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## Heavenly Father LISTENS

From an interview with Jordan Monson Wright

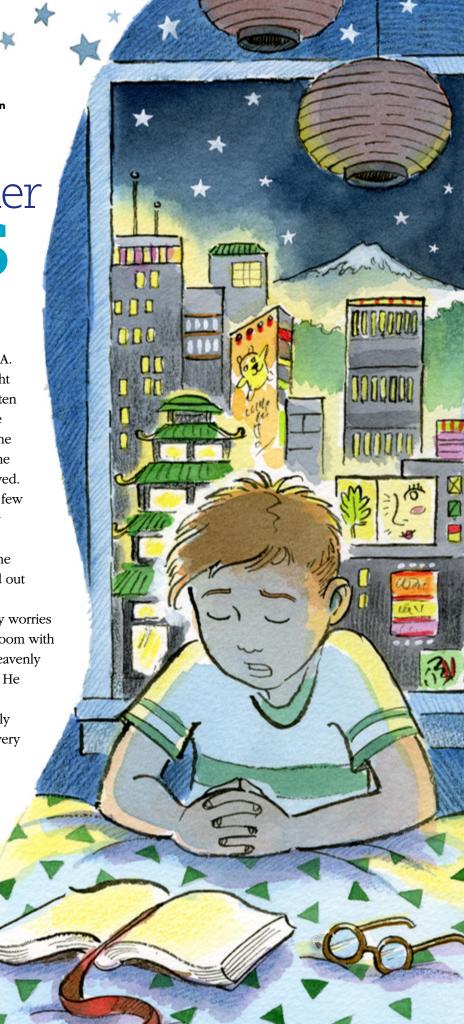
"Thou didst hear me in my prayer" (Alma 33:6).

I grew up with three brothers in California, USA. We were raised by wonderful parents. At night our mother would come into our rooms and listen to our prayers. I felt so much love from her. She understood me and was interested in my life. She helped me realize that Heavenly Father loved me too. I knew He was listening to me when I prayed.

When I was a teenager, I lived in Japan for a few months without my family. One night I felt very worried. I had a lot of big questions, and I was nervous. I knelt by my bed and prayed. I said the words out loud instead of in my mind. I poured out my worries to Heavenly Father.

All of a sudden a wonderful feeling came. My worries disappeared. The Holy Ghost filled the whole room with peace. I knew that peace was a gift from my Heavenly Father. I felt that He really did love me and that He wanted me to be happy.

That was the first time in my life that Heavenly Father gave me a big answer to a prayer. Not every time is like that. Heavenly Father answers our prayers in different ways. Sometimes He trusts us to try our best to do the right thing. Then He nudges us—or gently guides us—to help us as we go. Those little nudges can be the answer to our prayers. They come at the right time to help us do the right thing. No matter what, you can know that Heavenly Father loves you. He will always listen to you when you pray.



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This girl feels Heavenly Father's love as she prays. Can you find the 15 hidden hearts?

