

THE *Friend*



Learn about
TEMPLES

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FRIENDS by Mail



How We Use the *Friend*



Our family likes the stories and the hidden picture games in the *Friend*. Talon is getting baptized and loves to read the *Friend* to get ready for this important day. Jace and Rylee are also excited to be baptized someday.

Talon, Jace, and Rylee N., ages 8, 6, and 3, Nevada, USA



How I Read the *Friend*

I love to read the *Friend* with my stuffed animals before bedtime.

Emma T., age 10, New Jersey, USA

Finding Comfort



Thank you for the story “*Elisabeth Is Happy All the Time*” (April 2014). My grandpa recently passed away because of cancer, and the story really helped me cope with the sad feelings due to his death. Like Elisabeth in the story, I still cry a lot, but I know my grandpa loves me very, very much and that death is not the end. Soon I will see him again in the presence of Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

I showed the story to my family, and they all agreed that it was exceptional. I try and help my nana when she is sad, and sometimes we just sit and cry with our arms around each other. It makes me feel better to know that I comforted her just by being me and making her laugh.

I love my grandpa, and I *will* see him again. Thank you for a story that touched hearts!

Emma G., age 10, Florida, USA

Dear Friends,

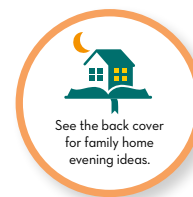
Do you love to see the temple? Then turn to page 21 to find a special section all about it! You'll see what a temple looks like on the inside. And you'll find out about what you will learn when you go inside someday!

Love,

The *Friend*

P.S. Please write to tell us about your experiences with the temple.

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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FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

A Testimony of the Church

By President Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Second Counselor in the First Presidency

Heavenly Father cares about you. He will listen to and answer your personal questions. He has promised that we can know that the Church is true. He has given this pattern:

First, search the word of God. Read the scriptures. Study the words from modern prophets about the gospel. Pay attention to how you feel.

Second, try to believe. Be grateful that Heavenly Father has given us prophets to help us find our way back to Him.

Third, ask Heavenly Father to **reveal** the truth of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

show

to you. Ask with a sincere heart and with **real intent**, having faith in Jesus Christ.

desire and determination

Fourth, if you want to know the truth of the gospel, you must first live it. Choose the right and live the way Jesus taught. Do it with honesty and faith.

If you do these things, Heavenly Father will reveal the truth to you by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Your personal testimony of the gospel and the Church is the most important thing you can earn in this life. It will bless and guide you your whole life. ♦

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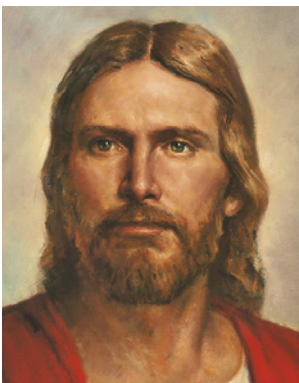
TESTIMONY BASICS

One of the best ways to help your testimony grow is by sharing it with others. Not sure what to say? Here are a few basic parts of a testimony to get you started:

Cut out the pictures and the list, and glue them on heavy paper. As you say each of these five parts of a testimony, look at the matching picture. You can take these pictures in your school backpack or your scripture bag to help you remember to share your testimony.



1



2



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4



5

1. God is our Heavenly Father and He loves us.
2. His Son, Jesus Christ, is our Savior and Redeemer.
3. Joseph Smith is a prophet of God. He restored the gospel of Jesus Christ to the earth and translated the Book of Mormon by the power of God.
4. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is Heavenly Father's Church on the earth today.
5. This Church is led by a living prophet who receives revelation.



A GROWING TESTIMONY

Many scriptures compare gaining a testimony to growing a plant—both require time and effort. Fill in a color for each step President Uchtdorf gives for growing a testimony.



By Katherine Nelson

(Based on a true story)

“Do as I’m doing; follow, follow me”

(*Children’s Songbook*, 276).

Larry loved to jump and run races and ride his bike and climb trees. So when it came time for Primary, he had a hard time sitting still. Every time he sat down in his chair, he felt like standing right back up. He tapped his toes on the floor. He squirmed in his seat. He tugged on his lip.

Sister Valencia showed their class a picture of Jesus and told them some of the special names for Him. “We call Him our Exemplar,” she said. “It’s a big word, but it means someone who’s a good example. What are some ways Jesus was a good example?”

“He was nice to people who were mean to Him!” Chloe said.

“He chose the right!” Philippe said.

“He was a good friend,” Chad said.

“You’re all right,” Sister Valencia said. “Jesus loved His enemies, He always stood up for what’s right, and He was a wonderful friend. So if we want to be like Jesus—”

“—we should be a good friend!” Larry said.

Sister Valencia nodded. “Exactly. Jesus was a good example to everyone because He was a friend to everyone. He wants us to be friends to everyone too.”

At the end of the lesson, the class lined up at the door to walk into sharing time. When they got into the Primary room, another boy was already in the seat



Rowdy

where Larry usually sat. Larry knew the boy's name was Brennan and that he had something called autism. Larry wasn't sure what that meant, but he knew Brennan had a hard time sitting still and shouted things out when they were supposed to be reverent and sometimes cried loudly. Brennan's mom usually came in to sit with him. Larry didn't know Brennan well yet.

Larry slumped down in the chair next to Brennan, feeling a little grumpy that he had to sit in a different seat. Then, when sharing time started, Larry felt his



to Reverent



wiggles coming on. He kicked the chair in front of him. *Clack!* Then he heard another loud *clack*. Brennan had kicked the chair in front of him too!

Brennan's mom softly asked Brennan to be quiet.

Larry bounced up and down on his chair. Brennan bounced too. Larry looked at Brennan and sighed loudly. Brennan sighed louder. Why was Brennan copying everything he was doing?

Larry made a mean face at Brennan and leaned away.

Brennan copied him, twisting his mouth into an ugly frown. Larry looked at him in surprise. Is that what Larry's face looked like? He didn't like seeing such a mean face glaring at him like that. He didn't like it at all!

Suddenly Larry remembered what Sister Valencia had said about Jesus being an example and a friend. Jesus wouldn't make a mean face at Brennan, Larry thought. Jesus would help Brennan. Larry decided to give it a try.

He stopped kicking the chair—and Brennan stopped kicking too. He folded his arms—and Brennan folded his arms too. He turned his head and faced the teacher—and out of the corner of his eye, he saw Brennan face the front too. Larry grinned.

During singing time Larry sang with his best voice and heard Brennan singing loud too. Brennan's mom smiled at Larry with a smile that lit up her whole face. Larry felt warm inside. He could be like Jesus!—an example *and* a friend. ♦

The author lives in Utah, USA.

Turn the page for an activity
to go with this story!



Family Fun Time



Read “Rowdy to Reverent” (page 4). Being reverent means being respectful of sacred things. We should make Sunday a special day when we reverently focus on Jesus and Heavenly Father. What are things your family can do to focus on Jesus and Heavenly Father on Sunday?

Be sure to get an adult’s help with this activity and recipe.

Peanut Butter Pudding

1/2 cup whipping cream

1 tablespoon sugar

1/4 cup creamy peanut butter

1 3.4-oz (96-g) package instant chocolate pudding

chopped peanuts or mini chocolate chips (optional)

1. Beat the whipping cream and sugar with a hand mixer until it forms stiff peaks.
2. In a separate bowl, mix the peanut butter until it’s smooth. Mix in the whipped topping.
3. Make the chocolate pudding according to the package instructions.
4. Scoop the pudding into bowls and top with the peanut-butter mix. Sprinkle with nuts or chocolate chips.



TIP: Put “Idea Cards” in your box for things your family can do on Sunday: go on a walk, visit a neighbor, call family, make cookies for missionaries, index at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org), etc.

Sunday Box

Make an activity box full of good things to do on Sunday! Decorate a box or bag and fill it with good activities and projects. What can you put in your box? Here are some ideas:

scripture stories

copies of the *Friend*

puzzles

pictures from the gospel art collection

family photos

scripture figures (see the inside back cover of this issue)

art supplies

journals to write in

CDs of Primary songs

cards and pens to write letters

Remembering Elder L. Tom Perry (1922-2015)

Elder L. Tom Perry of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles passed away on May 30, 2015, after spending his whole life being a good example to others. He was 92 years old.



Elder Perry was born on August 5, 1922, in Logan, Utah. His parents taught their six children to work hard and serve others. Young Tom helped by taking food to

As a little boy in Logan, Utah.

families in need and cleaning homes for people who needed help. He was also a good example to his friends.

When they played ball, they didn't need an umpire because Tom was such a good peacemaker.

Tom served a mission in the northern United States. Soon after that he joined the United States Marine Corps during World War II. One of his missionary companions also joined the marines. Together they taught other marines the gospel. Some even joined the Church!

After the war Tom became a successful businessman. He and his wife Virginia raised three children and moved around the United States as Tom worked for different companies.

Elder Perry was called as a member of the



On his ward's basketball team (bottom center).

As a missionary in 1942.



Quorum of the Twelve on April 6, 1974. A few months later, Sister Perry passed away. Elder Perry turned to the Lord for strength and comfort. Later he married Barbara Dayton.

Elder Perry believed in being a good example. He said, "As you are engaged in doing good, being honorable and upright men and women, the Light of Christ will be reflected by your

lives." Each of us can be a good example to others, just like Elder Perry has been a good example to us! ♦



With his three children.

By Cynthia L. Pearson

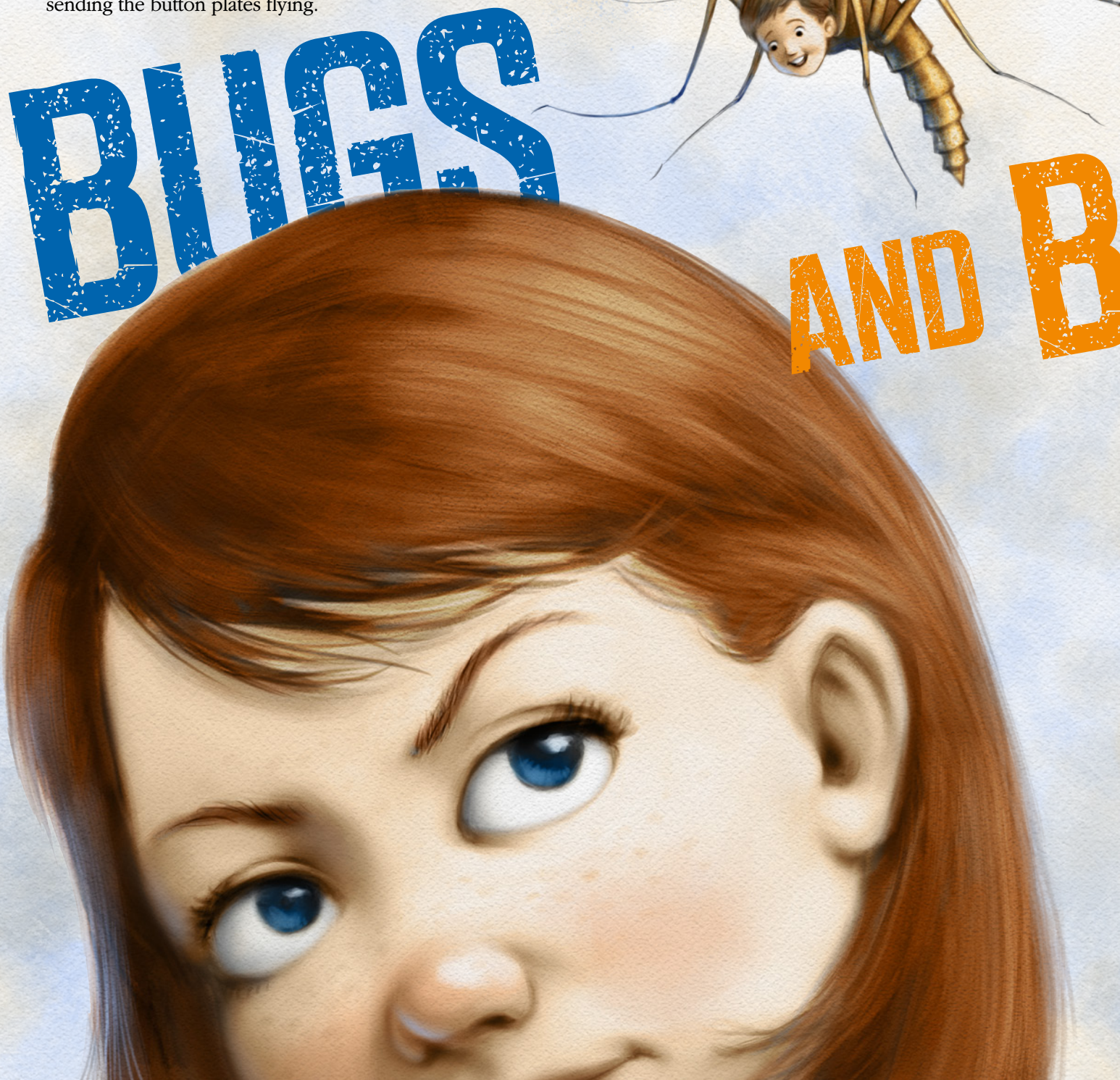
(Based on a true story)

"Ye are free; ye are permitted to act for yourselves"
(*Helaman 14:30*).

Lacey was busy making things for her miniature dollhouse. She'd already made button plates, a yogurt-lid table, and a popcorn bowl out of a bottle cap and Styrofoam. She was just starting on the paper-clip hangers when her little brother, Zach, burst through the door with a bath towel around his neck like a cape.

"Zach!" Lacey cried as he bumped into her desk, sending the button plates flying.

"I'm not Zach. I'm Awesome Boy!" Zach shouted. He stomped around her room and knocked into the walls, pretending to fly. "And you're a giant mutant monster that's attacking the city!"



"I am not a mutant monster!" Lacey shouted back. As she looked at the buttons scattered all over the floor, she felt a hot, angry feeling rising in her stomach. She felt like yelling.

Instead she stomped out of the room. "Mom!" she called. "Zach's bugging me again!"

Mom was on the phone in the kitchen and held up her hand. "One minute," she mouthed. Mom walked into the other room to finish her phone call.

Lacey sighed and flopped into a kitchen chair. *Why is Zach so annoying?* Lacey fumed. She was ten, and Zach

in a silly voice, and searched through her drawers. Each thing made her madder and madder. She didn't like feeling that way.

Lacey looked down at the paper-clip hanger she was still holding. Kylee, Lacey's older sister, had showed her how to make miniature things. Kylee was away at college now, and Lacey missed her. Why couldn't Kylee still be around instead of Zach?

Lacey thought back to a time just before Kylee had left for school. They were having fun on the front porch eating ice cream and talking, but Lacey couldn't stop scratching a mosquito bite on her arm. It itched so much!

"Don't scratch it," Kylee warned. "The more you scratch it, the worse it gets."

"But I *have* to scratch it!" Lacey complained. "It itches too much. It's driving me crazy!"

"You don't *have* to scratch it," Kylee said. She licked her ice cream cone and smiled. "You may not be able to control whether or not you have a mosquito bite, but you *can* control how much you scratch it."

Lacey looked down at her arm where the mosquito bite had been, and suddenly she understood something. She *could* control her own actions.

She couldn't stop Zach from doing what he wanted, but she could choose not to be *bothered* by it anymore! And Heavenly Father could help her.

Heavenly Father, she prayed silently, please help me not to get mad when Zach teases me. Please help me to just love him.

As she prayed, she felt the hot anger in her stomach start to go away. A warm feeling filled its place.

"Never mind," she mouthed to Mom as she walked back to find Zach. Maybe her miniature dollhouse would make the perfect city to defend from a giant mutant monster. And maybe Awesome Boy could use a superhero friend—Awesome Girl! ♦

The author lives in Utah, USA.

PROTHERS

was only seven. He thought it was funny to see her mad. Worse, it seemed like Zach *looked* for ways to bother her. He grabbed her dolls, copied everything she said

Can you find another story about getting along with siblings?

Hidden Picture

No matter where you live in the world, there are exciting things to see and do as a family.

Can you find these parts of the picture?



Heavenly Father Answers My Prayers



By George R., age 9, New Mexico, USA

There have been many times that Heavenly Father has heard and answered my prayers. My first memory of this happening was when I was four. I had lost the blocks I wanted to play with. So I went to my room and knelt down to pray. I asked Heavenly Father to help me find my toys. My prayer was immediately answered—I found the blocks in the next room.

One of the most important times I had a prayer answered was with my whole family. A few months after my cousin Christian finished his mission, he was driving late at night on a mountain canyon road. He and another car crashed into each other. The other driver was fine, but my cousin was taken to the hospital by helicopter.

Christian had serious injuries all over his whole body. He went into a coma, and the doctors didn't think he would wake up. Our family decided to fast and pray.

My parents, sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and all my cousins took turns fasting for Christian. I fasted on a school day. I had to explain to my teacher and classmates why I wasn't eating lunch that day. I really didn't mind going without food for a day because I was fasting for my cousin.

Heavenly Father answered our prayers, and Christian eventually woke up from his coma. He still doesn't have his full abilities back, but he has made some progress. I know Christian has a long recovery ahead of him. We still pray for him. Anything is possible with Heavenly Father's help. ♦



QUESTION FOR YOU

What things do you need help with? Remember to talk with Heavenly Father about them!

Hi, I'm
Michaela!

Each summer,
my stake collects food for
a food bank. I was sad to learn
that some kids don't get dinner
every night. I know how grumpy
I feel when I'm hungry, so I
wanted to help collect
for the food drive.

food drive fun

Spreading the Word

A food bank gives food to people who don't have much money. I wanted lots of people to help donate. A few weeks before the food drive, I brought flyers to my school teacher. She passed out more flyers to other teachers.



Running for a Reason

I decided to run the one-mile race that was held as part of the food drive. I practiced in my neighborhood so my body would be ready to run a whole mile.



Ready, Set, Serve!

It was a hot morning, but I finished the race. I ran the whole time without stopping. I even got a medal for finishing!



Gathering Donations

Some races you have to pay money to enter. For this race, runners were asked to donate food instead of money! My parents and friends gave me food to donate.



Sorting the Food

After the race my family and I went to the parking lot of a local grocery store to sort the donations that went to the food bank.

HOW YOU CAN HELP



Instead of birthday gifts, you could ask for donations for your local food bank.



Visit your local food bank. Ask what items they need the most.



Plant a garden! Some food banks accept fresh fruit and vegetable donations.



Your family's fast offering helps provide food for families in need.

Micaela's Tip

I try to invite friends to Church service activities, whether they're members or not. We have fun!

GIVE US A HAND!



How do you follow Jesus by helping others? Trace your hand, and send us your story and photo, along with your parent's permission. Find out how on page 48.

Remember when our family had to use the food bank?



Yeah. And now it's our turn to share!



By Elder
Juan A. Uceda
Of the Seventy

I Talked to God as a Friend

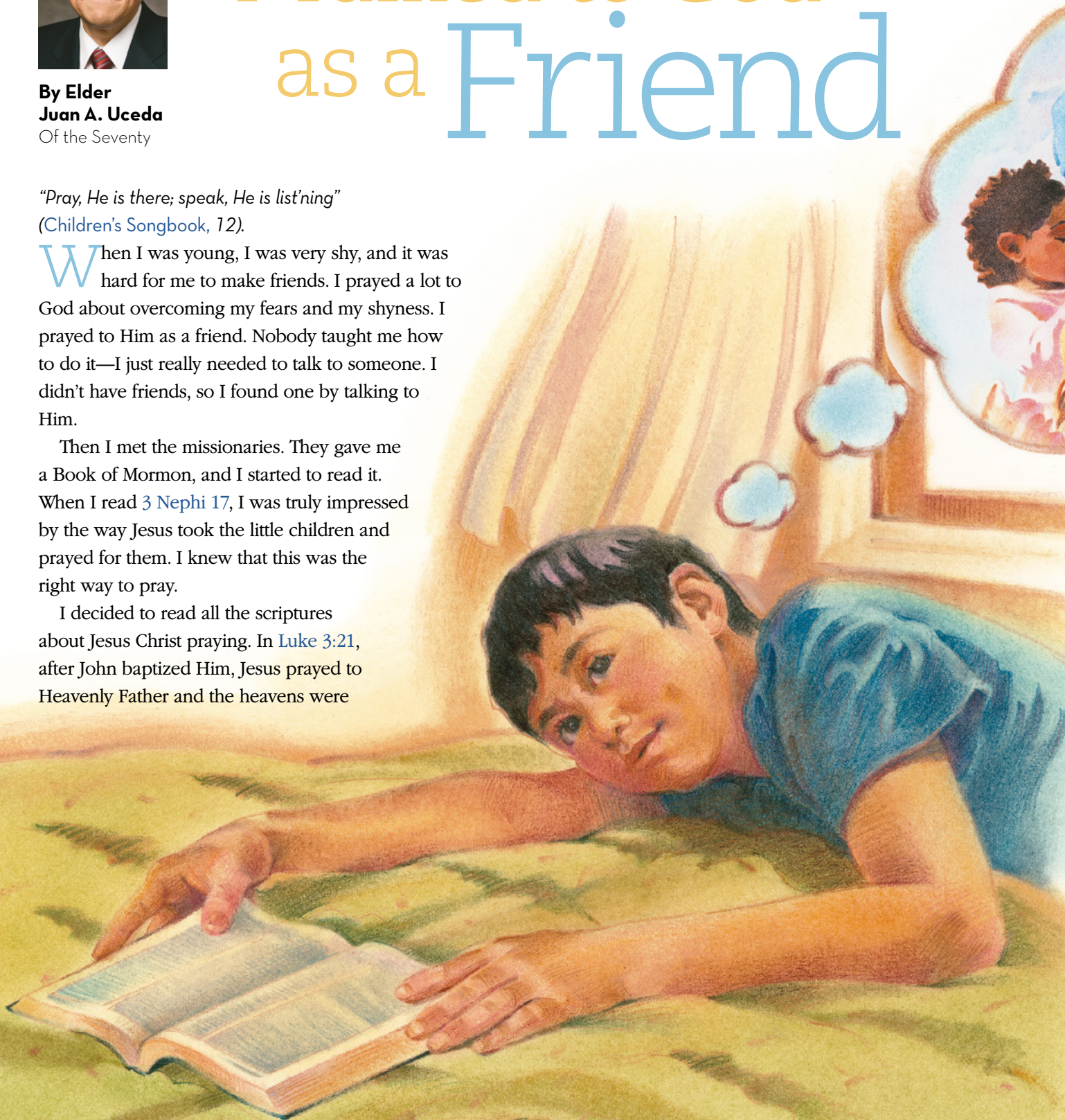
"Pray, He is there; speak, He is list'ning"

(*Children's Songbook*, 12).

When I was young, I was very shy, and it was hard for me to make friends. I prayed a lot to God about overcoming my fears and my shyness. I prayed to Him as a friend. Nobody taught me how to do it—I just really needed to talk to someone. I didn't have friends, so I found one by talking to Him.

Then I met the missionaries. They gave me a Book of Mormon, and I started to read it. When I read [3 Nephi 17](#), I was truly impressed by the way Jesus took the little children and prayed for them. I knew that this was the right way to pray.

I decided to read all the scriptures about Jesus Christ praying. In [Luke 3:21](#), after John baptized Him, Jesus prayed to Heavenly Father and the heavens were





opened. When I read that, I knew that I also wanted to pray in a way that would open the heavens.

Sometimes I feel tired and don't feel like praying. But then I remember how Jesus prayed. I try to be honest and sincere in my prayer so that the heavens will be opened for me too.

Sometimes my prayers are short because I can't find the words to express myself well. I just have a bunch of feelings inside, and I say, "Thou knowest what I'm trying to say. Please just help me."

Sometimes when I pray to ask a blessing on the food, I remember that even in that small prayer, the heavens can be opened. I try to forget about the world and connect with Heavenly Father. And in a very humble way, I say things that come from my heart.

When I feel peace and comfort, I know that the heavens are open to me.

After the missionaries taught my family about the gospel, my mother, sister, and I were baptized. But my father, my brother, and my other sister didn't join the Church. I really wanted my father to be a member of the Church. I fasted, and every day I prayed for my father to accept the gospel and be baptized.

I knew that I needed to pray for my father, but I also knew I needed to wait for God's answer. Sometimes He says, "No, not yet." Eventually my father did listen and understand, and he was baptized.

If your mother or father isn't a member of the Church yet, talk to your Friend—your Father in Heaven. Ask for Him to touch your mother or father's heart. Talk to Him humbly and honestly, in a sincere way. But then relax. He is in command. He knows how to do things. He knows your father and mother better than you do. He knows how to reach them.

Don't worry. You have a friend. Pray with your heart, and Heavenly Father will listen to you. The heavens will be opened. He knows you, and He will bless you. ♦

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Are you worried because someone in your family isn't a member of the Church? Or your family hasn't been sealed in the temple? Here are five things Elder Uceda did that you can do too:

1. Talk to Heavenly Father in prayer. He is your Friend.
2. Pray for your family.
3. Trust Heavenly Father. He knows your family, and He knows how to help them.
4. Relax and don't worry. Heavenly Father is in command.
5. Know that Heavenly Father knows you and He will bless you.

Pioneers around the World

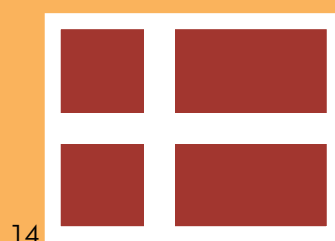
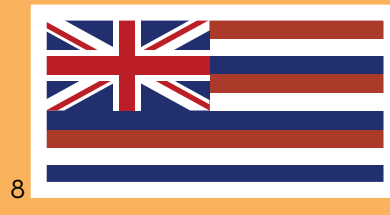
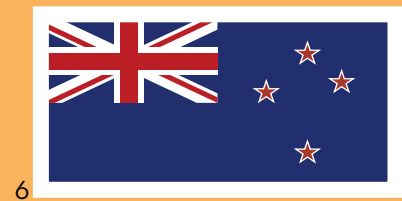
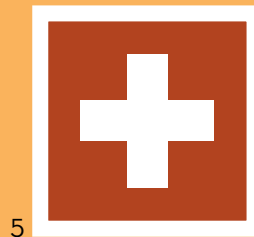
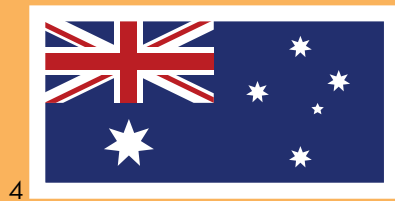
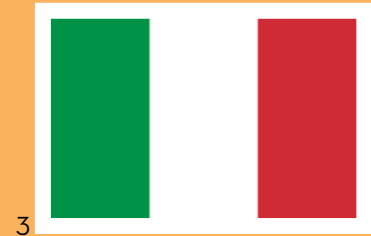
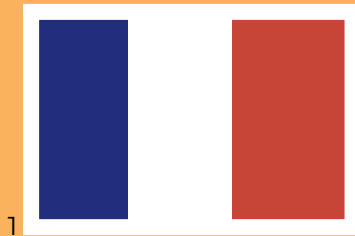
Pioneers came to Utah from many different places in the 1800s. Here's a list of just a few. Unscramble the names below. Can you match each place with its flag? Check your answers on page 48.

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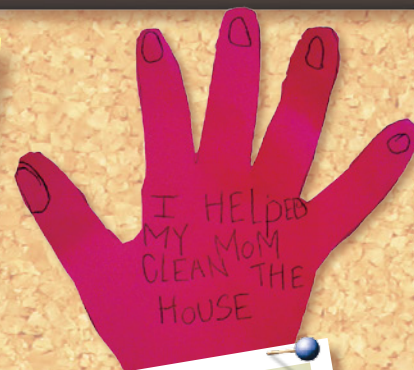
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BULLETIN BOARD



Snack Kabobs



Thread a skewer with your choice of cherry tomatoes and cubes of cheese, ham, and turkey.

Give Us a Hand!



Sarah S., age 6, Pennsylvania, USA

So far you've sent us **8,575** handprints! Go to page 48 to find out how to send us your "helping hand"!

PIONEER FUN

Pioneer children used to play with cup-and-ball toys. Try making your own! Be sure to get an adult's help.

1. Cut a **piece of string** that is as long as your arm.
2. Wrap one end of the string around a **paper or plastic cup** and **tape** it down.
3. Tape the other end of the string in the middle of a **piece of paper**.
4. Crumple the paper into a tight ball around the end of the string.
5. Now you're ready to play! Hold the cup and try to swing the paper ball up so you can catch it in the cup.



STAND TALL!



"I will keep my mind and body sacred and pure, and I will not partake of things that are harmful to me."

—My Gospel Standards

How do you keep your mind and body sacred and pure?

By Jessica Larsen

(Based on a true story)

This story took place in May 1889.

Anna Matilda Anderson huddled with her mother and sister, Ida, under the black umbrella. Out of the corner of her eye, she saw the train approach. She shivered. This train would take her from Sweden and begin her journey to America.

"Be good and listen to Elder Carlson," Anna's mother whispered in Swedish. She held the girls close. Elder Carlson was a missionary who had been serving in Sweden for three years, since Anna was eight. Now it was time for him to return to his family in Idaho, in the United States.

When Mamma had decided to send Anna and Ida to America to escape the persecution in Sweden, Elder Carlson had offered to watch over them. Now he stood by the train. He motioned for the two girls to join him. Ida hugged her mother

tightly and moved forward, but Anna stayed behind.

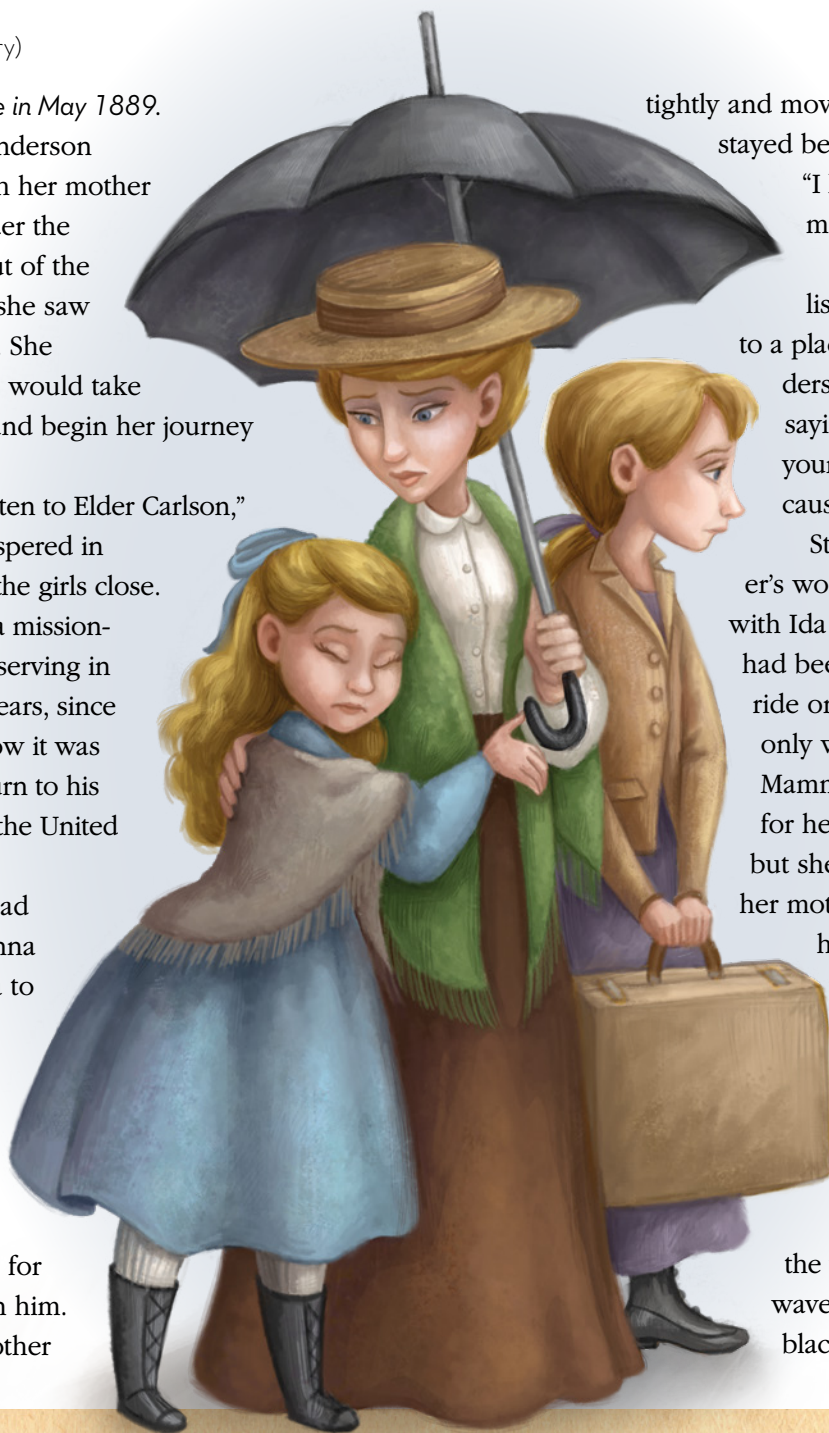
"I love you," Anna said. "I'll miss you."

"I'll miss you too. Now listen closely. If you come to a place where you can't understand what the people are saying, don't forget to pray to your Father in Heaven because *He* can understand you."

Still thinking of her mother's words, Anna got on the train with Ida and Elder Carlson. She had been excited about her first ride on a train, but now she only wanted one last glimpse of Mamma. The train was too tall for her to see people's faces, but she smiled when she saw her mother's black umbrella held high above the crowd.

It reminded her that Mamma was watching.

With a great bellow of smoke, the train lurched forward. At first it moved so slowly that Mamma ran beside the train. The black umbrella waved at Anna. But soon the black umbrella disappeared



LEAVING HOME



from view. Anna leaned against the windowpane. She knew it would be a long time before she saw Mamma again.

There had not been enough money for Mamma to buy a ticket. A family in Ogden, Utah, had paid for Ida's passage to America. Ida would stay with them on their farm and work to repay them. But Anna would stay with her aunt in Salt Lake City. Anna's aunt had gone to Utah several years earlier, and Mamma had written to tell her that Anna was making the long journey too.

After that first train trip, they took a boat over the North Sea to Denmark. Then they sailed to England and Ireland before crossing the Atlantic Ocean and landing in New York City. Anna was seasick for most of the 15-day journey. She was so relieved when she finally stepped off the boat!

"America looks different than Sweden, *ja?*" she said to Ida as they boarded the train in New York that would take them to Utah.

"*Ja*," Ida whispered back in Swedish. "But America is

home now, and if we work hard enough, soon we can bring Mamma here too."

At last they were on the final stretch of their journey. Anna would have been excited for it to end if it didn't mean losing Ida. There weren't enough days left!

Finally Anna heard the conductor call, "Ogden, Utah!" She knew no English, but Anna recognized that name. Her heart sank. It sank even further when Elder Carlson stood and picked up his and Ida's bags.

"Do you have to go?" she asked her sister.

"Yes," Ida said gently. "Don't worry, Auntie will be there when you get to Salt Lake City."

Anna watched from the train as Ida and Elder Carlson met his family at the station. They would take Ida to her new home on the farm and then travel on to Idaho. Now Anna felt truly alone. ♦

To be continued . . .

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Where do your ancestors come from?
Do you know any of their names?
Search for them on [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)!



Family History Mystery



Special Detective Profile: Your Baptism

Dear Detective,
Last month you discovered evidence about the first person baptized in your family. Someday someone will want to find out about your baptism too! Write down the story of your baptism. If you haven't been baptized yet, write about why you're excited to get baptized. Add your story to your file.



MY BAPTISM DAY

When I was baptized: _____

Where I was baptized: _____

Who baptized me: _____

What I wore: _____

Who came to my baptism: _____

How I felt when I was baptized: _____

How I felt when I received the Holy Ghost: _____

Print more tags for your "sleuth kit" at friend.lds.org.



Family History Mystery:

EVIDENCE FILE

MYSTERY SOLVED



I'm Going There Someday

By Mary N., age 12,
Maryland, USA

When I was almost 12, I was so excited to go to the temple. My family and I talked about what it was going to be like inside, and I looked at pictures of the inside of temples as well.

A few weeks before I went to do temple baptisms, my family had a special family home evening. We listened to great stories about some of our ancestors and learned about where they lived and what their lives were like. I even found out that my great-great-grandpa was struck by lightning and survived! Some of my ancestors were from England, so my little brothers and I colored pictures of the English flag. I felt like I made a little connection with my ancestors.

The temple was as beautiful inside as it was outside. Everyone there was so nice, and there was a warm and peaceful spirit there. It was different than anything I had felt before. Everything was exactly perfect. My aunt brought names of some family members who hadn't

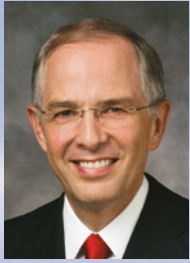
been baptized yet. As we were waiting, my mom and aunt and I imagined what these women were like when they lived on earth 300 years ago. It was special to have my dad baptize me for them.

Seeing everyone in white made me feel like I was surrounded by angels. The temple is like heaven on earth. ♦



5 TIPS FOR YOUR FIRST TEMPLE VISIT

- **Talk** to a parent or teachers about what to expect.
- **Look** at pictures of the rooms inside the temple.
- **Make** an appointment with your bishop to get your recommendation. He'll talk with you about your testimony and about keeping the commandments.
- **Find out** about your own ancestors. If possible, find an ancestor you could be baptized for! Visit FamilySearch.org to learn more.
- **Pray** for the Holy Ghost to be with you. Then enjoy your first visit to the temple!



SPECIAL WITNESS

What will it be like when I go inside the temple?

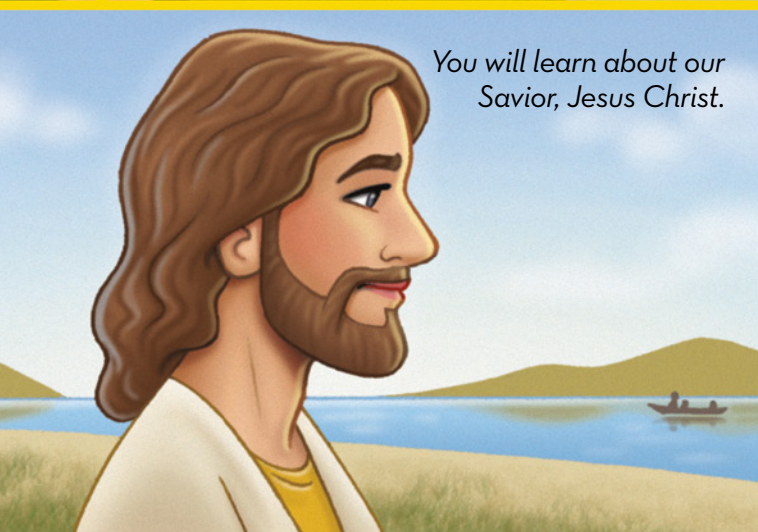
By Elder Neil L.
Andersen

Of the Quorum of the
Twelve Apostles

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



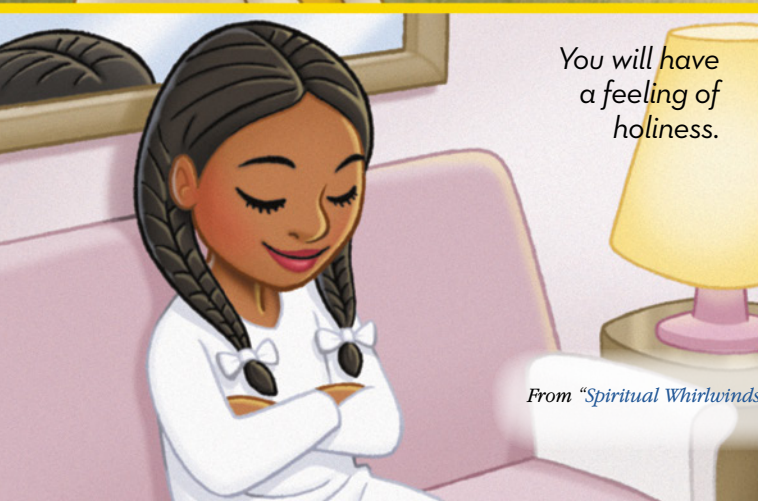
You will learn about the Creation of the world.



You will learn about our
Savior, Jesus Christ.



The peace of the
Savior will calm
your worries
and fears.



You will have
a feeling of
holiness.



It will help
you stand
strong when
life is hard.

From "Spiritual Whirlwinds," Ensign, May 2014, 18–21.

A story from Elder Andersen's life.

The Temple Is a Holy Place

When Elder Neil L. Andersen was young, he learned how important it is to be in holy places. When he was three years old, his family had to drive 90 miles (145 km) every Sunday to get to church! His parents taught him that going to church is important. They helped him learn to choose the right. This helped him prepare to go to another holy place—the temple.

When Neil was older, he wanted to serve a mission. But he was a little worried. “How can I serve a mission when I know so little?” he prayed.

He felt the answer in his heart. “You don’t know everything, but you know enough.”

That answer gave Neil courage. He obeyed and served a mission in France. Before he left, he went to the temple. There he made special promises, called *covenants*, with Heavenly Father. He was blessed for going to the temple.

After his mission he met a girl named Kathy. Kathy chose the right. She loved Heavenly Father. Neil and Kathy decided to get married.

Neil and Kathy were married and made covenants together in the Salt Lake Temple. Later they had four children. Their family is blessed because of their temple covenants. They can be together forever. ♦

5 FACTS ABOUT ELDER ANDERSEN

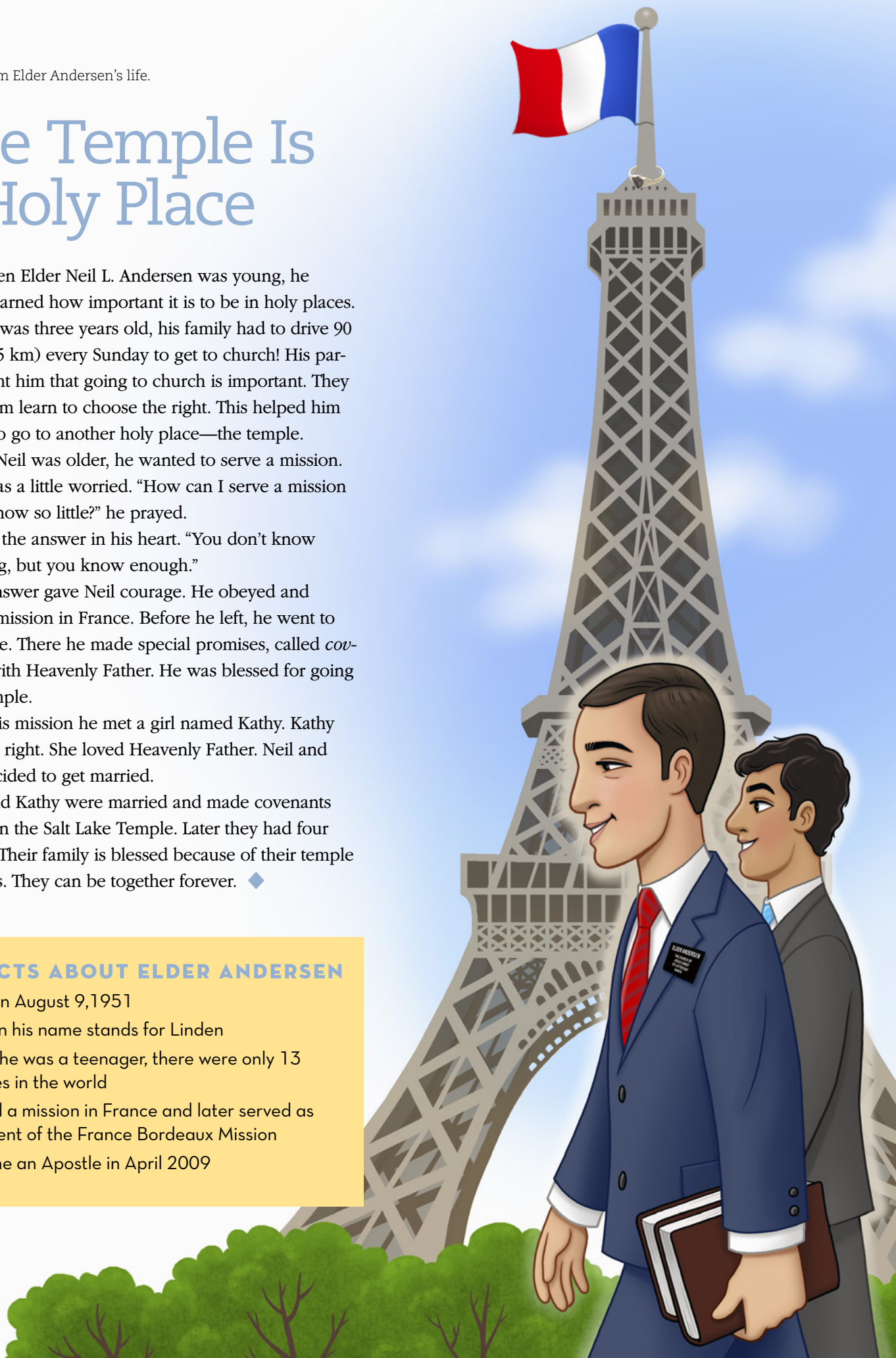
Born on August 9, 1951

The *L* in his name stands for Linden

When he was a teenager, there were only 13 temples in the world

Served a mission in France and later served as president of the France Bordeaux Mission

Became an Apostle in April 2009



What Do We Do IN THE TEMPLE?

The temple is the house of the Lord. When we go inside, we feel close to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. We can feel the Holy Ghost. In the temple we take part in sacred *ordinances* like baptism. We also make special promises, or *covenants*, with Heavenly Father. We can help give those who have died the chance to accept the gospel. It will be a very special day when you go inside for the first time! ♦



Baptismal Font

When you turn 12, you can be baptized for people who died without being baptized. The font rests on oxen that represent the twelve tribes of Israel.

Celestial Room

The celestial room is beautiful! It reminds us of how peaceful and happy we will be when we live with Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ someday.



When you turn 12, you can meet with your bishop to get your own temple recommend. Then you can go to the temple to do baptisms.



Sealing Room

In rooms like this, families can be sealed together for eternity. This means they can live as a family forever—not just in this life.



*For the temple is a house
of God,
A place of love and beauty.
I'll prepare myself while
I am young;
This is my sacred duty.*

*("I Love to See the Temple,"
Children's Songbook, 95)*

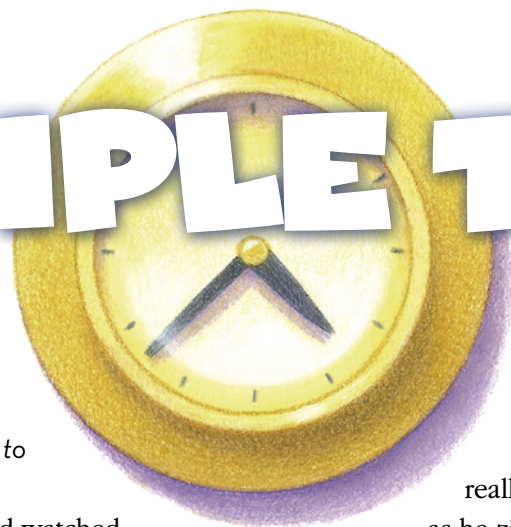
**To see pictures of
temples around the
world, visit [temples
.lds.org](https://www.lds.org) and click
on "Gallery."**

Ordinance Room

In rooms like this, we learn about Heavenly Father's plan for us and we make covenants that will allow us to live with Him again. We learn about the Creation of the world, about Adam and Eve, and about Jesus Christ. We also learn about the blessings we will receive in the next life if we are faithful.



TEMPLE TIME



By Jane McBride Choate

(Based on a true story)

“The hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers” (D&C 2:2).

Kyle sat on his parents’ bed and watched Dad take his temple bag out of the closet. Mom and Dad went to the temple every month. Kyle couldn’t wait until he turned 12 and could go to the temple with them. Then it could be their special family night!

But for now, Kyle got to spend the night at his grandparents’ house. And that was pretty great too. Grandpa and Grandma always did fun things, like watch movies and play board games. Kyle already had his bag packed.

Kyle watched as Dad reverently folded a white shirt and placed it in his bag. “Remind me what you’re doing at the temple?” he asked Dad.

“Well, you know how Grandma has been doing a lot of family history lately? She found out that temple work hasn’t been done for some of our ancestors. So we’re going to do their temple work tonight.”

Kyle nodded. He’d helped Grandma figure out how to use the family history website. They had typed in lots of names and dates and scanned and uploaded a stack of black-and-white photographs.

“What exactly is temple work?” Kyle asked.

Mom sat down next to Kyle on the edge of the bed.

“Well, you know what ‘covenants’ are.”

Kyle nodded. “Promises with Heavenly Father.”

“Right. You made a covenant when you were baptized. In the temple we make more covenants. But some of our relatives didn’t have a chance to make those covenants before they died. So we go to the temple to make those covenants and give them a chance to accept them.”

“We call it ‘temple work,’ but it really doesn’t feel like work,” Dad said as he zipped up his bag. “It feels like a blessing—a blessing for us and a blessing for them. Lots of Grandma’s relatives still need their temple work to be done.”

“I wish I could help them,” Kyle said.

Dad squeezed Kyle’s shoulder. “You *can* help them. In fact, you already have! Remember how exciting it was when you helped Grandma put the stories and pictures on the family history website?”

Kyle nodded. That had been fun!

“When you do that, you’re helping us get to know our family members better. *And* we can see who still needs help getting their temple work done. I hope you keep helping Grandma find more pictures and stories. And I *really* hope you help us keep it organized online!”

Kyle smiled. He *was* pretty good at using the computer.

Dad picked up his bag. “Let’s go to the living room and have a prayer before we leave. Then we’ll drop you off at Grandma and Grandpa’s.”

Kyle knelt at the sofa. He listened to Mom thank Heavenly Father for the temple and for family history work. Then she prayed for help to learn more about their ancestors so that they could do their temple work.

Kyle got a warm feeling as Mom prayed. He decided right then that he would make good choices so that he would be worthy to go to the temple with Mom and Dad when he was old enough. And in the meantime, he

could help other members of his family have temple time too. ♦

The author lives in Colorado, USA.



“The covenants we make at baptism and in holy temples connect the family of God on both sides of the veil.”

Sister Carole M. Stephens, First Counselor in the Relief Society General Presidency

“The Family Is of God,” *Ensign*, May 2015, 13.



*“What’s so special
about temple work?”
Kyle wondered.*

I Want to Be a Stained-Glass Artist

My name is Tom Holdman, and I'm a stained-glass artist.

When did you learn to make stained glass?

In high school. After my mission I wasn't accepted to a university, so I studied on my own. I read *lots* of books. I visited Europe to study the stained-glass windows of famous cathedrals. I stared at one window in Czechoslovakia for an hour! It was



inspiring. I promised myself that someday I would try to make a window that beautiful. Now I get to make stained-glass windows for temples around the world.

How do you get your inspiration?

I fill my mind with great art and music. When I was making stained glass for the Winter Quarters Temple, I listened to the hymn "Come, Come, Ye Saints." Nature also inspires me. When I look up at the rustling leaves of my apricot tree, I get many great ideas!

How does your job help you share the gospel?

I was born with a speech impediment, which means I stutter. When I was a child, I was often treated unkindly. But it actually blessed me because I had to find other ways to

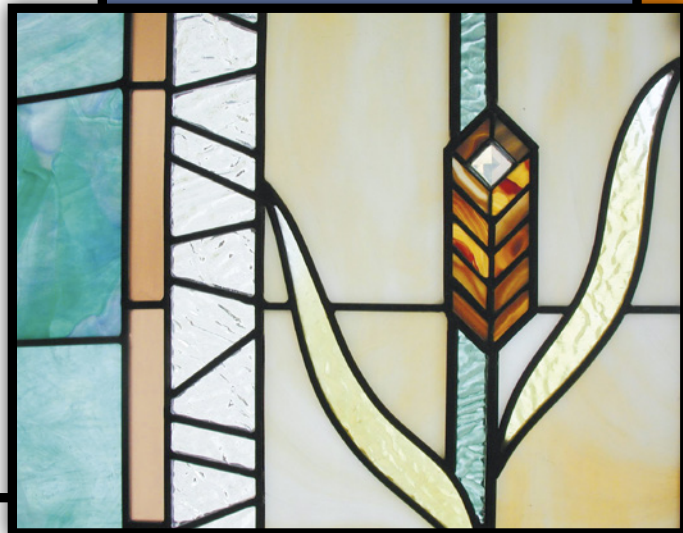


express myself. Through my art, people can feel my love for the Savior.

From an interview by Amie Jane Leavitt

What advice do you have for someone who wants to be an artist?

Just get some paper and draw! Don't be afraid that it won't look good. I have a motto: there's always more paper! If one picture doesn't turn out, get more paper.



Find That Temple!

Next time you visit a temple, look at the windows. Do they have any pictures or patterns in them? The windows in many temples have different themes.

Use the clues to find the art glass that goes with each temple. Check your answers on page 48.

1. The Winter Quarters Nebraska Temple was built where pioneer Saints stopped during their journey to the Salt Lake Valley.

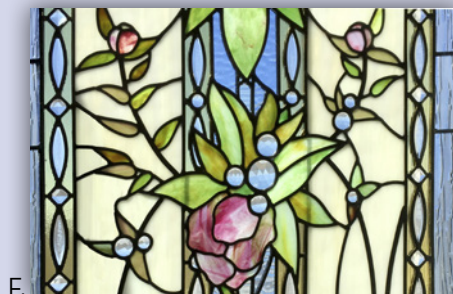
2. The Palmyra New York Temple is near the Sacred Grove, where Joseph Smith saw the First Vision.

3. The São Paulo Brazil Temple is built in South America. Christ visited the Americas after His Resurrection.

4. The Payson Utah Temple is in an area that was once filled with apple orchards.

5. The outside of the Nauvoo Illinois Temple is decorated with carvings of the sun and moon.

6. The Accra Ghana Temple has windows colored with patterns from traditional African art.



STAINED-GLASS PICTURE

By Sherry Timberman

YOU WILL NEED:

white poster board
masking or painter's tape
acrylic or watercolor paint
foam brushes

You can make these beautiful pictures to give as a gift or to hang on your wall. Be sure to get an adult's help.

1. Place strips of tape randomly across the shiny side of the poster board.
2. Paint the spaces between the tape. It's okay to get paint on the tape because you'll take it off when you're done. Try blending different colors with wet paint, or paint different colors over dried paint.
3. Let the picture dry. Then carefully peel off the tape.



STAINED-GLASS COOKIES

You can also make these fun cookies! See the "Christmas Workshop" in the Dec. 2009 *Friend* at friend.lds.org.





MATT AND



MANDY

The Coopers like to go to the temple to see the gardens and to talk.



It's beautiful!

I can hardly wait to go inside someday.

I can show you something great about the temple without even going in. Look over there.

What do you notice about those people?

They all look happy?



Remember how you felt when you bore your testimony last month?

Yeah. I felt happy and peaceful.

You said that feeling was the Holy Ghost.



This temple is Heavenly Father's house. He wants all of His children to come here.

And when they do, He blesses them with His Spirit.



I think that's why those people are smiling, don't you?

Now I really can't wait until I'm old enough to go to the temple!



Show and tell

We love to see the temple!



The largest photo in our home is of the temple. Next are pictures of our family and my parents when they were married in the temple. Someday I want to be married in the temple too, like my mama and papa.

Dantzel (second from left) with Richmond, Margaret, Eliza, and Elaine A., ages 6, 9, 8, 5, and 3, Ozamiz District, Philippines

About 120 members and friends of the **Valrico Ward, Brandon Florida Stake, USA**, visited the Orlando Florida Temple. Before they went, the activity-day girls went to the family history center to learn how to use FamilySearch. Dressed in their Sunday best, 48 Primary children visited the temple grounds while their parents attended the temple.



I'm trying to be like Jesus by helping take care of my sister, Kira, who has autism. A lot of kids think she is weird, but I don't think that. When I play with her, I help her go down the waterslide and do many other things. I love her so much! I do those things because I know Jesus loves her. That is how I'm trying to be like Jesus.

Anika E., age 7, Pennsylvania, USA

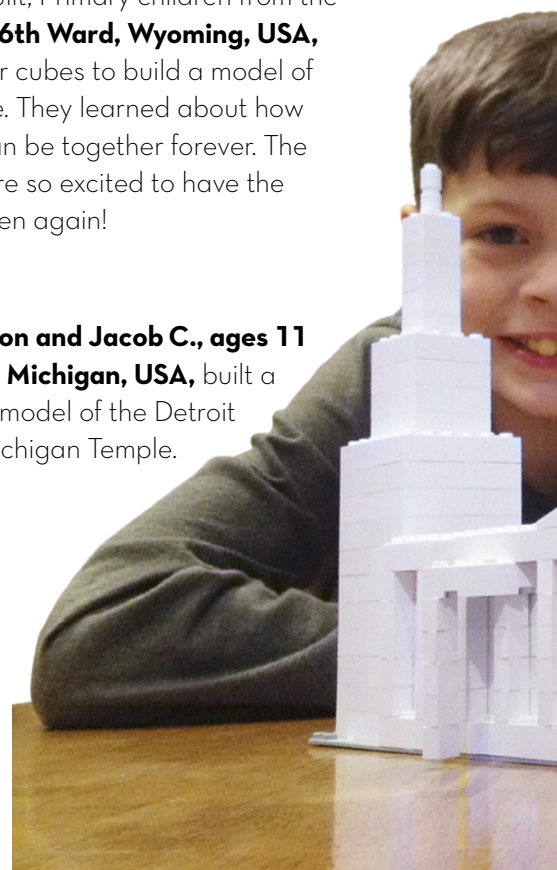
My grandpa is not a member of the Church. My mom took him to the temple open house. My grandpa's favorite room was the celestial room. I hope he will join the Church soon. I love him.

Elisabeth H., age 8, Idaho, USA



While the Ogden Utah Temple was being rebuilt, Primary children from the **Evanston 6th Ward, Wyoming, USA**, used sugar cubes to build a model of the temple. They learned about how families can be together forever. The children are so excited to have the temple open again!

Preston and Jacob C., ages 11 and 9, Michigan, USA, built a model of the Detroit Michigan Temple.



Find more art online at childart.lds.org!

HELPING HANDS

8,575
hands and
counting!



Gavin T., age 10, British Columbia, Canada



I read to my baby sister.

Erica J., age 6, New South Wales, Australia



I surprised Mom by cleaning her bedroom.

Asha G., age 6, Netherlands



I helped others when they fell down.

Hayden S., age 5, Washington, USA



The **Bangkok International Ward Primary** in Thailand sent us a picture of their hands!



I give people hugs when they are sad.

Jordan M., age 5, Hawaii, USA



I can play music to make people happy.

Jaydon M., age 5, Hawaii, USA



I help Mom tend my nieces by playing with them, helping them clean up, and sharing my toys. We have lots of fun!

Genet D., age 8, Utah, USA



I helped my mom clean up the kitchen.

Silas G., age 3, Netherlands

TELL US HOW YOU'VE SERVED!

See page 48 to send us your "helping hand."

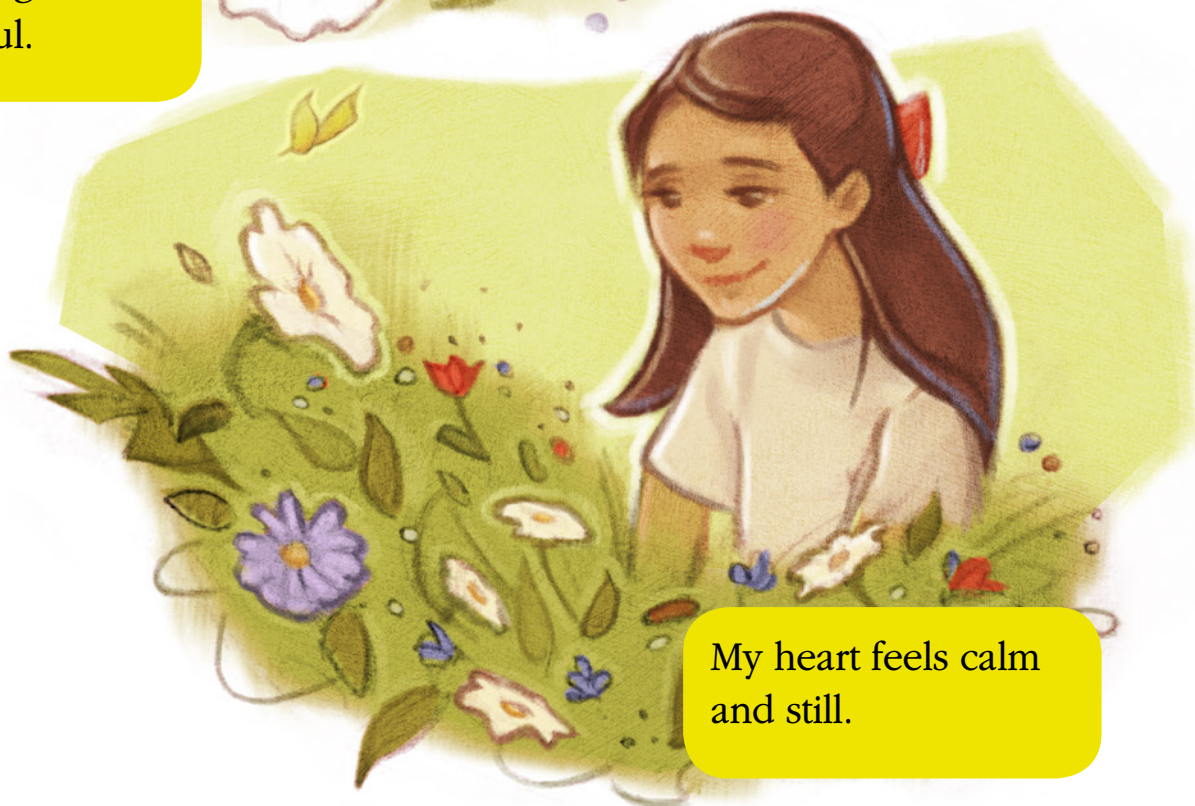


The Temple Grounds

By Amanda Hill



The temple grounds
are beautiful.



My heart feels calm
and still.

I cannot go inside
just yet,

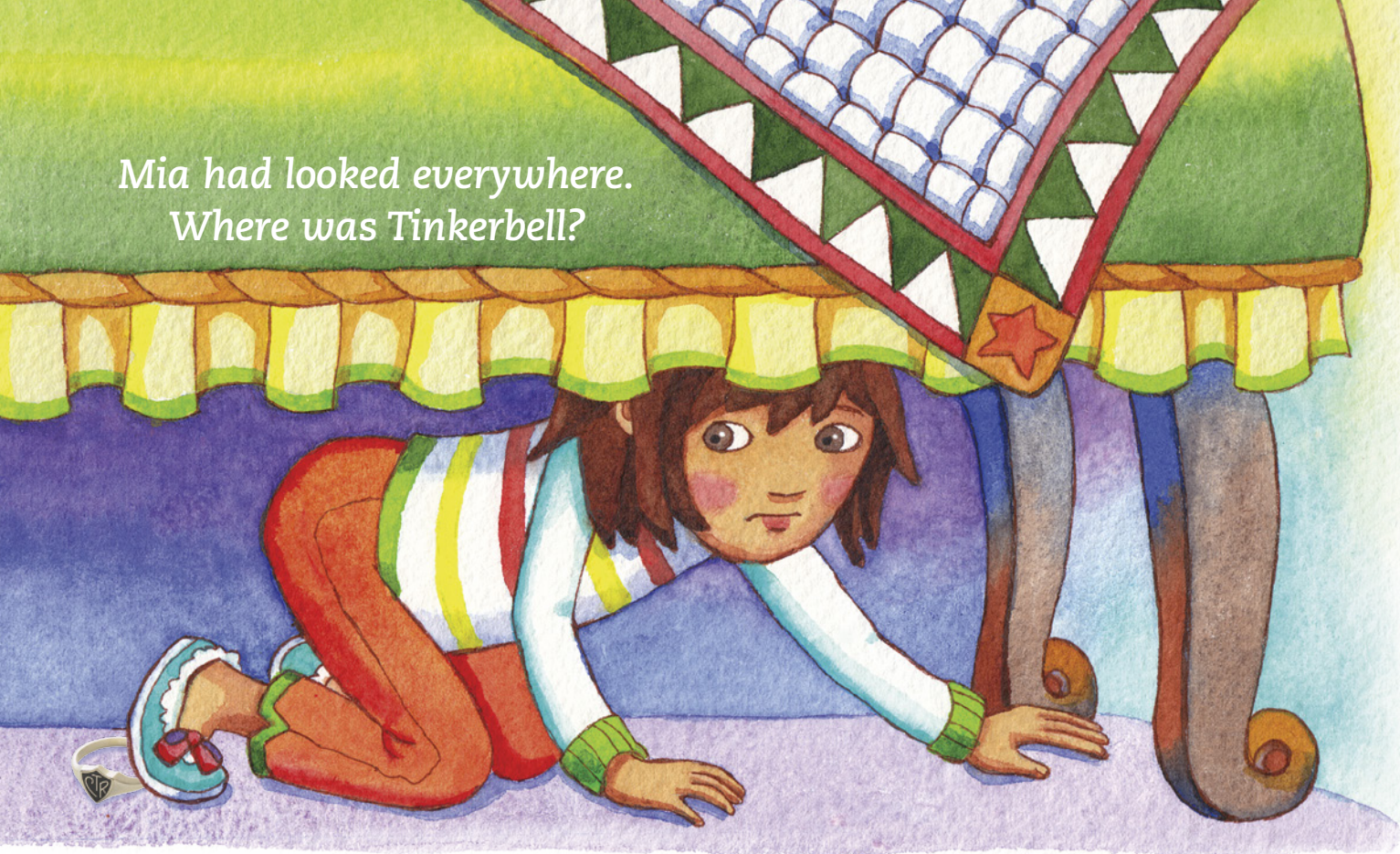
But one day
soon I will.







Mia had looked everywhere.
Where was Tinkerbell?



Finding Tinkerbell

By April Clausen
(Based on a true story)

Mia was sad. It was time for bed, and she couldn't find her stuffed cat, Tinkerbell. Everybody helped her look—Grandma, Grandpa, Mom, and Dad. No Tinkerbell.

They searched all over. They looked under the bed. They looked behind the couch. They even looked

under the sink. Still no Tinkerbell.

"We're not having much luck, are we?" Mom said.

"No," Mia said with a frown.

"I don't know where Tinkerbell is," Mom said.

"But there's someone who does know."

Mia's eyes lit up.

"Who?"

"Heavenly Father knows. Should we say



a prayer and ask Him for help?”

Mia nodded and knelt down. Everyone stopped searching and knelt down too.

“Heavenly Father, I miss Tinkerbell. Please help us find her. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen,” Mia prayed.

“Now we need to listen and think so the Holy Ghost can help us find Tinkerbell,” Dad said. They were all quiet for a little while.

Mom looked at Mia. “Where do you think Tinkerbell is?”

“In the closet,” Mia said.

Everybody checked a closet. But there was still no Tinkerbell. Suddenly Mom had an idea. “This morning I put your backpack in the upstairs closet. We didn’t check there yet. Maybe Tinkerbell is there.”

Mia and Mom ran upstairs to check. They opened the closet. Tinkerbell was in the backpack!

Mia gave Tinkerbell a great big hug. Mia and Mom knelt down right there and thanked Heavenly Father. ◆





The Parable of the Talents

By Jean Bingham

Jesus told a story, or *parable*, about a man who lent some coins to three people who worked for him. Then the man went away. While he was gone, two of the people worked hard and used their coins to earn more coins to give back to the man. But one person just buried his coin because he was afraid of losing it. When the man came back, he gave rewards to those who increased the coins he lent them. But he took the coin away from the person who hadn't tried to increase it. (See [Matthew 25:14–29](#).)

Like the man in the parable, Heavenly Father has given each of us something very valuable—not coins, but special abilities or talents, like singing, showing love, running, or helping others. Like the people in the parable, you have to work hard to make your talents grow!

How can you follow Jesus's teachings by using and improving your talents? You will feel happier and help others when you do. ♦

The author lives in Utah, USA.



LEARN MORE

A talent is a special ability, like a talent for drawing. But in Jesus's time, the word *talent* meant an amount of money that was of great worth. How are these two types of talents alike?



Plan a show to share your talents!

1. Have each family member share something they are good at, like reading aloud, baking a treat, performing a musical number, telling a joke, doing a somersault, or sharing a happy smile.
2. As each person finishes sharing a talent, have the other members of the family tell something good they have noticed about that person.
3. For refreshments, combine each person's favorite fruit to make a yummy fruit salad!



FAMILY TALK

Help each family member name at least one talent he or she has. How can you help each other make your talents grow? Talk about how using your talents helps others and shows Heavenly Father your gratitude. Challenge family members to look for each other's talents and share a sincere compliment each day.

Song: "Give, Said the Little Stream"
(Children's Songbook, 236)

Scripture: D&C 46:11

Video: Go to Biblevideos.org to watch "The Parable of the Talents"

All set for our family talent show?



Yeah, but Stretch is still getting his costume ready...



Place: _____
Day: _____
Time: _____

Bring a piece of fruit to help make refreshments!

You can print more invitations at friend.lds.org.



SCRIPTURE TIP

Acting out a scripture story is a fun way to learn more about it.

1. Assign someone to play each part in the story. You can use simple costumes and props like bathrobes and paper coins.
2. Have someone read the story, pausing after each verse so the players can act out what was just read.
3. Act out the story again so everyone has a turn.

Article of Faith 8

“We believe the **Bible** to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.”

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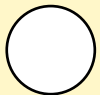
The **Bible** has the words of prophets who testified of Jesus Christ. When people translated it, they changed or left out some important parts. That’s why we believe the Bible is the word of God *except* for any errors or missing parts.

The Book of Mormon also contains teachings of prophets. Joseph Smith translated it with Heavenly Father’s help, so nothing was changed or left out.

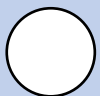


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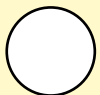
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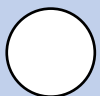
Memorize Article of Faith 8.



What does the Book of Mormon say about the Bible? Read [Mormon 7:8–10](#) to find out.



Choose a favorite scripture. Write it on a piece of paper and hang it where you can see and read it often.



I challenge myself to ...

Articles of Faith in Action

.....



I decided I wanted to finish the Book of Mormon by myself, so I started reading it. I finally finished about a week ago. I was very happy. My favorite part was [2 Nephi 30:12–14](#), where all the animals and children will love each other when Jesus comes back.

Catherine J., age 6, Utah, USA

Memorization Tip

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Article of Faith **8** is about the scriptures, which include the Pearl of Great Price. **Eight** rhymes with **great**.

Go to children.lds.org to play the Articles of Faith Memory Quest! Click on “Games and Activities.”

Come, Follow Me

(Simplified)

Words by John Nicholson
Music by Samuel McBurney

Humbly ♩ = 69-76

1. "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior said.
2. "Come, fol - low me," a sim - ple phrase,
3. Is it e - nough a - lone to know
4. Not on - ly shall we em - u - late

Then let us in His foot - steps tread,
Yet truth's sub - lime, ef - ful - gent rays
That we must fol - low Him be - low,
His course while in this earth - ly state,

For thus a - lone can we be one
Are in these sim - ple words com - bined
While trav - 'ling thru this vale of tears?
But when we're freed from pres - ent cares,

With God's own loved, be - got - ten Son.
To urge, in - spire the hu - man mind.
No, this ex - tends to ho - lier spheres.
If with our Lord we would be heirs.

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Not at Home, Not Anywhere

By David Dickson

Church Magazines

(Based on a true story)



What was the
big deal?

"I will not swear or use crude words" (My Gospel Standards).

Carter walked into the kitchen with his friend Devin and opened the fridge. He pulled out two sodas and looked around. Where was Mom? Normally she was home when he got back from school. But her car wasn't in the garage.

He handed a soda to Devin.

"Thanks," Devin said. "I'm so mad about the science project. Only one week to finish the whole thing!"

Carter took a sip. "I know! It's not fair!" The project their teacher had assigned that afternoon was going to take *forever*.

Devin said, "Now we probably can't go on our bike ride on Saturday."

Suddenly a swear word jumped out of Carter's mouth. He hadn't even thought to say it.

Devin looked surprised, but not upset. They'd both started swearing at school during recess a few weeks ago. But they'd never used bad words in their homes before.

"My thoughts exactly," Devin said. Then he added a swear word of his own. They laughed.

Carter glanced around the empty kitchen.

Mom wasn't home, and Dad was still at work.

It felt ... kind of exciting to say that word in his own kitchen. But he also felt uneasy for some reason.

"It's messed up," Devin said. "He should've given us a month."

"Totally," Carter said. He took another drink of his soda. He drank too quickly and the carbonation burned down his throat. "And you know what else?"

This time Carter strung together a sentence with three swear words in it that made Devin laugh so hard he almost spilled his soda. Carter laughed with him.

"WHAT!?"

Carter felt like a bolt of lightning cut through him as he heard Mom's voice. He turned and saw her standing in the doorway to the garage. He hadn't heard the door open.

Mom's face showed how much his words had hurt her. Carter felt awful inside. He wanted to crawl inside a deep, deep hole.

"Uh, I gotta go." Devin grabbed his backpack and hurried out the front door.

"Carter," Mom finally said. She wasn't yelling. He almost wished she were—that would be better than the disappointment in her voice. "We'll talk about this later."

She set her bags on the table and walked upstairs. Carter cringed. She was too upset to talk.

Carter finished his soda quickly and went out to the backyard. He plopped down on a lawn chair.

A few weeks ago he had decided it wasn't that big a deal to use bad words once in a while—as long as he didn't say them at home or at church. But only a few minutes ago that swear word had popped out before he'd even thought about it.

Carter already knew what he wanted to say to Mom. He wanted to tell her he was sorry and ask for her forgiveness.

Swearing wasn't worth it, Carter decided. Not at home, and not at school. Not if it made him feel like this. Not if it upset Mom that way.

He prayed to Heavenly Father and asked for forgiveness. Carter promised right then and there. He was done swearing. Not ever again.

He felt a little tug of peace in his heart as soon as he made that choice. That was the Holy Ghost, he realized, telling him he was making the right decision. ♦



One time I auditioned for a play. The director said, "The boy in this show swears. Do any of you have a problem with swearing?" I didn't want to say those words. I was nervous, but I raised my hand. I didn't get the part, but I was glad I stood up for what I believed.

Alex H., age 8, Utah, USA

Babysitting

Blues

By Lindsay Stevens Tanner

(Based on a true story)

"Oh, here we are together in our family"

(*Children's Songbook*, 261).

My little brother and sister, Michael and Abbie, are a handful. You just can't get them to sit still. I should know—I've tried. Mom says I'm old enough to watch them when she goes out for errands. I'm glad Mom thinks I'm responsible, but I'm not sure I want to watch them on my own.

Once, when my parents were out front working in the garden, Michael and Abbie picked some cattails outside. Cattails are plants with long stems and a hot dog-looking "flower" on top. When you blow on a cattail, the hot dog part turns into white fluff, and it gets *everywhere*. So guess what Michael and Abbie decided to do? They waved the cattails all around the living room and covered all the furniture with fuzz.

When I saw what they'd done, I was horrified. I went outside right away to tell Mom and Dad about the mess, hoping I wouldn't get in trouble for it. But they just made

Michael and Abbie help clean it up. They didn't even really get punished.

So today, when Mom went to the store and put me in charge, I was ready. I decided that in order to watch Michael and Abbie, I would need to get them to behave, and I knew just the way to do it.

"Who wants to play a game?" I asked.

They jumped up and down. "Ooh! Me! Me!"

"It's a game I just invented. It's called Baby Caterpillar. Do you want to pretend to be baby caterpillars?"

"Yes!" Michael yelled.

"Yay!" Abbie shouted.

I grinned. My brother and sister can never quietly agree to anything.

"To play this game, I need both of you to get a blanket," I said.

They both ran to their bedrooms as fast as they could and brought back two blankets.

"OK, now just watch."

They stood quietly and watched, which was a first for them.

First I laid down both blankets and had Abbie lie right in the middle of one and Michael in the middle of the other. Then I wrapped them each in a blanket cocoon up to their chins.

"Ta da!" I said. "You are now baby caterpillars!" "Yay!" they shouted.

They wiggled around for a bit, and after a while they started talking to each other in their "caterpillar language." Their smiling faces peeked over their blankets. I sat on the couch with a good book while they chattered to each other.

When I looked at my brother and sister, nestled in their little cocoons, I realized they weren't so bad after all. In fact, now that I was spending time with them, I kind of liked them. I thought about how much fun we could have

playing a board game together after they were done being baby caterpillars. I put my book down and started to think of other games we could all play the next time Mom left me in charge. ♦

The author lives in Utah, USA.

BABYSITTING TIPS

Sometimes it's hard to babysit younger brothers and sisters. Here are a few tips to make the job easier.

1. Split the time into different activities. You could color, play board games, eat a snack, play outdoor games, and help with homework.
2. Always have backup activities. When you have more activities ready, you can make sure your siblings are busy doing something good.
3. Choose to serve your siblings—you will learn to love them more. Help them with a subject they're struggling with in school, or help them clean their rooms.



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Through Your Eyes



I love all of the beautiful creations that Heavenly Father and Jesus have given us. This flower reminds me that each one is beautiful and unique in its own way—like each of us!

Tessa S., age 10, Virginia, USA

The Last Laugh

Remember, Dad said you got to pick the design for our fort, but I get to pick the color!



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Funstuff Answers

Page 16: flags in order: France, Germany, Italy, Australia, Switzerland, New Zealand, South Africa, Hawaii, Scotland, Canada, Norway, Ireland, Wales, Denmark, England

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Hidden CTR Ring

Did you find the rings?
Look on pages 38 and 23!

The June Level 3 ring was on page 28.



JESUS WALKS ON WATER

Matthew 14:22–33

Glue this page to heavy paper or cardboard. Then cut out the figures and attach them to craft sticks or paper bags. Store in an envelope with the scripture reference attached to the front.

Print more figures at friend.lds.org.



Jesus Christ



Peter

Dear Parents and Teachers,

July 24th is a day when we remember the early Saints who traveled to Utah as pioneers. On page 16 you'll find a matching activity about where some of these brave families came from.

We can help children understand that while not everyone has ancestors who traveled in handcarts, all of us can be grateful for the courage of converts. Who are the pioneers in your family? Let's share their stories!

Happy Pioneer Day,

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Family Home Evening Ideas

SABBATH DAY: Read "Rowdy to Reverent" (page 4). How can your family make the Sabbath a delightful, holy day? Use your ideas to make a "Sunday Box" (page 6).

TALENTS: Read the parable of the talents on page 40. Then use the "Family Talk" ideas on page 41. Help each family member identify at least one talent he or she has. How can you help each other develop talents? Plan a family talent show!

ARTICLES OF FAITH: Read about Article of Faith 8 (page 42). Pick a challenge from the challenge card to do as a family. You can test your Articles of Faith knowledge with the memory game on children.lds.org.

TEMPLES: Read "Temple Time" on page 26. Can your family create a family temple night? Talk about what happens in temples (page 24) and make a stained-glass picture and cookies (page 30). Check out the other temple content in this issue on pages 21–37. You can also watch a video about temples on friend.lds.org.

PRIMARY CONNECTION

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