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the Friend

Following Jesus Together

All about
BAPTISM!

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Dear Friends,

This issue is all about the blessings of being baptized! It's one of the best things you will ever do. You promise to follow Jesus Christ. You become a member of His Church. And when you are confirmed, you have the Holy Ghost to guide you on your path back to Heavenly Father. How many pages about baptism and the Holy Ghost can you find in this issue?

We love you,
The *Friend*

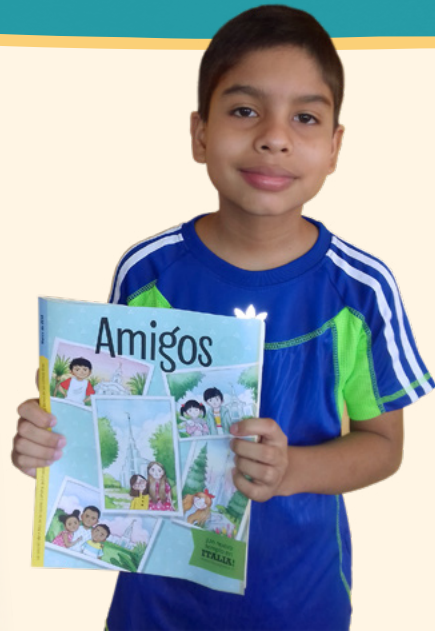
P.S. We made a mistake in the December issue. Starting in 2021, the *Friend* will go to children in about 150 countries and in 48 languages!



I LOVE TO SEE THE TEMPLE

We missed going to the temple when it was closed because of COVID-19. So I built one for us at home!

Eliam P., age 10, North Brabant, Netherlands



WHERE I READ THE FRIEND

Daniel C., age 12, Zulia, Venezuela, reads the *Friend* in Spanish. He likes to give the magazine to his friends!



LEARNING TO PRAY

I loved making the forest scene and learning about Enos (March 2020). I learned I can pray anytime.

Bethany S., age 6, Tasmania, Australia

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COME,
FOLLOW ME

These stories and activities support this month's *Come, Follow Me* lessons at home and in Primary. Find more resources at lessonshelps.ChurchofJesusChrist.org.

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Find 3 Hidden CTR Rings

Hard: Lost and then found.

Harder: Through the loop.

Hardest: Holds her braid.

Here is the CTR ring in Mongolian!





By President
Dallin H. Oaks
First Counselor in
the First Presidency

Your Baptism Covenant

A **covenant** is a promise that you make with God.



**What do
we promise
Heavenly Father
when we are
baptized?**

We promise to take Jesus Christ's name upon us, to serve Him, and to keep His commandments.



**What does
it mean to
take Jesus's
name upon
us?**

1. It means we become members of His Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
2. It means we tell others about our belief in Jesus Christ. We can tell our friends, our neighbors, and others about Him.
3. It means we serve Him and help do His work.

See *Come, Follow Me* for Doctrine and Covenants 12–13; Joseph Smith—History 1:66–75.

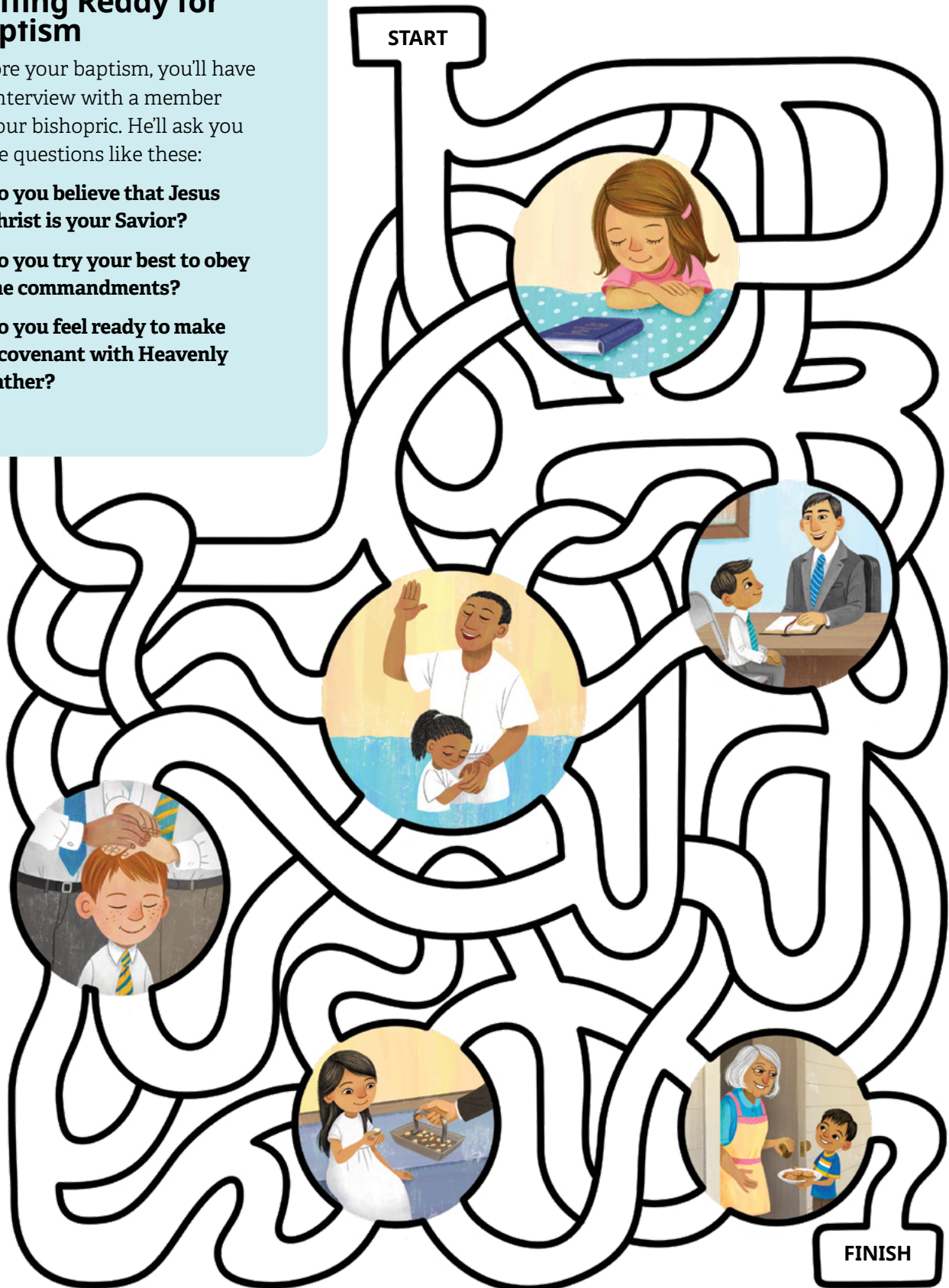
Adapted from "Taking upon Us the Name of Jesus Christ," *Ensign*, May 1985, 80–83.

Follow the maze through each picture to see how you can take Jesus's name upon you. (Hint: Don't cross over any black lines.)

Getting Ready for Baptism

Before your baptism, you'll have an interview with a member of your bishopric. He'll ask you some questions like these:

- **Do you believe that Jesus Christ is your Savior?**
- **Do you try your best to obey the commandments?**
- **Do you feel ready to make a covenant with Heavenly Father?**



Finding Sabrina's

By Elizabeth Shobe
(Based on a true story)

"By these things we know that there is a God in heaven"
(Doctrine and Covenants 20:17).

Sabrina and Mom flipped through the pages of Sabrina's baptism book. Sabrina had just turned eight, and her baptism was two weeks away. She was excited—and a little nervous—to be baptized.

"Look at how much we've done already!" Mom said. She flipped through the pages. The book was to help Sabrina get ready for baptism. They had filled out the

pages about her favorite things and another page about her family. Then they came to a page with the words "My Testimony" at the top.

"I don't want to fill that one out," Sabrina said.

"OK," Mom said, turning the page. "We can fill it out later."

"I don't think I want to fill it out at all," Sabrina said.

"Why not?" Mom asked.

"Because I don't know what a testimony is." Sabrina



*Sabrina wasn't sure if she
had a testimony.*

You can make
your own baptism
book! Turn to
page 24.

TESTIMONY

felt her face turn red and hot.

Mom paused. "It means knowing Heavenly Father loves you."

"But Heavenly Father hasn't answered my prayers." Sabrina's eyes stung with tears. "I've been praying for a whole month to find my blanket, but I still can't find it!"

Sabrina loved her blanket. It was soft and pink. Her grandmother had made it for her when she was born. She had slept with it every night before it got lost.

Mom wrapped her arms around Sabrina. "Sometimes Heavenly Father doesn't answer our prayers right away. And sometimes His answer is no. But that doesn't mean that He doesn't hear our prayers or that He doesn't love us."

Sabrina sniffed. "I guess."

On Sunday, Sabrina's Primary teacher, Sister Lee, read a story from the *Friend*. It was about a boy who was upset because he heard bad words on the bus. He prayed about his problem. Then he had the thought that he could listen to his headphones on the bus. That thought was the answer to his prayer.

"Oh! Is that all?" Sabrina asked. "I thought answers to prayers were bigger than that!

Like hearing a voice or seeing an angel."

"Sometimes that's true," Sister Lee said. "But most of the time, the Holy Ghost answers our prayers in quiet ways. Like through an idea or a warm feeling."

Sabrina looked at the picture of the boy on the bus.



She thought about the light, happy feeling she had about getting baptized. Maybe that was the Holy Ghost telling her that it was a good choice.

Maybe she really did have a testimony.

Sabrina's baptism day came. Her dad took her hand, and she stepped into the warm water. When she came out of the water, she felt happy. And when Dad laid his hands on her head to give her the gift of the Holy Ghost, she felt warm all over.

The next Sunday was fast Sunday. People got up to share their testimonies. Sabrina jumped out of her seat and walked up to the front of the chapel. She took a deep breath and smiled. She knew what she was going to say now. And she knew what she was going to write on that blank page in her baptism book later.

She hadn't found her blanket yet, but she had found her testimony. ●


The author lives in North Carolina, USA.

SCRIPTURE TIME FUN

These ideas go along with Come, Follow Me—
for Individuals and Families *each week*.

Super Strength

FOR DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 10–11

 **Sing** “I Will Be Valiant” (*Children’s Songbook*, 162).

Jesus taught that praying always can help us “come off conqueror” (Doctrine and Covenants 10:5). That means praying can help us be spiritually strong!

Challenge your family to a push-up contest! How many can you do? What’s something you can do to be *spiritually* strong?



Baptism Stories

FOR DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 12–13; JOSEPH SMITH—
HISTORY 1:66–75

 **Sing** “The Priesthood Is Restored” (*Children’s Songbook*, 89).

John the Baptist appeared and gave Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery the priesthood. Then they were baptized in the river (see Joseph Smith—History 1:68–71).

Pick a story about baptism to read. (You can find some on pages 4, 8, 16, and 40!) Then share baptism memories from your family. If you haven’t been baptized yet, talk about what you think it will be like!



Mission Accomplished

FOR DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 14-17

🎵 Sing "I Want to Be a Missionary Now" (*Children's Songbook*, 168).

Jesus taught that sharing the gospel is one of the most important things we can do (see Doctrine and Covenants 15:6).

Read the story on page 32 to learn how a family in Bosnia shared the gospel with their friend Vicky. Then set a goal to share the gospel with someone. You could share a copy of the *Friend* or invite them to home evening next week!



Love Mailboxes

FOR DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 18-19

🎵 Sing "I Stand All Amazed" (*Hymns*, no. 193).

Jesus taught that "the worth of souls is great in the sight of God" (Doctrine and Covenants 18:10). That means that each person—including you!—is important to Jesus and Heavenly Father. How do you feel Heavenly Father's love for you?

Make a pretend mailbox for each person in your family. Then leave kind notes for each other to help everyone feel loved!



A WARM Feeling

By **María Marta Molina de Monterroso**
(Based on a true story)

"I will encircle thee in the arms of my love"
(Doctrine and Covenants 6:20).

It was a beautiful, clear morning in San José Pinula, a small town near Guatemala City. "I can't wait!" Joshua told his little sister. Today was his baptism day!

After the family arrived at church, Joshua and Papá dressed in white clothes. At first, Joshua felt a little nervous. But Papá held his hand as they walked down the steps into the font, and he didn't feel so nervous. When Joshua came up out of the water, he had a big smile on his face.

Joshua and Papá changed into dry clothes. Then Papá and Joshua's uncles and grandpa placed their hands on Joshua's head. They confirmed him a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Joshua heard Papá say, "Receive the Holy Ghost."

"I'm so happy!" he said as he gave Papá a big hug.

"Remember the promises you made today," said Papá. "If you do, the Holy Ghost can always be with you. You'll never really be alone."



One morning a few months later, Joshua woke up crying. His stomach hurt so much! "Mamá!" Joshua screamed from his bed. "My tummy really hurts!"

His stomach kept getting worse and worse. He couldn't even walk. Papá gave Joshua a priesthood blessing, and then he and Mamá took him to see the doctor.



The doctor said that Joshua needed to have surgery right away. It sounded scary.

"We will take you to a special room for the surgery," the doctor said. "You won't feel anything, because you will be asleep. And your parents will be waiting for you right outside."

Joshua felt even more scared. Why couldn't his parents stay in the room with him? He couldn't stop crying.

Mamá spoke gently. "What can we do to help you feel better?" she said.

"I know what we can do," he said. "Please sing 'I Am a Child of God' with me. Then let's say another prayer."

As they quietly sang, Joshua remembered singing that song at his baptism. And as they prayed, he thought about what Papá had said on his baptism day: "The Holy Ghost can always be with you. You'll never really be alone."

Joshua still felt scared as the nurses took him into the surgery room. He couldn't see the faces of the doctor and nurses because they were wearing masks. But when he looked into their eyes, he knew they were his friends and would take good care of him.

After his surgery the doctors said that Joshua would need to rest. He was still tired and sore, but

the pain in his stomach was better. He didn't feel like crying anymore. He knew he was going to be OK.

"I felt something in my heart," Joshua told Mamá and Papá. "It was a warm feeling."

"That's one of the ways we feel the Holy Ghost," said Mamá.

Joshua nodded. He was glad he had the gift of the Holy Ghost. Because of the Holy Ghost, he would never really be alone. ●

The author lives in Guatemala, Guatemala.





THE THREE WITNESSES

“We beheld and bear record
that these things are true.”

“Testimony of the Three Witnesses,”
Book of Mormon

- Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer, and Martin Harris were friends of the Prophet Joseph Smith.
- They saw an angel, who showed them the gold plates. They wrote down their testimony. You can read it after the introduction of the Book of Mormon.
- They were some of the first people to be baptized as members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

“That book was brought forth
by the power of God.”

Lucy Mack Smith, *History of Joseph Smith*
(Bookcraft, 1958), p. 204

- She was Joseph Smith's mother.
- She taught her children about God. They prayed and read the Bible together.
- She led a group of Saints to Kirtland by boat. When the water froze, she encouraged the Saints to pray. The ice cracked so the boat could sail through!



LUCY MACK SMITH

1775–1856

Find It!

Eva and her family are visiting her cousins Emil and Viktor in Denmark! Viktor and Emil have been showing them some of the fun bicycle trails in their country. Find 12 bicycle horns. Then find the other hidden objects.





MEET RAIARII

from Tahiti

Meet Primary children helping others, like Jesus did.



Raiarii in a breadfruit tree.

All about Raiarii

LANGUAGE:
French

AGE: 9

FROM:
Tahiti

GOALS AND DREAMS:

- 1) Learn to play the piano.
- 2) Read the whole Book of Mormon.
- 3) Become a doctor or a pilot.

FAMILY:
Mom, Dad,
three brothers,
and a sister



Raiarii's Helping Hands

Raiarii loves visiting his grandmother, Mamy. He can play on the beach and catch fish in the lagoon. He eats mangoes and bananas from the trees. A few years ago, he met Mamy's friends Kali and Mia.

Every morning Raiarii and Mamy would read the Book of Mormon together. Kali and Mia started joining them. Raiarii helped explain the scriptures so they were easy to understand.

Raiarii and his brothers liked helping Kali catch fish. One day Raiarii said, "Let's pray that we can be safe and catch lots of fish." That day Kali caught more fish than ever before! Kali decided to always pray before he goes fishing.

Raiarii was getting ready to be baptized. He told Kali all about it. Then the missionaries came and taught Kali and Mia more about the gospel. When Kali and Mia were baptized, Raiarii was there. "I am so happy that Kali wanted to follow in Jesus's footsteps," he said.



Raiarii with Kali and some of the fish they caught.

Raiarii followed Jesus by helping Kali and Mia learn about the gospel. Turn the page to read a story about how Jesus helped others.

Raiarii's Favorites



PLACE: Mamy's home

STORY ABOUT JESUS: When He fed the multitude with two fishes and five loaves of bread

PRIMARY SONG: "I Know That My Savior Loves Me" (*Friend*, March 2015)

FOOD: Sashimi made with fish fresh from the ocean and chocolate cake from his great-grandparents' recipe

COLOR: Red

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Math

"Let us put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ into action!"

President Russell M. Nelson, "Opening the Heavens for Help," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2020, 73.



Jesus Shared the Gospel

People are hungry when their body needs food. They are hungry in a different way when they need to hear the gospel.

One day thousands of people came to see Jesus. Jesus fed them all with just five loaves of bread and a few fish.

The next day, the people came to Jesus again. Jesus told them to look for a different kind of bread. "I am the bread of life," He said. If people find Him and His gospel, their spirits will never be hungry again.

You can read this story in John 6:5-13, 22-35.

I CAN HELP OTHERS LEARN ABOUT JESUS

☐ Who can you help learn about Jesus?

☐ Say a prayer and make a plan to help someone learn about Jesus.

☐ Do your plan!



One time I told my friend, "I go to church and learn about our Savior Jesus Christ." Later she started coming to church with us. She said she would like to get baptized very soon! That made me happy inside.

Mary E., age 8, Utah, USA

How are you trying to be like Jesus by helping others? Write and tell us! Go to the back cover to see how.



Cut out this card to remind you to keep helping like Jesus.





ADVENTURES IN TAHITI

with Margo and Paolo

I never knew that some beaches have black sand!



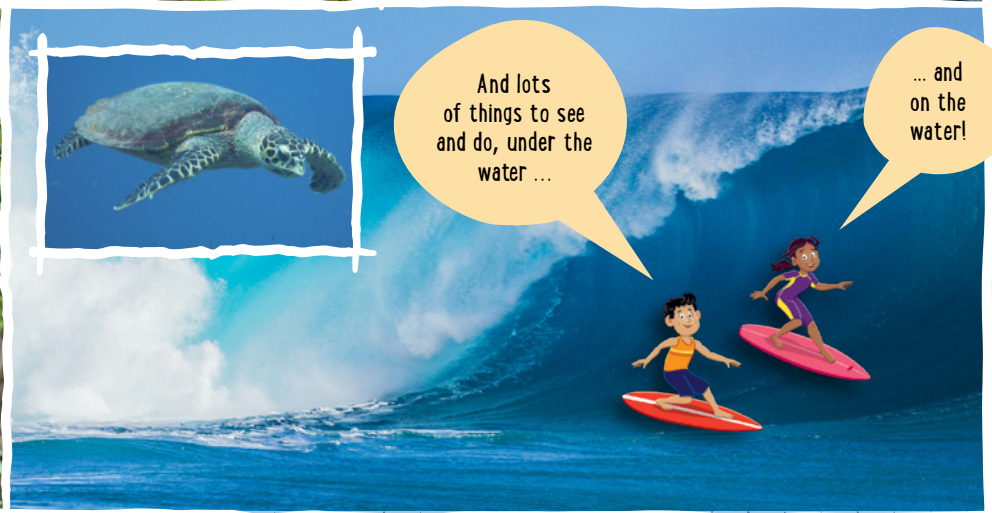
Or that people go fishing at night.



So much yummy fruit to eat in Tahiti!



And lots of things to see and do, under the water ...



... and on the water!



Join the Helping Hands Team!

Fish and other foods with protein help your body grow. Brightly colored fruits and vegetables are also very good for your body.

Challenge: When you can, make sure to eat foods that are different colors.



Wrapped Up in Love

By Sydney Squires
(Based on a true story)

"The Holy Ghost [will] comfort us, our true, eternal friend" (Children's Songbook, 105).

Abby tap-tap-tapped her toes on the floor. She was so excited that her stomach felt fluttery inside. She was at a baptism. And not just any baptism—*her* baptism! Abby, her family, and her friends had all sung a Primary song together, prayed, and listened to Grandma's talk. Now, all that was left was Grandpa's talk before she was baptized.

Grandpa walked to the front of the room and winked at her.

He set a big bag on the floor. "Abby, we are very proud of your choice to be baptized today," he said. "Baptism is a day full of gifts. You are giving the gift of an example to your siblings." He smiled at Abby's four younger siblings.

"You're also giving God promises," Grandpa said. "And He is giving you promises. But there is one other big gift that you get today."

Grandpa stooped and reached into the bag. He pulled out a soft white blanket and handed it to her. "This is a gift from me and Grandma. But it's also a reminder of the gift of the Holy





Ghost that you'll receive today. When you use this blanket, I want you to think about how the Holy Ghost feels. The Holy Ghost can comfort you like a soft blanket. It can also guide you and tell you what is right."

Abby pulled the blanket over her shoulders. She smiled at Grandpa. As he finished his talk, she noticed how the blanket felt. It was warm. It was comforting. It helped her feel safe.

Finally, it was time for Abby to be baptized. She walked into the warm font water and took Papa's hand. She peeked at her brothers and sisters and smiled at them before she closed her eyes.

Papa's voice was loud but calm as he said the baptism prayer in French. "*Je te baptise au nom du Père, et du Fils, et du Saint-Esprit. Amen.*"

The warm water rushed over Abby, and then, just as quickly, she was pulled back up. That was it. She'd been baptized!

Abby hugged Papa tightly and climbed out of the font. She changed out of her jumpsuit and pulled on her dress. When she stepped out, Maman (Mom) and her friends Isobel and Florence were waiting for her. They helped tie the bow on the back of her dress and comb her wet hair.

"We're so proud of you," Maman said.

Florence smiled at Abby in the mirror. "I always love watching baptisms."

"Here, you left this on your chair." Isobel handed Abby her new white blanket.

Abby held the blanket close as Maman and her friends talked and laughed. The blanket was warm and comforting, just like Grandpa had said. But she didn't just feel warm on the outside. She felt warm on the inside too. She knew in her heart that she had made the right decision and that Heavenly Father was happy.

This warm, happy feeling was a lot like her blanket. It had to be from the Holy Ghost!

Abby smiled at herself in the mirror. She couldn't wait to be confirmed and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost so that she could always have the Holy Ghost with her. It was going to be the best gift ever. ●

This story took place in France. The author lives in West Midlands, England.



When I am baptized, I promise to follow Jesus Christ.

(See Mosiah 18:10.)





My Baptism Promise

Lovingly ♩ = 108

Words and music by Nathan Howe

Chords: F, B \flat , C, A, Dm, G

1. Je - sus loved His heav'n - ly Fa - ther and o - beyed Him
 2. When I'm bap - tized by im - mer - sion, I com - mit to
 3. Af - ter I have made this prom - ise, I'll con - tin - ue

Chords: C, F, B \flat , C, A

per - fect - ly, Join - ing John in Jor - dan's wa - ter,
 be like Him, Love and com - fort those in need and
 faith - ful - ly On the path of cov - 'nant keep - ing,

Chords: Dm, F, B \flat , C, F, B \flat , C

bap - tized by au - thor - i - ty. He showed the way; I'll
 stand for Christ wher - e - ver I am. The Ho - ly Ghost will
 seek - ing great - er light and peace. Re - pent - ing and re -

Chords: F, B \flat , F, Gm, C, F

fol - low Him from the wa - ter to my heav'n - ly home a - gain.
 guide my way as I try to hon - or my Sav - ior ev - 'ry day.
 mem - ber - ing Him through the sac - ra - ment, I can feel washed clean a - gain.

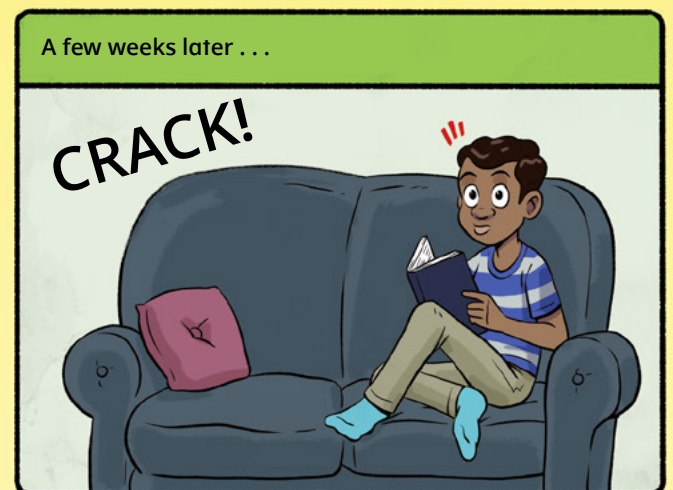
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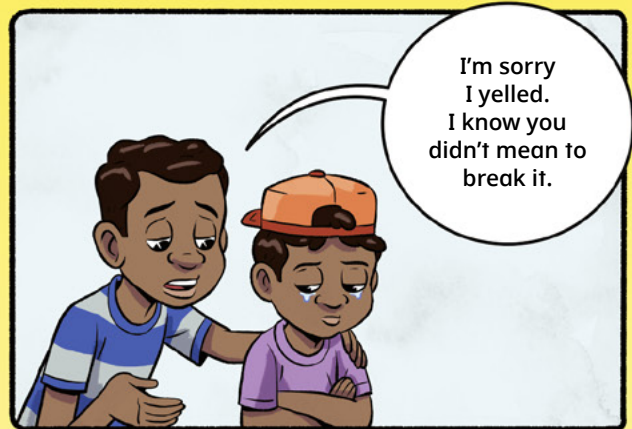
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 for this song at
children.ChurchofJesusChrist.org.
 Click on "Videos."

Repenting and Trying Again

By Jane McBride
(Based on a true story)





The author lives in Colorado, USA.

See *Come, Follow Me* for Doctrine and Covenants 18–19.



"As true believers in Christ, as Christians, we have gladly taken [H]is name upon us."

President Dallin H. Oaks, First Counselor in the First Presidency, "Taking upon Us the Name of Jesus Christ," *Ensign*, May 1985, 80.



ELDER HOLLAND

Visits Africa

Elder Holland visited three countries—South Africa, Angola, and Mozambique.



Whatever the problem is, the gospel of Jesus Christ is the answer. *



In South Africa, Elder Holland spoke to 7,500 people. That may be the largest meeting of Church members ever gathered there!

In Mozambique, Elder Holland invited two 14-year-old boys to stand next to him. He reminded people that Joseph Smith was 14 when he had the First Vision.

* Adapted from *Church News*, Dec. 2, 2019.

Country Search

There are 54 countries in Africa. Can you find these countries on the map?

Which countries did Elder Holland visit?





Make Your Own BAPTISM BOOK!

**My Baptism Promise
to Heavenly Father:**

To love and serve Him all my life
To keep His commandments and repent when I do
something wrong
To follow Jesus Christ and always remember Him

**Heavenly Father's Promise
to Me:**

To love and help me all my life
To forgive me when I repent
To give me the gift of the Holy Ghost

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Carefully take out these two
pages from the magazine.



Name

My BAPTISM Day



Glue or tape a
photo or drawing of
your face here!

ILLUSTRATION BY APRYL STOTT

My Baptism

Date

I was baptized by

The witnesses were

.....

It's a New Day for Me!

A new promise with Heavenly Father

A new member of Jesus Christ's Church

A new path to walk throughout my life

What was special to me

.....

.....

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My Confirmation

Date

I was confirmed by

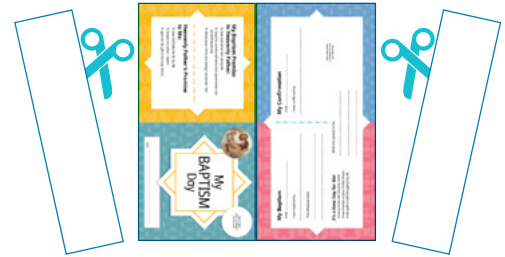
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Glue or tape photos
or drawings here from
your special day



2

Cut the ends off of each side.



3

Fold the two ends backwards.
Tape, staple or lightly glue the
open sides together.



4

Fold again so the title of the
booklet is on the front. Now you
have something to help you
remember your special day!



SHOW and TELL



We know that Jesus Christ loves us and teaches us to be kind.

Harvey and Tommy C., ages 6 and 10, Tasmania, Australia



Carter D., age 8, Michigan, USA

I know my Heavenly Father loves me and has given us spiritual gifts.

Brianna D., age 6, Granada, Nicaragua



I love to hear the story of when my mom and dad took me to the Denver Colorado Temple to be sealed when I was five months old. It makes

me happy to know our family is forever.

Scott O., age 6, Colorado, USA



Annie C., age 10, Washington, USA



I was a witness at my cousin's baptism. This experience was very powerful and special for me. I know we should follow Jesus's example and be baptized.

Liberty H. (right), age 9, Georgia, USA



Ziff P., age 9, Yucatán, Mexico



Jesse B., age 9, Utah, USA



I am thankful for Jesus because we can always ask Him for help when we are in hard situations.

Gray M., age 9, Massachusetts, USA



Aja S., age 9, Queensland, Australia



My uncle and I found a lot of cash on the airport sidewalk. We turned it in to the police because that is what Jesus would

want us to do.

Margaret M., age 10, City of Glasgow, Scotland



When I go to church with my family and sing the hymns, I feel close to Heavenly

Father.

Mariana R., age 7, Cerro Largo, Uruguay

Send in your own art and stories! Go to the back cover to see how.

Feeling Christ's Love



By Elder Takashi Wada
Of the Seventy

When I was growing up in Japan, I was given a Bible at school. It had English and Japanese words next to each other. Our principal told us to use it to study English.

As I read it, I learned about Jesus. *Who is this person who is so full of love?* I wondered. The words He said made me happy. I wanted to know more about Him.

A little while later, I met the missionaries. They gave me a Book of Mormon and asked me to read it and pray about it. I loved reading about Jesus in the Book of Mormon too. I prayed and felt it was true.

No one in my family wanted to learn about the Church. Jesus taught that we should honor our parents, but my parents didn't want me to join the Church. That was hard.

I told my parents how I felt. I told them about my prayers. They didn't understand. They wondered why I wanted to leave our religion behind.

I kept trying. Eventually my parents said I could be baptized. Many years later, my mother was also baptized.

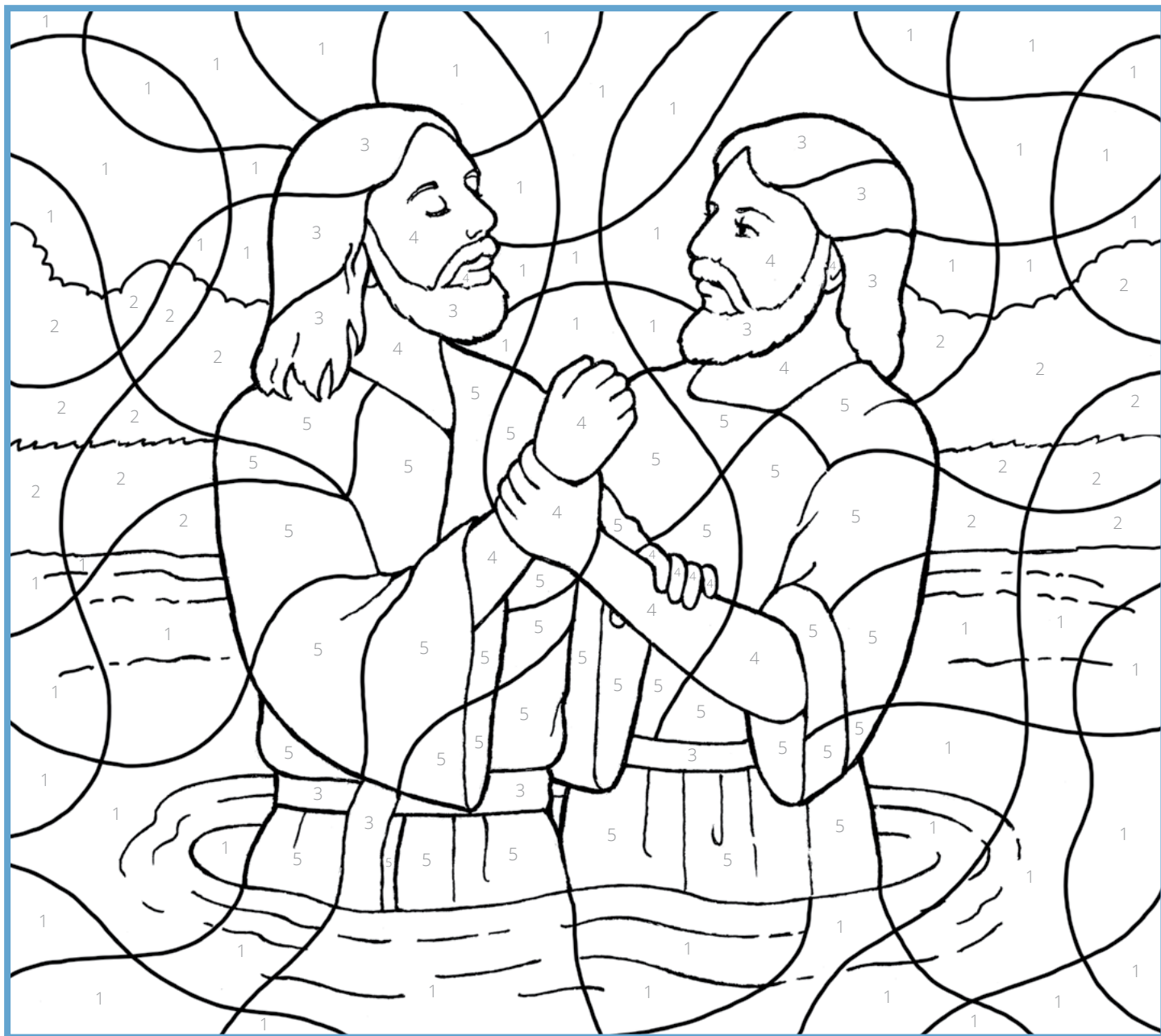
I know that I was blessed for wanting to follow Jesus. I love learning about Him, and I know following Him brings blessings. ●

From an interview with Haley Yancey.



Jesus Wants Me to Follow Him

Jesus wants us to follow Him by being baptized. Read the verses. Then color in the matching shapes.



1. Doctrine and Covenants 19:23



2. 2 Nephi 31:12



3. Matthew 3:16-17



4. Doctrine and Covenants 33:11



5. Alma 7:15



Matt and Mandy



You can memorize the Articles of Faith too!

Second Article of Faith

"We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression."

Third Article of Faith

"We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel."

For Older Kids



Children and Youth Tip

Find a goal buddy! Share your goals with each other. Then you can ask how things are going and cheer each other on.



Doing Hard Things

I know that obeying Heavenly Father is worth it because He always has a plan with good consequences in the end. I am grateful that Heavenly Father helps me do hard things. No matter how hard things get, I know I can always rely on Heavenly Father.

Jayden T., age 10, New Mexico, USA

Secret Service

- Make a homemade gift for someone.
- Leave a nice note for someone to find.
- Help a friend or sibling with their schoolwork.

VICKY TADIĆ

Early Convert in Bosnia and Herzegovina

By Lucy Stevenson Ewell

Church Magazines
(Based on a true story)

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Bosnia and Herzegovina has 73 members of the Church.



Bosnia and Herzegovina's closest temple is the Rome Italy Temple.



Bosnia and Herzegovina is located in south-eastern Europe.

“Come on!” Vicky’s brother called. “Let’s go play with the Rowes!” The Rowes were their new neighbors. They had moved to Bosnia and Herzegovina from the United States. They had kids the same age as Vicky and her siblings. But they didn’t speak Bosnian. Vicky was the only one in her family who spoke English. She translated so they could play together.

Vicky sat with Mrs. Rowe on the porch while the other kids played. “Your family seems different,” Vicky said. “In a good way.”

Mrs. Rowe smiled. “Would you like to come to church with us? That might help you see why we’re different. Our church doesn’t have a building here in Bosnia, so we have church with our family at home.”

Vicky was curious when she arrived at the Rowes’ house on Sunday. First they sang a song. One of the children said a prayer. Then Mr. Rowe prayed and passed bread and water to each person. They said it was called the sacrament. After that their daughter Jessie gave a talk.

“Heavenly Father loves us. He speaks to us through the Holy Ghost,” Jessie said. “Sometimes the Holy Ghost gives us a peaceful feeling. Or sometimes He gives us a thought.”

The next day, Vicky walked to the store to buy bread. On her way home, she was about to pass by some trash cans when a voice in her mind stopped her. *Stay away*, it said.

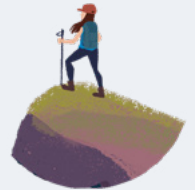
Vicky stood still. Suddenly, a car came spinning around the corner. *CRASH!* It slammed into the garbage cans.

Vicky took a deep breath. She was so glad she listened to the voice! Later, Vicky told Mrs. Rowe the story. “Was that the Holy Ghost?”

“Sounds like it. Sometimes the Holy Ghost warns us of danger.”

“God protected me,” Vicky said. “I’ll always listen to the Holy Ghost.”

Vicky kept going to the Rowes’ house for church every Sunday. Then Vicky shared the Book of Mormon with her mom. Soon her



Vicky loves the outdoors. Hiking is one of her favorite things to do.

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Vicky was baptized at age 16.



When Vicky grew up, she married in the temple. She now has two children.



"Was that the Holy Ghost?" Vicky asked.

whole family was learning about the gospel from the Rowses. Vicky translated for everyone.

One day Mr. Rowe asked Vicky's family a question. Vicky repeated it in Bosnian. "Will you follow the example of Jesus Christ by being baptized?"

Vicky waited. She wanted to be baptized. But she was nervous about what her family would say.

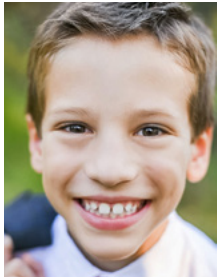
Finally, Vicky's dad spoke. "Da." "Da," her family said.

Vicky was so happy she felt like her heart was going to burst. "Yes," she said to Mr. Rowe. "Yes, we will."

A week later, Vicky and her family drove for five hours to the nearest Church building. Vicky felt happy as she stepped into the water to be baptized. She felt even happier when she was confirmed a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Now she would have the Holy Ghost with her *always*. ●

THE PLAY



**By James F., age 8,
Pennsylvania, USA**

I love that the new Children and Youth program lets me set goals for myself and work on them with my family. One of my goals is to put on a scripture play every Sunday with my younger brother Sam.

One time we chose Daniel in the lions' den. It was fun planning it. But then our little brother Michael, who is four, said, "Can I do the play with you?"

At first we said no.

But Michael started to cry.

So I said, "Sam! Come to the basement."

Sam and I went down to the basement. Sam said, "Michael can't be in the play. He can't memorize his lines!"

But I had an idea. I said, "Let him join the play. Listen, he could be a lion! You can't have Daniel and the lions' den without a lion. Let's go get him!"

On Sunday, the day of the show, we took our spots and started the show. We did a very good job. Michael did great roaring.

I know the Spirit was with me when I said Michael could be in the play. This experience taught me that if someone seems sad or lonely, we should include them. I hope you try the new Children and Youth program. I know it will help you be more like Jesus too! ●



ILLUSTRATION BY RODRIGO CORDEIRO

The Savior and Me

When you got baptized, you made a covenant (or promise) to follow Jesus Christ. Fill out the page and look at it during the sacrament to remember Jesus and the covenant you made.



How did I feel Jesus Christ's love this week?

What is one thing I can do to follow Him next week?

Draw a picture of you and Jesus.



A Perfect Fit

By Juliann Tenney Doman

(Based on a true story)

"Whenever I am good and kind and help someone I see, I feel so very happy" (Children's Songbook, 197).

Riiiiing!

Tony grinned as he stood up from his desk. It was finally time for recess!

Other kids ran past him toward the playground, but Tony hung back. He was waiting for Sean. Sean was new to Tony's class. Maybe they could play together.

"Hey, Sean!" Tony said. "Do you like basketball?"

"Like it? I love it!" Sean said.

"Awesome." Tony grinned. "Come on. Let's play!"

Tony and Sean spent the whole recess dribbling, passing, and shooting hoops.

"That was fun!" Tony said as they walked back into the classroom. "You're really good."

"Thanks," Sean said. "It's fun to play with someone who likes basketball as much as I do!"

Every day after that, Tony and Sean played basketball together at recess. They practiced different plays they made up and perfected their dribbling. Tony loved the *swoosh* the basket made when the ball fell through the net.

"Here you go!" Tony called. He passed Sean the ball. Sean caught it and jumped to score. Tony noticed a flap hanging down from one of Sean's shoes.

The basketball bounced off the rim of the hoop. "Oh, almost," Tony said. "Good try!"

"Thanks," Sean said. "I think I could play a little better if it weren't for my shoes." He laughed as he lifted up his shoe for Tony to see. "I'm going to get some new ones as soon as my dad finds a new job."



Tony smiled. "But if you get new shoes, you'll beat me every time!" he teased. "I won't stand a chance!"

As Tony walked home from school that afternoon, he thought about Sean walking home with a shoe that was falling apart. Tony knew it wouldn't only be hard to play basketball in those shoes. With the weather changing, Sean's feet would be cold! Tony wondered if there was something he could do to help.

"Ready for bed?" Dad asked Tony later that night.

"Yeah," Tony said. "I was just thinking. You know my friend Sean, who I play basketball with at recess? His shoes are wearing out. He needs to wait until his dad gets a job before he can get some new ones. I'd really like to help him out somehow."

"That's a great idea," Dad said. "Why don't we say a prayer? I know Heavenly Father will help you know what you can do."

Tony nodded and knelt down with Dad to pray.

The next morning as Tony was getting ready for school, he noticed something in his closet. It was a pair of extra tennis shoes from his older brother! Tony hadn't worn them yet because they were still a little too big. He had forgotten all about them!

I wonder if these will fit Sean, Tony thought. He put the shoes in his backpack, zipped it up, and hurried off to school.

"Hey." Tony walked up to Sean and held up the shoes. "I found these in my closet. They don't fit me, and I wondered if they might fit you."

"Wow. Thanks so much!" Sean slipped them on and tied the laces. "They fit great!"

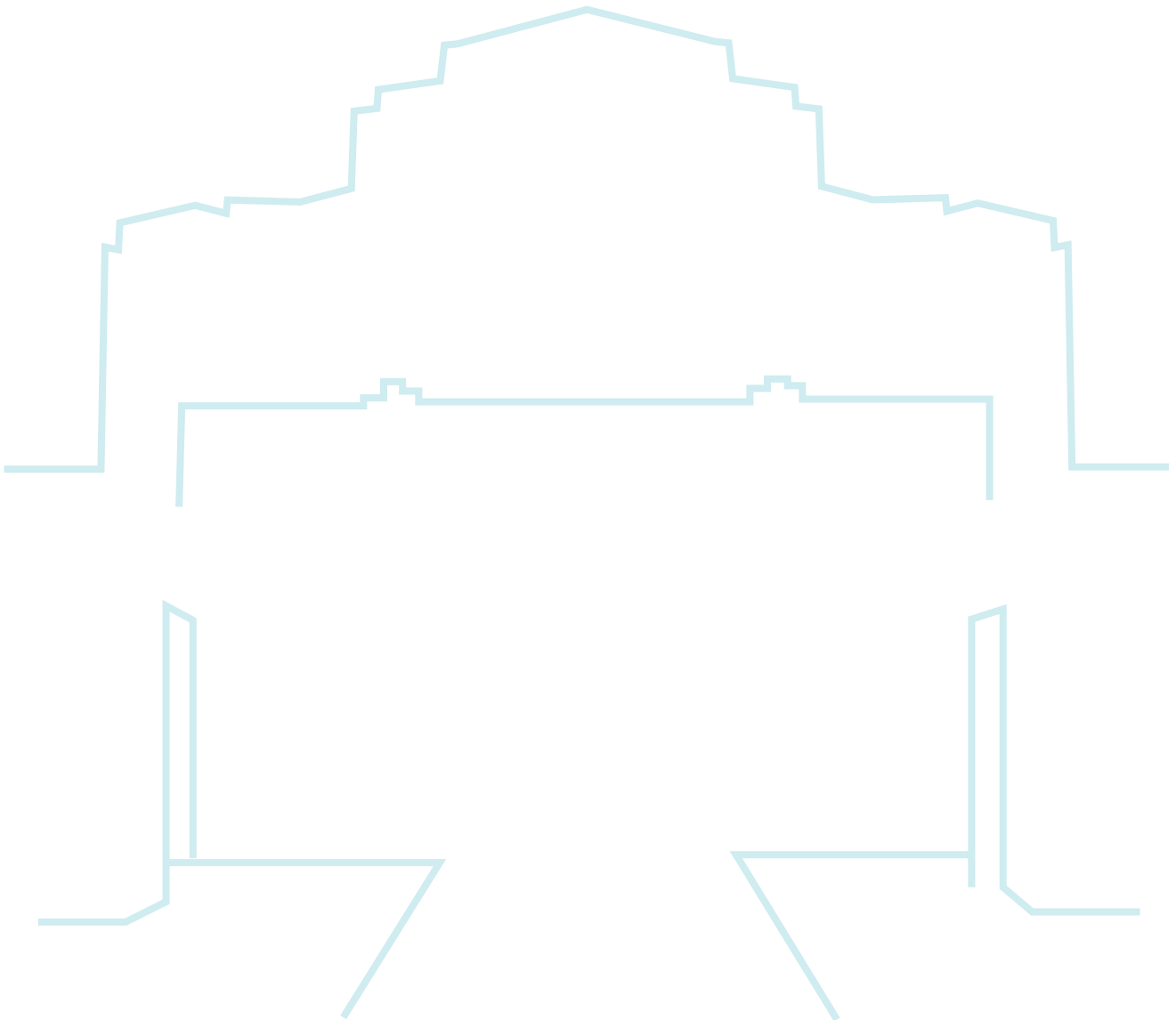
Tony felt happy. He knew Heavenly Father had heard his prayer to know how to help his new friend.

"Race you to the basketball court!" ●

The author lives in Utah, USA.

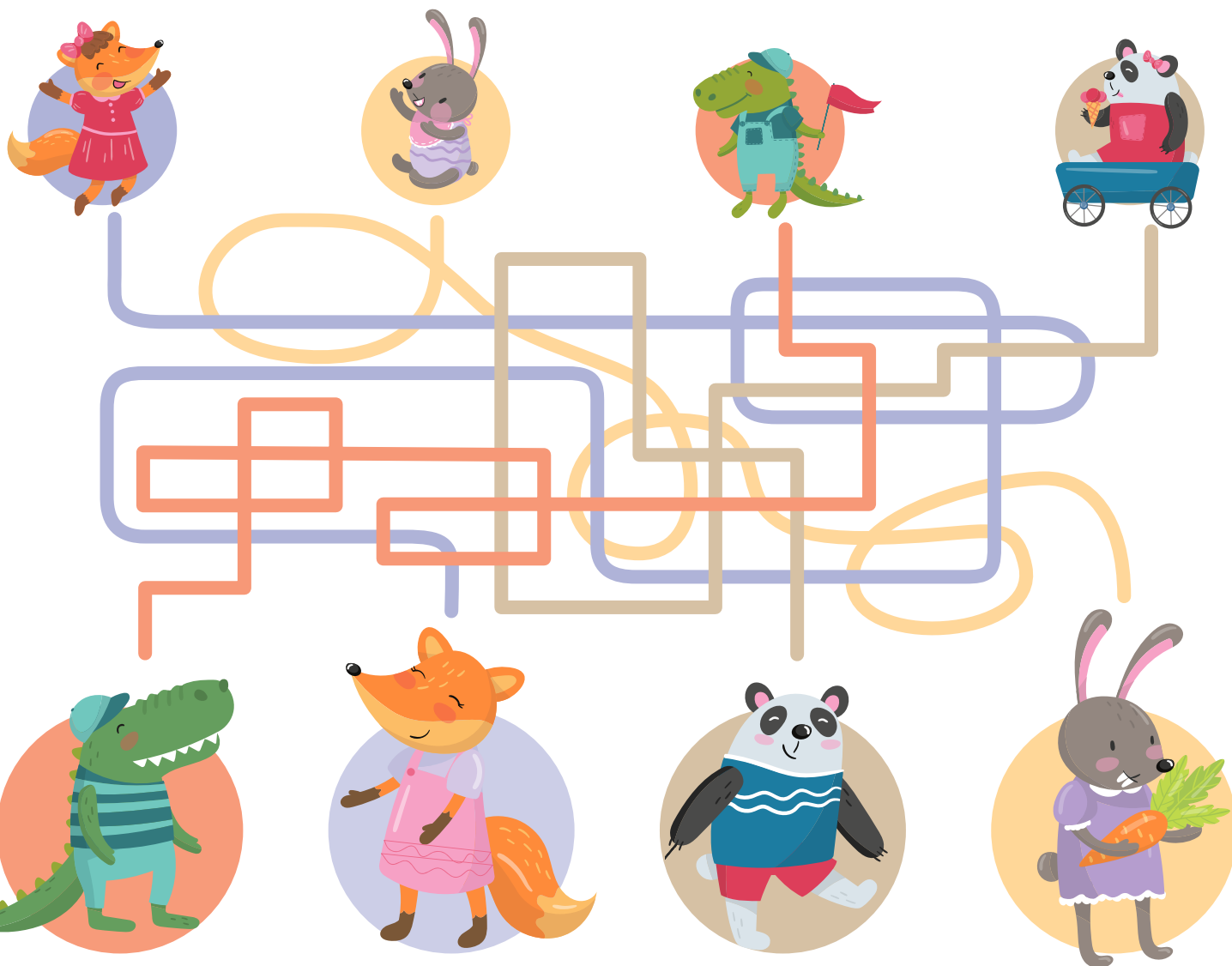


FINISH THE TEMPLE



The Cardston Alberta Temple was the first temple built outside of the United States.
Use this outline and the photo to draw it!

for little friends



These pages are just for **you!**

Can you find these things in the following pages?





A Big Day

See *Come, Follow Me* for Doctrine and Covenants 12–13; Joseph Smith—History 1:66–75.



Today is a big day. Daddy is getting baptized.



Sister Yang gives a talk. Bo sings a song.



Now it's time! Daddy goes in the water. Bo watches.



What a good day! Bo wants to draw a picture to remember it.
Can you help him find things to draw with?



Yay! Daddy was
baptized!



Bo is so happy. He gives
Daddy a big hug.



Bo can't wait to be
baptized one day.



A Visit from John the Baptist

One day Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery had a question. What was the right way to be baptized? They prayed to know the answer.



An angel came. It was John the Baptist. He had baptized Jesus. He told them that they needed the priesthood to baptize people.

John blessed Joseph and Oliver. He gave them the priesthood. Now they could baptize people the way Jesus was baptized.



Joseph baptized Oliver in the river. Then Oliver baptized Joseph. Later, many others were baptized too.



Because Heavenly Father answered Joseph Smith's prayer, the priesthood is back on earth! I can be baptized like Jesus was. ●

*See Come, Follow Me for Doctrine and Covenants 12-13;
Joseph Smith—History 1:66-75.*

We Can Be Baptized



What can you do to follow Jesus Christ?

LOST AT THE AQUA



R I U M

By Wendy Gerner

(Based on a true story)

Krista loved Stanley Park. She loved the beaches. The playgrounds. The petting zoo. The train ride.

But most of all, she loved the aquarium! It had all kinds of sea animals. She watched a brown seal swim around and around.

But then she heard something. A girl was crying! No one stopped to help her.

Krista tugged on Mom's sleeve. "Look. That girl is crying!"

Mom looked. She held Krista's hand and walked over to the girl.

"Hi," Mom said. "Can we help you?"

"I can't find my mom." The girl sniffled.

"Come sit with us," Mom said. "We'll wait with you."

Krista and Mom sat with the girl. Her name was Sarah.

"When you're lost, the best thing to do is stay where you are," Mom said. "Then your mom will know where to find you."

Sarah looked so sad and scared. Krista wished she could help. She said a little prayer in her mind. *Heavenly Father, please bless that Sarah's mom will come back.*

Krista tried to make Sarah feel better. She asked her questions. She told her cool facts about seals. She even gave her a pretty seashell she had found at the beach.

After a while, a woman ran up to them. It was Sarah's mom! She gave Sarah a big hug. They both said thank you to Krista and Mom.

Krista was glad she could help someone! ●

The author lives in British Columbia, Canada.

Hi, Friends!



Saying my prayers and learning the alphabet are two of my goals.

Eden, age 4, Veneto, Italy



I love Heavenly Father and Jesus.

Luis, age 6, Puerto Rico



I love Jesus.

Judée, age 3, Normandy, France



I like to listen to our prophet.

Erick, age 3, Nuevo León, Mexico



SCRIPTURE TIME FUN for Little Ones

*These ideas go along with
Come, Follow Me—for
Individuals and Families
each week.*



For Doctrine and Covenants 10–11:

Help your little ones flex their muscles and say, “Praying helps me be strong.” Then help your children list things they can pray for help with.



For Doctrine and Covenants 14–17: Help your little ones say, “I can help others learn about Jesus.” Then share with them your favorite story or song about Jesus.

For Doctrine and Covenants 12–13; Joseph Smith—History 1:66–75:

Flip through the pages of this magazine and help your little ones point to the pictures of people being baptized. Each time, help them say, “I can be baptized someday.”



For Doctrine and Covenants

18–19: Help your little ones say, “I am important to Heavenly Father.” Then sing “I Am a Child of God” (*Children’s Songbook*, 2) and have your children give themselves a hug when they sing the words, “I am a child of God.”





DEAR PARENTS,

This month's magazine is all about baptism! Use pages 2, 16, and 20 to help your child get ready to be baptized. If your child has already been baptized, the stories and activities can help them remember the covenants they made. The booklet on page 24 can help them to always remember that important day!

Much love,
The *Friend*

P.S. What do you remember about your baptism?



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