

# Painting a Testimony

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**D**id you know there are many ways you can share your testimony? Matt Kesler, a Primary teacher and professional artist, shared his testimony by painting a portrait of the Savior for the Liberty First Ward Primary in Liberty, Missouri. He wanted the children to better understand the Savior's love for them. "It was a very special experience," Brother Kesler says. See how the painting went from idea to reality! ♦

*For ideas, Brother Kesler prayed, looked at other paintings and sculptures of the Savior, and drew many sketches.*



*Once he had an idea, he asked a neighbor to pose for the painting.*



*He drew the final sketch on the canvas with permanent marker, then did the painting with oil paints.*



*Every fast Sunday throughout the year, he showed the Primary his progress. He taught them that completing a painting is like developing a testimony—both take consistency, time, and effort.*



*Here is Brother Kesler and the Primary with the finished work—a beautiful painting and testimony that the Savior lives.*