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Feasting on the Scriptures

Thank you for the Book of Mormon feast in the January 2012 issue of the *Friend*! Our family loves learning about the stories from the scriptures, and the Book of Mormon feast helped us read the scriptures together, even though we are all different ages. Each night, Teague runs to bring everyone a copy of the scriptures. Gavin says, “I feel close to Jesus when I read the scriptures.”

We love to read the scriptures at dinnertime, when we are all home. We try to read every day, but if we miss one, we don’t get discouraged and quit—we just try harder the next day!

Kaleb says, “The missionaries came over for dinner and challenged us to give a Book of Mormon away. I knew I could accept the challenge because we had read it as a family, and I knew it was a true book about Jesus.”

We are very excited for the Old Testament scripture challenge! Noé is especially excited because she is named after Noah, one of Zelophehad’s daughters in the Old Testament (see Numbers 27:1–11). She says, “Reading the Book of Mormon has helped me feel more love for my family.”

We loved the Book of Mormon feast! We are excited to read the Old Testament together as a family.

Kaleb, Noé, Gavin, Teague, and Hiram R., ages 10, 10, 6, 3, and 1, Ontario, Canada

See the Old Testament Scripture Challenge on pages 24–26.

Dear Friends,

This year we’re inviting you to come along for a world tour! Cut out and fold the passport on page 7. Each month, cut out the stamps from the “Friends around the World” story to glue to your passport. By December you will have visited 12 different countries! (To print out extra passports, go to **FriendsaroundtheWorld.lds.org.**)

Happy travels,

The *Friend*

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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.

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Cover by Eric Barclay



Learn to play
the Primary
song "He
Sent His Son"
on page 30.



You'll know "eggs-actly"
where it is.



FOLLOW THE PROPHET

By Heidi S. Swinton

President Thomas S. Monson was 22 years old when he was called to be a bishop. As a young bishop, he watched carefully over the members of his ward, especially those who didn't often come to church.

One Sunday morning he noticed that a young man named Richard was missing. This was not unusual because Richard often missed church. But Bishop Monson decided to try to find him. First he went to Richard's home. When Richard's mother answered the door, she said he was working at a gas station.

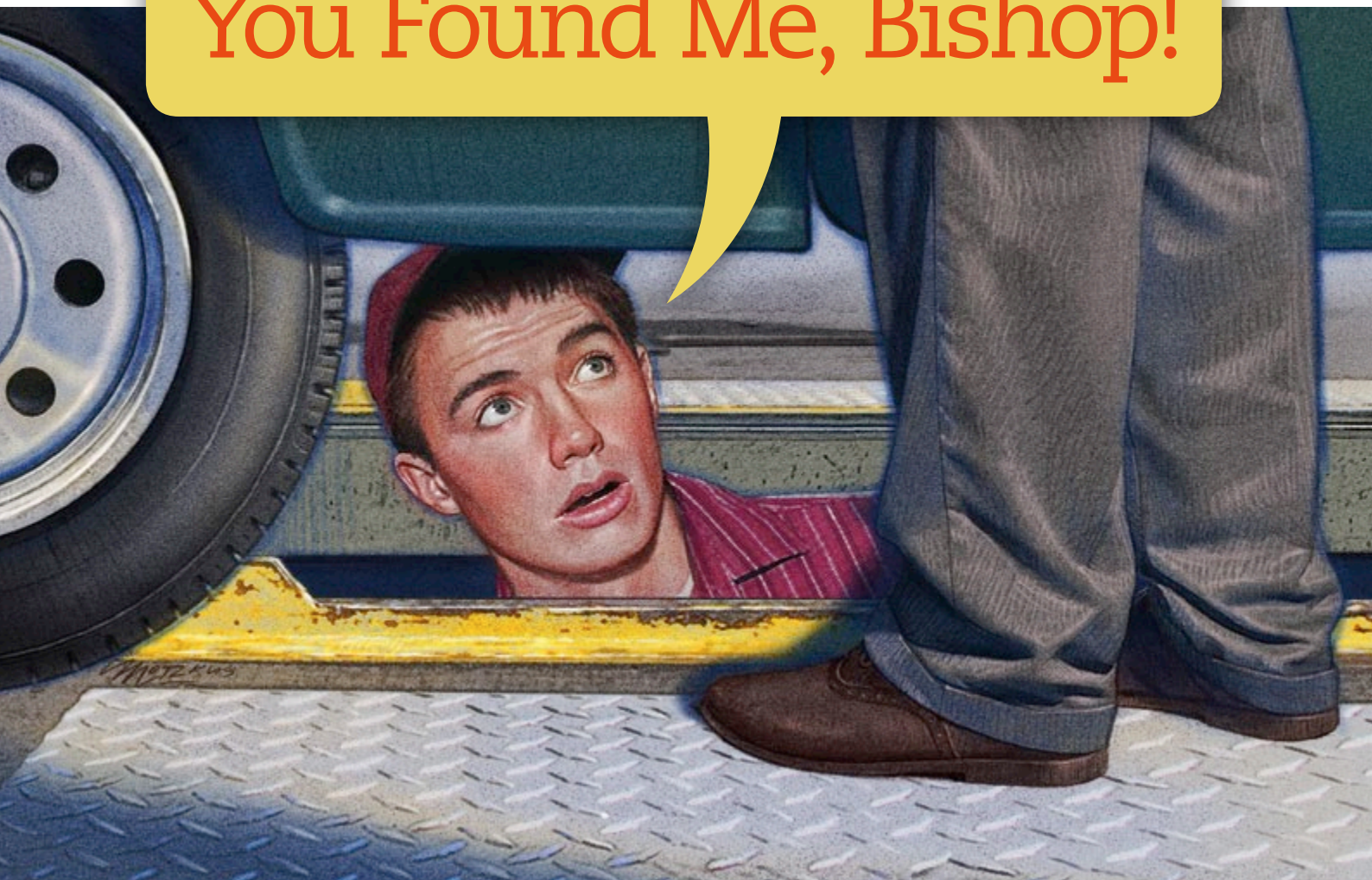
Bishop Monson drove to the gas station. He looked everywhere but could not find Richard. Then he felt inspired to look down in the grease pit at the side of the building. As he looked down into the dark pit, he saw a pair of shining eyes looking back at him and heard Richard say, "You found me, Bishop! I'll come up."

Bishop Monson told Richard how much the priests quorum missed him and needed him. Richard nodded and promised to come to church the next Sunday. He came to church the next week and the weeks after that. Then he and his family moved away.

One evening Bishop Monson got a phone call from the bishop in Richard's new ward. He asked Bishop Monson to give a talk in the ward before Richard left to serve a mission. Richard served as a valiant missionary, and he also later served as a bishop. He said that the turning point in his life was when Bishop Monson found him in a grease pit that Sunday morning and encouraged him to come back to church.

Being a friend to someone who is missing the opportunity to come to church is one way we can follow the Lord's commandment: "Love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12). ♦

You Found Me, Bishop!



















WORDS FROM PRESIDENT MONSON

“The best way to help people to become fully active in the Church is to love them.”

From “How Do We Show Our Love?” Ensign, Jan. 1998, 5.

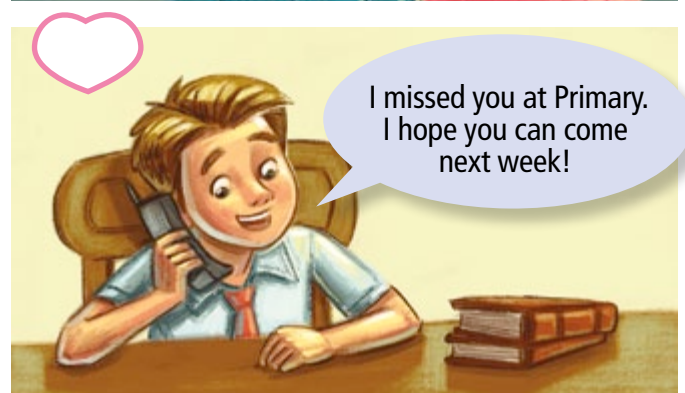
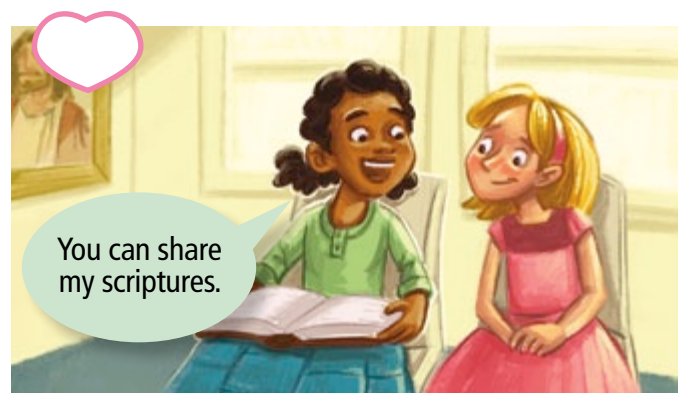
JESUS’S EXAMPLE

One day  was teaching in the . Some  brought a  to see . They wanted her to be punished because she had broken one of God’s . Jesus told the  they could punish her only if the  had not broken any of the . The  felt guilty, and they went away.  loved the woman. He told her to not break the  any more. Then she could be happy.  wants us to follow Him. He wants us to  others and invite them to do things that will make them happy.

From John 8:1–11.

BE A FRIEND!

These pictures show some ways you can help others feel welcome at church. Color the heart after you have tried to do something shown in that picture.



Just Like the Scriptures!



By Renae Weight Mackley
(Based on a true story)

"I will also ease the burdens which are put upon your shoulders" (Mosiah 24:14).

Ten-year-olds are pretty smart. We like to figure things out on our own.

My dad always tells me to liken the scriptures to myself. *Liken* means that you try to use what you learn from the scriptures in your life. So, when we're reading together as a family, I sometimes blurt out

something before Dad can explain it to us. Like, "I know, Dad. We're supposed to fast and pray, like it says in the scriptures."

He smiles because I always get the right message.



"Let us commit to reading the scriptures . . . with more purpose and more focus."¹

President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, Second Counselor in the First Presidency

We thought the hike was going great—until we saw the trail marker.

But one time I found out that the scriptures really can be a lot like my life! It all happened when we went on a backpack trip for a family reunion.

I carried my own backpack and sleeping bag, and I didn't complain. After all, it was only supposed to be four miles (6.5 km) to the lake. I could make it, no problem.

The hike wasn't too hard, but I was glad to stop for a rest after two miles (3 km). Then we saw the first trail-head sign. It said that the lake was still six miles (9.5 km) away. My dad didn't have to tell me that the trail was really twice as long as we first thought. I already figured that out. He *did* need to remind us to make our water last longer.

My dad's advice was important but hard to follow. The afternoon sun was hot, and we hardly had any shade on the trail. It seemed like we were never going to reach the lake.

The grown-ups stayed in the back with the youngest kids, and the older cousins went on ahead. I

stayed with three cousins my age, and we ended up somewhere in between.

When we couldn't see anyone ahead or behind us anymore, we started to get nervous. Our backpacks felt heavy, and our water bottles were empty. How much farther did we have to go?

Finally we got so worried and tired that we decided to stop and pray.

After the prayer we picked up our backpacks and trudged on.

Just a little while later, we heard hoofbeats coming up the trail. We waited and saw a man on a horse riding toward us.

He stopped and gave us some water. He explained that our older cousins had hurried to the lake with a water filter to start pumping water to bring back to us. The man heard about how we needed water and had agreed to help. "Do any of you need help with your backpacks?" he asked.

I looked at my cousins, and they smiled back at me. We actually felt pretty good!

"You better go on and help the others," we said to the man. "We're fine."

And it was true! The rest of the way to the lake it felt like angels were lifting our packs and pushing us along.

A week later my family was reading the Book of Mormon. My eyes opened wide when we read these words: "And I will also ease the burdens which are put upon your shoulders, that even you cannot feel them upon your backs" (Mosiah 24:14).

"That's what happened on the trail!" I blurted out. I didn't have to think about how to use this scripture in my life. It described something that had already *happened* in my life! It was amazing! I could hardly wait to find other scriptures that were like my life.

And that's how I learned I could liken the scriptures to me, and I could also liken *me* to the scriptures! ♦



Family Fun Time



You can use these ideas to have fun learning with your family!



Make a Plan!

Pull out the scripture chart and references on pages 24–26. Put them where everyone can see them.

Decide what time your family will read the scriptures each day.

“Liken” Charades

Read “Just Like the Scriptures!” on pages 4–5.

Now practice likening the scriptures to yourself!

Split into two groups. Group 1 acts out a scripture story while Group 2 guesses which story it is. Then Group 2 acts out a modern-day example of a story for Group 1 to guess.

Use these scripture stories, or choose your own!

1 Nephi 16:10, 26–30

Alma 23:16–17; 24:17–19

1 Samuel 17:23–24, 45, 48–50

Daniel 6:7, 11, 16–23

Scripture Cookies

To find the ingredients, look up the scripture references and fill in the blanks. (Before you make the cookies, check your answers in the list of ingredients below.) Be sure to get an adult’s help with this recipe.

3/4 cup “The words of his mouth were smoother than ____” (Psalm 55:21)

1/3 cup “Come unto me all ye ends of the earth, buy ____ and honey” (2 Nephi 26:25)

1 1/2 cups “To what purpose cometh there to me . . . the ____ from a far country?” (Jeremiah 6:20)

2 “As one gathereth ____ that are left, have I gathered all the earth” (Isaiah 10:14)

2 cups “And Solomon’s provision for one day was thirty measures of fine ____” (1 Kings 4:22)

1 teaspoon “Take thou also unto thee principal spices, . . . and of sweet ____ half so much” (Exodus 30:23)

1 teaspoon “Ye are the ____ of the earth” (Matthew 5:13)

1/2 teaspoon “The kingdom of heaven is like unto ____” (Matthew 13:33)

3 cups “Nevertheless, . . . ____ for the horse” (Doctrine and Covenants 89:17)

1 cup “And they gave him . . . two clusters of ____” (1 Samuel 30:12)

1. Beat the first four ingredients together.

2. Mix in the rest of the ingredients.

3. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet.

4. Bake at 350°F (180°C) for 15 minutes.




3/4 cup butter, 1/3 cup milk, 1 1/2 cups sugar (sweet cane), 2 eggs, 2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon baking soda (leaven), 3 cups oats, 1 cup raisins.




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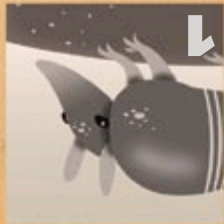
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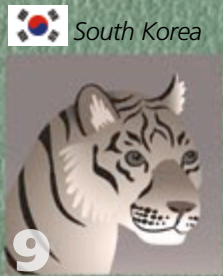
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FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD



Look for a new stamp each month to add to your passport!





Hello!

¡Hola!

안녕

ПРИВЕТ!

Mhoroi!

Olá!

Mālō e lelei!

Ciao!

Hej!



Choosing Not to Cheat

By Christopher P., age 7,
California, USA

My teacher asked to talk to me. Did I do something wrong?



When I was in second grade, I took some tests for language arts and math. I really wanted to do well. But I was also very, very nervous.

On the first day, the teacher handed out the test. She told us that we needed to keep our eyes on our own paper and not look at our neighbors' answers.

It took two hours to take the test! I was glad when the first day was over.

The next day the teacher kept reminding us to keep our eyes on our own paper. I kept my head down and used my scratch paper to calculate the answers for the math test.

At break time the teacher asked me to talk to her in private. I was a little scared because I didn't know why she wanted to talk to me. Then she told me that another student had been looking at my test and was copying my answers. The other student was cheating! The teacher asked me to be her special helper and use my scratch paper to cover my answer when I was done.

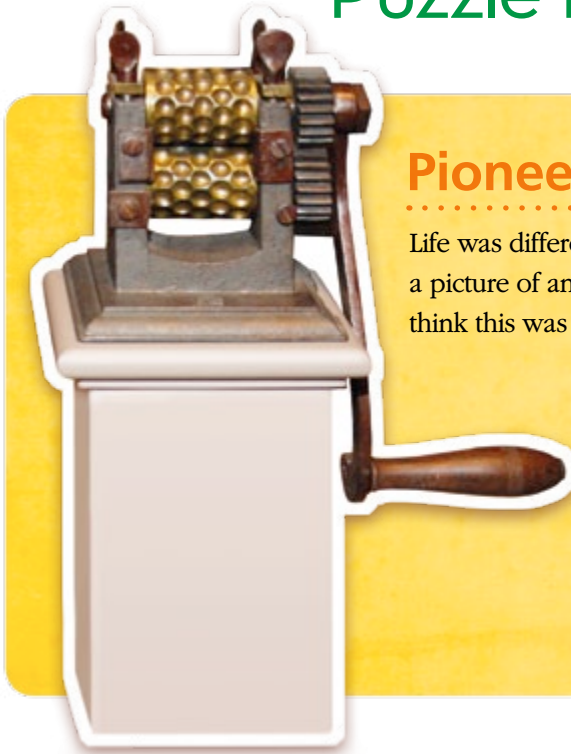
After the test was over, the teacher talked to my mom and told her what had happened. The teacher said that I was one of only a few second graders who did not cheat that day.

My mom was so proud of me for choosing the right. I know that cheating is not what Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ would want me to do. I felt so good knowing that I did not cheat and that my parents and Heavenly Father were proud of me.

I know that following the principles of the gospel, like not cheating, will lead me closer to my Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. ♦



Puzzle Page



Pioneer Puzzler

Life was different for the pioneers in many ways. Here's a picture of an object from the 1800s. What do you think this was used for? (Answer on page 48.)

- A. a mold for making candy
- B. a button press
- C. a tool for fastening metal rivets onto furniture
- D. a portable wheat grinder

What Am I?

On many farms, both large and small,
I am the morning wake-up call.
I'm not so big and not so strong,
But you can hear me all day long.

Solve the dot-to-dot to find out what I am.



Friendly/Fractions

This year in the *Friend*, you'll be learning about friends from across the globe. What's something *else* you can find all throughout the world? To solve the puzzle, use the fractions to find which letters to write down below. The first one has been done for you. (Answer on page 48.)

The first $\frac{1}{2}$ of MILK

The middle $\frac{1}{3}$ of KISSED

The last $\frac{3}{4}$ of ZION

The last $\frac{1}{8}$ of UMBRELLA

The first $\frac{1}{4}$ of RIPENING

The last $\frac{1}{3}$ of PLACES

MI _____

Did you know President Benson worked on a farm as a child? See page 49 to read more about this prophet.

“This is the day
which the Lord
hath made;
we will rejoice
and be glad in it.”

—Psalm 118:24



By Liz Charles

(Based on a true story)

“For there are many gifts, and to every man is given a gift by the Spirit of God” (D&C 46:11).

Sister Meacham stood up in Primary and said, “Boys and girls, we want you to share your wonderful talents at our Primary Celebrations Show!”

Allison slid down in her chair. What could *she* possibly perform at a talent show? She didn’t sing, play an instrument, dance, or do anything else like that.

Her best friend, Sarah, leaned over. “I know what song I want to sing!”

“You’ll be awesome,” Allison said. And she would, too. Sarah had such a pretty singing voice. And, of course, Courtney was incredible on the piano. Allison glanced around the room. Everybody else had a special talent. Everybody but her.

Later that day Allison helped Mom deliver some surprise cookies to Sister Moody. Allison rang the doorbell.

“Who’s there?” asked a soft voice.

“Sister Andrews,” answered Mom. “And my daughter. We wanted to drop off some of Allison’s homemade cookies.”

Sister Moody opened the door, and her face lit up in a big smile. “My favorite!” Sister Moody took the plate gratefully. “What a talent. Thank you so much for sharing it with me.”

Allison’s heart skipped a beat. Baking cookies was a *talent*?

During the car ride home, Allison glanced up at Mom. “Mom, Sister Moody said baking cookies is a talent. Is she right?”

“You bet she is.”

“But . . . well, you can’t bake cookies on a stage. Nobody claps when you mix dough in a bowl or pull cookies out of the oven.”

Allison always figured making cookies was no big deal. She’d made that chocolate chip recipe so many times she had it memorized.

“Not all talents belong on a stage, sweetheart,” Mom said. “Some people are thoughtful friends or wonderful gardeners. Being able to cook well is definitely a talent not everyone has.”

Allison thought about what Mom had said. Was





Not every talent
needs a stage.

it really that simple? A moment later she asked, almost in a whisper, “Do you think I could bake cookies for the Primary talent show?”

Mom reached over and squeezed Allison’s hand. “I think that’s a great idea.”

On the day of the talent show, Allison rushed home from school and started baking. She made five batches of her favorite chocolate chip cookies. The house filled with the smell of chocolaty goodness.

At the talent show, Allison sat next to Sarah and Courtney.

“Your name’s not on the program,” Sarah said. “Aren’t you doing anything?”

“Yes. But it’s a surprise.”

One by one her friends performed. Allison clapped loudly each time. They really were impressive. When everyone finished, Sister Meacham stood and thanked everyone for participating.

“Often we only think of talents as being good at music, art, and singing,” Sister Meacham said. “However, talents come in many different forms. Tonight Allison wanted to share her own special talent. After the closing prayer, you’re all invited into the next room to enjoy her homemade chocolate chip cookies.”

Ooh’s and *Mmm’s* filled the room. After the prayer everybody hurried into the next room.

“These are so good,” Sarah said, taking a bite of her second cookie.

“I wish I could make cookies this yummy!” Courtney said.

Within minutes, only crumbs remained. Everyone complimented Allison on the delicious cookies. She felt so happy inside. Sister Moody was right. She had a talent to share after all. ♦



“You need never feel inferior. You need never feel that you were born without talents.”²

President Gordon B. Hinckley (1910–2008)

I’m really good at making people laugh.

That’s a great talent!





¡Hola, amigos!*

We're Mahonri and Helaman from Mexico

Pack your bags!
Come meet friends
around the world!

Mahonri
Helaman

From an interview with Amie Jane Leavitt

Mahonri and Helaman are brothers who live on the coast of Mexico. Their parents named them after two great men from the Book of Mormon. Mahonri Moriancumer was the brother of Jared. He saw the finger of the Lord. Captain Helaman was a righteous leader. He led the two thousand stripling warriors.

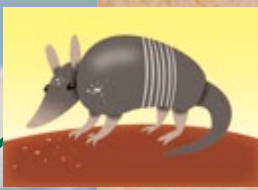
* "Hi, friends!" in Spanish.



These brothers hope to live up to the names that their parents gave them. They want to be just like Mahonri and Helaman from the Book of Mormon.



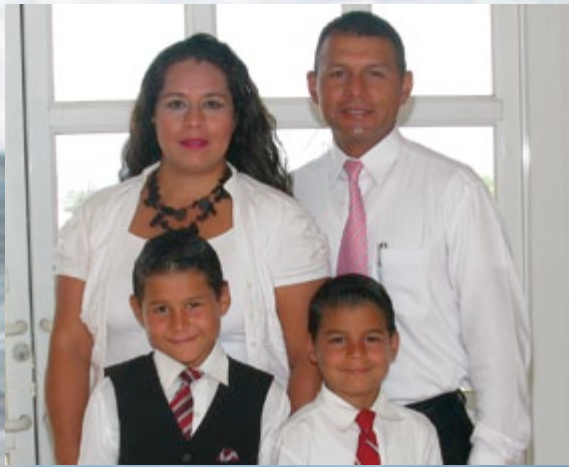
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I LOVE TO SEE THE TEMPLE



The Guadalajara Mexico Temple is the 11th of 13 temples in Mexico.



Our parents were sealed in the Guadalajara Mexico Temple in 2003. This is the closest temple to where we live. It takes about six hours to drive there. We love to visit the temple and know that someday we will go inside, just like our parents do now.



READY TO GO!

Mahonri and Helaman's bags are packed with some of their favorite things. Which of these are favorites of yours?



We enjoy spending time as a family. Every Saturday we go to the beach near our home. We eat shrimp—our favorite food—and tacos and tortas (a kind of sandwich). We walk along the Malecón, or waterfront street. We make sandcastles and play in the ocean.



Turn to page 16 for a yummy shrimp taco recipe!

Bulletin Board

FUN Facts



about Mexico



Shrimp Tacos

1. Sauce

Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of fat-free plain yogurt with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped cilantro, 3 tablespoons lime juice, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cayenne pepper, and salt to taste.

2. Shrimp

Heat shrimp in olive oil over medium heat. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and cook until the shrimp is bright pink and white.

3. Taco!

Warm tortillas in the microwave until soft. Build your taco with shrimp and sauce, and add chopped cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes, or whatever else seems yummy!

Soy un hijo de Dios.

Have you met Mahonri and Helaman yet? They're brothers from Mexico, and on pages 14–15 you can read more about them. Here are some fun facts about Mexico:

- Several ancient peoples lived in Mexico, like the Mayans and Aztecs, who may be descendants of the people in the Book of Mormon.
- More than 1 million Church members live in Mexico.
- Mexico is about the size of Spain, the United Kingdom, France, Italy, and Germany put together!

Family History



I Am Doing It!

Mahonri and Helaman were named after people in the Book of Mormon. Do you know where your name comes from? Ask a parent to tell you stories behind any special names in your family. This year you could start a family history journal by writing down the answers to these questions.

"I am a child of God" in Spanish



ILLUSTRATIONS BY THOMAS CHILD

CRAFTY CASCARONES

In Mexico, people sometimes celebrate the new year by making confetti-filled eggs called *cascarones*. When you gently crack a *cascaron* on someone's head, the shower of confetti is supposed to bring him or her good luck. Here's how to make your own!

Be sure to ask for an adult's help when you make this craft.

You will need:

raw eggs
dish soap
spoon
glue

Easter-egg dyes
and small bowls
paper confetti
tissue paper

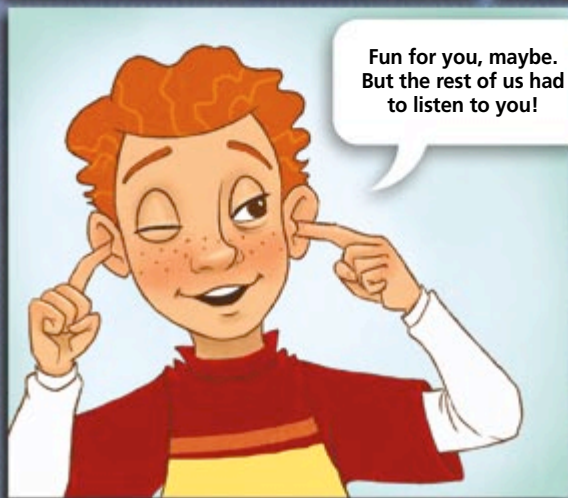
1. Gently tap the end of the eggshell with a spoon to make a small crack.
2. Make a hole big enough to pour the egg out. (Now would be a good time for scrambled eggs!)
3. Gently rinse the shell with dish soap and water.
4. Follow the directions for the Easter-egg dyes to color the shells. Let them dry hole-side down so any extra liquid drips out.
5. When the shells are dry, carefully fill them with confetti.
6. Glue a piece of tissue paper over the hole in the shell to keep the confetti from falling out.

Liliana from Mexico

Liliana is wearing her school clothes, but you can also dress her in church clothes or a traditional Mexican dress. Glue this page onto heavy paper before you color and cut out the pieces.



MATT & MANDY



A Blessing for Katy

By Jan Pinborough
Church Magazines
(Based on a true story)



“And the Lord shall guide thee continually” (Isaiah 58:11).

Beth skipped up the sidewalk to her house. She could see Dad in the driveway, loading the car with suitcases. “Is it time to go?” she called out.

“Just about,” Dad said. “Run inside and grab a snack. And make sure you have everything you want to take in your backpack.”

This vacation was going to be extra special. Beth’s older cousin Katy was coming along, and Beth had everything all planned out. On the car ride, Katy could teach her some new camp songs. When they stopped for a picnic, Katy could push her on the swings. And she and Katy could swim in the motel pool and play games. Beth had packed her favorite

*If Katy wasn't
sick, why did she need
a blessing?*

movie about dogs so they could watch it together.

Katy was so funny and nice. When Beth got older, she wanted to be just like Katy.

Beth ran inside and found Mom sitting at the computer. She was just hanging up the phone.

“Was that Katy?” Beth asked excitedly. “Will she be here soon?”

Mom shook her head. “I’m sorry, honey. Katy isn’t going to be able to go with us after all. Next Saturday she is going to have her patriarchal blessing.”

Beth felt the excitement drain out of her. “Why does Katy need a blessing?” Beth asked. “She was already baptized, and she isn’t a new baby!” Beth almost laughed at that thought.

“Certainly not!” Mom said, smiling.

Then Beth thought of something that made her throat feel tight. “Is Katy sick?” she asked quietly.

“Katy’s just fine,” Mom said. “Blessings aren’t just for baptisms or new babies or sickness. A patriarchal blessing is a very special kind of blessing, and Katy is really excited to have it.”

“But what is it for?” Beth asked.

Mom thought for a moment. “Do you remember when we went to visit Grandma on our last vacation? We made a wrong turn, and it took us a long time to get to her house.”

Beth nodded. “I was really hungry when we got there!”

“Well, what do you think we should do to keep from getting lost this time?” Mom asked.

Beth looked at the computer screen. It showed a map and a blue squiggly line leading from their house all the way to the motel. “Bring a map!” she said.

“Good idea,” Mom agreed. “Katy’s patriarchal blessing will be like a map that shows Katy how to get back to Heavenly Father. It will tell her about good choices she should make and warn her about things that might be

harmful. It will tell her about wonderful blessings she will receive when she follows Heavenly Father’s commandments. It will guide Katy through her whole life.”

Beth began to feel a little happier. “Will I get a blessing like that too?” she asked.

“Yes,” Mom said. “When you get older, you can have your own blessing to help you stay on the path back to Heavenly Father.”

Beth turned to the computer. She looked at the map and the bright blue line that told her family just where they needed to go. She looked back at Mom and smiled. “Just like Katy?”

“Yes,” Mom said. “Just like Katy.” ◆

WHAT IS A PATRIARCHAL BLESSING?

- **It’s a special blessing that gives Heavenly Father’s guidance and promises just for you!**
- **It will help you stay close to Heavenly Father and return safely back to Him.**
- **You will get a written copy of your blessing. Keep it safe and read it often.**
- **How do you say it? *pay-tree-ARE-cull***



“Your patriarchal blessing is your passport to peace in this life. It is a Liahona of light to guide you unerringly to your heavenly home.”³

President Thomas S. Monson



**By Elder
Robert D. Hales**
Of the Quorum of the
Twelve Apostles

*The members of
the Quorum of the
Twelve Apostles are
special witnesses
of Jesus Christ.*

What does it mean to be a CHRISTIAN?



*A Christian has faith in the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

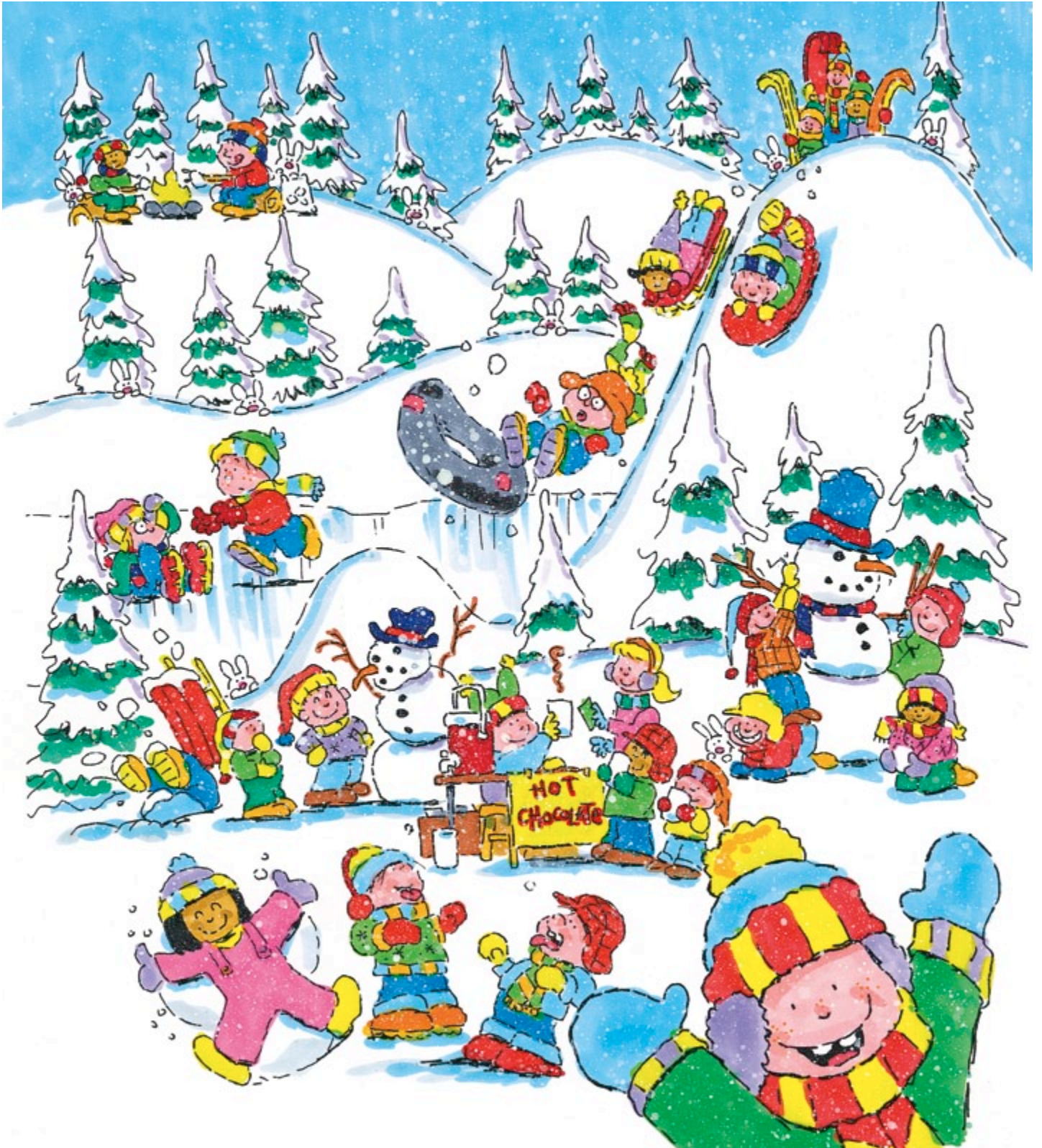
*A Christian believes that through
the grace of God the Father and
His Son, Jesus Christ, we can repent.*

*When we follow Jesus Christ,
we become who Heavenly
Father wants us to be.*

*The word Christian means taking
upon us the name of Christ. We do
this by being baptized and
receiving the Holy Ghost.*

A Beautiful, Snowy World

Heavenly Father created a beautiful world for us to enjoy.
Find the snowy activities (plus 10 snow bunnies).



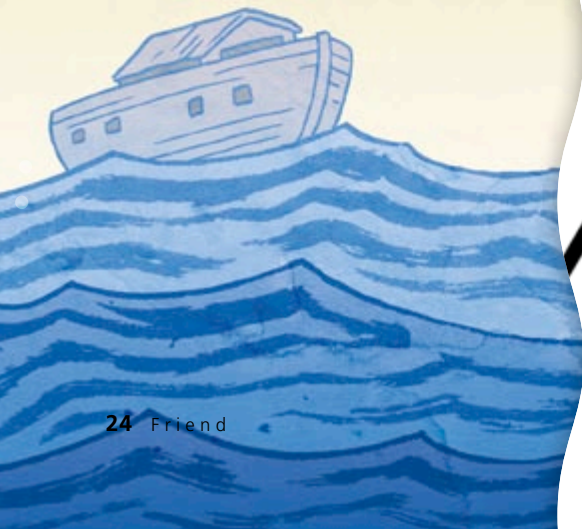


NOAH

was a prophet of the Old Testament. He kept the commandments and helped his family stay safe during the flood by listening to the word of God. You can keep the commandments and help your family too by reading from the Old Testament every week this year.

Have an adult help you lift the staples and take out this coloring page. Or print it from friend.lds.org.

Follow the weekly reading suggestions on page 26. Each week after you read, color in all the spaces with the number for that week. You can read by yourself or with your family. When you are done, you will have read some of the most important stories in the Old Testament! ♦





Weekly reading suggestions for the Old Testament scripture challenge (see pages 24–25).

WEEK	READING	WEEK	READING
1	The Plan of Salvation: Moses 1:39; Abraham 3:12, 22–28; 4:1	26	Gideon: Judges 6:6–16; 7:1–7, 16–22; 8: 22–23
2	The Creation: Genesis 1; 2:1–3	27	Samson and Delilah: Judges 13:1–5, 24; 16:2–23, 28–30
3	Adam and Eve: Genesis 2:7–9, 15–25	28	Ruth and Naomi: Ruth 1:1–9, 14–16; 2:1–8, 15–18; 3:1, 3–11; 4:13, 17; John 7:42
4	The Fall: Genesis 3	29	Samuel, the Boy Prophet: 1 Samuel 1:9–11, 17–20, 24–28; 2:26; 3:1–11, 16–20
5	Cain and Abel: Genesis 4:1–16	30	David and Goliath: 1 Samuel 16:7; 17:1, 4–24, 32–33, 37–51
6	The City of Enoch: Moses 6:21, 26–28; 7:13–21	31	David and Jonathan: 1 Samuel 18:1–9; 19:1–10; 23:14–18; 24:9–10, 16–19; 2 Samuel 1:4, 11–12
7	Noah’s Ark: Genesis 6:5, 7–9, 13–22; 7:1–19, 23–24	32	David and Bathsheba: 2 Samuel 11:1–4, 14–17, 26–27; 12:1–7, 9, 13
8	Noah’s Family Is Saved: Genesis 8:6–13, 15–17	33	King Solomon: 1 Kings 2:1–4, 12; 3:3–28; 6:1
9	The Tower of Babel: Genesis 11:1–9; Ether 1:1–3, 33–43	34	Rehoboam: 1 Kings 11:43; 12:1–21
10	The Abrahamic Covenant: Abraham 1:1–4; 2:6–13; Genesis 17:1–7	35	Elijah the Prophet: 1 Kings 17; 19:11–12
11	Abraham and Lot: Genesis 13:1–13; 19:1, 15–17, 24–29	36	Elijah and the False Prophets of Baal: 1 Kings 18:16–18, 21–39
12	Abraham and Isaac: Genesis 22:1–18	37	Naaman Is Healed: 2 Kings 5
13	Isaac and Rebekah: Genesis 24:1–4, 7–20, 61–67	38	Elisha and the Widow: 2 Kings 4:1–6
14	Jacob and Esau: Genesis 25:21–34; 27:1–23	39	Isaiah and Hezekiah: 2 Kings 18:1–7; Isaiah 36:1–2, 4, 13–15; 37:1–7, 15–21, 33–38; 38:1–7
15	Jacob and Rachel: Genesis 29:1–2, 10–30	40	The Prophecies of Isaiah: Isaiah 1:17–19; 2:2–4; 11:6–10; 53:3–5; 55:8–9; 58:6–14
16	Jacob Becomes Israel; Joseph Is Sold into Egypt: Genesis 35:9–12; 37:3–14, 18–34	41	Josiah and Ezra Read the Scriptures: 2 Kings 22:1–4, 8–13; 23:1–4, 24–25; Nehemiah 8:1–8
17	Joseph in Egypt: Genesis 39:1–4, 7–20; 40:1–3, 5–8; 41:1, 8–12, 14, 29–36, 39–40	42	Psalms and Proverbs: Psalms 1:1–3; 19:1–3; 24:1–4; Proverbs 3:5–6
18	Joseph Forgives: Genesis 42:3–16; 43:15; 44:1–12, 18, 33–34; 45:3–8	43	Esther: Esther 2:5–9, 17; 3:2–13; 4; 5:1–8; 7; 8:3–11, 17
19	Birth and Calling of Moses: Exodus 1:8–14, 22; 2:1–6, 10–21; 3:1–14, 19–20; 4:10–12	44	Job: Job 1; 19:13–26; 27:2–6; 42:10
20	The Plagues: Exodus 7:10–14, 20–21; 8:6, 17, 24; 9:6, 10, 23; 10:14–15, 22; 11:5; 12:30–32, 41–42	45	Jeremiah: Jeremiah 1:1, 4–9; 18:1–6; Isaiah 64:8
21	The Exodus: Exodus 14:5–16, 19–31	46	Solomon’s Temple: 1 Chronicles 28:20; 29:6–9; 2 Chronicles 5:1; 6:1–3
22	The Israelites Receive Manna from Heaven: Exodus 16:1–8, 21–31, 35	47	Daniel and the King’s Food: Daniel 1:1, 3–20
23	The Ten Commandments; the Brass Serpent: Exodus 19:1–5, 20; 20:1–17; 31:18; Numbers 21: 4–9	48	Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: Daniel 3:1, 4–30
24	Daughters of Zelophehad: Numbers 27:1–7	49	Daniel and the Lions: Daniel 6
25	Joshua and the Battle of Jericho: Joshua 1:1–11, 16–17; 2:1–6, 14; 3:5–9, 13–17; 6:1–5, 13–16, 20, 23; 24:14–18	50	Jonah and the Whale: Jonah 1; 2; 3:1–5
		51	Additional Scriptures: Amos 3:7; Nahum 1:7; Habakkuk 3:19; Zephaniah 3:16–20
		52	Malachi: Malachi 3:8–12; Malachi 4:5–6

WHEN I GROW UP . . .

I Want to Be a TEACHER



From an interview by Linda Davies

My name is Sheryl Garner,
and I'm a teacher in
Washington, D.C.

How do you become a teacher?

To be a teacher, you first need to *learn*. I took college classes

in math, science, English, social studies, and many other subjects. At school I also learned *how* to teach because each child learns differently. Heavenly Father helped me understand that every one of my students is special. Each learns in his or her own unique way.

What does a teacher do?

Our school is in a big city, and there are a lot of ways my students need my help. I teach my students subjects such as math, science, reading, and social studies. But I am also their friend, referee, coach, and even nurse. I am happy that I can help them.

Why do you like being a teacher?

I love to hear laughter as my students work on an assignment together. The sweetest sound is when a student says, "Miss Garner, I understand! This is easy! I love math!" I also feel blessed when I see my students stand up for one another when someone needs a friend.

How does Heavenly Father help you?

Each day on my way to work, I think about my testimony. I like to pray to Heavenly Father because He hears my prayers. When I pray, I ask Him to help me get through the day. He tells me that I should be the answer to my students' prayers. He tells me to love them, smile at them, and listen to them. When I hear this, I know I am blessed and try to be even more grateful to be their teacher. ♦

→ Watch a video about Sheryl at friend.lds.org.

By Ray Goldrup
(Based on a true story)

Prayers & Potatoes

Everyone was hungry.
Didn't God care?

"Whosoever shall put their trust in God shall be supported in their trials" (Alma 36:3).

June 15, 1851

My mother made me this journal, and this is my first time writing in it. My name is Patrick O'Hurley. I am 11 years old, and I live with my family on a potato farm in Ireland. A potato famine has been going for five years now. Many people have died from hunger and disease,

like my friend Bartholomew and my grandmother Melvina.

Everyone is hungry, even my dog, Whiskers. He keeps chewing on my shoes, no matter where I hide them!

August 1

I don't know if God really cares. Da and Ma say He does. They say we just have to have faith, but the famine is still going on. Why doesn't God answer my family's prayers? I think maybe He has forgotten about



us. We're only potato farmers—maybe we're not important enough for Him to remember.

August 27

Two Mormon missionaries visited us yesterday. They spoke about God and His Son and a plan God has for everyone, even us. The missionaries said we are children of God and that each one of us is very important to Him. At first I wasn't sure about it, but last night I prayed hard, and I felt something inside of me. A feeling as warm as the blanket Ma made me to use on cold winter nights.

August 29

The missionaries helped us understand the reason for trials. We learned that difficulties help us grow and test our faith so we can become more like Heavenly Father. I asked them why some trials go on and on, and the tall one said, "If all our trials were fixed in a single moment, how could we become stronger inside? Our

legs couldn't become stronger if we could climb any mountain in a single step."

January 7, 1852

My faith is a lot stronger now, and I am happy. The famine has not ended yet, but we know that in the Lord's good time it will. We prayed we could leave Ireland, and Heavenly Father has provided a way. We will be leaving for Canada in about two weeks. I know now that it is after the trials that the blessings come.

January 8

Whiskers still chews on my shoes. Da says it keeps me humble. Then he laughed. So did everybody else. Even me. We know blessings come after our trials, so I asked Ma if after Whiskers chews my shoes up, I will be able to get a brand new pair. I didn't hear what she said because Da laughed even louder! ♦

THE GREAT HUNGER

Ireland is a beautiful green island west of Great Britain.

In Patrick's time, potatoes were the main food for many people.

Around 1845 a plant disease, or "blight," infected the potato crop in Ireland.

From 1846 to 1852, the harvests were so small that there was a famine. The Irish call this time "the Great Hunger."

Many died from starvation or disease. Many others—like Patrick's family—had to leave Ireland.

ILLUSTRATION BY BRIAN CALL

He Sent His Son

I Can
PLAY
It!

(Simplified)

Words by Mabel Jones Gabbott
Music by Michael Finlinson Moody

Expressively ♩ = 66-80

How could the Fa-ther tell the world of love and ten-der-ness? —

He sent His Son, a new-born babe, with peace and ho-li-ness.

How could the Fa-ther show the world the path-way we should go? —

He sent His Son to walk with men on earth, that we may know.

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How could the Fa-ther tell the world of sac-ri-fice, of death? He sent His Son to

die for us and rise with liv-ing breath. _____ What does the Fa-ther

ask of us? What do the scrip-tures say? _____ Have faith, have hope, live like His Son, help

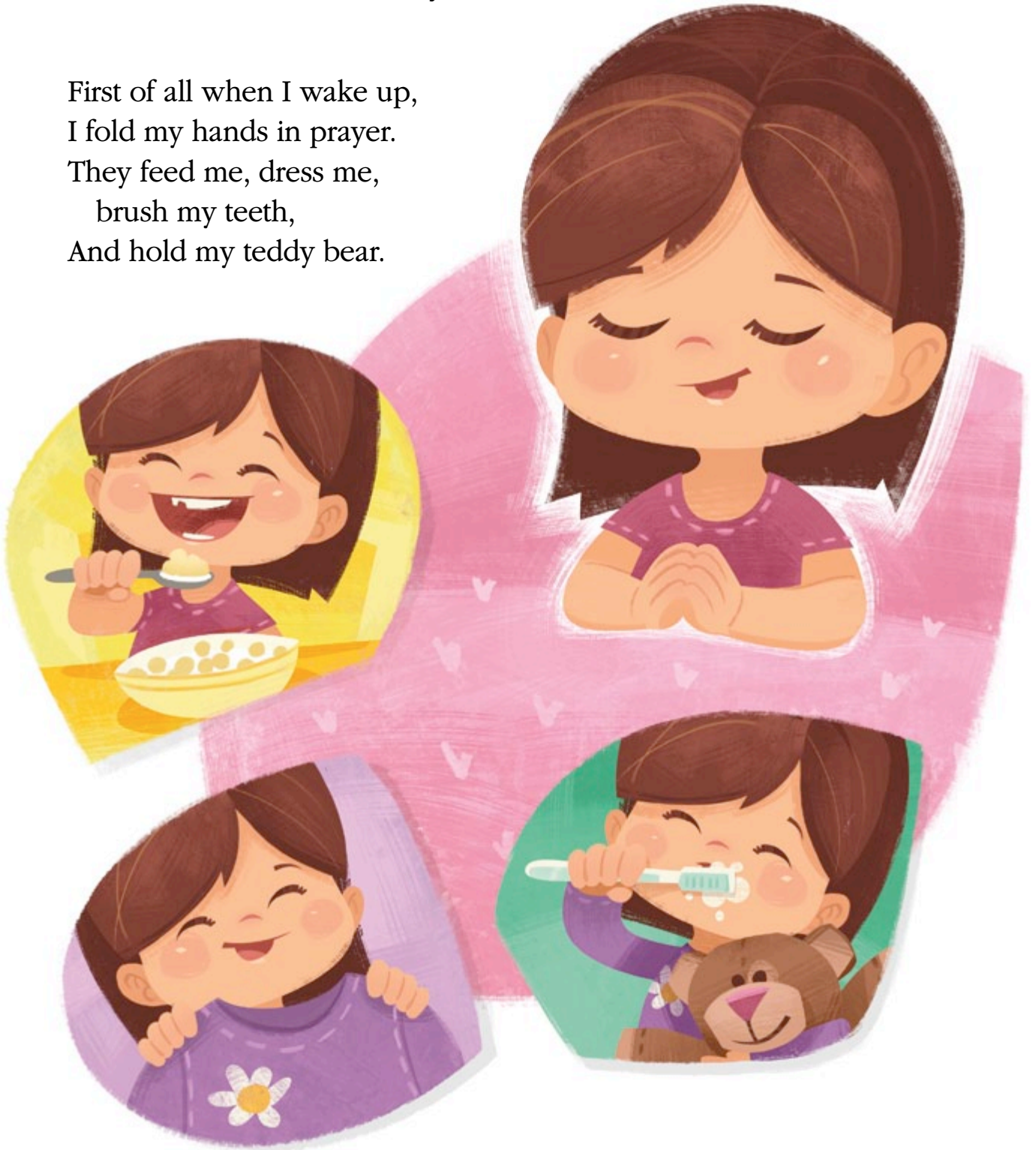
oth-ers on their way. _____ What does He ask? _____ Live like His Son.

Practice tip: Find and practice places where finger 1 goes under finger 2, and where finger 2 goes over finger 1.

A Busy Day for Hands

By Amanda Hill

First of all when I wake up,
I fold my hands in prayer.
They feed me, dress me,
brush my teeth,
And hold my teddy bear.





They do not hit or poke or pinch.
When sharing, they let go.
They stop what they are doing
When Mommy tells me, "No."

They pat and tickle, pet the cat.
They write a note to say,
"I love you." And when Daddy asks,
They clean up right away.





By evening it is time to pray,
And so I fold them tight.
My hands have had a busy day
Doing what is right. ◆

Hyrum's PRIMARY @ Home

By Olivia Corey

Hyrum and Emilee F., ages 7 and 6, from California, USA, like going to Primary. They like singing songs and spending time with their friends.

Last December, Hyrum and his family found out that he has an illness called leukemia. He needs special medicine to help him heal. It's important for him to stay away from germs, so he and Emilee can't go to Primary while he's getting better.

But their Primary leaders found a way for Hyrum and Emilee to come to Primary, even though they can't be there in person. Each week, the Primary secretaries



set up a video call with Hyrum, Emilee, and their mom! On live video they can hear the lessons in sharing time, learn the songs for the Primary program, and be with their friends. Hyrum hopes he will be better in time for his baptism this summer. Until then, he is happy he can still be part of Primary. ♦



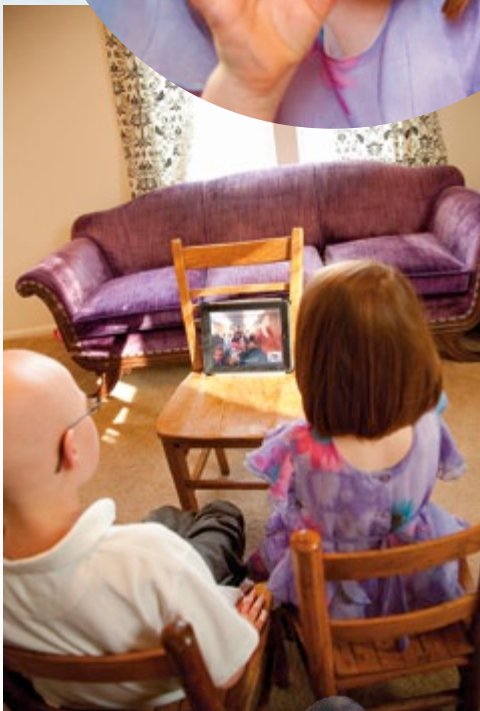
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Emilee says, "My favorite thing is singing time!"



Hyrum says, "I feel so happy when I get to see my friends."



ABOUT HYRUM

Scripture hero: David

Favorite foods: pizza, corn, and steak

Hobbies: spending time with his friends, building with plastic blocks, and going to the beach

ABOUT EMILEE

Scripture heroes: Nephi and Esther

Favorite foods: pizza, feta cheese, ice cream, and brussels sprouts

Hobbies: visiting the butterfly museum, riding her bike, and collecting shells





The girls in the activity days group of the **Sand Creek Ward, Fountain Colorado Stake**, wanted to learn to sew. They found a perfect way to learn and to give service. They spent two activities making dolls and then took them to the local police station. Now the policemen can give the dolls to children in need. The girls enjoyed the opportunity to serve.



My baptism day was a very important day in my life. My father baptized me. Many members

of my ward and my friends came. My grandparents also came. When I was baptized I felt happy and knew it was the right choice. I felt peace when I received the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Jay R., age 8, West Java, Indonesia



Colt K., age 3, Texas, USA, is happy to go to Primary with his big sister. He especially likes bringing his own Book of Mormon.

Heavenly Father's Plan

I am a child of God, and He has a plan for me:
 The plan of salvation, the plan of love, the plan of family,
 The plan of faith, the plan to get baptized, the plan to get married someday.
 He has a plan for everyone and will guide us along the way.

Laynie A., age 8, Utah, USA



Ryli A., age 8, California, USA



Abigail A., age 8, Spain



Sydney W., age 12, Utah, USA, just joined Young Women. The things she learned in Primary helped increase her testimony of the gospel.

I like to help my mom with family home evening. Our family wants to go to the temple so we can be together forever. When I grow up, I want to serve a mission.

Keydi P., age 12, Honduras



My friend Brinly has been the best example of what a true friend really is. When I started first grade, I cried every day. I did not like being away from my mom. Brinly was there for me every day. One morning my mom and I had just finished praying when there was a knock at the door. It was Brinly! I think Heavenly Father told her to come. She walked me to the bus, telling me it would be OK. I'm so grateful Heavenly Father has given me a great friend who can be at school with me.

Jada W. with Brinly H., both age 6, Utah, USA



Ever since I was little, my mother and father have taught me about the temple. It is far away, but

I love going there with my family. When I was sealed to my parents, I was finally able to go inside—it is very beautiful. Now when we go, I stay outside to wait. When I am older, I will make covenants in the temple.

David V., age 6, Nicaragua



Mackenzie and Zachary B., ages 9 and 7, Alberta, Canada, went to the open house for the Calgary Alberta Temple, and then they built their own temple out of building blocks. They felt the Spirit at the open house. The temple helps them feel closer to Heavenly Father.



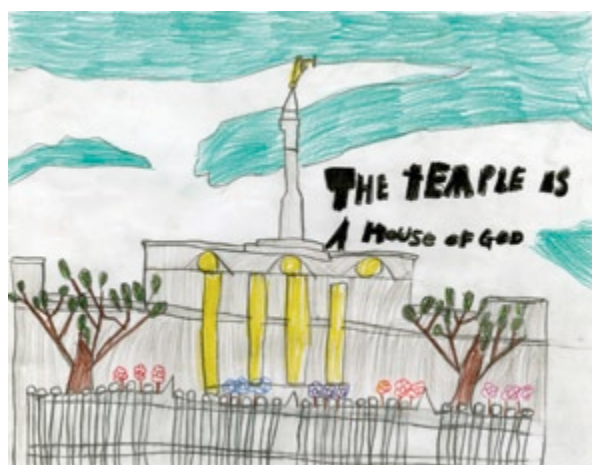
Đ. Văn Hiệp, age 11, Cambodia



Joshua K., age 6, Utah, USA



Makenna R., age 9, Texas, USA



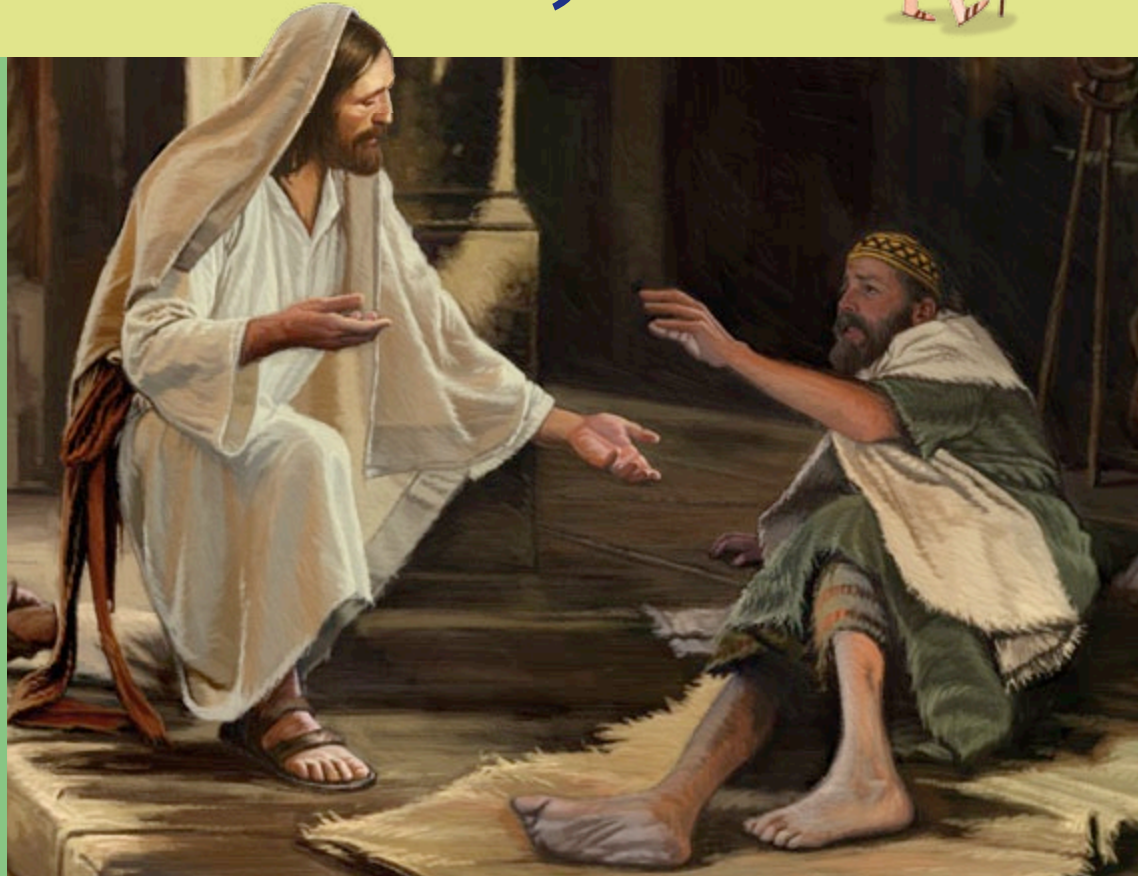
James O., age 8, Ohio, USA



Learn about Jesus

What Jesus Taught

One day Jesus was in the temple. He healed a man who couldn't walk. Then he told the people who were watching how they could learn more about Him. He said, "Search the scriptures; . . . they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39).



Following Jesus Today

I was reading my scriptures, and I found one I really liked. It was 2 Nephi 32:3. It talked about feasting upon the words of Christ, and that if we do this, the Holy Ghost will tell us all the things we should do. This scripture helps me choose the right. I memorized it a long time ago.

Madeline G., age 8, Utah, USA

This Month's Challenges:

- Look in the Topical Guide in the scriptures to find some verses about Jesus Christ. Mark your favorites and memorize one.
- Read Matthew 19:13–14. Think about how Jesus felt about children. Take time to pay attention to and help someone younger than you.
- Look through the first four books of the New Testament to find stories about Jesus. Draw a picture of one of the stories and share it with your family.
- I challenge myself to _____





By Sister Rosemary M. Wixom
Primary General President

The Victory Tunnel

*“How great the plan of our God”
(2 Nephi 9:13).*

During the spring, my husband and I attended our four-year-old grandson’s soccer game. Excitement was in the air as children ran in every direction chasing the ball. When the final whistle blew, the players didn’t know who won or who lost. They had simply played the game.

The coaches asked the players to shake hands with the other team. Then we saw something quite remarkable. One coach called for a victory tunnel.

Parents, grandparents, and anybody who came to see the game stood up and formed two lines facing each other. Then they raised their arms and created an arch. The children squealed as they ran under the arms of the



cheering adults and down the path.

Soon the children from the other team decided to join in the fun. All of the players were cheered on by the adults as they ran through the victory tunnel.

In my mind I could see another picture. I had the feeling I was seeing these children living the plan Heavenly Father created for every child. They were running on the strait and narrow path, under the arms of the people who loved them. Each child felt the joy of being on the path.

Jesus Christ has “marked the path and led the way” for each of us.* If we follow His lead, we will all return to our heavenly home and be safe in Heavenly Father’s arms. ♦

* “How Great the Wisdom and the Love,” *Hymns*, no. 195.

Heavenly Father Prepared a Way for Me to Return to Him

Before we came to earth, we all lived in heaven with our Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Father told us about His plan for us. We chose to follow Heavenly Father's plan and come to earth.

Heavenly Father loves us and wants us to return to Him. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to show us the way and help us get back to Him.



When we return to Heavenly Father, He will welcome us back with open arms!



and living with faith.

We follow the path back to Heavenly Father by:

being baptized and confirmed,



taking the sacrament,



making temple covenants,





This is me!

A PATH FOR ME

Make a poster showing your path back to Heavenly Father. Draw a path on paper or poster board. Have an adult help you cut out the little pictures and glue or tape them along the path. Add photos or draw pictures of yourself at important times like baptism.

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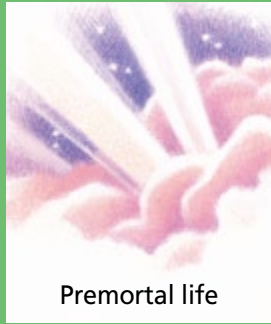
- a piece of paper or poster board
- scissors
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- crayons, markers, or pencils

SONG AND SCRIPTURE

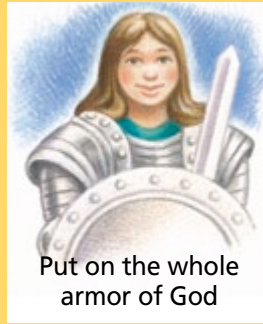
- "He Sent His Son"
(*Children's Songbook*, 34–35)
- John 3:16

IDEAS FOR FAMILY TALK

This message explains Heavenly Father's plan in a very simple way. You could have members of the family take turns using the visuals to explain the different parts of the plan. Then you could talk together about how you can help each other stay on the path that leads back to Heavenly Father.



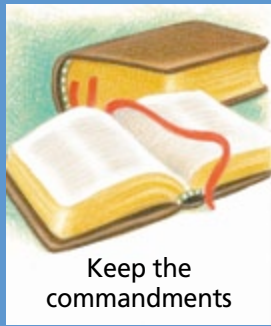
Premortal life



Put on the whole armor of God



Receive the gift of the Holy Ghost



Keep the commandments



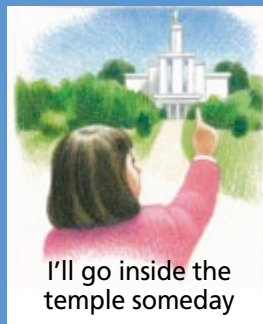
My baptism day



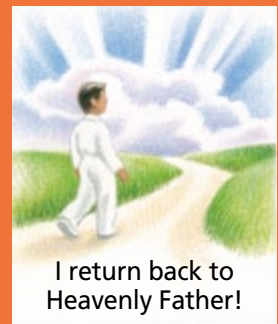
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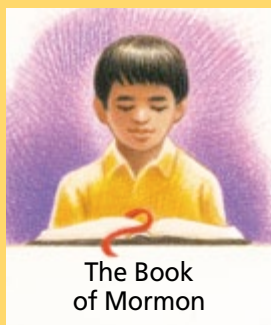
I'll follow Jesus Christ



I'll go inside the temple someday



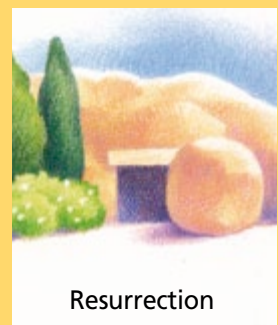
I return back to Heavenly Father!



The Book of Mormon



My future family



Resurrection

The Dance

By Jane McBride Choate

(Based on a true story)

“Search, ponder, and pray are the things that I must do. The Spirit will guide, and deep inside, I’ll know the scriptures are true” (Children’s Songbook, 109).

Lisa watched as her 16-year-old sister, Michelle, sat on her bed and read the Book of Mormon.

“Aren’t you going to the dance?” Lisa asked.

Lisa was 11. It would be three more years before she could go to a stake dance. “I wish I was old enough to go,” she said as she sat down on Michelle’s bed.

Michelle smiled at her. “You bet I’m going! But I want to finish reading before I go,” she said. “I just have a couple of pages left.”

Lisa sat quietly while Michelle read. She knew her sister had looked forward to the stake New Year’s Eve dance for weeks. Michelle had saved her money from her job at the mall and had bought a new dress to wear that night.

Lisa also knew that Michelle had set a goal to finish reading the Book of Mormon by the end of the year. Lisa was reading too, but she wasn’t finished yet.

Michelle looked up and grinned as she closed her scriptures. “Done!” she said. “I finished the whole Book of Mormon! Lisa, do you want to pray with me?” she asked.

*It was time to go,
but Michelle had
something to finish.*



Can Wait

Surprised, Lisa nodded. She and Michelle had prayed together for family home evening and family prayer, but never just the two of them.

Lisa listened as her sister prayed. Michelle told Heavenly Father how much she loved the scriptures, the prophet, and Jesus Christ. After the prayer both girls were silent for a long moment.

Lisa finally looked up to see tears on Michelle's cheeks. "Why are you crying?" she asked.

"I've read the Book of Mormon before," Michelle explained with a smile as she brushed the tears away. "But I never really

understood the words on the cover until now—'Another Testament of Jesus Christ.' This time I learned that the Book of Mormon really does testify of Jesus Christ."

Lisa suddenly felt a rush of love for Michelle. "I'm glad you're my big sister," she said.

Michelle brushed a hand over Lisa's hair. "I'm glad you're my sister too," she said. "Want to help me do my hair?"

"Sure!" Lisa said. They both brushed Michelle's long brown hair until it was shiny and smooth.

Michelle kissed Lisa's cheek, then hurried to get ready for the dance. Lisa picked up the scriptures. She had just set a goal for the year. She was going to finish the Book of Mormon too. ♦



Hey—my older sister is a pretty good example to me too.

Aw, thanks, Matt.





QUESTION CORNER

Some of my friends have been daring each other to do dangerous things. They say they're only having fun, but I'm afraid someone might get hurt. What can I do?



If you're scared that they will get hurt, then tell them that! They might not stop, but at least they'll know that you care for them and you absolutely do not want them to get hurt. If they continue and go to larger problems, you'll have to do something larger too. You should probably tell an adult.

Elle S., age 10, California, USA



I would tell them that they shouldn't be doing it. If they didn't listen, I would tell a grownup. If the grownups didn't listen, I would pray about it and see what the Spirit told me to do.

Micah E., age 8, England



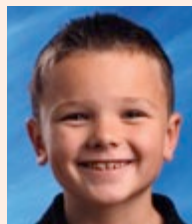
Being older, "truth or dare" is a popular game, though I do not play it. How I usually handle this is by, one, going to get a responsible adult, and, two, saying something along the lines of, "This isn't cool." It's really as simple that! Just make sure to keep yourself out of those sorts of situations.

Payton A., age 12, Oregon, USA



You should tell your friends how you feel about the situation. Explain why it is bad and the bad things that may happen as a result.

Brooklyn S., age 11, New Mexico, USA



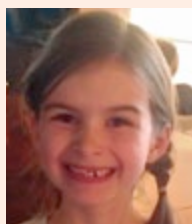
If your friends are daring you to do dangerous things, I think you should just walk away and go play with other friends. You could also say, "Let's go play something else."

Mason L., age 7, Utah, USA



First pray to Heavenly Father. Then tell your friends you are concerned about their safety and make up or play a different game. If your friends don't listen, then maybe hang out and play with other people until they have stopped the dares. Just remember God will help you the entire way.

Nicole N., age 10, Nevada, USA



You can either walk away, or you can talk about it with them. You can ask Heavenly Father in a prayer to help you.

Evie L., age 8, Utah, USA

Responses are intended for help and perspective, not as pronouncements of Church doctrine.

NEXT QUESTION

I keep trying to read the scriptures, but they don't sound anything like the books I like to read. How can I understand the scriptures better?

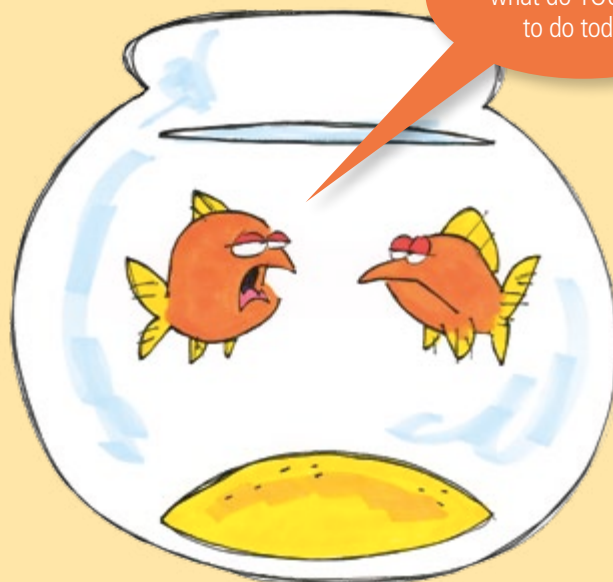
Do you have some advice about this? Send us your answer and photo by January 31, 2014. Find our address on page 48 or email us at friend@ldschurch.org. (Put "Question Corner" in the subject line.) Remember to include a parent's permission!

P.S.

We hope you enjoyed this month's magazine. Please write to tell us what you liked!

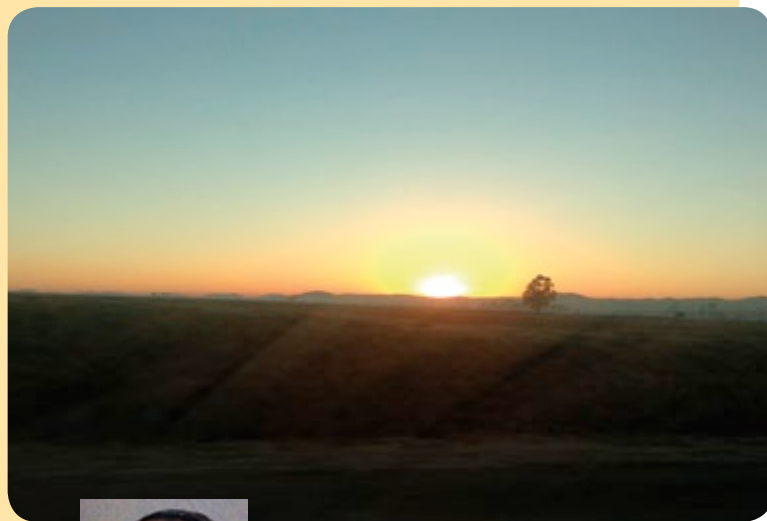
The Last Laugh

I don't know... what do YOU want to do today?



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Through Your Eyes



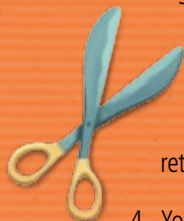
Heavenly Father has blessed all our lives by giving us beautiful sunrises every morning to greet us.

Nkateko M., age 12, Gauteng, South Africa

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Funstuff Answers

Page 10: **Pioneer Puzzler:** A (John Wood, an early Church member, brought this candy mold from his shop in England when he came to Salt Lake in 1855.) **Friendly Fractions:** missionaries

Hidden CTR Ring

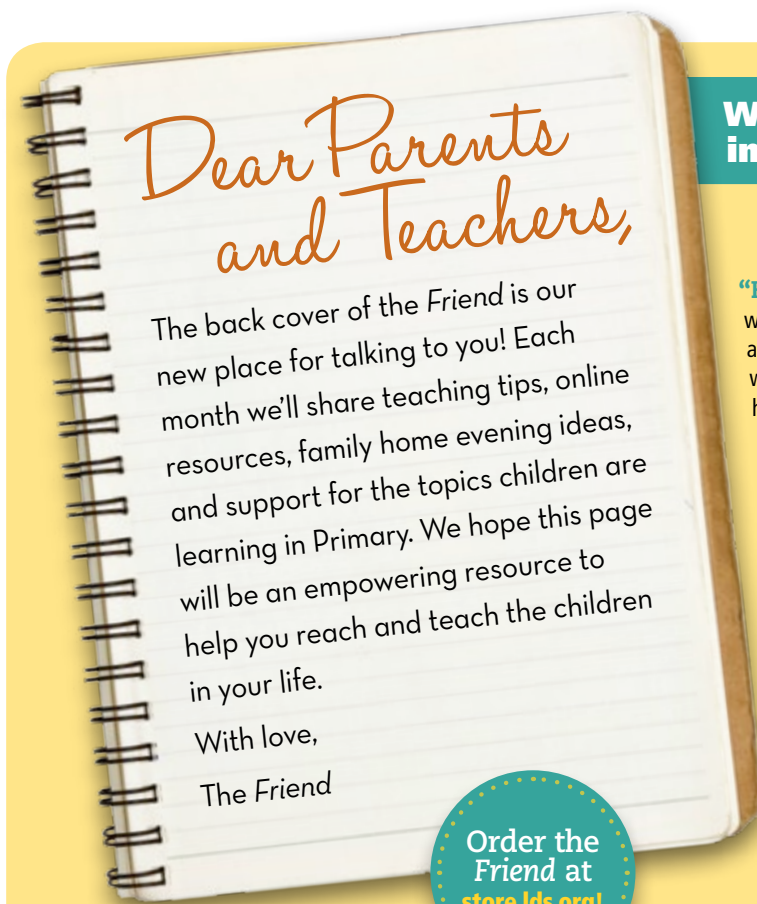
Did you find the ring?
Look on page 17!





EZRA TAFT BENSON

Ezra Taft Benson did many **chores** on his family farm. Because he loved farming, he earned an advanced degree in agricultural economics and eventually served as secretary of agriculture for the United States in **Washington, D.C.** President Benson loved the **Book of Mormon** and encouraged Church members to study it as families and as individuals.



What's **NEW** in the *Friend*?



"Family Fun Time." This new page goes with the first story in the magazine. It includes an activity and recipe, plus ideas for talking with your children. A great resource for family home evening!



"Friends around the World." In 2014 we're highlighting a different country each month with a photo story, a paper figure to cut out, and activities and recipes. Look for an article in the *Ensign* about the history of the Church in that country.



Family Home Evening Ideas

SCRIPTURE STUDY: "Family Fun Time" (page 6) is about scripture study. This year children in senior Primary are studying the Old Testament. Use the scripture chart on pages 24–26 to study along with your family. Find other ways to bring your family closer to Christ at lds.org/go/FRclosetoChrist.

HEAVENLY FATHER'S PLAN: You can use "Bringing Primary Home" (pages 42–43) to help your family learn about this month's Primary sharing time theme. You'll find a short lesson, a scripture, and ideas for talking with your children. A simplified version of the song "He Sent His Son" is on pages 30–31.

EACH PERSON IS SPECIAL: Read about two brothers from Mexico on pages 14–15, and watch "One in a Million" videos at friend.lds.org. Talk about how Heavenly Father loves each of His children, no matter where they live. How should we treat other people, even if they seem different from us?

MISSIONARY WORK: Read "You Found Me, Bishop!" on pages 2–3. Who can your family invite to church? How can your family help others feel welcome at church? Set some missionary goals.

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