

Amy's Goal

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When Amy R. decided to read the Bible all the way through, her first thought was, “Wow, this is going to take so long.”

It was 2006, and Amy had just finished President Gordon B. Hinckley’s (1910–2008) challenge to read the Book of Mormon. Because she felt so good when she accomplished her goal, she decided to read the Bible next.

“When I first opened the Bible, I thought maybe it was too much,” Amy says. “But I also knew that if I never started the Bible, I would never finish the Bible.”

Amy began reading a little bit every night, just as she had done with the Book of Mormon. She did that for the next two years.

Sometimes Amy’s schedule was busier than usual. Sometimes at night she was tired and just wanted to go to sleep. But even when these things happened, she kept going.

There were times when Amy didn’t understand what she was reading. She would pray to Heavenly Father and ask Him to help her understand. Amy says those prayers were always answered. She also says reading the scriptures helped her know how to use words such as *Thee* and *Thy* when she prays.

In December 2008, when she

was 10 years old, Amy finished the Bible. As a special Christmas gift, she wrote a letter to her dad about her experience. When her dad read the letter, his eyes filled with tears. “I almost felt like crying too because I was so happy,” Amy says. “I knew I had done a good thing.”

Does Amy have a favorite verse from her reading? No, but she says she often thinks about the people in the scriptures.

“Knowing stories from the scriptures has helped me with my problems,” Amy says. “When I start feeling bad for myself, I compare my problem to the problems of the people in the scriptures. That helps me to have a better attitude and be more thankful about my situation.

The scriptures have changed my life and helped me be happy.” ♦



Amy likes playing tennis and piano, but not at the same time!



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