say it. Explain that the sacrament is about Jesus. You could also watch a video at BibleVideos.org about Jesus sharing the sacrament with His disciples.

FOR Moroni 1–6

CHARITY AND LOVE

Read Moroni 7:47 together and help your little ones say, “Charity is the pure love of Christ.” Explain that charity is another word for love. Think of someone who needs extra love right now. Then cut out and decorate paper hearts together. You could secretly tape the hearts on their front door or find another way to deliver the hearts to them.

FOR Moroni 7–9

THE HOLY GHOST

Read Moroni 10:5 together and help your little ones say, “The Holy Ghost helps me know what is true.” Some children mistakenly think the Holy Ghost is a spooky ghost. Explain that the Holy Ghost is a real person, like Heavenly Father and Jesus. He helps us have comforting, warm, happy feelings. You could cuddle up together in a blanket and watch the sing-along video for “The Holy Ghost” at children.ChurchofJesusChrist.org.

FOR Moroni 10

CELEBRATING CHRIST

Here are some toddler-friendly Christmas resources you could print from past Friend issues. Merry Christmas!

Action rhyme: “In the Stable” (Dec. 2019)
Coloring page: “I bring you good tidings of great joy” (Dec. 2018)
Illustrated story: “Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem” (Dec. 2017)

FOR Christmas

Illustration by Apryl Stott
Hi, Friends!

I made the stable in Bethlehem.
Eli, age 5, Almaty, Kazakhstan

I love going to church to learn new Primary songs!
Mackenzie, age 3, Nevada, USA

I like to help my little brother! I love following Jesus.
Tory, age 4, Wyoming, USA

I made goals to pray, share toys, eat healthy, and read.
Gray, age 5, Rizal, Philippines
The Christmas Play

Mark learns about when Jesus was born.

Nana and Papa tell the story.

Mark and Sarah put on costumes.

Mark is Joseph. Sarah is Mary.

Bo is dressed as baby Jesus.

Mark loves to learn about Jesus!
Getting Ready for the Nativity

Circle the things Mark and Sarah could use for their play!

See Come, Follow Me for Christmas.
The prophet Mormon put together a book about Jesus. He wrote it on gold plates. Before he died, Mormon asked his son Moroni to take care of the book.
Moroni did what his father asked. He kept the plates safe. Sometimes he had to hide from wicked people. He was often lonely. But he knew the book was very important.

Jesus showed Moroni how the book would help many people in our time. Moroni added his testimony to the plates. He wrote to us as if we were there with him.

God told Moroni to bury the plates to keep them safe. Many years later, Joseph Smith translated them. Now they are printed as the Book of Mormon.
The Book of Mormon was written for me! It can help me with any problem.
It is a gift from God.

Read about this in Mormon 8 and the introduction to the Book of Mormon.
COLORING PAGE

The Book of Mormon Is for Me!

What did you learn from the Book of Mormon this year?
At church, Trent heard about some families that needed help for Christmas. They didn’t have money to buy presents. Trent wanted to help them have a happy Christmas! He wanted to help them, like Jesus would.

When they got home from church, Trent told Mom his idea. “I want to make a box. All of us can put a little money in it. Then we can give the money to people who need it.”

“I think that’s a great idea!” Mom said.
Trent wrapped an empty shoebox in bright paper. He cut a hole in the lid. Then he dropped in three coins. *Plunk, plunk, plunk.* It wasn’t very much, but it was all he had.

Then his brother and sister put in their coins too. Now they had more coins.

That night Trent prayed that Heavenly Father could help him buy presents for the other families. He wanted to help lots of people.

The next day, Trent’s aunt came to visit. He told her his plan. She wanted to help too! She dropped some coins in the Christmas box.

Soon friends and neighbors learned about Trent’s Christmas box. Each one said, “I can give a little too.” They handed Trent jars of coins they had saved up. Trent and his family were so happy. Trent loved adding the coins to the box.

Finally the box was full. It was heavy. Mom said there was enough money to help four families! Trent’s eyes got big. Heavenly Father had helped him. And now Trent could help lots of people. Together, everyone’s little coins made a big difference!

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