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Bike Accident



One day I was riding my bike, and I fell down and cut my knee. It hurt really bad. I prayed to Heavenly Father to help my knee feel better, and it did. I love Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

*Mark Lawrence, age 7
Costa Mesa, California*

A Simple Phone Call

I called Victoria, my best friend, on Thursday. I was excited and nervous.

When she answered, I asked her if she would come to church with me. She said that she would! I was so excited. I also felt all warm inside. I knew that the Lord was pleased with what I did.

Victoria asked me what time church was. I told her it was from eleven o'clock to two o'clock. She asked if we could pick her up. I answered that we would pick her up around ten-thirty.

When I got off the phone, I told my mom what Victoria had said. I even called my dad at work just to tell him. I couldn't wait until Sunday. I thought, *And all I had to do was make a simple phone call!*

*Kathleen Harris, age 10
Orange Park, Florida*



Sabbath Day Award



Last year in Cub Scouts, we were asked to design a crest, drawn on paper. The theme was "Yesterday," and only eight pictures out of the whole district were chosen. These pictures were then designed

on a crest for all the Cub Scouts in the district.

I drew a covered wagon, and my picture was chosen to be on the crest. At the Cub Scout camp, a special presentation was to be made, and the eight boys whose designs were chosen were to be presented with a special award.

My Cub leader told me this would take place on Sunday morning at ten o'clock. I didn't know what to do. If I went, it would mean that I would miss church. My mom said that I could decide. I thought about it, and I said a prayer. I told my mom that I didn't want to miss church. I received my award later. I felt good about the choice I'd made.

*Caleb Johnson, age 9
Orono, Ontario, Canada*

Time Out

One time, I was annoying my sisters. My mom sent me to time-out in my bedroom. That made me so angry that I threw a terrible fit.

While I was in my room, I decided to pray. I started thinking of my blessings and thanking Heavenly Father for them. As I did this, I started to feel peace in my heart. The angry feelings I had toward Mom went away. I know that the Holy Ghost helped me feel that way, and I have a testimony of prayer.

*Jonah Leavitt, age 6
West Linn, Oregon*



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Prayer: Prayer is talking to Heavenly Father—thanking Him for blessings, asking Him for what you need, telling Him what's in your heart. You do this in the name of His Son Jesus Christ. This term is found in twelve stories/articles in this issue. How many times can you find it?



The Savior's Atonement

I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer (Isaiah 49:26).



With the deepest reverence and love, President James E. Faust bears witness to the Atonement of Jesus Christ and explains its meaning in our lives.

Jesus Christ was appointed to be our Redeemer before the world was formed. With His divine Sonship, His sinless life, the shedding of His blood in the

Garden of Gethsemane, His [painful] death on the cross and Resurrection from the grave, He became the author of our salvation and made a perfect Atonement for all mankind.

Some years ago, President Gordon B. Hinckley told “something of a parable” about “a one-room schoolhouse in the mountains of Virginia where the boys were so rough no teacher had been able to handle them.

“Then one day an inexperienced young teacher applied. He was told that every teacher had received an awful beating, but the teacher accepted the risk. The first day of school, the teacher asked the boys to establish their own rules and the penalty for breaking the rules. The class came up with ten rules, which were written on the blackboard. Then the teacher asked, ‘What shall we do with one who breaks the rules?’

“ ‘Beat him across the back ten times without his coat on,’ came the response.

“A day or so later, the lunch of a big student, named Tom, was stolen. The thief was located—a little hungry fellow, about ten years old.

“As little Jim came up to take his licking, he pleaded to keep his coat on. ‘Take your coat off,’ the teacher said. ‘You helped make the rules!’

“The boy took off the coat. He had no shirt and revealed a bony little crippled body. As the teacher hesitated with the rod, big Tom jumped to his feet and volunteered to take the boy’s licking.

“ ‘Very well, there is a certain law that one can become a substitute for another. Are you

all agreed?’ the teacher asked.

“After five strokes across Tom’s back, the rod broke. The class was sobbing. Little Jim had reached up and caught Tom with both arms around his neck. ‘Tom, I’m sorry that I stole your lunch, but I was awful hungry. Tom, I will love you till I die for taking my licking for me! Yes, I will love you forever!’ ”

President Hinckley then quoted Isaiah:

“ ‘Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. . . .

“ ‘He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our [sins].’ ” (Isaiah 53:4–5.)

No man knows the full weight of what our Savior bore. His [deep] suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane, where He took upon Himself all the sins of all other mortals, caused Him “to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore, and to suffer both body and spirit” (Doctrine and Covenants 19:18).

The Atonement and the Resurrection accomplish many things. The Atonement cleanses us of sin on condition of our repentance. Christ’s resurrection gave us the assurance of life after death.

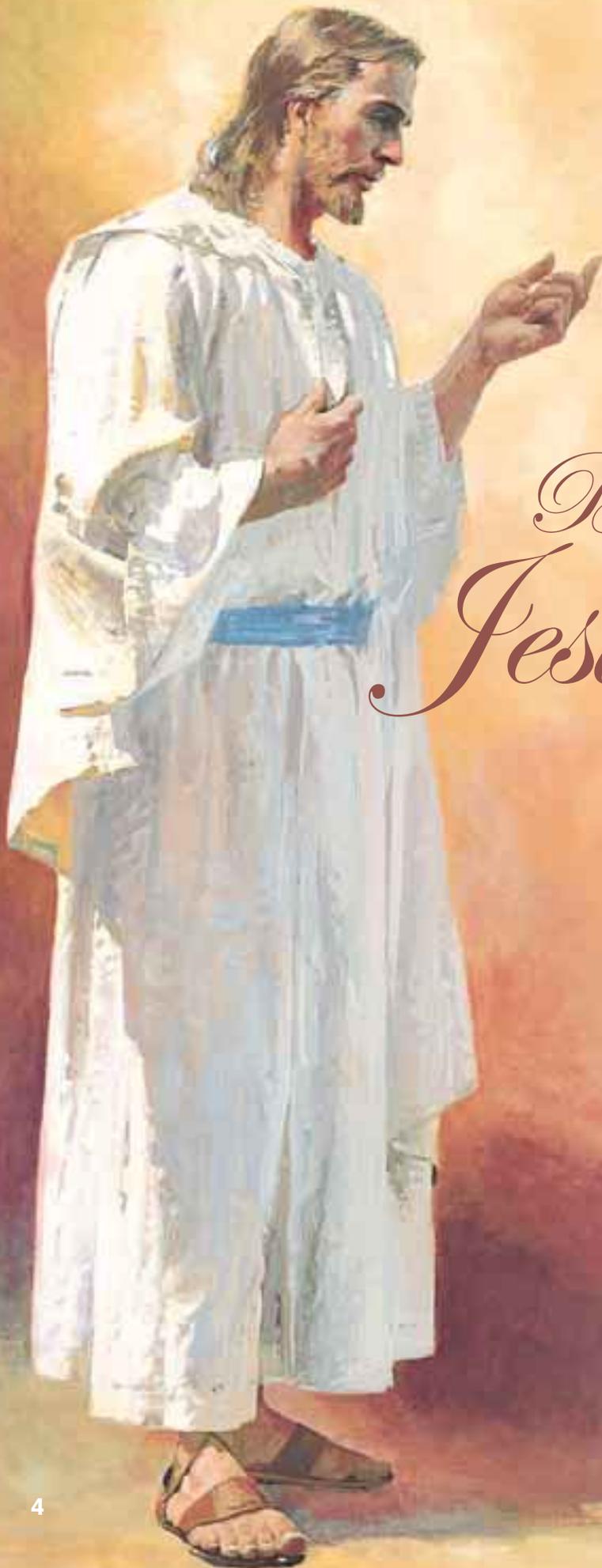
Our Redeemer took upon Himself all the sins, pains, and sicknesses of all who have ever lived and will ever live (see Alma 7:11–12). He knows our trials by firsthand experience.

Because the Savior has suffered anything and everything that we could ever feel or experience, He can help the weak to become stronger. He understands our pain and will walk with us even in our darkest hours.

We long for the ultimate blessing of the Atonement—to become one with Him, to be in His divine presence, to be called individually by name as He warmly welcomes us home with a radiant smile, beckoning us with open arms to be enfolded in His boundless love (see Alma 26:15; Mormon 5:11; 6:17; Moses 7:63).

(See *Ensign*, November 2001, pages 18–20.)





Why I Believe in Jesus Christ

*His name shall be
called Wonderful,
. . . The mighty
God, . . . The
Prince of Peace
(Isaiah 9:6).*



*By Rebecca Winters, age 10
Norcross, Georgia*

**(From a talk she gave at a
Roswell Georgia Stake
conference)**



There are many reasons why I believe in Jesus Christ, and I would like to talk about five of them.

1

First, Jesus Christ is the Creator. When I look around me, there is beauty everywhere. I look at the gorgeous leaves and flowers and know that they didn't appear by accident. Also, our bodies couldn't have evolved from nothing. When I play the piano or violin, I am amazed at how my fingers can move so quickly. I look at my hands and know that Someone divine created me. These things make me believe in Jesus Christ.

2

Second, the scriptures testify of the Savior. When the prophet Mormon from the Book of Mormon had only a little bit of space left on the plates and knew that he was going to die very soon, he wrote what he thought would be the most important thing we should know. He wrote his testimony of Jesus Christ. In Mormon 7:5, we read, "Know ye that ye must . . . believe in Jesus Christ, that he is the Son of God, and that he was slain . . . , and by the power of the Father he hath risen

again, whereby he hath gained the victory over the grave; and also in him is the sting of death swallowed up."

I learn about Jesus by reading the scriptures. As I learn about Him, I love Him more. When I read the scriptures, the Spirit testifies to me that He is real and is my Savior.

3

Third, the prophet. Our prophet continues to testify of Jesus Christ. When President Hinckley was here in Atlanta, I listened to his words and felt the Spirit strongly. Afterward, I got to give him a picture and shake his hand. He said thank you to me and continued to shake other people's hands. When I looked into his eyes, I knew that he was a prophet of God. The day I met him will be one I will remember forever and will share with my children.



In the April 2000 general conference, President Hinckley gave a whole talk on his testimony of Jesus Christ. He said: "He is my Savior and my Redeemer. Through giving His life in pain and unspeakable suffering, He has reached down to lift me and each of us and all the sons and daughters of God from the abyss of eternal darkness following death. He has provided something better—a sphere of light and understanding, growth and beauty where we may go forward on the road that leads to eternal life. My gratitude knows no bounds. My thanks to my Lord has no conclusion.

“He is my God and my King. From everlasting to everlasting, He will reign and rule as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. To His dominion there will be no end. To His glory there will be no night.

“None other can take His place. None other ever will.”*

When President Hinckley bears testimony of Jesus, I believe in Jesus, because I know he speaks the truth.

4

Fourth, prayer. Every day I pray to Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus Christ. I know that I receive answers to my prayers, and that makes me believe in Jesus.

When my mom got run over by our car, I was very worried. I said several prayers and had faith that she would recover quickly. It took only a few weeks for her to feel better. My prayers were answered. It makes me glad that I can speak to Heavenly Father and know that Jesus listens to our prayers.

5

Fifth, parents and teachers. If it weren't for my parents, I wouldn't know about any of these things.

They help me try to be like Jesus.

They read the scriptures with me, and we study the words of the prophet together. They bear testimony of Jesus Christ. We try to make our home like the temple, a place where Jesus could dwell. My teachers also bear testimony of Jesus Christ. I learn from them, and my testimony grows stronger.

Through all of these things, the Spirit has born witness of Jesus Christ. I know that He died for us and that He lives. I love Him very much.

**Ensign*, May 2000, page 71.



“We worship God the Eternal Father in the name of His Son by the power of the Holy Ghost. We know the premortal Jesus

to be Jehovah, God of the Old Testament. We know Him to be ‘the chief corner stone’ upon which the organization of His Church is based (Ephesians 2:20). We know Him to be the Rock from whom revelation comes . . . to all who worthily seek Him (see Doctrine and Covenants 88:63).

“We know that He came into the world to do the will of His Father, who sent Him. (See 3 Nephi 27:13.) His divine mission was to effect the Atonement, which was to break the bands of death and enable us to receive immortality and eternal life.

“The living Lord’s divine mission still continues. One day we will stand before Him in judgment. . . .

“We revere the name of Jesus Christ. He is our risen Redeemer.”

Elder Russell M. Nelson
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles
(*Ensign*, May 1990, page 7.)



We Have a SAVIOR



*By Elder Boyd K. Packer
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

Did you know that Elder Boyd K. Packer, who is now Acting President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, makes beautiful wood carvings? He also likes to paint. He loves you children and often

bears a powerful testimony of the Savior and His importance to you:



Elder Packer carved this Noah's ark with some of his grandchildren.

Little ones, you will be tested, perhaps more than any generation that ever lived here.

You will meet many people who do not believe in Christ. Some will be agents for the evil one and teach wickedness. Sometimes this will be very tempting. There will be times when you will make mistakes (and all of us make mistakes). There will be times when you will wonder if you can live the way he taught we should live. When you are tested, when you are disappointed, or ashamed, or when you are sad, remember him and pray to your Heavenly Father in his name.

Some men will say that he did not come to earth. But he did. Some will say that he is not the Son of God. But he is. Some will say that he has no servants upon the face of the earth. But he has. For he lives. I know that he lives. In his church there are many thousands who can bear witness of him, and I bear witness of him, and tell you again the things you should remember, things you should learn when you are yet a little one.

Remember that each of you is a child of our Heavenly Father. That is why we call him our Father.

You lived before you came to this earth. You



came to receive a mortal body and to be tested.

When your life is over, your spirit and body will be separated. We call that death.

Our Heavenly Father sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem us. Because of what he has done we will be resurrected.

There is another kind of death you should think of. That is the separation from the presence of our Heavenly Father. If we will be baptized and live his gospel, we may be redeemed from this second death.

Our Heavenly Father loves us, and we have a Lord and Savior.

I thank God for a church where you, our little children, are precious above all things. I thank God for our Savior who suffered for the little children to come unto him.

I will go before your face. I will be on your right hand and on your left, and my Spirit shall be in your hearts, and mine angels round about you, to bear you up. (Doctrine and Covenants 84:88.)

Heavenly Father Knows Who You Are

From an interview with Elder E. Ray Bateman of the Seventy, currently serving in the Asia Area Presidency; by Jan Pinborough

Do you like to work? When I was a boy growing up in Sandy, Utah, my three brothers and I learned to work hard. My family had a big garden, and my father always planted much more than our family could ever eat. He gave corn, tomatoes, and other vegetables to our neighbors. When they offered to come pick the vegetables, my father said, “Oh, no. My boys will pick them and have them ready for you.” My brothers and I learned to get up at 4:30 or 5:00 in the morning to weed the garden and pick the vegetables while it was still cool. I still get up very early in the morning.

We also worked on the neighboring farm, doing a little of everything. We herded cows, thinned

(Front row, left to right) Younger brother, Don, and cousins Dorene Richards and Vel Anderson; (back row, left to right) Elder Bateman at age 5, and older brothers, Neldon and Marlon.



At about 9 months

and topped beets, and picked cherries. I even remember vaccinating chickens! Many years later, when I was having a medical examination, the doctor said that I was in very good health except that I had a virus in my lungs that was not a human virus. It was a virus that chickens have. I’ve been teased that maybe this is why I like to get up so early—like chickens do!

Dad got us a job mowing the lawn of our meetinghouse. We used an old push lawn mower. At that time, the Church was just beginning to buy power lawn mowers. But my father, who had a calling in the stake, said, “We don’t need a power mower. My boys will take care of it.” Some parts of the lawn were very thick and hard to mow, so we attached a rope to the front of the mower. One brother pulled on the rope while the other pushed the mower. People laughed as they went by and saw us doing this, but it worked!

Before I went on my mission, my Grandfather Bateman gave me a blessing. In that blessing, he said, “Now, boy, you go out and work hard, and the Lord will bless you.” I am glad that I had learned as a boy to work hard.

As boys growing up, we had lots of fun along with the work. Near our house, there was a hill of beautiful white sand that we called Sand Hill. We loved to roll down that hill. We also liked to explore the riverbank and hunt for flint arrowheads in some old caves where Native Americans used to live. I had a very nice collection of arrowheads.

We loved to visit Grandma and Grandpa Bateman in West Jordan, Utah, too. In wintertime, we went sledding on their big hill. One time we went sledding on my uncle’s prize sled. As we went down the hill toward the irrigation canal, we bounced off the sled, and it landed in the canal. Grandpa had to divert the irrigation



Elder Bateman’s father, Marlon Samuel Bateman (right), and Grandfather Samuel Wallace Bateman



Elder Bateman (left) at about age 3, with his father and brothers, Neldon, age 4, and Marlon, age 7, on vacation in southern Utah

water out of the canal so we could find the sled. When we got back to the house, we were cold and wet. We warmed up by the stove while Grandma laid our clothes out to dry.

Back in those days, we had Primary on a week-day afternoon. When it was our birthday, we brought one penny for each year of our age to donate to help the children at the Primary Children's Hospital. We dropped our pennies in a specially decorated box while we sang:

*Five pennies make a nickel,
Two nickels make a dime,
Ten dimes will make a dollar,
How we'll make it shine.
It's for the crippled children
Who cannot walk or run;
Who have to lie in bed all day,
And cannot join our fun.**

As a child, it touched me that we could help children who were sick. I still like to sing this song, and I have taught it to my children.

Sometimes people will ask me, "When did you first know that the Church is true?" Looking back, I don't think I ever didn't know that the Church is true. My parents had always taught us the gospel. They taught us to talk to Heavenly Father in prayer. I've always done that, so I've



Elder Bateman with his wife and family

always felt protected. I know that Someone has been watching over me throughout my life, even when I didn't realize it at the time.

One day, we went camping with some friends, and we were riding horses. I was leading one of the horses up an embankment to tie it to a stake. My foot slipped and I fell down, and the horse walked over me without stepping on me. Someone who saw what happened was amazed that I wasn't hurt at all, but I know that Heavenly Father was watching over me. I know that He is watching over you, too.

My favorite scripture says, "I will go before your face. I will be on your right hand and on your left, and my Spirit shall be in your hearts, and mine angels round about you, to bear you up." (Doctrine and Covenants 84:88.)

I want you to know that Heavenly Father is watching over you, too. He knows who you are. He is aware of you and your potential. He loves you. Always talk to Him. There's no problem too small to talk to Him about, and there's no problem too big to talk to Him about.

Sometimes you may make wrong decisions. But even then, don't stop talking to Heavenly Father. The Savior paid for our sins if we will repent.

Don't ever feel that you have made too many mistakes. Keep praying to Heavenly Father always, and He will guide you throughout your life.

*Primary Song Book, 1939, no. 160.



(Back row) Uncle Glen Bateman; (front row, left to right) Elder Bateman at age 4, with brothers Neldon and Marlon and dog, Tip

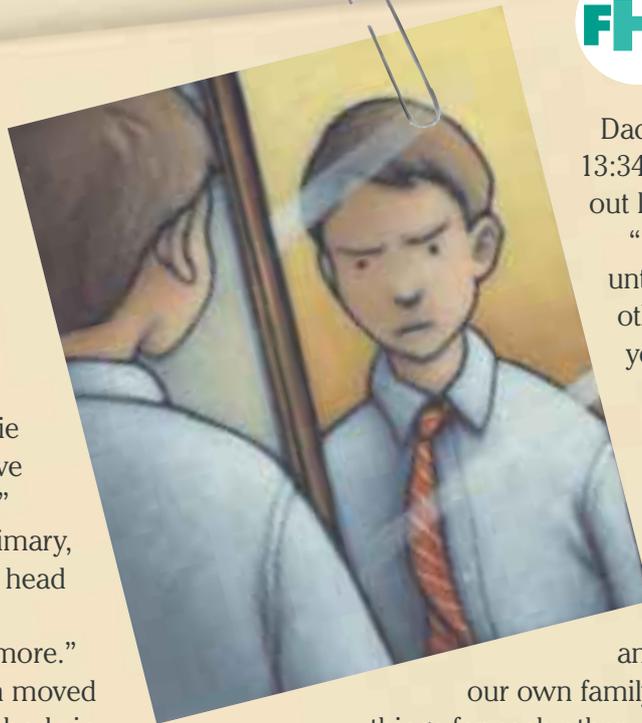
Mission **IMPOSSIBLE?**





A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another (John 13:34).

*By Lori Mortensen
(Based on a true story)*



I stared at my crooked tie in the mirror. “Do I have to go to Primary, Dad?”

“I thought you liked Primary, Brandon.” Dad poked his head into my bedroom.

“I used to, but not anymore.” I sighed. “Not since Justin moved away. Now there isn’t anybody in my class except Tyson, Kenny, and Derek. Nobody wants to sit next to Tyson because he’s a troublemaker. And ever since Kenny and Derek started going to the same school, they don’t even bother talking to me. I don’t have any friends in Primary now.” I swallowed at the growing lump in my throat.

I waited for Dad to tell me that he understood how awful it could be to not have any friends in Primary, but he just straightened my tie and said, “So what are you going to do about it?”

“Me? What can I do? I can’t make Justin move back—his dad got a new job about a million miles away.”

“But isn’t there some way you could make friends with the other boys?”

Hadn’t Dad been listening? “I could never be friends with them,” I said, my voice wavering. “They don’t like me, and I don’t like them.”

“One of the reasons we go to church is to become more like Jesus Christ,” he said. “What do you think He would want you to do?”

I rolled my eyes. Dad was always saying stuff like that. But I glanced at the picture of Jesus above my bed. His kind, brown eyes seemed to look right at me. I knew that Jesus would love everyone. *But then He’s never had Tyson, Kenny, and Derek in His Primary class, either*, I thought stubbornly. “I don’t know, Dad. What *would* Jesus do?”

Dad opened my Bible to John 13:34 and asked me to read it out loud.

“‘A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.’”

I was getting even more discouraged now. “How am I supposed to do that when I don’t even like them?”

“The same way the Savior showed His love and the way we show love in our own family,” Dad said. “By doing

things for each other—love and service go together. Remember the stories I’ve told you about when I served a mission in Texas?”

“Sure, Dad.” I gave him a big smile. “You’ve always said how much you loved it.”

“That’s right.” Dad’s smile was just as big. “And there’s a reason why it’s called ‘serving’ a mission. I spent two years serving hundreds of people I didn’t even know. But the more I served, the more my love for the people in my mission grew. You could do the same thing in your class.”

“You mean do things for the boys in my class? Why would I want to do anything for them? Tyson tripped me last week, and the other two act as though I’m not even there.”

“But if you did,” Dad said, staring me straight in the eye, “their feelings would change—and so would yours. You could think of it as your mission to your own Valiant class if you want to.”

I gulped. I wanted to be a regular, full-time missionary when I was older, but “go on a mission” to my Primary class? “I don’t know, Dad,” I muttered. “It sounds more like a ‘mission impossible.’”

“Maybe.” He smiled again. “But would you think about it?”

I thought about it all the way to church. I finally figured that if I didn’t do something, I’d be miserable forever—or at least until another boy my age moved in. And in a small town like mine, who knew when that would be? *But what exactly can*



a Primary missionary do? I wondered.

I got my first idea when I opened the big glass doors of the church and saw Elder Richards and Elder Martinez smiling and shaking hands with people in the foyer. If I was going to be a Primary missionary, I knew I'd have to try that, even though just the thought of it made my stomach leap as if I'd swallowed a dozen tree frogs.

I walked to the Primary room as slowly as I could, half hoping my entire class would be out of town. When I opened the door, Kenny and Derek were already huddled together at the end of the row, whispering and giggling. Tyson was tipping back in his chair, blocking the row with his feet.

Normally I would have plopped onto a chair by the wall and ignored everybody. But this time I couldn't—not if I was going to be a missionary.

I took a deep breath and forced my legs to march to my row. "Er, . . . hi, Tyson," I mumbled. Our eyes locked for a second, my mouth forming an awkward smile. "Can I sit down?"

He looked startled—like he'd never seen me before. Then, after a moment, he dropped his feet and chair to the floor. "Yeah, go ahead."

I stepped around his feet, just in case he was thinking of tripping me again, and sat on a chair in the middle of the row. Then I turned toward the

other two and waved. "Hi, Derek. Hi, Kenny." You would have thought from their reaction that I'd just announced their name over the microphone or something.

But after a quick "Oh, hi" back, they were again hunched over a piece of paper Kenny had fished out of his pocket.

So much for being a missionary! I thought glumly. I couldn't think of anything else to do until Sister Reynolds called for volunteers to read some scriptures she'd written on the board. I shot my head into the air. Missionaries definitely read scriptures.

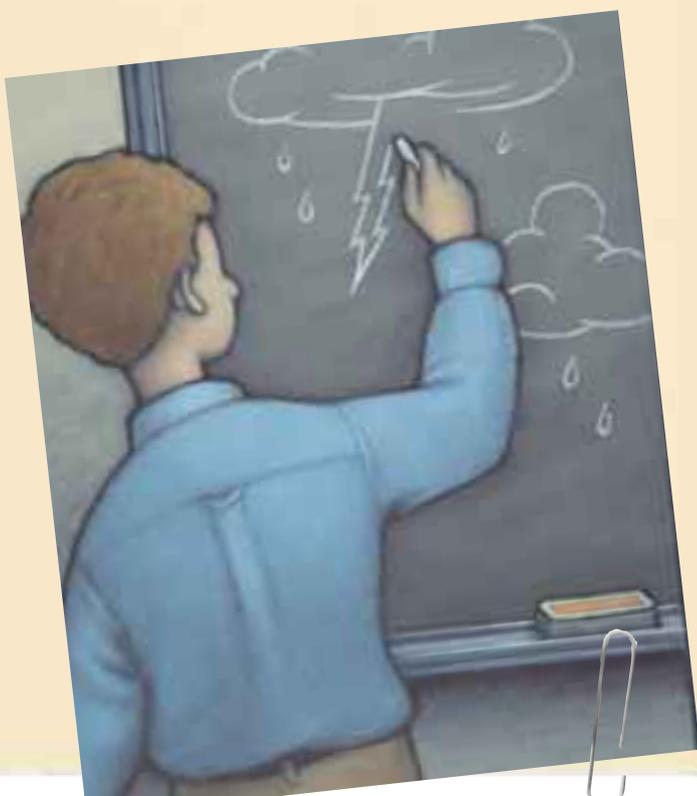
But just when I thought Sister Reynolds was going to pick me, she called on Tyson instead. He hadn't even raised his hand.

"What?" he said, fumbling for the books under his chair.

Sister Reynolds frowned slightly. "Would anyone else like to read Alma 17:25?"

Then, just as I was going to shoot my hand into the air again, I got another idea. I pushed my own Book of Mormon onto Tyson's lap and pointed to the verse. "It's right there," I whispered.

"It's OK—I'll read it," he said, taking the book. He read about Ammon, a Book of Mormon missionary who served the Lord by becoming King Lamoni's servant and watching his flocks.





When he finished, he slipped my Book of Mormon back on my lap. “Thanks,” he said. “I’m not very good at finding scriptures.”

“No problem.” I just shrugged. But inside, I was feeling as good as if I’d read the scripture myself. Suddenly Tyson didn’t seem like such a troublemaker. Was this what Dad had been talking about?

Later, in class, I sat by Tyson and Kenny. It was so fun listening to Brother Duncan’s lesson that I forgot I was even on my mission until he asked for volunteers to play a drawing guessing game. Kenny and I jumped to the edge of our seats, waving our hands. Then I remembered. “Go ahead, Kenny. You can go first.”

“Hey, thanks,” he said.

I found out that he could draw pictures better than anybody in the whole class. “Where’d you learn to draw like that?” I asked after the closing prayer.

“Oh, nowhere,” he said, his eyes shining. “I draw all the time—see?” He pulled out the piece of paper from his pocket and unfolded a picture he’d drawn of a really cool scooter with heavy duty shock absorbers.

“Wow!” I said. “It’s the same kind of scooter that I’ve been saving for.”

“I’m going to get one for my birthday,” Derek chimed in. “Except it’s still three months away.”

Kenny stuffed the picture back into his pocket and headed for the door. “Well, I better go, Brandon. See you next week.”

“Yeah, see you next week,” I said. Then I rushed down the hallway to find Dad. Making friends in my Valiant 10 class was not only possible—it was fun. Primary was going to be better than ever.



**“I feel that
friendship is a
fundamental need
of our world.
I think in all of us
there is a . . .**

**longing for friendship. . . . If we truly
want to be tools in the hands of our
Heavenly Father in bringing to pass
His eternal purposes, we need only
to be a friend. . . . At no time will we
be more Christlike than when we are
a friend.”**

**Elder Marlin K. Jensen
Of the Seventy
(Ensign, May 1999, pages 64–65.)**

JESUS TELLS THREE PARABLES*

Chapter 35

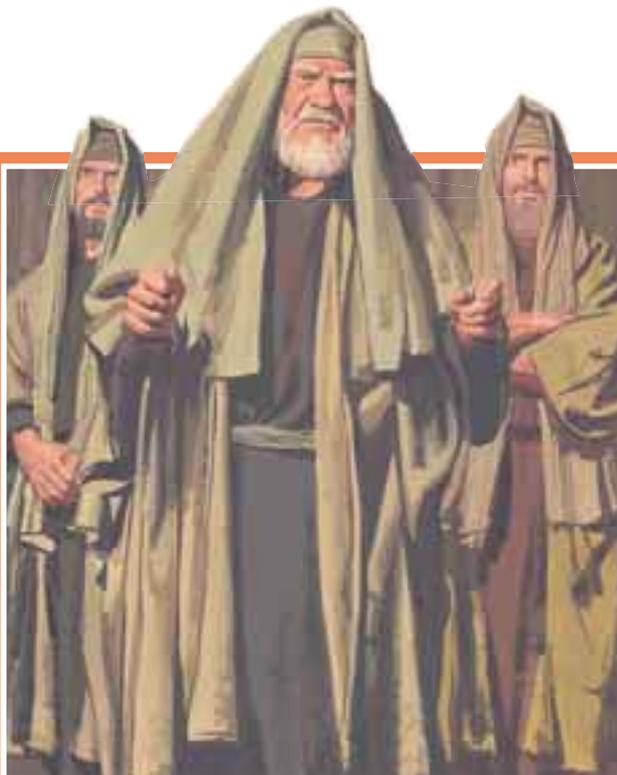
*Two of the Savior's parables are printed here. Look for the third parable in next month's issue of *The Friend*.



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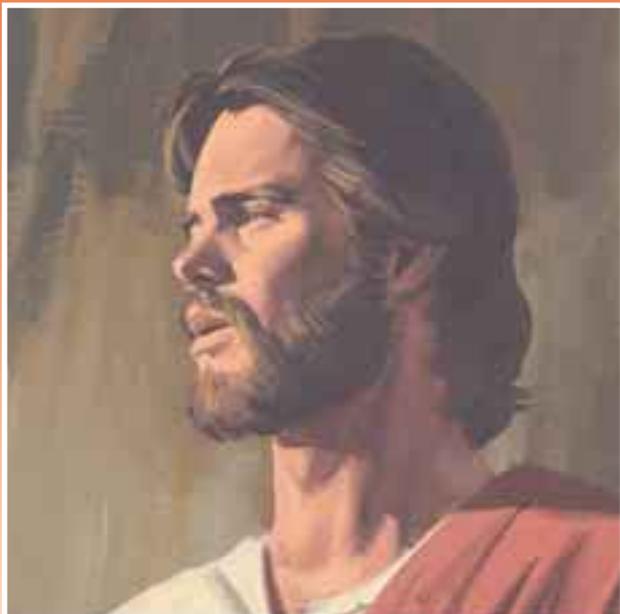
One day Jesus was eating and talking with some sinners. Some Pharisees saw Him.

Luke 15:1-2



The Pharisees thought that they were good men and that good men should not talk to sinners. They thought that Jesus should not talk to sinners.

Luke 15:2

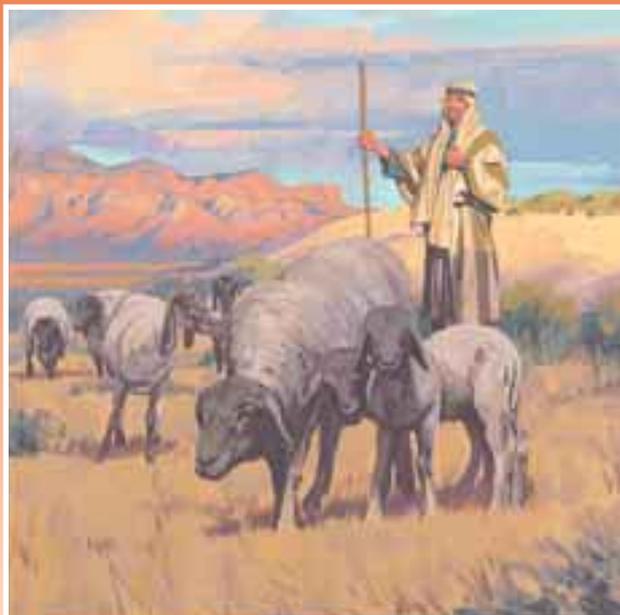


The Savior wanted to teach the Pharisees that they were wrong. To help them understand why He was with the sinners, He told them three parables. The first one was about a lost sheep.

Luke 15:3; Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, page 277

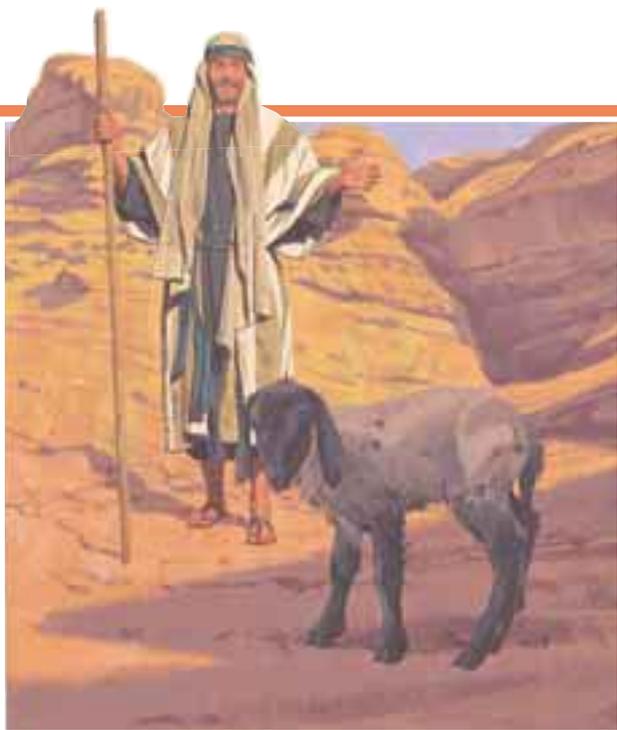
THE LOST SHEEP

The First Parable



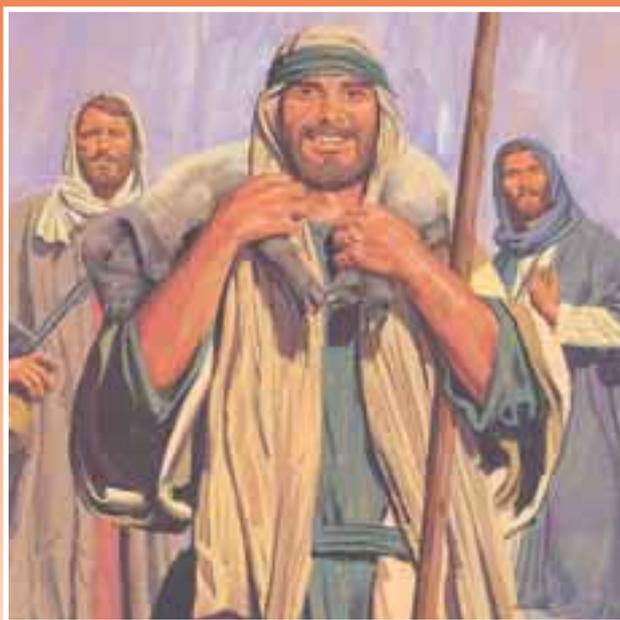
A good shepherd had a hundred sheep, and one of them was lost.

Luke 15:4



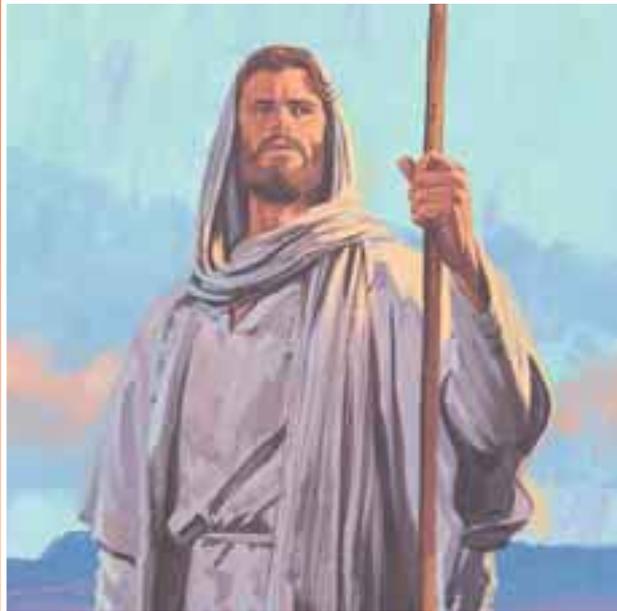
The shepherd left the other ninety-nine sheep to look for the lost one. When he found it, he was very happy.

Luke 15:4-5



He picked it up, put it on his shoulders, and carried it home. Then he called to all his friends and neighbors to come and be happy with him because he had found the sheep that was lost.

Luke 15:5-6



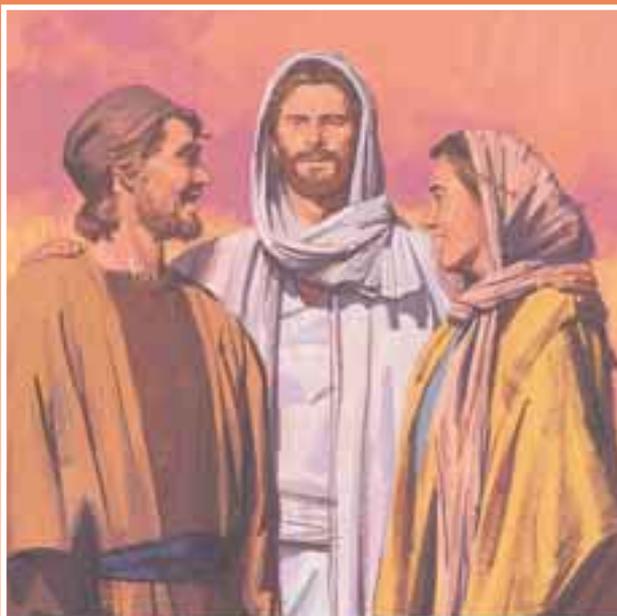
Jesus Christ told the Pharisees what the story meant. He said that sinners are like the lost sheep and that there will be great joy in heaven if a sinner repents.

Luke 15:7



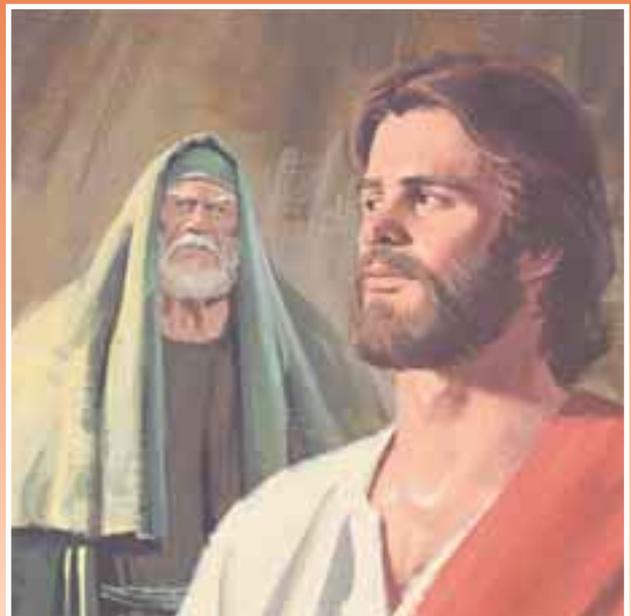
Just as the shepherd wanted to save the lost sheep, Jesus said that He wanted to save sinners.

Mark 2:17



And just as the shepherd was very happy when he found the lost sheep, Jesus is very happy when sinners repent.

Luke 15:6-7

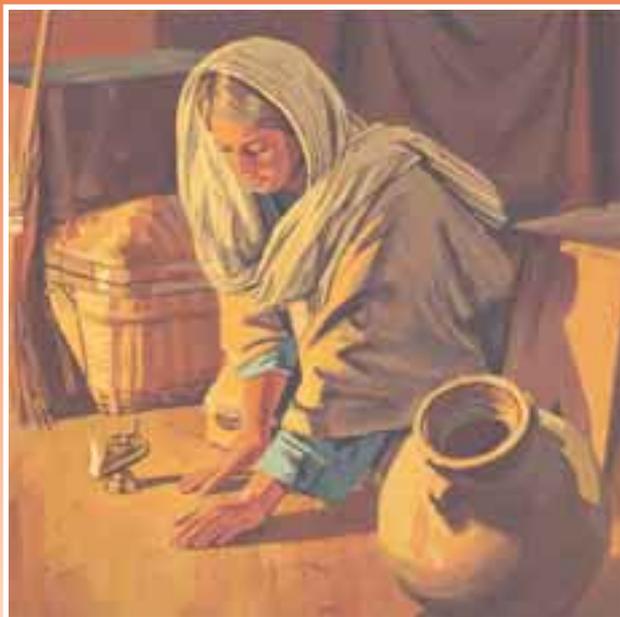


That, He said, was why He was talking with sinners.

Matthew 18:11, Joseph Smith Translation (footnote c); Mark 2:17

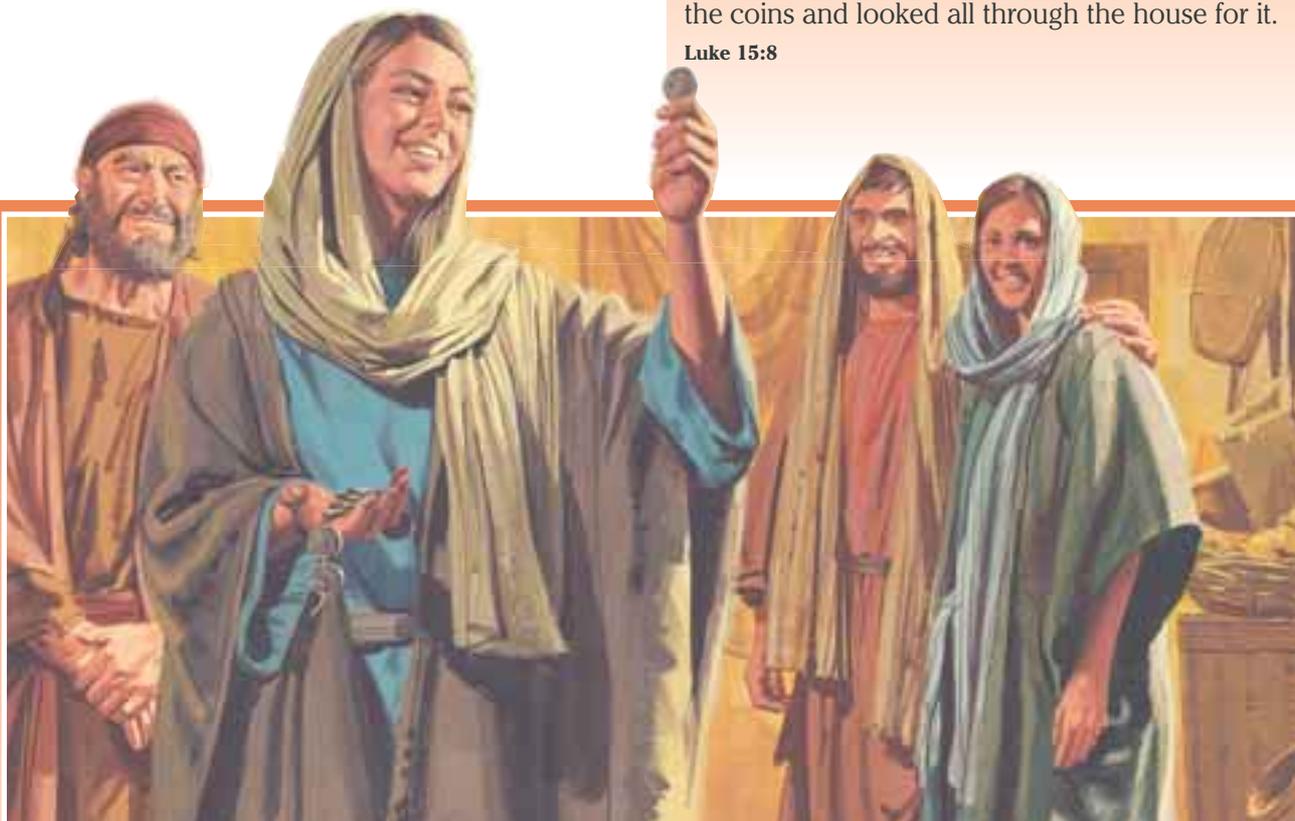
THE LOST COIN

The Second Parable



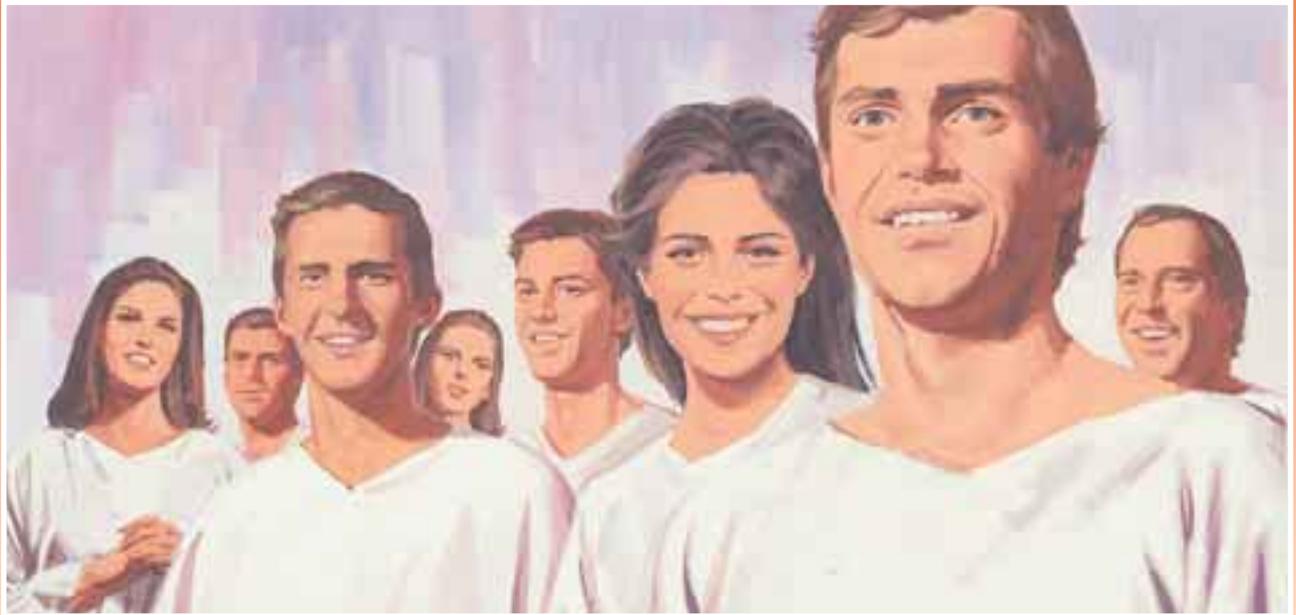
A woman had ten silver coins. She lost one of the coins and looked all through the house for it.

Luke 15:8



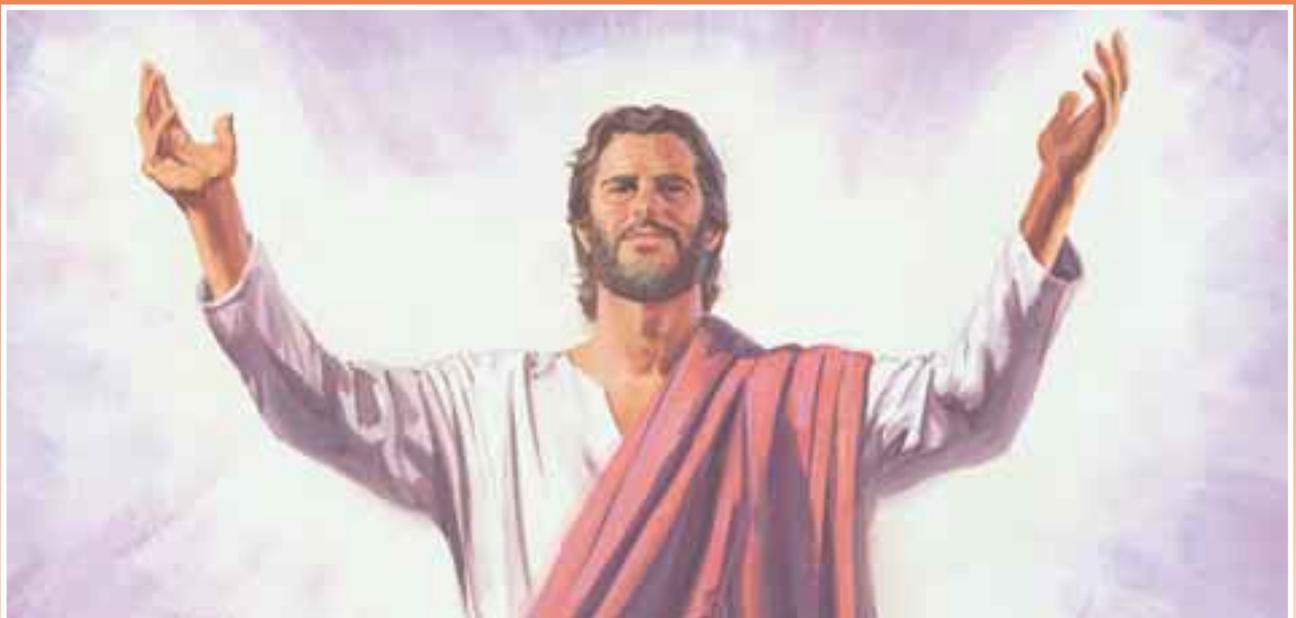
At last she found the coin. She was so happy that she called her friends and neighbors to tell them. They were happy, too, that she had found the lost coin.

Luke 15:9



The friends and neighbors in the story are like the angels of God. The angels are very happy when a lost Church member is found and cared for.

Luke 15:10



Jesus said that Church members are like the woman in the story and that the lost coin is like a member who has become less active in the Church and is lost. He wants Church members to find the lost brother or sister and to care for them and bring them back. He is very happy when this happens.

Jesus the Christ, pages 455–456

Journal Page *By Emily Orgill*

We invite you to keep a journal this year. Each month in 2002, you will find a journal page in the *Friend*. Fill it out, remove it, trim around its dashed lines, and glue it to a piece of colored construction paper. If desired, decorate the pages, punch holes as needed, and place in a binder or scrapbook.

My Friends

March Journal 2002

Who They Are, Why They're Great, What We Do Together

My bishop is _____

My Primary teacher is _____

My home teachers are _____

Heavenly Father has sent many people to love and help me, including Jesus Christ. They want me to love and help others, too.

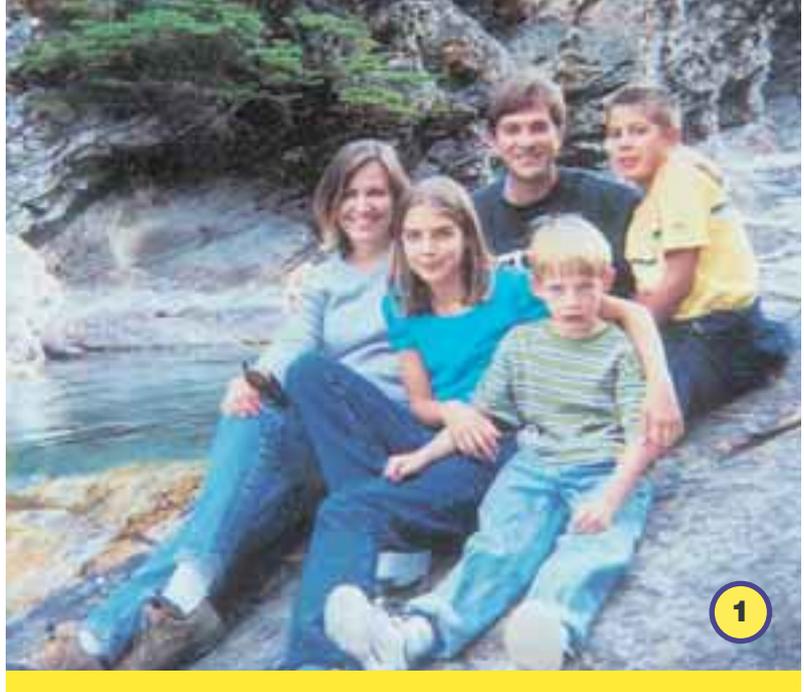
How I Can Be a Good Friend

How I Feel When I Go to Church



THE SAVIOR BY JON MCNAUGHTON

SEAN ROSTROM of RYE, NEW YORK



Written and photographed by Laura Lee Rostrom

Sean Rostrom (6) was born in Tokyo, Japan, where his father, Dean, worked for a bank. Sean lived there three years before his family moved back to the United States. He fondly remembers a little bit about Japan, but his favorite memories are the ones he is making now.

His family now lives in Rye, New York, which is a thirty-five minute train ride from New York City. Sometimes his family rides the train to the city to see a play or a musical. At Christmastime, they went to see the Nutcracker ballet. They have also gone to Central Park Zoo and visited museums. Sean's favorite was the Museum of Natural History. He liked the huge dinosaur bones that filled a whole room.

Sean's father works in the city and rides a train to work every day. Sean likes New York City, but he is glad that his kindergarten is just a five-minute car ride from his home. His mother, Laura, drives him and his older brother, Ryan, to and from school Monday through Friday. His school building is three stories high and is

made of red bricks. Sean and his friends call it their "castle school" because it looks like a real castle!

Most of the children at Sean's school have never heard of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is one of only ten Church members attending his school from kindergarten to twelfth grade. But he and his brother and sister are good examples and take advantage of missionary opportunities whenever they arise. Their father is the ward mission leader, and the missionaries visit them often. Sean likes having the elders over for dinner, and he wants to serve a mission when he turns nineteen.

One day he told two school friends, "When I grow up, I want to be a missionary." His friends didn't know what that meant. He explained, "A missionary is someone who tells people about Jesus!" At age five, Sean was being a missionary!

Ryan is in second grade. He likes to draw and is taking Tae Kwon Do. He is only one year away from becoming a black belt! Sean and Ryan are good





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1. The Rostrom family pause during a hike in Canada.
2. Amanda invited a nonmember friend and her mother to this Achievement Day activity.
3. Sean's skating at a nearby park with Dad.



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4. Sean and his visiting grandparents return from a trip to New York City.
5. Ryan, Sean, and Amanda enjoy the Christmas season.
6. Sean's "castle school"
7. Ryan shows off his volcano masterpiece.
8. Sean and his dad at a Church activity
9. Ryan practicing Tae Kwon Do



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friends, and they like drawing pictures together. Ryan likes school and has many friends. His first year in Rye, he was invited to several birthday parties that were held on Sunday. He told his friends that he could not go to parties on Sunday. He said, "Sunday is our church and family day." It was disappointing to miss the parties, but the next year, two of his friends held their birthday parties on Saturday just so Ryan could come! Ryan was glad that he had told them why he couldn't come before and that they respected his religious beliefs.

Sean's older sister, Amanda, is in fifth grade. She likes ice skating and practices at the same rink as the New York Rangers hockey team. There are no other members of the Church in Amanda's

grade, and she has many opportunities to set an example of what a Latter-day Saint child is like. She remembers one party at which several girls were choosing a video. They wanted to watch a PG-13 movie. Amanda said, "I'm not allowed to watch PG-13 movies."

One of her friends said, "But your mom will never know." Her friends went ahead and watched the movie, but Amanda didn't. She left the room. Soon her friend Kaitlyn joined her, and the two of them found something else to do. Sean is glad that he has an older sister and brother who set a good example.

His mother volunteers at his school several days each month. She has had two children's story-books published, one about the Bible and one about the Book of Mormon.

His kindergarten teacher noticed during his first week of school that "his voice really carries." That's good because he wants to be a professional singer someday. Maybe after he serves a mission, he'll come back to New York, and people will take the train to the city to hear him perform.



10. The family and grandparents on Ryan's baptism day

11. Sean's mom volunteers at his school.

12. Amanda and Sean visit the Nutcracker ballet in New York City.



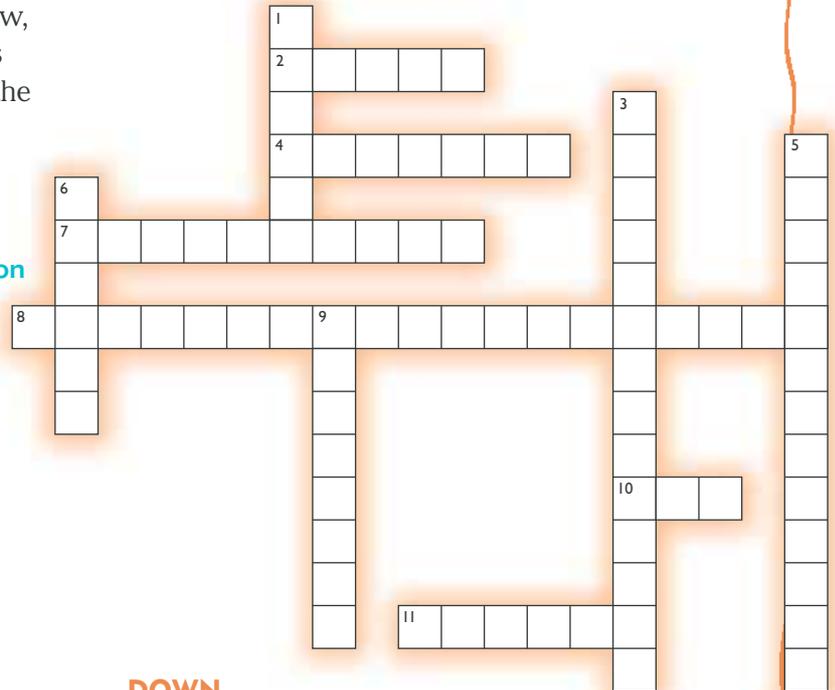
President Lorenzo Snow CROSSWORD

By Hilary Hendricks

You can learn about President Lorenzo Snow, the fifth President of the Church, by doing this crossword puzzle. Read the clues, then fill in the puzzle by choosing the correct answer from the list.



children
Dramatic Association
Eliza R. Snow
Emigration Fund
Hebrew
Italy
now
prison
Queen Victoria
tithing
winter



ACROSS

2. While on a mission to this country, Elder Snow helped with the translation of the Book of Mormon into Italian.
4. He promised the Saints that if they would pay this, the Lord would send the rain they needed for their crops. The Saints paid, and the rain came.
7. His sister _____ became the second general president of the Relief Society.
8. While he led the people of Brigham City, he started public schools and this, to help the Saints learn great books and plays.
10. He wrote as a couplet (two lines of verse) a revelation that he had and that the Prophet Joseph Smith said was true:
*As man _____ is, God once was:
As God now is, man may be.*
11. Like the Prophet Joseph, Elder Snow spent time in this place because he would not deny his belief in the Church's teachings.

DOWN

1. Young Lorenzo loved school but could only attend during _____ months, when he was not helping on his family's farm.
3. Once the Saints reached the Salt Lake Valley, he helped to build the Perpetual _____, which gave other Saints the opportunity to move west.
5. While serving a mission in England, he presented a copy of the Book of Mormon to this important leader.
6. He traveled to Kirtland, Ohio, not because he wanted to learn about the Church, but because he wanted to learn this language, which a professor was teaching to Church leaders there. Soon after his arrival, Lorenzo was baptized.
9. President Lorenzo Snow died October 10, 1901, at the age of eighty-seven. Over one thousand Primary _____ honored him by throwing flowers in the path of his funeral procession.

Jesus Christ: Creator, Exemplar, Redeemer

Instructions

Mount pages 24–25 on heavy paper or light-weight cardboard, fold on the dotted lines according to the diagram, then unfold and cut off these instructions. Refold the poster, and as you open to each set of panels, you will have a picture-story of Jesus Christ as Creator, Exemplar, and Redeemer.

Jesus Christ, under the direction of Heavenly Father, created the world for us that we would have a place to gain our bodies and prove ourselves worthy to return to Them.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . .

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. (Genesis 1:26, 31.)

Before and after Jesus Christ lived on the earth, prophets taught about Him and gave us His counsel on how to live our lives now so that we can live again with Him and Heavenly Father.

[Those] that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and . . . every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; Even them will I [Jesus Christ] bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer (Isaiah 56:6–7).

Jesus Christ created the world for us. He taught us and set the example for how we should live. He suffered and died for our sins and then was resurrected so that if we follow Him, we will not only be resurrected but may live again with our families and with Him and Heavenly Father.

This is the testimony . . . which we give of him: That he lives! For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father— That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God. . . .

And this is the testimony of the gospel of Christ concerning them who shall come forth in the resurrection of the just— They are they who received the testimony of Jesus, and believed on his name and were baptized after the manner of his burial, being buried in the water in his name, . . .

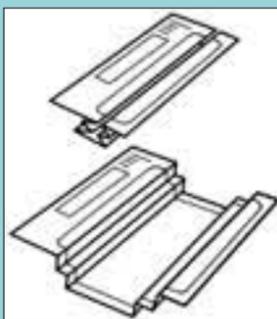
That by keeping the commandments they might be washed and cleansed from all their sins, and receive the Holy Spirit by the laying on of the hands of him who is ordained and sealed unto this power; And who . . . are sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise, which the Father sheds forth upon all those who are just and true. . . .

They are they into whose hands the Father has given all things. . . . These shall dwell in the presence of God and his Christ forever and ever. (Doctrine and Covenants 76:22–24, 50–53, 55, 62.)

Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: . . .

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree [the cross], that we . . . should live unto righteousness (1 Peter 2:21, 24).

Behold, the Lord hath created the earth . . . ; and he hath created his children that they should possess it. . . . And he loveth those who will have him to be their God. (1 Nephi 17:36, 40.)





The Good Shepherd

By William Schlegl

In Psalm 23:1, David acclaims: “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” A shepherd looks after each and every one of his sheep, just as Jesus Christ looks after each and every one of us. To discover what happens when we follow Jesus Christ, write the letter that comes in alphabetical order between each pair of letters on the blank. (For this puzzle, A follows Z). Check your answer in the scripture.

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(Psalm 23:6).

Books of the Old Testament

By Mimi Moya

There are thirty-nine books in the Old Testament. To spell the names of twelve of these books, fill in the circles with the correct vowels, and the squares with the correct consonants.

FUNSTUF ANSWERS

President Lorenzo Snow Crossword: Across—(2) Italy, (4) tithing, (7) Eliza R. Snow, (8) Dramatic Association, (10) now, (11) prison. Down— (1) winter, (3) Emigration Fund, (5) Queen Victoria, (6) Hebrew, (9) children.

Books of the Old Testament: (1) Genesis, (2) 1 and 2 Samuel, (3) Kings, (4) Judges, (5) Isaiah, (6) Job, (7) Proverbs, (8) Exodus, (9) Joshua, (10) Psalms, (11) Daniel, (12) Ezekiel.

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3. K ○ N G S
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11. D ○ N ○ ○ L
12. E □ E □ I E □



Testimony

By Rebecca M. Taylor



He lives! He whom the shepherds
And the Wise Men sought so long ago,
Who in the temple, as a boy,
Taught things only a God could know.



He lives! who fed the multitude
With two fish and five loaves of bread,
Who healed a blind man's eyes with clay,
Made whole the sick, and raised the dead.



He lives! who walked upon the water,
Calmed the winds, and soothed the sea,
Who blessed the little children as
They clustered round about His knee.

He lives! who in Gethsemane
Bore every pain and sin of man,
Who gave His life at Calvary,
Then left His tomb to rise again—
He lives!

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15).

By Kimberly Hofhiens (Based on a true incident)

Look!" Danielle lounged against the bed, holding a pencil "cigarette" between her fingers.

"You look like a girl in the magazines," Sidney said. "Will you smoke when you grow up?"

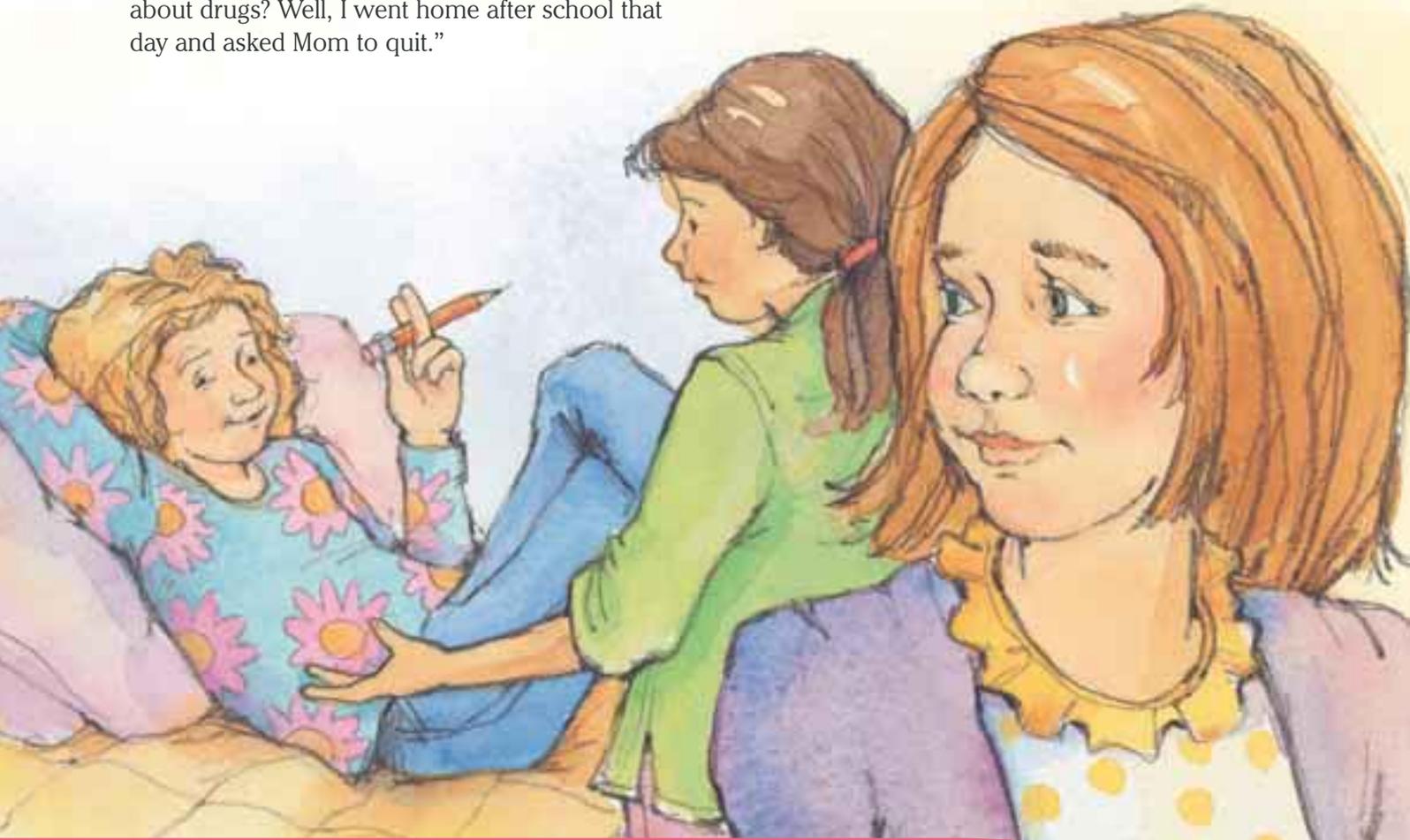
Danielle frowned. "I don't know." They all knew that her mom smoked.

"People die from smoking. Aren't you worried about your mom?" Jessica asked.

Danielle tossed the pencil down. "Remember the policewoman who came to school and talked about drugs? Well, I went home after school that day and asked Mom to quit."

"Wow!" Jessica exclaimed. "What did she say?"
"She said that she'd tried to quit when I was a baby, but it was too hard."

"That sounds like my parents," Sidney said.
"When I told them that drinking alcohol was bad, my dad said, 'It is a tradition in our family to drink wine, and I'm not about to break tradition!'"



DIFFERENT

"It's strange," Danielle said. "They teach us in school not to do something, but everyone still does it—even our parents and teachers." She glanced at Jessica. "Everyone but your family."

Jessica's face grew hot. She didn't know what to say. She was relieved when Sidney's mom called to her. "Jessica, your mom is here!"

Jessica ran for the door. "Bye, Danielle. Bye, Sidney. I had a lot of fun."

As Jessica joined her mom, she thought, *It's too bad Danielle's mom smokes. If Mom smoked, I'd worry about it all the time.*

Mom saw her frown. "What's the matter?"

"Nothing." Jessica jumped into the car. "I'm just glad you're so healthy."

Mom started the car and pulled into traffic. "I'll feel healthier after this baby is born."

"A few weeks, right?"

"Right. That's why Grandpa is watching you kids tonight. Dad and I are going on a date before life gets too busy."

"Yahoo! Another late night!"

Mom laughed. "But not too late. Tomorrow is Sunday."

Later, when Kaylie and Meghan were in bed, Jessica and Grandpa played games and talked.

"You've been painting your nails, Popcorn."

Jessica smiled at her nickname. "Sidney and Danielle painted my nails."

"I remember them—two little pixies."

"That was a long time ago, Grandpa. We're growing up now. I'm graduating from Primary in a few months."

"A young woman! Not my granddaughter!"



Grandpa harrumphed. "Pretty soon you'll think you know everything—just like your mother at your age. Why, she was the one who persuaded me to become an active Latter-day Saint."

"Grandpa!" Jessica gasped. "I thought you were an active member of the Church all your life."

Grandpa shook his head. "I joined the Church when your mother was a young girl. Before I joined it, I smoked and drank. Later, I went back to my old bad habits. It was hard to quit again." Grandpa shrugged. "I finally just gave up trying."

Jessica stared at him. "And Mom got you to quit?"

"She came home one day singing about eternal families. She wanted to know which temple we were sealed in. When I told her that I couldn't go to the temple, she cried."

"But you were married in the temple, Grandpa! Mom told me."

"Yes, but only after preparing myself. I had to work at it."

"Did you ever feel like smoking again?" Jessica asked, remembering Danielle's mother.



“All the time. But whenever I did, your mother knew. I can see a lot of her in you.”

Grandpa poured them each a glass of apple juice, and they went out to the back porch swing. Something was troubling Jessica, but how could she explain it to Grandpa? Finally she said, “Grandpa, our family is different.”

Grandpa grinned. “Downright peculiar.”

“Grandpa!” Jessica was relieved that he wasn’t angry, but she still needed help. She remembered how embarrassed she had felt when Sidney said that Jessica’s family did everything right. Why was she embarrassed about being good?

Grandpa took a sip of his juice. “So you don’t like being different.”

Jessica shrugged. “Danielle’s mother smokes, and Sidney’s parents drink wine, but our family never does anything like that. Some of the kids at school watch movies that Dad and Mom won’t even see. I just feel like I’m kind of strange.”

Grandpa smiled. “You are strange, Popcorn.”

“Grandpa, I’m not joking. It’s hard to be

different. I’m afraid I’ll lose my friends.”

Grandpa got up and went inside. He came back with his well-worn scriptures and thumbed through the pages. “ ‘But ye are a chosen generation,’ ” he read aloud, “ ‘a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.’ ”* He looked up. “Do you know what that means?”

“That we’re supposed to be different?”

“Yes, and we are different. You accepted the name of Christ at baptism, Jessica, and you promised to follow Him. Now you are getting old enough to see more clearly what that means and the wonderful difference it makes.”

Jessica thought it over. “My friends see the difference, too, Grandpa.”

“If they are true friends, they’ll stand by you. Some of them may even stand with you.”

Jessica thought, *Maybe Grandpa’s right. Mom stood for what was right, and Grandpa quit smoking. What if I stand by Danielle?*

She smiled up at Grandpa. “I’m glad Mom helped you quit smoking. Otherwise we might not be a forever family.”

“I’m glad, too, Popcorn. I’m glad, too.”

*1 Peter 2:9.



“Whether we like it or not, each [member of the Church] is set apart from the world. . . . Though discipleship with the Lord requires times of standing humbly and courageously apart, the Lord will not forsake us. He

also gives us the association of others who can edify [inspire] and strengthen us as we go about our work of blessing others in the world.”

President Gordon B. Hinckley
(*Ensign*, September 2001, pages 2, 5.)



Temple Cards



Each month in 2002, you will find a Temple Cards page in the *Friend*. Remove the page from the magazine, glue it to heavy paper, and cut out the cards. If you collect all 108 cards this year, you will have a picture-history of Latter-day Saint temples around the world.



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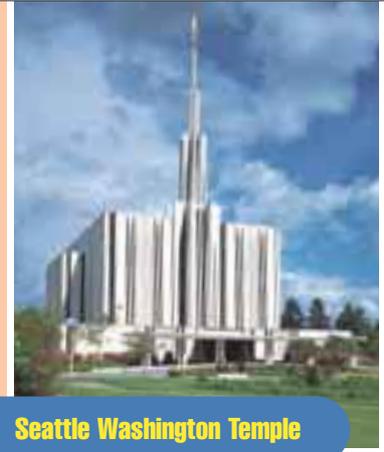
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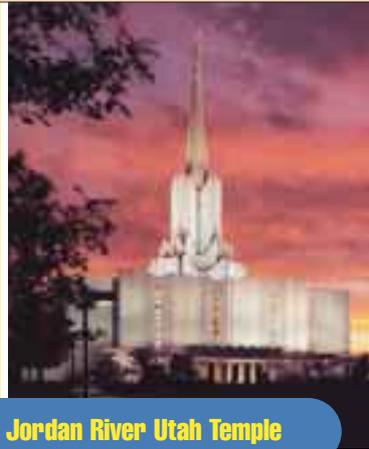
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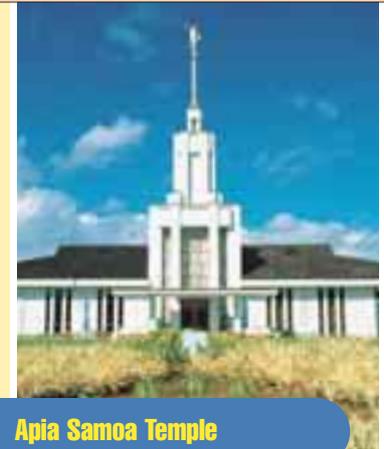
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Atlanta Georgia Temple

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Apia Samoa Temple

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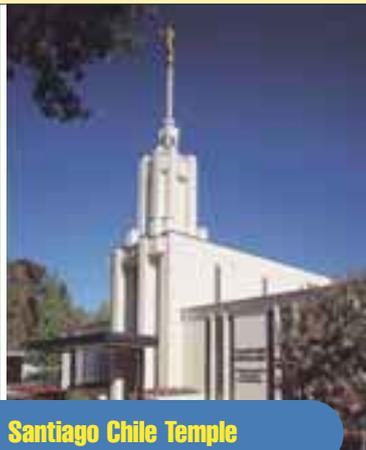
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Our Creative Friends

Repentance Cure

The floor is cracked,
The window's gone.
There is dirt
For the lawn.
The roof has holes
And lots of leaks.
When you walk,
The old floor creaks.
There's not much left,
Just a bed and chair.
This sad scene
Will make you stare.
So all you people,
Let's get to work
And fix the house
Without one smirk.
For this house represents
The mistakes you make.
So go through repentance
And clean house for your sake.
And once you are at peace again,
The house will be clean and pure,
And people will want to come back again
To the house with a repentance cure.

*Katrin Yount, age 10
Port Angeles, Washington*

Lend a Helping Hand!

Help one another,
Your sister, your brother.
Help someone to understand.
Give someone a helping hand.
If you help someone, yes, it's true,
Someday that someone might help you!

*Taryn Deeble, age 11
Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada*

What Is Blue?

Blue is the music in 1967.
Blue is Mother Earth's wet gown.
Blue is the sky of heaven
That never seems to come down.
Blue is a blue jay
On a branch on a warm spring day.

Blue is a tear
Of emotion for a lost dear.
Blue is winter's hair so long and sleek
And paying no heed to the cold and weak.
Blue is tearful eyes
When people say good-bye.
*Jason D Hutchinson, age 10
Clackamas, Oregon*

Easter

The Easter Bunny is really fun.
Toys and candy are number one.
But the one greater gift to give
Was the best to ever live.
It was the gift from our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Who did great miracles and gave His life.
After three days, He rose again
And visited Mary Magdalene and all His
friends.

And even though they thought He was
dead,
We know He is our Living Head.
And now you know why I like Eastertime,
For I know through God's gift, eternity can
be mine.

*Megan Armknecht, age 9
Salt Lake City, Utah*

Talents

Everyone has talents
Hidden down inside,
And they will grow stronger
If used to do what's right.

Everyone's talents are different,
But in one way the same
If we help each other
And praise in Jesus' name.
*Norienne McBee, age 8
Oviedo, Florida*

Spring Fever

Get off your chair.
Outside there's warm air.
It's blowing through the trees
With a warm breeze.

The buds are sprouting.
The ice is melting.
I hope the weather will change.
Let's now go to a range.
*Taylor Martin Wiseley, age 9
Delmar, Maryland*

The Commandments

The commandments are like road
signs
To help me on the path,
And the road is like God's light
To guide me from evil's wrath.
And with these guiding signs
And my path of God's light,
I'll use them as my armor
And stand for what is right.

*Chari Ingraham, age 11
Folsom, California*

Friendship

Friendship colors the world
with its promise of prosperity and
peace. Friendship is as bright as a
rainbow. When it rains, friendship
covers you with its umbrella.
When the sun gets too hot,
friendship shades you with its
shady trees in kindness.
Friendship colors the world with its
promise of prosperity and peace.

*Aunesty Ashby
Aurora, Colorado*

Jesus Christ

When you're feeling down in life
And don't know what to do,
Just say a great big prayer
Because the Savior can help you.
He knows your sadness
And understands your pain
Because He was beaten, too.
So don't go it alone
When you have such a Friend.
It will give you great hope anew.

*Jolysa Sedgwick, age 11
Stratford, Connecticut*



*Derek Montgomery, age 8
Sandy, Utah*



*Lauren Gibbs, age 6
St. Paul, Minnesota*



*Cory Swinimer, age 11
Greenwood, Nova Scotia, Canada*



*Lorraina Vergaray, age 4
Vernon, Connecticut*



*Ty Weisenburger, age 8
Rancho Palos Verdes, California*



*Malena Eads, age 10
Dayton, Ohio*



*Coleman T. Hunt, age 8
Auburn, Washington*



*Haley Ferrin, age 7
Thatcher, Arizona*



*Joshua Boyd, age 9
Charlotte, North Carolina*



*Alexandra Rose Quackenbush, age 6
Milton, Florida*



*Matthew Orr, age 7
Orem, Utah*



*Alyssa Barrett, age 9
Wilmot, Nova Scotia, Canada*



*Jeff Gouge, age 11
Brenham, Texas*



*Kelsi Taylor, age 6
Lapeer, Michigan*



*Austin Warnick, age 7
Parker, Colorado*



*Leigha Nunnally, age 9
Dallas, Georgia*



*Tanner Yorgason, age 6
Eagle, Idaho*



*Khalina Shurtz, age 4
Everett, Washington*



*Nathan Jackson, age 10
Pingree, Idaho*

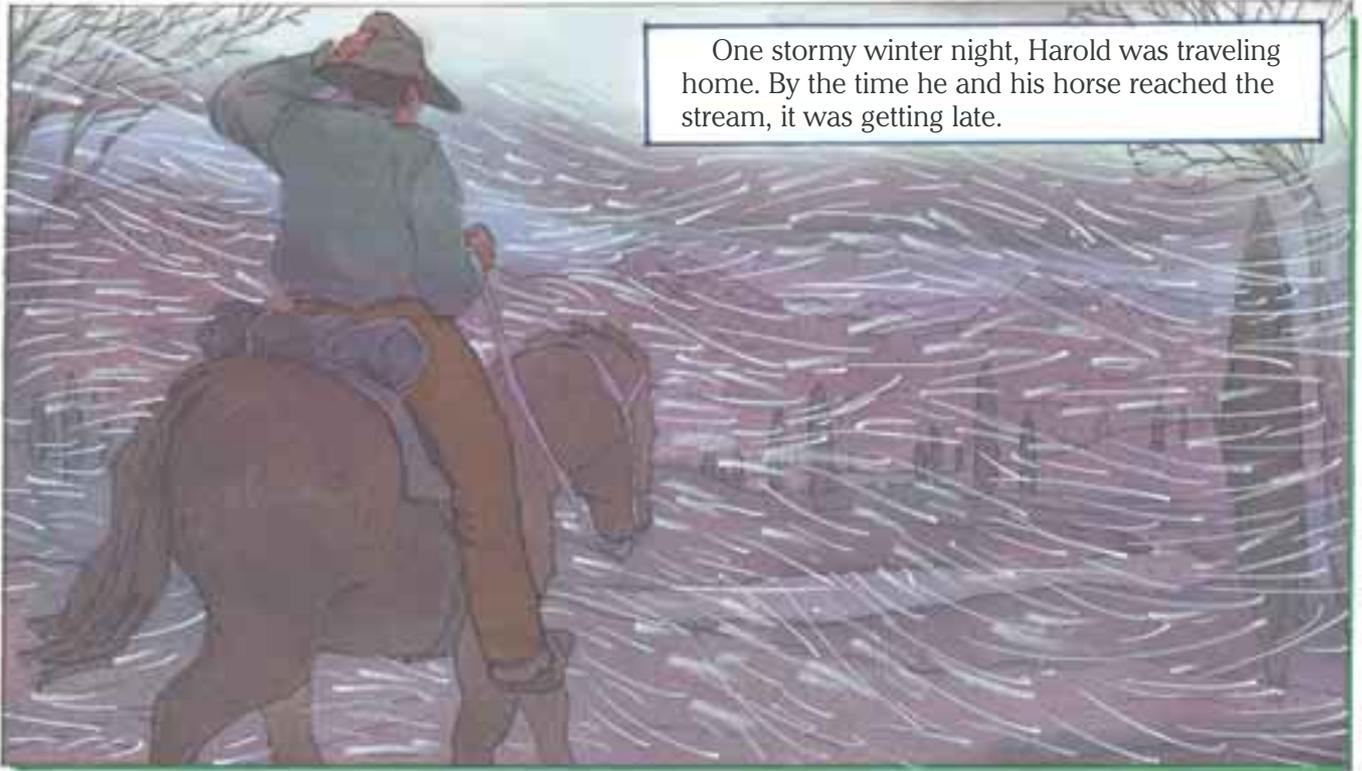


*Kristin Edwards, age 7
Canby, Oregon*



From the Life of President Harold B. Lee

An Answer to His Prayers

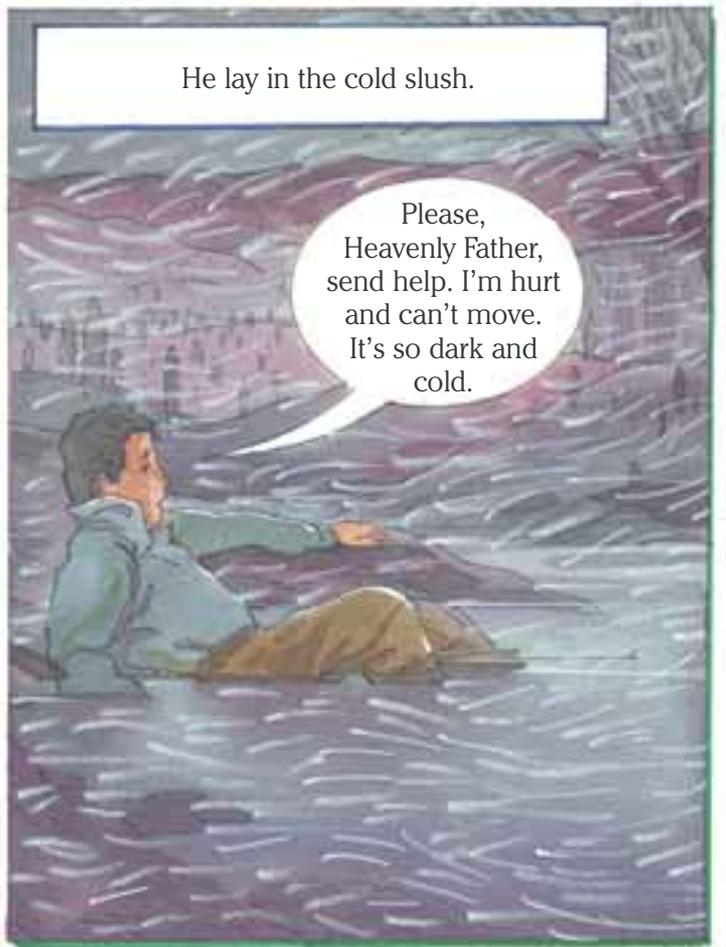


One stormy winter night, Harold was traveling home. By the time he and his horse reached the stream, it was getting late.

As they crossed the stream, his horse tripped. Harold flew over its head and landed in a freezing, muddy pond.



He lay in the cold slush.



Please,
Heavenly Father,
send help. I'm hurt
and can't move.
It's so dark and
cold.



Soon he heard his father.

Harold?
Is that you?

I'm over here!



His father helped him out of the water and wrapped a warm blanket around him.

I'm so glad you came. How did you know that I needed help?

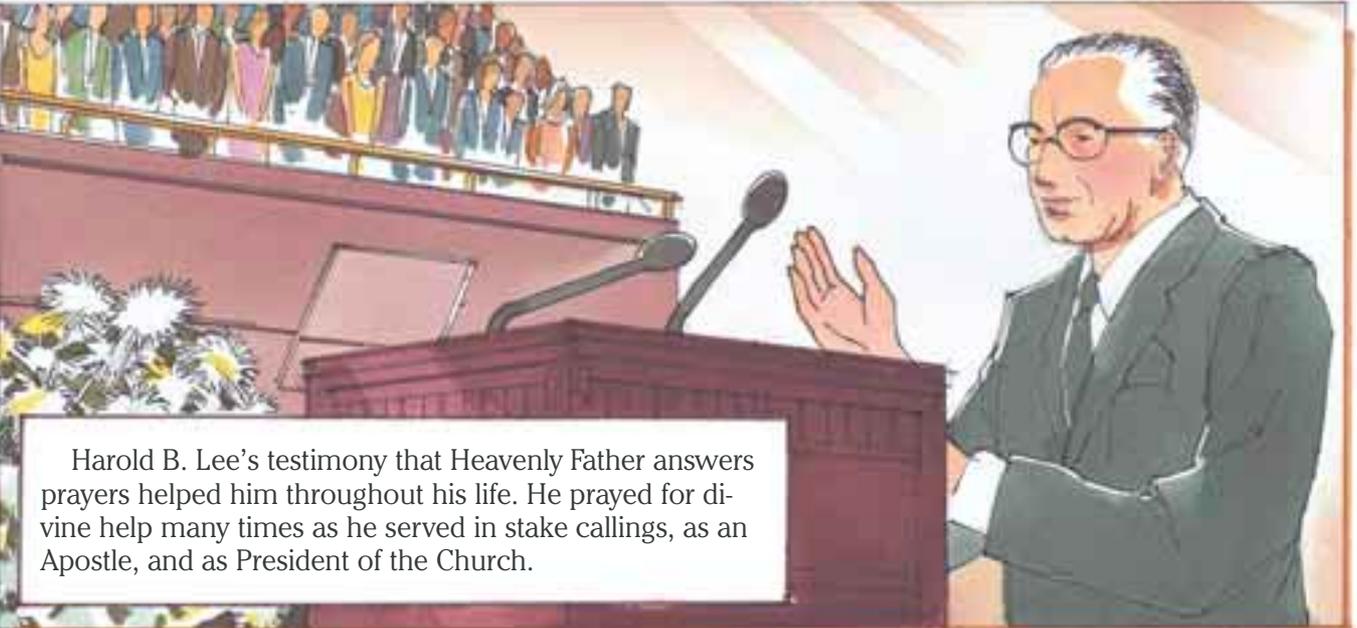
The Spirit whispered to your mother that something was wrong, and I knew that she was right.

Thank you for coming.



Harold and his father remembered to thank Heavenly Father that night, too.

I thank thee, Heavenly Father, for telling my mother that I needed help, and for sending my father to rescue me.



Harold B. Lee's testimony that Heavenly Father answers prayers helped him throughout his life. He prayed for divine help many times as he served in stake callings, as an Apostle, and as President of the Church.



I love sister; she loves me (Children's Songbook, page 198).



We'll

By Trudy Fuhrman
(Based on a true story)

I may be small, but Mommy says that I'm a big help. I help her every day.

Sometimes I help her with the dishes. She gives them to me, and I put them in the cupboard. One day while we were doing the dishes, Mommy said, "Samuel, a new baby is coming to live in our house. You will have a new sister or brother."

I looked at the cupboard. It was full of dishes. I said, "We can't have a new baby. There's no room for baby dishes."

Mommy laughed. "We'll find room," she said.



Sometimes I help Mommy clean our three bedrooms. One is for her and Daddy. One is for Peter and Daniel. One is for Dawn and me. One day while we were cleaning the bedrooms, I said, "We can't have a new baby. There's no room for a baby bed."

Mommy ruffled my hair. "We'll find room," she said.

Sometimes I help Mommy set the table. I set placemats and cups. Mommy sets the rest. We have six placemats and six chairs. One day while we were setting the table, I said, "We can't have a new baby. There's no room for a baby chair."

Mommy gave me a hug. "We'll find room," she said.



Find Room

On Sunday we go to church. I put on my pants and shoes. Daddy ties my shoes and buttons my shirt. We all get into the car and drive to church. Mommy and Daddy and I sit in the front seat. Dawn and Peter and Daniel sit in the backseat. One Sunday while we were driving to church, I said, "We can't have another baby. There's no room for a baby seat."

Mommy put her arm around me. "We'll find room," she said.



At church I sit on Daddy's lap. I try to be quiet. I fold my arms at prayer time and during the sacrament. Then I watch the people.

One Sunday while I was sitting on Daddy's lap at church, I looked around the chapel. It was full of people. I whispered, "We can't have a new baby. There's no room in the chapel."

Daddy smiled and whispered back, "Don't worry, Samuel. We'll find room."



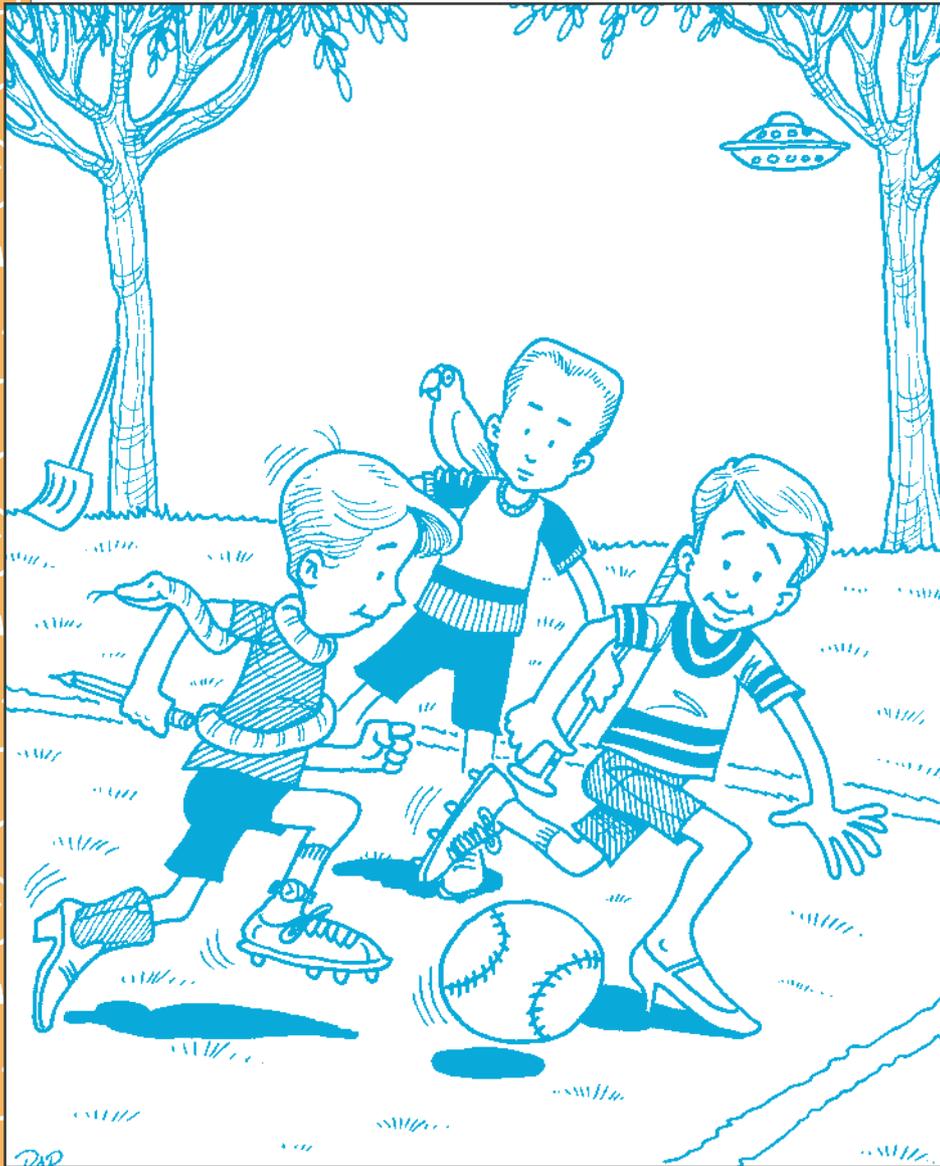
Yesterday the new baby came. She's a girl. She's tiny and not very pretty, and she cries. Mommy put her on my lap. She grabbed my finger and held on tight. I'm her big brother. Mommy looked at me and said, "Samuel, this is Eleanor. She has come to live in our family."

"I know," I said. "We'll find room."





What's Wrong?



By Robert Peterson

There are eleven things wrong with this soccer game. How many can you find?

What's Wrong?: baseball, boot, flying saucer, golf club, parrot, pencil, six fingers on one hand, snake, snow shovel, watch on ankle, woman's shoe.

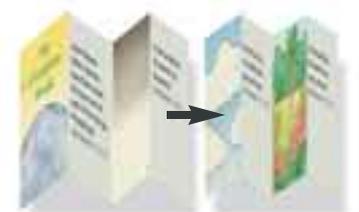


By Elizabeth Giles

FHE My Creation Book

By Joyce Grisham and Angie Collier

1. Carefully remove page 39 from the magazine and mount it on heavy white paper.
2. Cut out each strip along the solid black horizontal lines
3. Accordion-fold each strip on the broken lines, with the beginning page on the top (see illustration).
4. With the title on the top, stack the strips in numbered order. Staple the pages of the book where indicated.



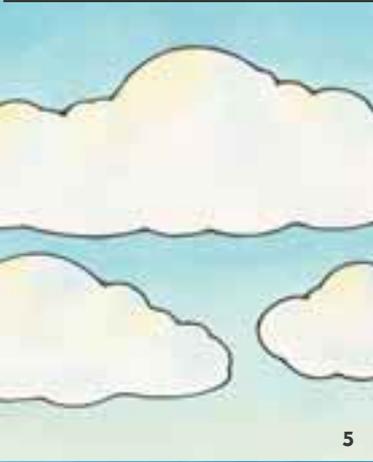
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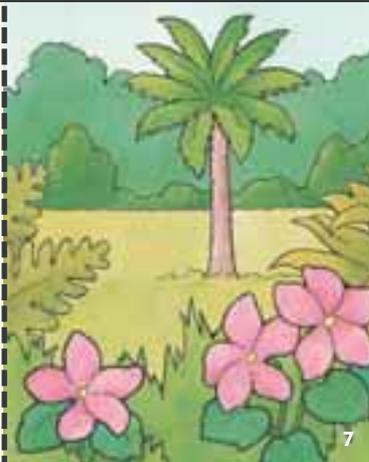
Under Heavenly Father's direction, Jesus Christ created the heaven and the earth. On the first day, He made light. (See Genesis 1:1, 3, 5.)



On the second day, He made the sky (firmament). (See Genesis 1:6–8.)



On the third day, He made flowers, grass, and trees. (See Genesis 1:11–13.)



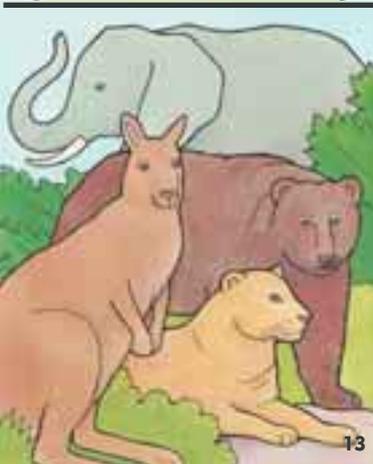
On the fourth day, He made the sun, moon, and stars. (See Genesis 1:16, 19.)



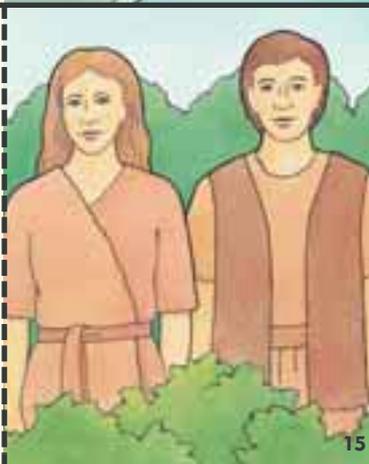
On the fifth day, He made birds, fish, and whales. (See Genesis 1:21, 23.)



On the sixth day, He made land animals . . . (See Genesis 1:25.)



. . . and man. (See Genesis 1:27, 31.)



On the seventh day, He rested. (See Genesis 2:2.)

Establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God (Doctrine and Covenants 88:119).

House of the Lord



The Lord commands that temples be built so that His children can go somewhere reverent, feel the Holy Ghost, and be taught. Elder Franklin D. Richards, a former member of the Seventy, said: “In the temple there is an influence and spirit that touches the minds, hearts, and souls of those present. Yes, it is truly the House of the Lord.”*

The temple invites the Spirit because it has been dedicated as the Lord’s house. Only worthy members can enter. They pray with faith for guidance from Heavenly Father, and they pray as a group for those whose names are on the prayer roll (a list of people who need special blessings). Sometimes people come to

the temple fasting so that they can understand the Spirit’s promptings more clearly.

Those who attend the temple must be careful to not drive away the Spirit by focusing on worldly things. Elder David B. Haight said that those who enter the temple should “be mindful that feelings of anger, hostility, fear, frustration, haste, or any preoccupation with matters outside the temple will interfere with [their] ability to fully partake of the . . . feast of the Spirit. Those kinds of feelings are left outside the temple when we enter.”†

We can prepare now to think about Jesus Christ when we are in the temple by thinking about Him during the sacrament. We can also prepare to learn in the Lord’s house by building our testimonies and by fasting on fast Sunday. If we are spiritually prepared to attend the house of the Lord, our faith will be strengthened and we will recognize the Holy Ghost teaching us.

**Ensign*, November 1986, page 72.

†*Ensign*, May 1992, page 15.



Elder David B. Haight

To remind you that the temple is the house of the Lord, complete this dot-to-dot picture, then color it.



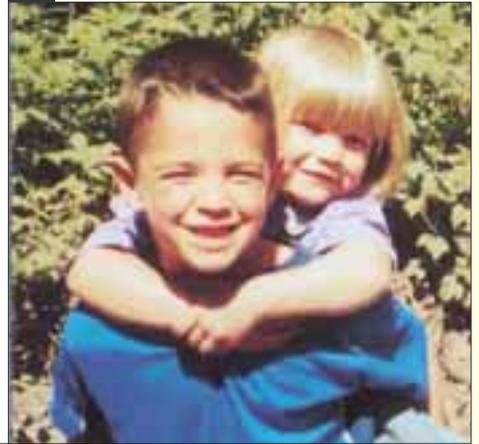


Cub Scout A.J. Workman, 8, Worland, Wyoming, is a good example to his five younger siblings. He likes learning about volcanoes and dinosaurs, and playing soccer.



Mikell Norman, 7, San Antonio, Texas, likes to cook with her dad and play with her dog, Britany. She enjoys playing sports and reading her scriptures and is a wonderful big sister.

FRIENDS IN THE NEWS



Jessica and Nathan Caldwell, ages 4 and 7, Eielson AFB, Alaska, just finished reading the Book of Mormon with their family. They have enjoyed living in Alaska and are excited to be moving to Montana soon.



Ivan and Isaac Ahlert, ages 6 and 3, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, enjoy Primary and learning about eternal families. They were sealed to their parents in the Laie Hawaii Temple. It was their grandparents' fiftieth anniversary, too, so every aunt, uncle, and cousin came to Hawaii for the family celebration.

Kingston Ward Primary

The Primary children of Kingston Ward, Newburgh New York Stake, walked in the Dutchess County Fair Children's Parade. For their "Faith in Every Footstep" entry, they dressed up as Noah's animals and walked alongside their "ark," which was followed by a rainbow. The full-time missionaries handed out flyers explaining the entry and inviting the community to visit the church. The children are seen here with their families. ↓



Luke and Emily Jamison, ages 3 and 5, West Jordan, Utah, like to dress up and pretend they are missionaries. They want to be like their mom and dad, who both served full-time missions.

Chinéad Quinn, 6, Ferndale, South Africa, has a heart full of love. She enjoys swimming and playing with dolls. ↓

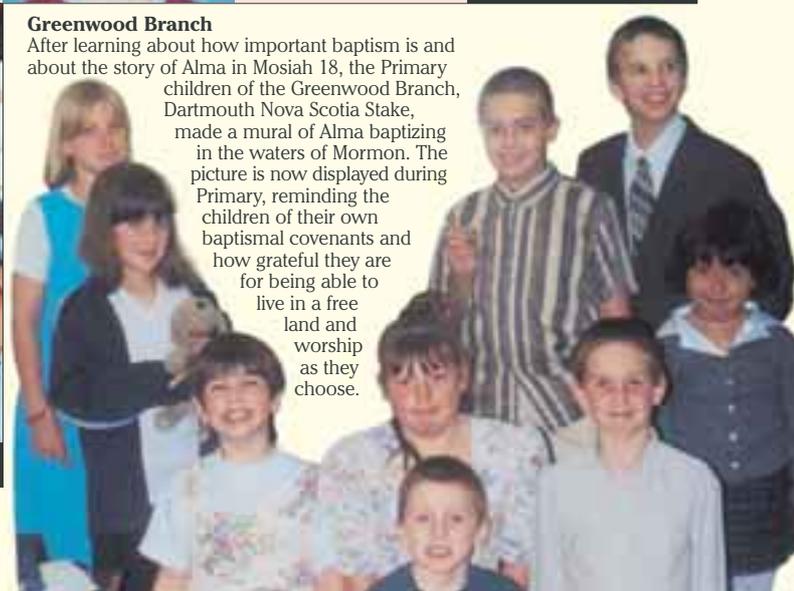


Jared Cassedy, 9, Las Vegas, Nevada, enjoys riding his scooter and playing football with his friends. He likes going to Cub Scout activities and reading books. ↩

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Greenwood Branch

After learning about how important baptism is and about the story of Alma in Mosiah 18, the Primary children of the Greenwood Branch, Dartmouth Nova Scotia Stake, made a mural of Alma baptizing in the waters of Mormon. The picture is now displayed during Primary, reminding the children of their own baptismal covenants and how grateful they are for being able to live in a free land and worship as they choose.





Sage Erickson, 11, Parker, Colorado, finished the Book of Mormon by reading one chapter before school each day. She is now reading the New Testament. She knows that studying the scriptures helps us gain testimonies and prepare for the temple.

Colly Creek Ward Primary

Primary children of Colly Creek Ward, Topeka Kansas Stake, prepared for the Winter Quarters Nebraska Temple dedication by learning about the temple. The children traveled for three hours each way to attend the dedication. ↑



Joseph City Second Ward

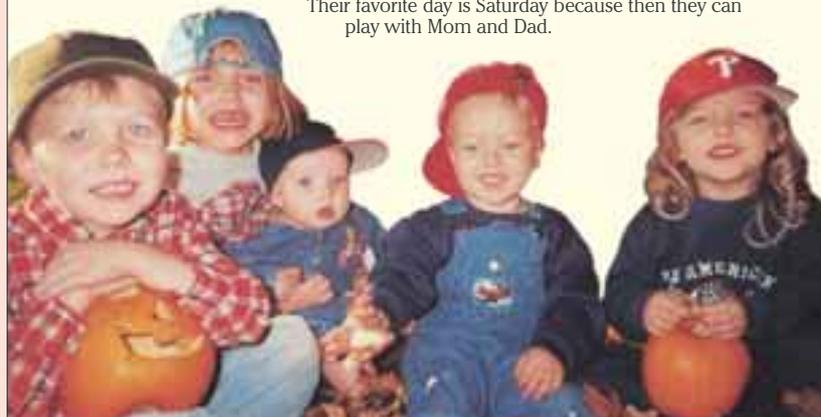
The Valiant girls of the Joseph City Second Ward, Winslow Arizona Stake, enjoyed a unique Achievement Day activity: a father-daughter Pinewood Derby. Everyone raced her car several times; among the prizes given were "Most Creative," "Sleekest," and "Most Colorful."

Washington First Ward

Members of the Valiant 10 class, Washington First Ward, Washington Utah Stake, performed community service by cleaning up local racquetball courts. They each set a goal to complete their Gospel in Action award before New Year, and by the beginning of August four of them had already finished! See here are (left to right) Sara Lee, Sister Susan Copeland (their Primary teacher), Anna Jordan, Summer Sandberg, Elizabeth Copeland, and Kade Iverson. Cassie Slack joined the class later and is well on her way to meeting this goal, too. ↓



Thomas, Natalie, Jefferson, Spencer, and Emily Taylor, ages 5, 7, 8 months, 2, and 4, Salt Lake City, Utah, enjoy spending time together and having school at home. Their favorite day is Saturday because then they can play with Mom and Dad.



Best friends **Isaiah** and **Madeline Stringfellow,** ages 2 and 3, Silver Spring, Maryland, like trains. They love to see the temple when they drive to church, and they enjoy caring for their baby sister and "reading." ↓





The Happy Man

He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life (John 8:12).



By Heidi Hoag

When I was a year old, I had a serious infection that scarred my right lung for life. We lived in Missouri at the time, in the Nauvoo Stake. It was a nice place to live, but it was

too damp for my lungs. My mother said that I coughed all day and all night. So we moved to Arizona, and I don't cough all day and all night anymore.

In spite of Arizona's dry climate, sometimes I have ended up in the hospital with pneumonia, because of my scarred lung. I am grateful for hospitals, which have saved my life, but they are not my favorite places to visit. I don't like the IVs, and the food doesn't taste like my mom's cooking. I really miss my family when I am there. Some nights can get really lonely. But I do like watching kids' movies there that I haven't seen before. It's even fun to be pushed around in a wheelchair. However it's still really sad to not be in my own home.

One night, I heard a tinkling of music in the hallway. It sounded like an ice-cream truck. Soon a happy-looking man wearing a rainbow helicopter hat was standing at my door. He was pushing a cart full of tiny stuffed animals. On top of the cart was a music box. He smiled at me and asked how I felt. He even made me laugh. He told me I could have any of the stuffed animals I wanted! I chose a bright, yellow bear. I was so happy! I even forgot that I was feeling sad.

My mom asked a nurse about him. The nurse said that he once had a daughter in the hospital. He visited her often. When he passed by all the sick children there, he wished he could bring cheer to all of them. Then he thought of the music cart with the stuffed animals. And with a smile and a rainbow helicopter hat, he became known as the Happy Man.

He made me forget my sadness. He truly was following Jesus' example, helping those of us who were sick and lonely. I know that he will be blessed forever and that all the happiness that he has given away will come back to him tenfold.

Heidi Hoag, age 9
Mesa, Arizona





Balloons

By Jeremy Evans

When my big sister and I left our favorite restaurant, we were each given a balloon. My mom suggested that we tie the balloons to our wrists, but we wanted to be big and just hold them with our hands. Then

my sister accidentally let go of her balloon. Her mouth turned down, and big tears rolled down her cheeks. I walked over to her and said, “Madi, you can have my balloon.” She gave me a gigantic grin, and her tears quickly dried up. Even though I no longer had a balloon, I felt happy and warm inside.

Everyone was smiling. I think Jesus was, too!

**Madison and
Jeremy Evans,
ages 6 and 4
Provo, Utah**



Fasting



By Janet Craven

Natalie likes to explore the fields around our house. She found a special tree not far from our backyard, where she likes to pray. One night as I tucked her into bed, she said that Heavenly Father had told her to fast on the next Fast Sunday. She is so thin and young that I discouraged her. It was three weeks until the next Fast Sunday, so I thought that she would forget. But she didn't!



On the day before the fast, she knew exactly her purpose for fasting. She wanted Heavenly Father to bless an elderly sister in our branch who had been very sick. Natalie said that she was never hungry during her fast, because she knew that that was what Heavenly Father wanted her to do.

For several months, she fasted every month with a special purpose, was cheerful, and never complained once.



She has been a wonderful example for our family.

Caylen made a special fast, too. His grandmother had written a letter to us, telling how she had prayed following a Relief Society lesson and asked Heavenly Father to help her find a new way to serve. She soon met a woman who had struggled seriously with infections made worse by foods with yeast in them, like most bread. Grandma Craven makes delicious bread with hardly any yeast. She knew that this was the way Heavenly Father had answered her prayer, and she now makes bread for this sister regularly.

I had shared this with my children, showing them how Grandma Craven had received an answer to her prayer. Prior to the next Fast Sunday, Caylen said, “I want to fast for the lady Grandma bakes bread for.” So without even knowing her personally, he fasted for this sister.

**Natalie and Caylen
Craven, ages 6 and 9
Pawhuska, Oklahoma**





A HOUSE OF GOD

Establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God (Doctrine and Covenants 88:119).

By Vicki F. Matsumori

It is Sunday morning and time to get ready for church. You wash your face, comb your hair, and put on your nice clothes. Why? Because you want to show love and respect for Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ by looking nice and being clean.

President Boyd K. Packer of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles tells of a time during World War II when he and other members of his bomber crew made a six-day trip across Texas and Arizona. It was very hot, and they hadn't had a chance to take a bath or wash their uniforms. When they went to a nice restaurant, one woman looked at them and said in disgust, "My, what untidy men!"

President Packer said, "All eyes turned to us. I felt dirty, uncomfortable, and ashamed."

President Packer was uncomfortable because his clothes were dirty and he was unwashed. But he knows that Heavenly Father is much more concerned that we are clean inside. How can we be clean inside? When we repent and are baptized, our sins are washed away and we are clean. When we keep the commandments and partake of the sacrament, we renew the promise we made at baptism to follow Jesus Christ. It is like being washed clean again. This is made possible because Jesus Christ atoned, or paid the price, for our sins.

President Packer has written a poem about this:

*If we could only understand
All we have heard and seen,*

We'd know there is no greater gift

*Than those two words—"Washed clean!"**

When Church members go to the temple, they show their love and respect for Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ by being clean on the inside. We are promised that those who are pure when they enter "the Lord's house may feel [His] power . . . and receive a fulness of the Holy Ghost" (Doctrine and Covenants 109:13–15). When you are old enough, you will feel comfortable going to the temple if you are clean on the outside and on the inside. It will help you feel Heavenly Father's presence there.

*Friend, April 1999, IFC.

A House of God

Glue page 47 to heavy paper. Cut out the temple, fold the sides up on the dotted lines, and glue the tabs to the insides of the walls to form a box (see illustration). Cut out the scripture reference bricks. They mention some things you can do now to build your life so that you will be worthy to enter the temple. Place the bricks in the temple box. Each day, choose a brick from the box, look up the scripture, and read it by yourself or with your family. Think about or discuss ways you can live these principles. Glue the brick to the outside of the temple. When you have read and attached all the bricks, the temple will be complete and you will have a reminder of what you can do to be prepared to enter the temple.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17
Remember—you are a temple of God.

Articles of Faith 1:4
Obey the first principles of the gospel.

Psalms 24:3-4
Have clean hands and a pure heart.

Exodus 20:15
Do not steal.

Malachi 3:10
Pay tithing.

Matthew 6:14-15
Forgive others.

John 13:34-35
Love one another.

Alma 53:20
Be true at all times.

D&C 21:1, 4
Heed the prophet.



Exodus 20:12
Honor your father and mother.

Exodus 20:7
Do not take the name of God in vain.

D&C 88:63
Draw near to the Lord: seek, ask, knock.

Mosiah 2:22
Keep the commandments.

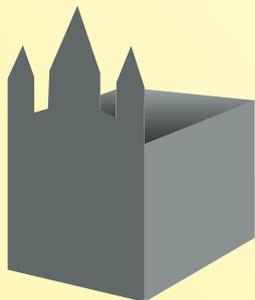
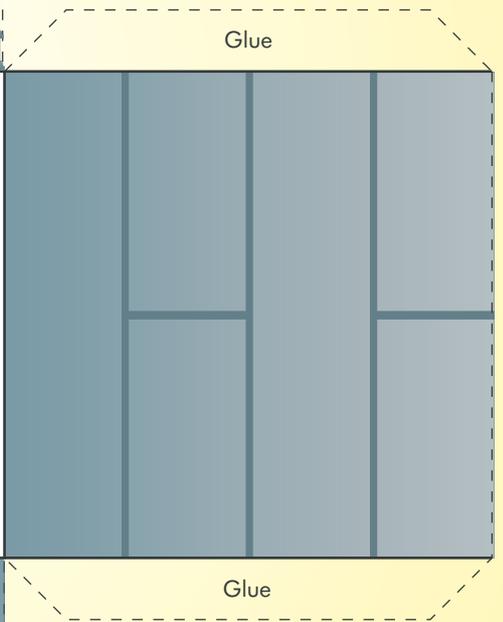
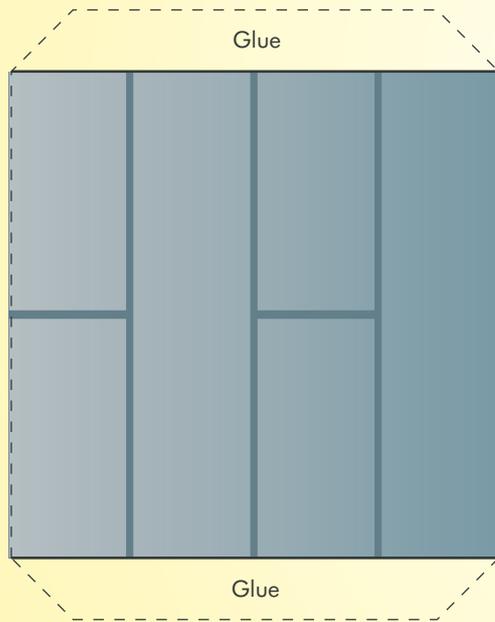
D&C 59:9-10
Keep the Sabbath Day holy.

D&C 89:7-9
Obey the Word of Wisdom.

1 Nephi 3:7
Do what the Lord commands.

Exodus 20:3
Have no other gods.

3 Nephi 14:12
Be kind.



SHARING TIME IDEAS

(Note: All songs are from *Children's Songbook (CS)* unless otherwise indicated; GAK = Gospel Art Kit)

1. Explain that D&C 88:119 is more than instructions on building a temple. It is a blueprint for building our homes and personal lives (see *Ensign*, Oct. 1999, pp. 2–5). Have the children divide into pairs or groups to discover some things we can use to build stronger homes and lives, then present their information to an assigned leader. Prepare the following lists, one for each group:

- Prayer—learn the steps in prayer by learning part 2 of “I Pray in Faith” (p. 14).
- Fasting—discover what Jesus Christ taught about fasting by reading and discussing Matt. 6:16–18.
- Faith—tell a scripture about someone who showed faith (brother of Jared—see Ether 1–3; Esther—see Esther 1–7; Daniel—see Daniel 1; etc.).
- Learning and Glory—recite an article of faith, from memory if possible. Discuss why it is important to study and learn.
- Order—tell the order of the first principles and ordinances of the gospel by reciting the fourth article of faith. Pick a law of the land and discuss why obeying it helps build your community. Pick a rule in your family and explain why it helps to build your family.

As the groups finish, have them learn part 1 of “I Pray in Faith” (p. 14). When all are done, sing both verses, then divide the Primary into two groups and have them sing the parts simultaneously.

Give one piece of paper and one pencil to every two children. Have them sit with the paper and pencil between them, each holding a pencil. Ask them to draw a house. Show some of the drawings. Point out that it is easier to do if they cooperate. Explain that parents want their homes to be houses of prayer, fasting, faith, learning, glory, and order. Parents can't do it alone. Parents and children have to work together to build such a home. Testify that as we live these principles, our temples, our homes, and our lives will be places of order and strength.

2. Invite an adult to dress in a simple costume and tell the children about Christ's appearance at the temple in the Americas (see 3 Ne. 11–12, 17). Show the Book of Mormon Video Presentations #8, “My Joy Is Full” (item no. 53911). Play the video a second time with the sound turned down and have the children sing songs, such as “I Feel My Savior's Love” (pp. 74–75), “I'm Trying to Be like Jesus” (pp. 78–79), and “Had I Been a Child” (pp. 80–81). Have the children write or draw in their temple booklets about the experiences the Nephite children had at the temple when Jesus Christ appeared.

3. On each of six papers, write one of the following sets of information based on the six *Bs* given by President Gordon B. Hinckley (see *Ensign*, Jan. 2001, pp. 2–11, or *Friend*, Feb. 2001, pp. 24–25). Include a quote from the talk for each *B*. • Be Grateful—“I Thank Thee, Dear Father” (page 7), Doctrine and Covenants 59:7; • Be Smart—“Teach Me to Walk in the Light” (page 177), Doctrine and Covenants 93:36; • Be Clean—“The Lord Gave Me a Temple” (page 153), Psalm 24:3–4; • Be True—“Stand for the Right” (page 159), Alma 53:20–21; • Be Humble, “I Am a Child of God” (pages 2–3), Alma 32:15–16; • Be Prayerful—“Search, Ponder, and Pray” (page 109), Matthew 6:6. Divide the Primary into six groups and give each group one of the papers. Have them choose to give the scripture as a choral reading or to sing the song. Allow time for practice. Have the groups tell what their *B* is, present their song or scripture, and have one group member read the quote from President Hinckley and suggest a way we can follow his counsel.

Invite a member of the bishopric/branch presidency to talk to the children about the standards necessary to enter the temple. Have him explain how following the prophet's counsel can bless them now and also prepare them to enter the temple. Sing “Seek the Lord Early” (p. 108).

For younger children: Have each class choose one of the six *Bs*. Suggest stories from the scriptures or everyday situations that teach these principles, and have each class dramatize one for the rest of the Primary. For example: one of the ten lepers showed gratitude; Abinadi was true; the shepherds at Jesus' birth were humble; children doing their homework are smart; children refusing to watch shows using bad language are clean; and children involved in blessing the food, or saying personal or family prayers are prayerful.

4. Review the account of Jesus cleansing the temple (Luke 19:45–48 or *Friend*, Feb. 2001, pp. 8–9). Explain that the temple is a house of God. We should treat the temple with respect by choosing to live like Jesus Christ so we will be prepared to go to the temple one day. Have the children suggest words that describe how we should behave in following Jesus and being prepared to enter the temple. List the words on the chalkboard.

Play a game that reinforces these ideas by having the children take turns saying the following phrase using words from the list or other appropriate words. The first child begins by saying, “I am going to the temple, and I will be _____.” Have the child fill in the blank with a word beginning with the letter *a*. The second child repeats the phrase and the first word, then adds a second word that begins with *b*. For example: “I am going to the temple and I will be alert and brave.” Continue playing until you have completed the alphabet or until all the children have had an opportunity to play.

A child may choose to pass on his or her turn. If he or she passes or is unable to complete the list, everyone sings a song that describes a way to follow Jesus Christ, such as “I'm Trying to Be like Jesus” (pp. 78–79), “Kindness Begins with Me” (p. 145), or “I Will Be Valiant” (p. 162). The next child then begins a new list starting with a word that begins with the letter following the one that was passed.

For younger children: Have the children draw pictures of one thing they can do to prepare to go to the temple. Then have them stand up one at a time and say what it is. Then, one at a time, have the children hold up their pictures again and see if the rest of the children can remember what it represented.

5. Before Sharing Time, place various footwear, including a pair of sandals, in a container. One at a time, have children choose an item and tell where or when it would be worn. When the footwear has all been chosen, explain that shepherds, like Moses, wore sandals similar to those that were shown. Have the children turn to Ex. 3:1–5. Explain that Moses was tending sheep when he came to the mountain of God. The Lord appeared to him in a flaming bush there. Ask what happened to the bush (read vs. 2–3—it was not consumed [did not burn up]). Ask what Moses heard God say (read v. 4—“Moses, Moses”). Ask the children to do the same thing that God told Moses to do (read v. 5—“put off thy shoes from off thy feet”). Ask why God had Moses remove his shoes (read v. 5—“the place whereon thou standest is holy ground”). Show a pair of temple slippers, explain that when we go to the temple, we take off our everyday shoes and put on clean, white shoes to show that we are in a reverent, holy place. When we come to church, we don't wear temple shoes, but we walk quietly and behave more reverently than we may at other times. Have the children put on their shoes while they sing “When I Go to Church” (p. 157).

Ask the children what else they can do to show reverence in church (speak with soft voices, not disturb their neighbors, pay attention to the speakers and teachers). Explain that reverence in the temple is shown similarly. While the pianist plays songs listed in the “Reverence” section of the CS index, have the children draw pictures or write things they can do to show reverence at church. Sing “Reverence Is Love” (p. 31). Present the pictures and writings to a member of the bishopric to show the children's commitment to be reverent. Have him post the papers on a bulletin board for a few weeks to remind the children of their commitment, then give them back for the children to take home and share with their families.

6. *Song Presentation:* Help the children choose visual aids for this month's song, “I'm Trying to Be like Jesus” (pp. 78–79). Choose pictures from the GAK and the *Primary 7* manual picture kit that depict scenes from Jesus' life. Also choose pictures from the *Primary 1, 2, and 3* manual picture kits of children involved in acts of kindness or service and of children who are facing moral dilemmas. Hang the pictures around the Primary room, leaving the front wall blank. Teach the song at the beginning of Sharing Time. Instruct the children to listen while you sing the song and to think which of the pictures would help them remember the words. Sing the entire song. Then sing the first phrase, “I'm trying to be like Jesus.” Have a child choose a picture that helps her/him remember that phrase; move it to the front wall. Have everyone sing the first phrase. Repeat for each phrase of the song. Have the children sing the entire song several times.

At the end of Sharing Time, review the song by placing the chosen pictures on the wall in random order. As the Primary sings the song, have a child find the picture for the first phrase and hold it. Select other children to choose and hold the pictures in order as the Primary continues to sing. If you have separate Sharing Times for younger and older children, record the order of the pictures chosen by each group so that the same ones can be used for the song in upcoming weeks.

7. Additional *Friend* resources: “Presentation at the Temple,” Aug. 2000, pp. 19–20; “Revelation and the Kirtland Temple,” July 1997, pp. 48–IBC; “The Temple Is a Place of Revelation,” May 1993, pp. 12–13; “All Things Shall Be Revealed,” June 1990, pp. 12–13, 26. Other resources: “An Eye Single: Blessings of the Temple,” *Ensign*, Feb. 2000, pp. 28–29; “Enhancing Our Temple Experience,” *Ensign*, May 2001, pp. 78–79.

Guide to the *Friend*

The Guide to the *Friend* can help you find stories or articles for preparing lessons or talks for church or for family home evening. Look for the FHE symbol on the pages mentioned in the Family Home Evening Ideas. The Primary theme for March is “The temple is the house of the Lord.”



FAMILY HOME EVENING IDEAS

If your parents ask you to help plan a family home evening, you may want to use an idea from the *Friend*. Here are some ideas in this issue that you may like (look for the FHE symbol on the pages mentioned):

1. Invite a family member to tell about President James E. Faust’s article “The Savior’s Atonement” (pages 2–3). Then read together “Why I Believe in Jesus Christ” (pages 4–6). Share with each other your own testimonies of the Savior. End with the poem “Testimony” (page 27).

2. Tell the story “Mission Impossible?” (pages 10–13). Talk about not judging others and what it means to be a good friend. Then make copies of Journal Page (page 19) for everyone to fill out and save.

3. Using the pictures, tell the story “An Answer to His Prayers” (pages 34–35). Read together the experiences of Natalie and Caylen in “Fasting” (page 45). Ask a parent to talk about the power of fasting and prayer. Share your own experiences with fasting and prayer.

4. Make and use “My Creation Book” (pages 38–39) to teach your family about how Jesus Christ created the earth. Ask each family member to name two things He created

that they are especially thankful for and tell why.

5. Read together New Testament Stories (pages 14–18). Think about members of your ward or branch who would be more comfortable at church if they had a friend there. Decide what you can do to be that friend so they will not be lost.

6. Sing some of your favorite songs about Jesus Christ. Ask an older family member to read Elder Boyd K. Packer’s testimony “We Have a Savior” (page 7). Do the activity “The Good Shepherd” (page 26) together.



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Watching o'er you day and night,
And delights to own and bless you
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