

THE *Friend*



Thanks
for your
**HELPING
HANDS!**

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Old Friends

Thank you for the *Friend*. I like to read on my bed with a stack of five or six different magazines! I even like to reread old magazines.

Joseph A., age 9, Wyoming, USA



Dear Friends,

This year our mailbox has been very full! That's because thousands of you have sent us your helping hands. We've loved looking at each one. You've inspired us with your many acts of love and service—from helping your family, to stuffing teddy bears for children in the hospital. Turn to page 24 to see some of your special "helping hands" stories.

We love you!

The *Friend*

Was there a letter or a story in this month's issue that helped you? Tell us about it. Turn to page 48 to find out how.

Honest Gabe



I have to say that the one story out of all of the *Friend* magazines that truly impacted me is "Honest Gabe" (May 2015). It says, "When she was young, she decided she would never tell a lie so that others would always believe her." After I read that, I thought about all the times I had ever lied. I realized that my friends trust me, but I'm not always honest. My new goal is to never lie again, and I intend to stick to it!

Caroline W., age 11, Utah, USA

How We Use the *Friend*



For our Primary activity, we read President Dieter F. Uchtdorf's message "You Are the Savior's Hands" (Jan. 2015). We had so much fun as we learned more about our Savior's love for us and how we can share His love by being His hands and serving others! Thank you for encouraging us to be our Savior's hands!

Greenhill Ward Primary, Idaho, USA

Puppet Friends

Our favourite family home evening lessons are when we learn scripture stories with puppets from the *Friend*. We like learning about Jesus.

Cohen, Ivy, and Scarlett P., ages 7, 5, and 3, Alberta, Canada





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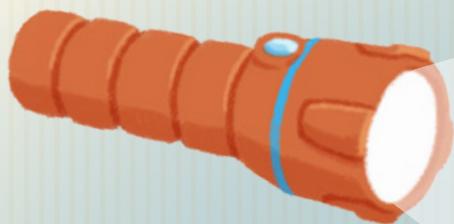
By President
Thomas S. Monson

Be a SHINING LIGHT!



In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said:

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven”
(Matthew 5:16).



HOW WE STAND OUT

Opportunities to shine surround us each day. As the world moves further away from Heavenly Father’s commandments, we will stand out because:

We dress modestly.

We do not use profanity.

We do not partake of harmful substances.

We make media choices that keep the Spirit in our homes and our lives.

FIVE WAYS TO SHINE

The Apostle Paul listed some ways we can become examples so our lights will shine:

In word and conversation—Let us speak with respect, keeping our language clean and avoiding words that would wound or offend.

In charity—We can help people who are lonely, ill, or discouraged and lift their spirits.

In spirit—We strive to be kind, grateful, and forgiving.

In faith—We trust in the Lord and His word.

In purity—We are clean in body, mind, and spirit.



To each of you I say that you are a son or daughter of our Heavenly Father. You have come from His presence to live on this earth for a season, to reflect the Savior’s love and teachings, and to bravely let your light shine for all to see!



Talk with your family and choose which ways you want to shine more brightly!

CONFERENCE NEWS

Three new members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles were sustained in this conference!



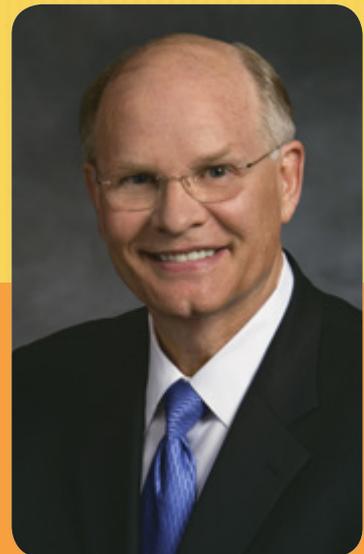
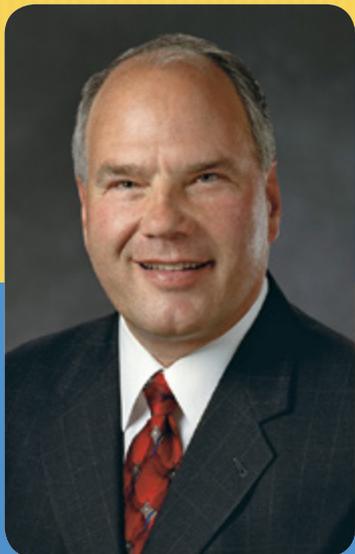
ELDER RONALD A. RASBAND

Elder [Ronald A. Rasband](#) was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on February 6, 1951. He has loved Jesus Christ since he was little and listened to his mom read scriptures and stories about Jesus.

When Elder Rasband got his mission call to the Eastern States Mission, he was disappointed. He had wanted to go to Germany, like his father and brother had. He prayed to feel OK about his mission call. After his prayer, he opened his scriptures and started reading. The scriptures he read ([D&C 100:2-3, 5](#)) let him know that his mission was exactly where Heavenly Father wanted him to go. After that, he was excited to serve a mission! He also learned that the scriptures could answer his questions.

He went to college at the University of Utah. Later he became the president of a chemical company. In 1973 he married Melanie Twitchell. They have five children and 25 grandchildren.

Elder Rasband served in many callings before becoming an Apostle. These callings helped him learn to rely on Heavenly Father. His favorite thing has been to meet Church members around the world. ◆





ELDER GARY E. STEVENSON

Can you imagine being bishop of the whole Church? That was Elder Gary E. Stevenson's calling before he became an Apostle. Elder Stevenson was born in Ogden, Utah, on August 6, 1955. When Gary was young, his father was a bishop. Gary often went with his father to visit widows in their ward. By watching his father, Gary learned to care for others like Christ would.

Elder Stevenson served in the Japan Fukuoka Mission. After he got home, he studied business at Utah State University. In college he met Lesa Jean Higley. They were married in the Idaho Falls Temple in 1979. They have four sons and six grandchildren.

Before he became a General Authority, Elder Stevenson helped start a business that made exercise equipment. He served as a bishop, counselor in the stake presidency, and mission president in Japan before becoming a member of the Quorum of the Seventy. He was serving as the Presiding Bishop when he was called to be an Apostle. What he learned as a child continues to help him love and serve people around the world today. ♦

Elder Dale G. Renlund

Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

- His middle name, Gunnar, means "brave soldier"
- Moved to Sweden as a teenager
- Worked as a heart doctor



Elder Gary E. Stevenson

Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

- Served as a missionary and mission president in Japan
- Started a business making exercise equipment
- Served as bishop over the whole Church

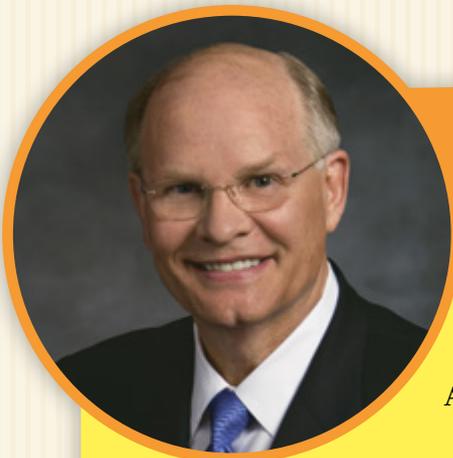


Elder Ronald A. Rasband

Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

- Was mission president in New York City
- Has motto "It's people that matter most"
- Dedicated the first LDS Church building in the Czech Republic





ELDER DALE G. RENLUND

Before Elder Dale G. Renlund was called “Elder Renlund,” he was called “Dr. Renlund.” That’s because before he became a General Authority, he was a cardiologist, or heart doctor.

Elder Renlund was born on November 13, 1952 in Salt Lake City, Utah. His mother and father had moved there from Sweden and Finland so they could be married in the temple. At bedtime, Dale’s father often read a Finnish poem about a farmer who shared grain with a neighbor. It taught Dale how important it is to serve others. When he got older, Elder Renlund served a mission to Sweden.

Elder Renlund and his wife, Ruth Lybbert Renlund, have one daughter. They are a very close and loving family. When their daughter was four, Elder Renlund sometimes took her home teaching with him. Later, their family liked to learn about different countries by traveling together.

For five years Elder and Sister Renlund served in Africa. They learned from the great faith of the Church members they met there. Wherever he goes, Elder Renlund teaches people to keep trying and to believe in Jesus Christ! ♦



CONFERENCE NOTES

Here are some stories from the October 2015 general conference. What other stories did you like?

Finding Happiness



President Dieter F. Uchtdorf told about a girl named Eva who spent the summer with her Aunt Rose. At first Eva didn't like being there, but then she noticed Rose was the happiest person she'd ever met! She asked Rose why she was

so happy. Rose said that although her life didn't turn out the way she expected, she decided to try to be happy instead of feeling sorry for herself. Trusting God gave her the hope she needed to live joyfully.

What this teaches me:

Fly Right



As a pilot, Elder Robert D. Hales learned that you should never fly into a thunderstorm on purpose. Instead, you should fly around it, take another route, or wait for the storm to clear before landing. He taught that young people can "fly right" and survive

hard times by choosing the right. Heavenly Father wants to guide us. He can speak to us through prayer, scriptures, prophets, patriarchal blessings, parents and leaders, and the Holy Ghost.

What this teaches me:

Seatbelt of Love



While Sister Carole M. Stephens was driving with her granddaughter, Chloe kept getting out of her seat. She didn't want to wear a seatbelt! Sister Stephens said she wanted Chloe to wear a seatbelt because she loved her and

wanted her to be safe. This time, Chloe stayed in her seat. This is like commandments. Sometimes it may feel like they are holding us back, but God gives them to us because He loves us and wants us to be safe.

What this teaches me:

Shark Barrier



Once Elder Von G. Keetch visited a beach in Australia. He saw a group of surfers who had traveled there to surf. They were mad because a big net in the water kept them from getting to the biggest waves. After hearing them complain, another

surfer showed them why the net was there—it kept the sharks out! God's standards, like the barrier, protect us from spiritual dangers and help us feel peace and happiness.

What this teaches me:

Show and tell CONFERENCE!



My favorite talk was by President Eyring. He talked about how important it is to listen to

promptings from the Holy Ghost and to not hesitate. “Do it,” he said. When we listen and obey, our power to choose the right increases. I know that if I choose the right, the Holy Ghost will always be with me and I will have joy.

Sadie W., age 10, Maryland, USA



Devyn and Dante N., ages 8 and 11, Utah, USA, like watching conference as a family. “I like the focus on family messages,” said Devyn. Dante said watching conference makes him feel safe. “We always talk about what the talks mean and how the messages can help our family.”



I liked when Brother Durrant talked about ponderizing. That’s a funny word that means I can

spend time every day thinking about what different scriptures mean. I know that if I think about the scriptures more every day, I can be kind and do what Jesus wants me to do. I love Jesus because I know that He is our Savior.

Adalynn F., age 7, North Dakota, USA



Sydney C., age 11, Kansas, USA



Ruby L., age 12, Arizona, USA



President Nelson told about how he operated on a baby patient who died. He went home and

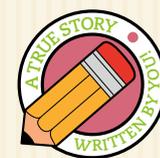
cried and said he would never do another heart operation. His wife helped him go back to work and keep learning. Eventually he was able to save President Kimball’s life because he had learned enough about heart surgery. The moral of this true story is, “Don’t give up!” Sometimes I want to give up, but I’m going to keep trying, like President Nelson.

Thomas T., age 8, Washington, D.C., USA



Jed B., age 6, North Carolina, USA

Turn the page to read another conference experience!



SINGING in CONFERENCE

**Bridger and Wyatt N.,
ages 11 and 10, Utah, USA**

We sang in the Primary children's choir in general conference!

Wyatt (age 10): I felt happy but was scared about messing up on camera. It was so cool to be right by the Apostles and members of the Seventy. It was really great to have the opportunity.

Bridger (age 11): It was a day I'll never forget. For the first time in 100 years, three new Apostles were sustained. Also, they had an all-children's choir in conference, and my brother and I were in it. The things I felt were inconceivable, which means there were no words for it.

When we sang, I felt the Spirit stronger than ever before. It was calm and our singing came out so well. It was almost like it couldn't possibly be us, it was so beautiful.

Before conference I was afraid that I'd be scared. Yet we got there and had faith, and we were given courage. We were in front of 20,000-plus people, and I wasn't afraid. It goes to show that you could even



march to battle, unafraid and determined, like the armies of Helaman. When you go anywhere, go with undying faith and keep your promises with God. ◆



BEST BROTHERS

Wyatt has cerebral palsy, a condition that makes it hard for him to walk. These brothers have always loved and supported each other.

"It's normal," Wyatt said. "He's my brother, and he helps me with everything."

"I have always helped him, ever since I can remember," Bridger said. "I've just never really known any other way to be."

Family Fun Time



Heavenly Father and Jesus know you really well and are looking out for you. Sometimes They send little, extra-special blessings just for you. Some people call these blessings “tender mercies” (see [1 Nephi 1:20](#)). These blessings can come through other people. They help remind you that Heavenly Father and Jesus love you, no matter what. Looking for these tender mercies can help you when life is hard.

Read “Dear Gracie” (page 10). Saylor’s letter to Gracie was a tender mercy for Gracie during a tough time. What tender mercies has your family seen this week?

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

Picturing Tender Mercies

On a poster board or large piece of paper, draw pictures of or write about the tender mercies your family saw today. Hang the poster on a door or wall. Each day, talk with your family about what new tender mercies they saw, and then add them to the poster. When you see the poster, remember that Heavenly Father and Jesus love you and send you lots of blessings!

Here are some examples:

A big hug when you really need it

A friend says something nice to you when you’re having a hard day

Feeling Heavenly Father’s love when you say your prayers

Learning something in church that is just what you need to help you with a problem

What can you do when things are tough?

- Serve others! When we help others smile, we feel Heavenly Father’s love, and we smile too.
- Sing your favorite Primary song! Good, uplifting music helps us feel the Holy Ghost.
- Talk with someone you love—your family, your friends, and especially Heavenly Father in prayer.
- Be creative and active! Play outside, draw a picture, build something, or write a poem.
- Count your blessings. How many can you come up with?



Spiced Nuts

1/2 cup water

1/3 cup white sugar

1 tablespoon ground cinnamon

2 cups almonds or pecans

1. Mix the water, sugar, and cinnamon in a saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil and add the nuts. Turn the heat down.
2. Cook and stir the nuts until the liquid evaporates, about 10 minutes.
3. Pour the nuts onto a baking sheet lined with waxed paper. Let them cool 15 minutes.



Dear Gracie

By Lori Fuller

Church Magazines
(Based on a true story)

"I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee" (Isaiah 41:13).

Gracie felt like she had been waiting in line at the fabric store forever! She was ready to go home and play with her toys. Then she saw a girl in line in front of her. The girl looked a little older than Gracie. She had braces on her legs and used crutches to help her stand. She turned and smiled. Gracie smiled back.

Saylor had spina bifida too.
She knew how
to help.

As they were leaving, Gracie was surprised when Mom reached out to stop the other mom.

"Excuse me," Mom said, "Could I ask why your daughter is using crutches?"

The other mom smiled. "This is Saylor, and she has spina bifida." Gracie's eyes opened wide as she looked at Saylor. "This is Gracie, and she has spina bifida too," Mom said.



Saylor's mom smiled at Gracie. "Do you have an owie on your back?"

Gracie nodded. She had a long scar on her back from a surgery she'd had right after she was born.

The two moms started talking. Gracie heard words like *surgery* and *treatments*. Gracie grinned at Saylor and said hi. Gracie liked Saylor right away. She learned that Saylor was nine, and she was nice. Gracie knew they would be great friends.

Finally they all said goodbye to each other. Gracie heard their moms make plans to meet again soon. She could hardly wait!

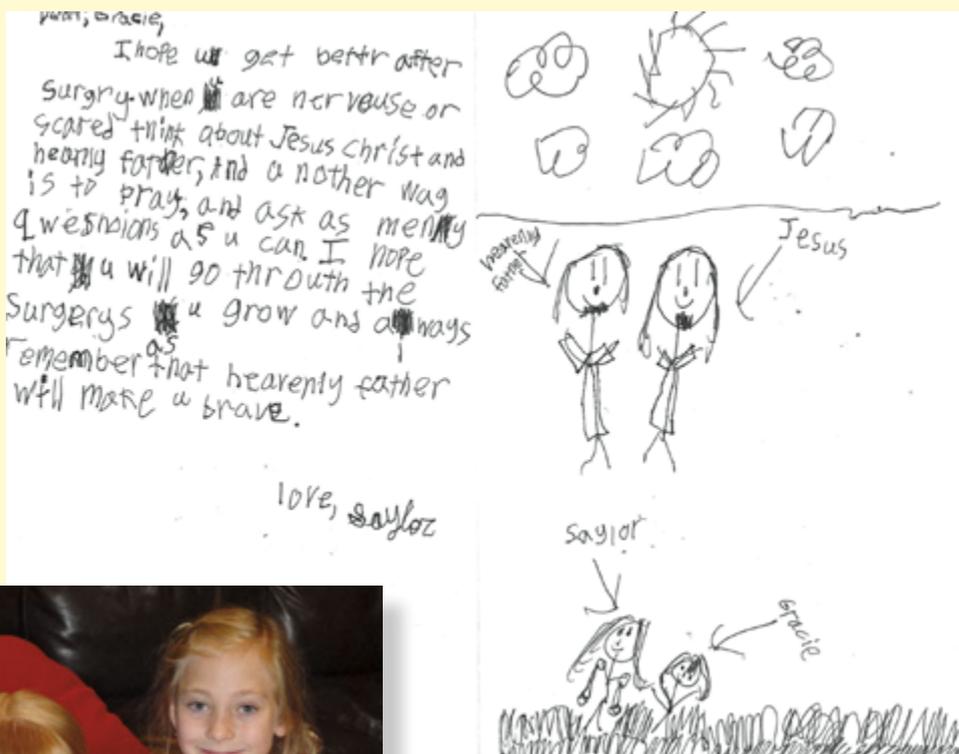
Back in the car, Mom said, "You know the surgery you're going to have soon? Well, Saylor had that surgery, and she's doing great! I felt the Holy Ghost tell me I should talk to her mom, and I'm glad I did."

"Me too!" Gracie said.

Gracie loved playing with Saylor. Even though Gracie was five, she and Saylor had lots to talk about. And Mom and Dad talked with Saylor's parents a lot too—mostly about the big surgery.

Thinking about the surgery made Gracie feel scared. She thought about the long scar on her back. She couldn't remember that surgery, but she would remember this one. She hoped it would make her better. Saylor had told her that everything would be OK.

A few weeks later, Gracie went to the hospital to get ready for the surgery. The halls of the hospital were bright and happy. There were paintings of blue whales



Gracie (left) with Saylor, and the card that Saylor made for Gracie before her surgery.

Spina bifida is a problem with the way a baby's spinal cord grows before birth. It can cause problems with legs, feet, or hips.

and other fun pictures on the walls. Gracie met with doctors and nurses who explained the surgery to her. She practiced moving the bed up and down and played with the remote for her little TV. They told her she could order chocolate milk every day! Maybe the surgery wouldn't be so bad.

When Gracie got home, she made a little hospital bed with her pillow and a laundry basket. She got a tray of snacks and pretended she was at the hospital. It would be fun. She tried not to think about the surgery.

A few days before surgery, Gracie got a card from Saylor. She had drawn a picture of Gracie with Saylor and Heavenly Father and Jesus. It said, "Remember that Heavenly Father will make you brave."

Gracie hugged her card tight. Saylor helped her be brave. Gracie knew Heavenly Father could help her be brave for the surgery too. ♦

Turn to page 9 for an activity to go with this story!

the STUTTERING

By Jane McBride Choate

(Based on a true story)

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"
(*Philippians 4:13*).

Nathaniel, would you be a narrator in the Primary program in sacrament meeting?" Sister Mitchell asked before sharing time started.

Nathaniel hesitated. He really wanted to say yes, but sometimes he stuttered, especially when he was nervous. How could he narrate the whole program?

"Maybe," he said. "But I s-s-tutter."

Sister Mitchell smiled. "I know. We'd love your help,

*"Doing our best doesn't
mean doing things perfectly,"
Mom said.*



Struggle

though. You're the oldest one in Primary, and the other kids look up to you. I know you can do a great job."

"Th-th-anks." Nathaniel was glad that Sister Mitchell believed in him. Still, he didn't know if he should say yes. What if he stuttered in front of the whole ward?

Later Nathaniel and his family gathered in the living room to talk about what they'd learned in Church that day.

"How was Primary, Nathaniel?" Dad asked.

Nathaniel sighed. "Sister Mitchell asked me to be a narrator in the Primary program. I want to do it—especially since I'm l-l-leaving Primary soon. But I d-d-don't know if I can."

"Hmm," Dad said. "Are you worried you'll stutter? It'll be OK, even if you do."

Mom put her arm around him. "It's your choice," she said. "We'll pray for you."

"Thanks," Nathaniel said.

He thought about it the whole next week. By Sunday he'd made up his mind.

"I'd like to be a n-n-narrator for the Primary pr-pr-program," he told Sister Mitchell in Primary.

"That's great," Sister Mitchell said. "Thank you! That will be a big help."

For the next month, Nathaniel worked on his part. He said his lines over and over until he'd memorized them. But sometimes he still stuttered.

One afternoon he was practicing a really tricky word. "I c-c-can't d-d-do it!" he yelled in frustration.

Mom walked in and sat down on the couch next to him. "I know it's hard, but you *can* do it," she said. "Do you know the story about President Heber J. Grant learning to play baseball?"

He shook his head. What did baseball have to do with stuttering?

"When President Grant was young, he wanted to play baseball. None of the other boys wanted him on the team because he couldn't throw the ball very far," Mom said. "So he saved up his money, and he bought a ball. Then he practiced until he could throw the ball as well as anyone. Eventually he made the team."

"But playing baseball's n-n-not the same as s-s-stuttering," Nathaniel said.

"No, it isn't," Mom said. "But President Grant had a challenge just like you do, and he practiced and practiced. And you know what? He did great even though it was hard for him."

"Mom, I want to do m-m-my best, and I *have* been practicing a l-l-l-lot. But what if I s-s-till s-s-tutter?"

Mom smiled. "Doing our best doesn't mean doing things perfectly. When we work hard and ask Heavenly Father for help, we *are* doing our best. It's OK if you stutter, but don't let it stop you from trying. Dad and I will be proud of you no matter what."

Nathaniel kept practicing his lines every day. And he prayed for help to be brave. At the final practice for the program, he said his part and only stuttered a few times. He was ready.

The day of the program, Nathaniel said a quick prayer for help. When the program started, he felt warm inside. He knew he could do his best—stuttering or not. ♦

The author lives in Idaho, USA.



"Knowledge of and faith in the Lord empower us to hush our fears."

Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

"Therefore They Hushed Their Fears," *Ensign*, May 2015, 47.

TREATS to SHARE

Make these fun recipes to serve as a special treat or at a family gathering. Be sure to get an adult's help.

Apple Pie Bites

- 1 can refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 4 tablespoons brown sugar
- 3 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 apple, washed and sliced into 8 slices

1. Separate the crescent rolls and roll them out on a greased baking sheet. Brush with melted butter, then sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon.
2. Put an apple slice at the wide end of a roll, and roll it up with the apple inside. Repeat with all the rolls.
3. Bake at 350°F (180°C) for 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Cranberry Punch

- 1 can (6 ounces) frozen pink lemonade concentrate
- 1 bottle (32 ounces) cranberry juice cocktail
- 2 cans (12 ounces each) ginger ale

Make the lemonade as directed and add cranberry juice and ice. Add ginger ale right before serving.

Gratitude Cards

Give a card to someone you're grateful for! Cut a rectangle of colored paper and fold it in half. Glue leaves, twigs, or small pinecones to the front. After the glue dries, open the card and write what you're thankful for about the person you're giving the card to!

Chores and Silly Stuff

These two brothers want to surprise their parents by cleaning their bedroom before Mom and Dad wake up. Can you find five things for them to clean? Can you also find 10 *silly* things in their bedroom?



It's not hard to find silly things in your room, Matt!



ILLUSTRATION BY DAVID HELTON

Coats and New

Our Primary learned about some kids in our city whose families are refugees from a country called Burma. Being a refugee means they had to leave their homes very quickly because of problems in their country. Many of these kids couldn't bring any of their things when they left. We wanted to help!

Hi, I'm Matej!
(It's pronounced *ma-tay*.)

From an interview by Jill Hacking

The Plan

We made a plan to help our new friends from Burma. First we would collect things these kids needed, like warm clothes. Then we would invite them to come to an activity where we could play together and give them what we had collected.



Working Together

Kids in our Primary donated extra coats and scarves. Our families got a jar to help us save chore money. Every time we brought our scriptures to Primary, we put a nickel in our Primary jar. School and neighborhood kids got involved too.

Friends



The Day of Our Activity

When our Primary and the Burmese branch Primary had an activity together, we played games and learned about how Jesus Christ is like a shepherd. We made yummy treats and talked about His resurrection. We made new friends, and we're excited to play together again!



Finally!

My favorite part of the activity was giving everything to our new friends. They loved their coats so much they didn't want to take them off! I was so happy to see how happy they were. Helping others is how I can show Heavenly Father that I love His children and I love Him.



Collecting Supplies

My family used our chore money to buy hairbrushes, socks, and 40 shampoos! I liked shopping to get the supplies. It made me really excited. We also collected warm coats, gloves, and hats.



THANKS FOR THE HANDS!

Turn to page 24 to see some of the many hands you sent us!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Make friends with someone new in your class or neighborhood and help them feel welcome!
- Give good clothes you aren't using anymore to a Deseret Industries store or charity shop.
- Donate money to Humanitarian Aid in your tithing envelope. The Church uses that money to help people in need.

Burma is a country in Southeast Asia.

It's also called Myanmar!



SWEETER THAN



By Kimberly Reid

(Based on a true story)

*"Oh, may my heart be full of thanks
for or all He gives to me" (Children's
Songbook, 232).*

Tally walked home from school,
her shoes crunching through dead
leaves. She loved this time of year. The day
after tomorrow her class was having a party. They would
make crafts, play games, and eat pie. The day after

that, her cousins were coming
for Thanksgiving dinner. She
couldn't wait! Tally's good mood
made it easy to feel grateful, even
with the cold wind whipping through
her hair.

But the next day, Tally woke up feeling awful, espe-
cially when she swallowed. Mom used a flashlight to



*It was hard to feel
grateful when Tally felt
so sad and left out.*

look inside Tally's mouth. "We'd better go see the doctor," she said.

All the way there, Tally prayed, *Heavenly Father, please help me get better so I don't have to miss the party.*

The doctor used a cotton swab to swipe the back of Tally's throat. Then she left the room to go test the swab for an infection called strep throat. Tally prayed she didn't have it.

When the doctor came back, she said, "It looks like you don't have strep."

Tally beamed. Did this mean she could go to school tomorrow?

"I'll do a second test to make sure, but for now go home and rest," the doctor said.

The next morning it still hurt when Tally swallowed. Maybe if she went to school, she'd have so much fun she wouldn't notice the pain. She was getting dressed when the phone rang. Soon Mom came into Tally's room.

"I'm sorry, Tally, but the doctor just called. The second test showed that you *do* have strep throat. The first test was wrong."

Tally's heart dropped. "But can I still go to school? I promise I won't breathe on anyone."

"I'm sorry, Tally. That wouldn't be fair to the other kids. No matter how careful you are, until you've taken medicine for a day, your infection could still make other people sick."

Tally tried to swallow the lump rising in her throat, but it hurt too much. It wasn't fair!

While Tally rested in bed, feeling bored, she thought about her classmates making crafts and playing games. When she took her yucky pills, she thought about her friends eating pie. They probably didn't even notice she was gone. She knew Thanksgiving should help her remember her blessings, but it was hard to feel grateful when she felt so sad and left out.

That afternoon the doorbell rang. Tally heard her teacher's voice when Mom answered the door.

"We sure missed Tally today," her teacher said. "The



class made some crafts for her. And we saved her some pie too. Please tell her we hope she feels better soon. Happy Thanksgiving!"

Tally came out of her room to find paper turkeys and a clay cornucopia on the kitchen table. She could tell someone had worked hard on them. She was grateful for such good friends.

"Do you want some pie?" Mom pointed to the treat Tally's teacher had left.

Tally took a bite. When she swallowed, her throat didn't hurt quite as much. She was grateful that after resting and taking medicine, she was starting to feel better in time for the family party tomorrow.

Heavenly Father hadn't healed her right away, like she'd asked, but He *had* blessed her to feel comforted. And she was beginning to feel a little better. Tomorrow her cousins were coming, and she could show them the crafts her class had made. Maybe they could even make some crafts together.

Tally smiled. It was easy to feel grateful with so many blessings to count. ♦

The author lives in Utah, USA.



"There is one thing we can do to make life sweeter, more joyful, even glorious. We can be grateful!"

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

"*Grateful in Any Circumstance*," *Ensign*, May 2014, 70.

Remembering Elder Richard G. Scott (1928-2015)

Elder Richard G. Scott of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles passed away on September 22, 2015, after a lifetime of following Heavenly Father's will. He was 86 years old.

Richard grew up near Washington, D.C. He loved figuring out how mechanical things worked.

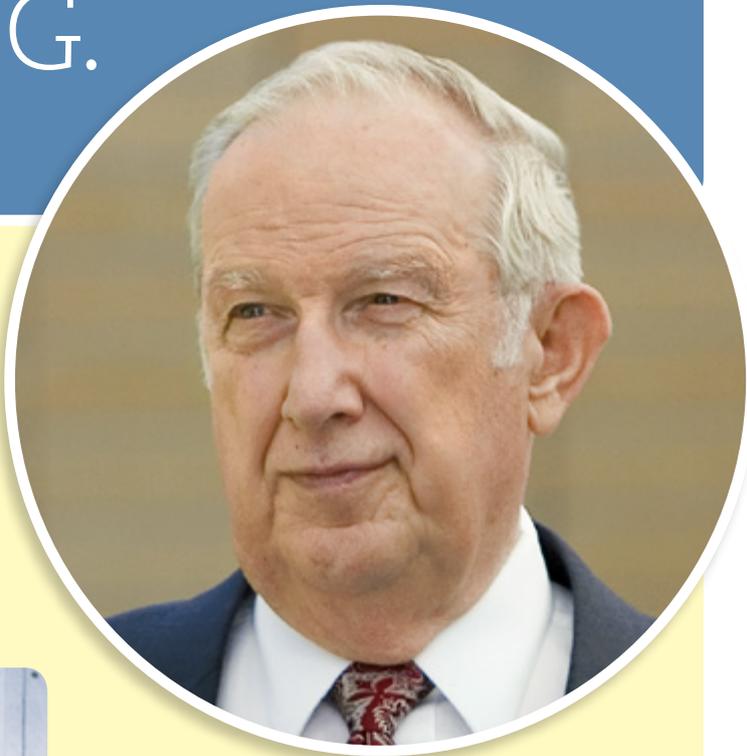
One summer he worked on an oyster boat. As he read the Book of Mormon on the deck, his testimony began to grow. Because of his good example, the crew trusted him. One night a crewmate asked him to save a man who had fallen overboard.

Richard studied mechanical engineering in college. He met and fell in love with Jeanene Watkins. She said she would only marry a returned missionary. He had not thought much about serving a mission before, but he prayed and decided to go. He served in Uruguay and married Jeanene

Playing the clarinet; working on a model airplane with his older brother, Gerald.



Elder Scott loved to paint in watercolors.



in the Manti Utah Temple two weeks after he returned. They had seven children.

Some people said Richard wouldn't find a job if he served a mission. But Richard was hired as an engineer for the first nuclear-powered submarine.

He said, "The Lord blessed me as I put my priorities straight."

Elder Scott always put doing the Lord's work first. His family moved to Argentina when he became mission president, and they moved again to Mexico City when he was a Seventy. Elder Scott was sustained as an Apostle on October 1, 1988.

We can follow Elder Scott's example by always doing what Heavenly Father wants us to do. ♦

The Scott family with five of their seven children.



CASE #10: The Mystery of the Journal

Dear Detective,

Did your mom or dad keep a journal when they were growing up? Ask your parents or grandparents to show you their journals. Can you find a good story they wrote about? Copy it into your detective notes!

If you don't have a journal, get a notebook and start one!

Family History Mystery

SMART SLEUTH TIP

With permission, you can add these stories in the "Memories" section of [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) so others can enjoy them!

10 THINGS TO WRITE OR DRAW IN YOUR JOURNAL

- What you're grateful for
- Funny, happy, sad, or exciting events
- Vacations
- Conference notes
- Your thoughts as you read the scriptures
- Goals
- Pictures of your friends
- Thoughts from lessons and talks
- Your feelings about Jesus
- Beautiful things

I got ready for school today—but it's Saturday!

Ha! I bet your kids will laugh when they read about that.



Print more tags at friend.lds.org.



Family History Mystery:

EVIDENCE FILE



MYSTERY SOLVED



KARSON AND THE

GOLDEN TICKET

It's finders keepers, right?

By Julie Nash

(Based on a true story)

"A faithful man shall abound with blessings"

(Proverbs 28:20).

Karson walked to the back of the classroom to put his book away. There, lying on the carpet in front of the bookcase, was a golden ticket! He picked it up. His heart beat faster when he saw that the name line was blank.

The boys and girls in Karson's class could earn golden tickets by doing well in their work or by being

extra helpful or kind. Once a week his teacher drew a ticket out of a jar and let the winner choose a prize.

Karson couldn't believe his luck!

Today was the golden ticket drawing, and here was another ticket, just for him. He looked around, but no one else was near the ticket. All his classmates were at their desks, laughing and talking with each other.

Karson decided to write his name on the blank line. Then he could put it into the prize jar with the tickets he'd already earned. With so many chances, at least *one* of his tickets would definitely be picked! Then he could choose the pink stuffed pig for his sister's birthday present, just like he had been hoping. He smiled and reached for the pencil in his pocket.

Suddenly his fingers stopped. There was a weird feeling in his chest, and it wasn't his heartbeat. *It's finders keepers, right?* he wondered.





He looked out the window and tried to figure it out. He *did* find the ticket, but he hadn't earned it. And maybe whoever lost it was looking for it. But he needed this extra ticket for his great plan! He traced his finger over the blank name line and sighed. His plan wouldn't be so great if he won with a ticket that wasn't really his.

He remembered what Dad had told him once when he hadn't wanted to share with his sister. "When you make a good choice, you can feel peaceful inside. You never have to feel bad about your choice later."

He put the pencil back in his pocket and walked over to his teacher's desk. Miss Evans smiled. "What can I do for you, Karson?"

"Uh, Miss Evans, I found this ticket on the floor near the bookcase," he said. "I think somebody lost it. But these are mine," he said, dropping six tickets into the jar on her desk. He turned around to leave, but Miss Evans called him back.

"Karson, you know what? I'd like you to have another ticket because you were honest and returned this one."

"Thank you!"

"By the way, what prize would you choose if your name was drawn? The big candy bar? Or maybe the fire truck?"

"The pink stuffed pig!" Karson said right away. "It's my sister's birthday next week, and I really want to give it to her. That's her favorite animal."

Miss Evans smiled. "Well, I hope you can win it for her."

Karson sat down at his desk and smiled. He still wanted his name to be picked, but he would be happy even if it wasn't. Dad had been right. Making the right choice *did* make him feel great, and maybe, just maybe, he still might win the pink pig. ♦

The author lives in Idaho, USA.



One time in my classroom I found 50 cents on the floor. I knew it wasn't a lot, so I figured nobody would care about it. Then I thought to myself, What would Jesus do? So instead of keeping it, I gave it to my teacher. I learned that no matter how much it is, it is still good to be honest.

Kayla Z., age 10, Florida, USA

Ava, Claire, Luke, and Reuben S., ages 7, 5, 3, and 1, Alberta, Canada, wave to elderly neighbors, play with their siblings, and share their special bandages when their brother gets hurt.

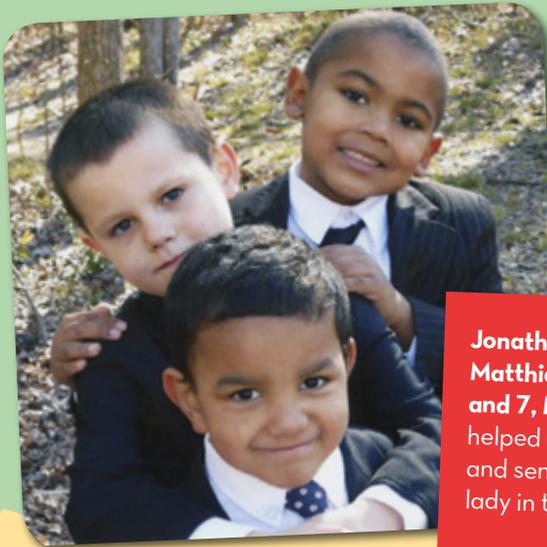


When one of her friends got cancer, **Kastyn B., age 9, Colorado, USA**, and her friends made crafts and sold them to raise money for cancer research. They also gave him a subscription to the *Friend*!



THANKS FOR

HELPING
HANDS



Jonathan, Ewan, and Matthias L., ages 8, 9, and 7, Mississippi, USA, helped paint park benches and sent a card to an older lady in their ward.



The **West Point Branch, New York, USA**, made a goal to collect 1,000 helping hands—they got 1,229! They celebrated by writing letters and drawing pictures for missionaries.



The Primaries in the **Bethesda Branch, Washington, D.C., USA**, learned to follow Jesus by serving their families.



During general conference, your helping hands were on display in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. You can watch a video about the display at friend.lds.org!

FOR YOUR

HELPING HANDS!



Thanks for your great examples of serving like the Savior did! We read all **30,000+** hands and loved each one!



Turn the page to see just a few of the thousands of helping hands we received from all over the world!

Primary children from the **Kyiv Ukraine International Branch Primary** learned about serving others. They are good examples of having helping hands!



and Potomac Wards, and how they can help family and friends.

Watch "We Are His Hands" at friend.lds.org!

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...a special...
...my Dad



What should I do if I can't stop feeling sad all the time?

By Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

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

Above all, know that your Heavenly Father loves you more than you can imagine.

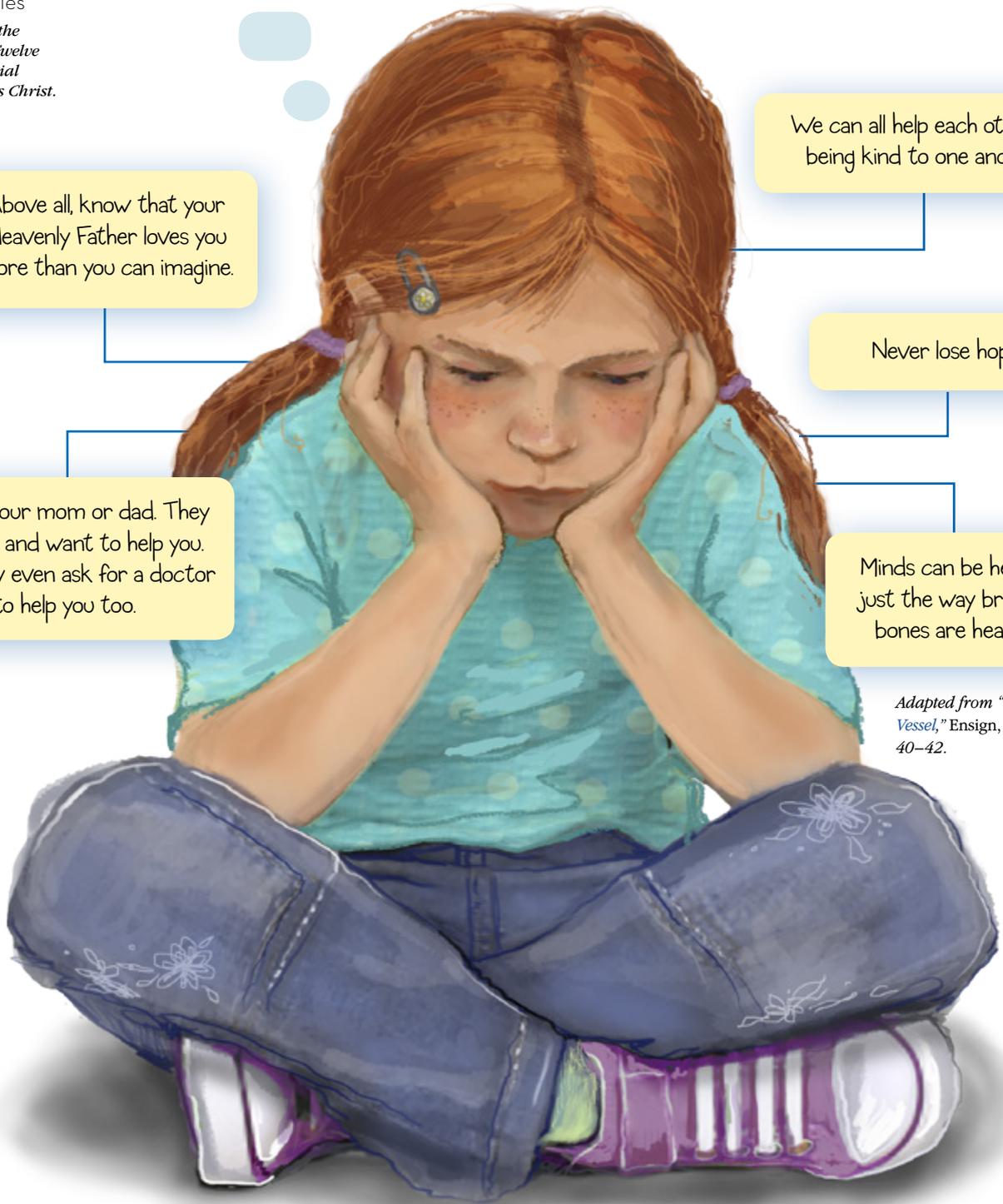
Talk to your mom or dad. They love you and want to help you. They may even ask for a doctor to help you too.

We can all help each other by being kind to one another.

Never lose hope.

Minds can be healed just the way broken bones are healed.

Adapted from "Like a Broken Vessel," Ensign, Nov. 2013, 40-42.



Turn to page 9 for more about Heavenly Father's love for us.

Don't Give Up!



When Elder Holland was a young dad, he moved across the country with his wife and two children to go to college.

They packed everything in their little car and started driving. After only 34 miles, the car broke down. Elder Holland looked under the car's hood, but he didn't know what was wrong. He walked three miles back to the nearest town to get help.

When he got there, a kind man gave him a ride back to his car. They drove Elder Holland's car very slowly back to a larger city to get it repaired.

The mechanic checked the car for two hours, but he couldn't find anything wrong. So Elder Holland and his family set off again. At exactly the same spot as last time, the car broke down again!

Elder Holland started the long walk for help again. The same kind man gave him a ride and helped bring the car back to the larger city. Elder Holland felt worried and discouraged.

Thirty years after this happened, Elder Holland drove by the same spot, this time in a car that worked. He

remembered how hard that time was for his family. He wished he could tell his younger self, "Don't give up, boy. Don't you quit. You keep walking. You keep trying. There is help and happiness ahead—a lot of it—30 years of it now, and still counting. You keep your chin up. It will be all right in the end. Trust God and believe in good things to come."

We all have times when we want to give up. But the gospel of Jesus Christ helps us know that things will always get better. ◆

Adapted from "An High Priest of Good Things to Come," Ensign, Nov. 1999, 36–38.

5 FACTS ABOUT ELDER HOLLAND

Born on December 3, 1940

The *R* in his name stands for Roy

Played lots of different sports

Was president of Brigham Young University

Became an Apostle in June 1994

I Want to Be a Scientist



My name is Ryan Watts, and I'm a neuroscientist.

From an interview by Linda Jane Davies

What kind of scientist are you?

I'm a neuroscientist. I study how the brain works. I study a disease called Alzheimer's disease. It causes older people to lose their memory. I do experiments to find out what causes this disease and how to fix it.

Why did you become a neuroscientist?

I love solving puzzles. Science is like a giant puzzle with many pieces. Scientists do experiments to try to find where each piece fits in the puzzle. This makes our knowledge more complete. Scientific discoveries help many people's lives.

How did you become a neuroscientist?

I went to college for many years to get a degree called a PhD. Earning this degree took lots of training, experiments, and problem solving. I studied math, biology, physics, and chemistry.



Because I loved to solve problems and do experiments, school was fun for me. I also studied how the brain grows, how it works, and even how it dies. One day I hope what I've learned will help make people's lives healthier and happier.

How does your job help you serve others?

People all over the world suffer from diseases. I want to help them get better. I am grateful that Heavenly Father has blessed me with knowledge to help his sons and daughters live happy, healthy lives here on earth. ♦



"Give," Said the Little Stream

(Simplified)

Cheerfully ♩ = 63-84

Words by Fanny J. Crosby
Music by William B. Bradbury

Chorus 1: *D* *A7* *D*

1. "Give," said the lit - tle stream, "Give, oh! give, give, oh! give."
2. "Give," said the lit - tle rain, "Give, oh! give, give, oh! give."
3. Give, then, as Je - sus gives, Give, oh! give, give, oh! give.

Verse 1: *A7* *D*

"Give," said the lit - tle stream, As it hur - ried down the hill; "I'm
"Give," said the lit - tle rain, As it fell up - on the flow'rs; "I'll
Give, then, as Je - sus gives; There is some-thing all can give. Do

Verse 2: *A7* *D*

small, I know, but wher - ev - er I go The fields grow green - er still."
raise their droop - ing heads a - gain," As it fell up - on the flow'rs.
as the streams and blos - soms do: For God and oth - ers live.

Chorus 2: *G* *D* *A7* *D*

Sing - ing, sing - ing all the day, "Give a - way, oh! give a - way."

Chorus 3: *G* *D* *A7* *D*

Sing - ing, sing - ing all the day, "Give, oh! give a - way."

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MACARONI HELPER

By Ana Nelson Shaw

(Based on a true story)

On Saturday, Ari's family went to help at the food bank.

"What's a food bank?" Ari asked on the way there.

"It's a big building with shelves full of food," Mom said. "People who don't have enough money for groceries can go there to get food."

"Lots of people in our ward are helping," said Ari's big brother, Ben.

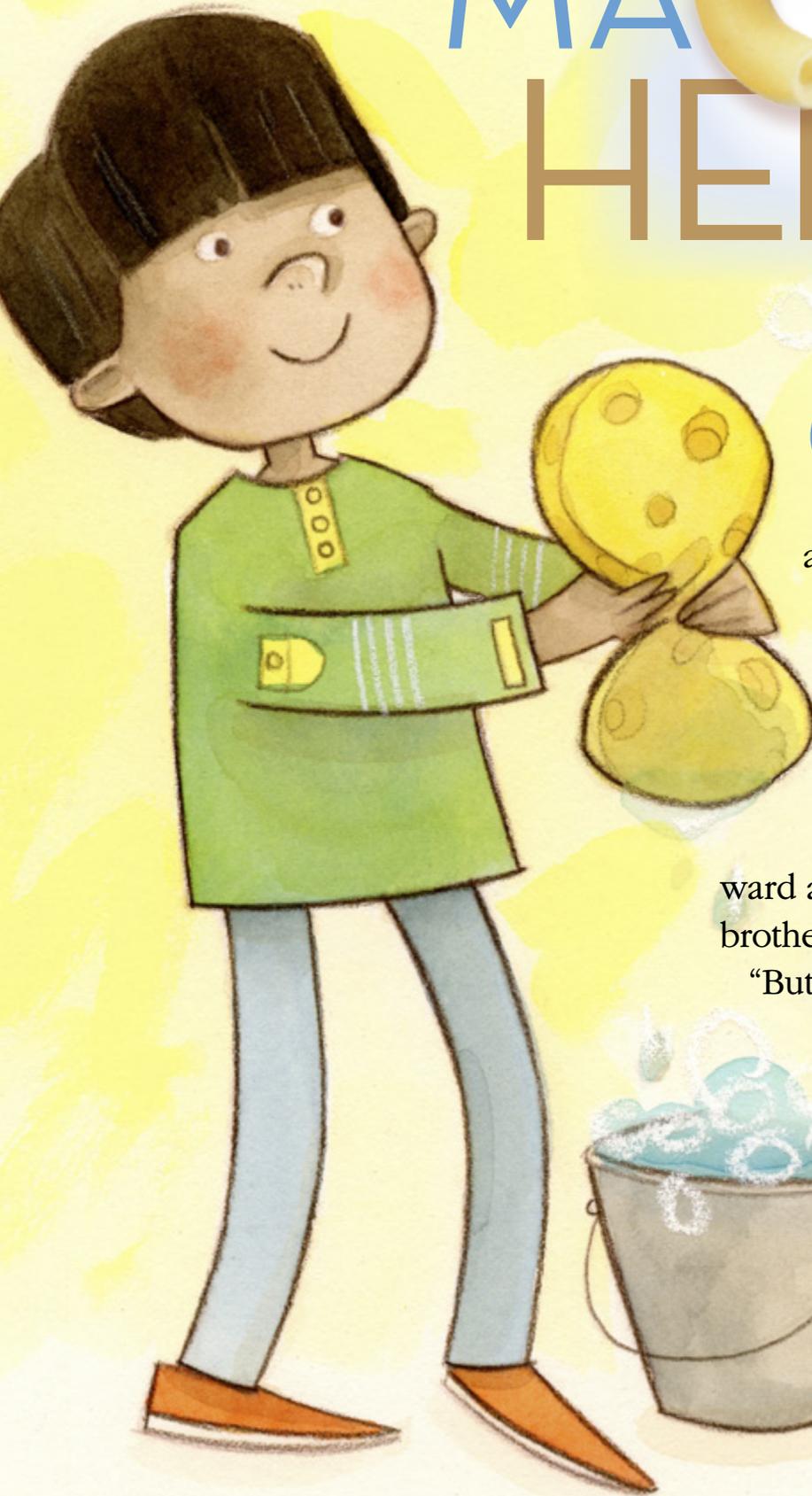
"But how can I help?" Ari asked.

"There will be a lot you can help with," Mom said.

When they got to the food bank, a woman named Kathy showed them around.

"Today we need to paint walls," Kathy said.

"But we need to wash them first."



Ari's family got two buckets of warm, soapy water. Ari liked the bubbles. Mom and Dad washed up high. Ben washed in the middle. Ari washed down low.

Soon the hallway looked bright and shiny.

"What else can we do?" Ari asked.

"I need a bag holder," Kathy said. "Follow me."

Ari held bags while Ben filled them with uncooked macaroni. They stacked the bags in a big box. Ari counted the bags. He and Ben filled 27 macaroni bags!

When all the work was done, Kathy called everyone over to a big scale. "Just for fun, we want to see how much you all weigh," she said.



Everyone crowded onto the scale. They weighed more than 2,000 pounds!

"We weigh more than a walrus!" Ben said. Ari laughed.

"Thank you for helping," Kathy said as Ari left. "I can tell you care a lot about others."

Ari smiled big. There really was work he could do! He felt awesome. ◆

The author lives in Montana, USA.

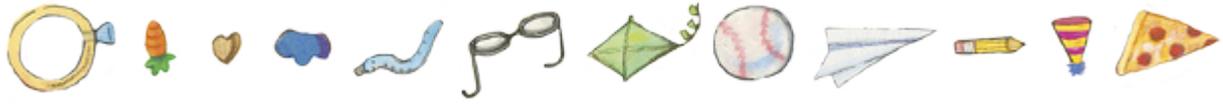




"Where love is, we want to be"
(Children's Songbook, 138).

Hidden Picture

Big sisters are the best! This one wants to make sure her younger brother's bike is all fixed up and ready to ride.
Can you find the hidden objects?



Daddy's Song

Saisamoa Laban
(Based on a true story)



Carlan snuggled in bed, fast asleep. She wore her favorite pajamas with elephants on them and held her favorite fuzzy bear.

Suddenly Carlan's eyes flew open wide.

Scary, scary!

she yelled. She covered her face and started to cry.



Daddy came to the door.

Did you
have a bad
dream?

he asked. Carlan nodded,
but tears kept rolling
down her cheeks.



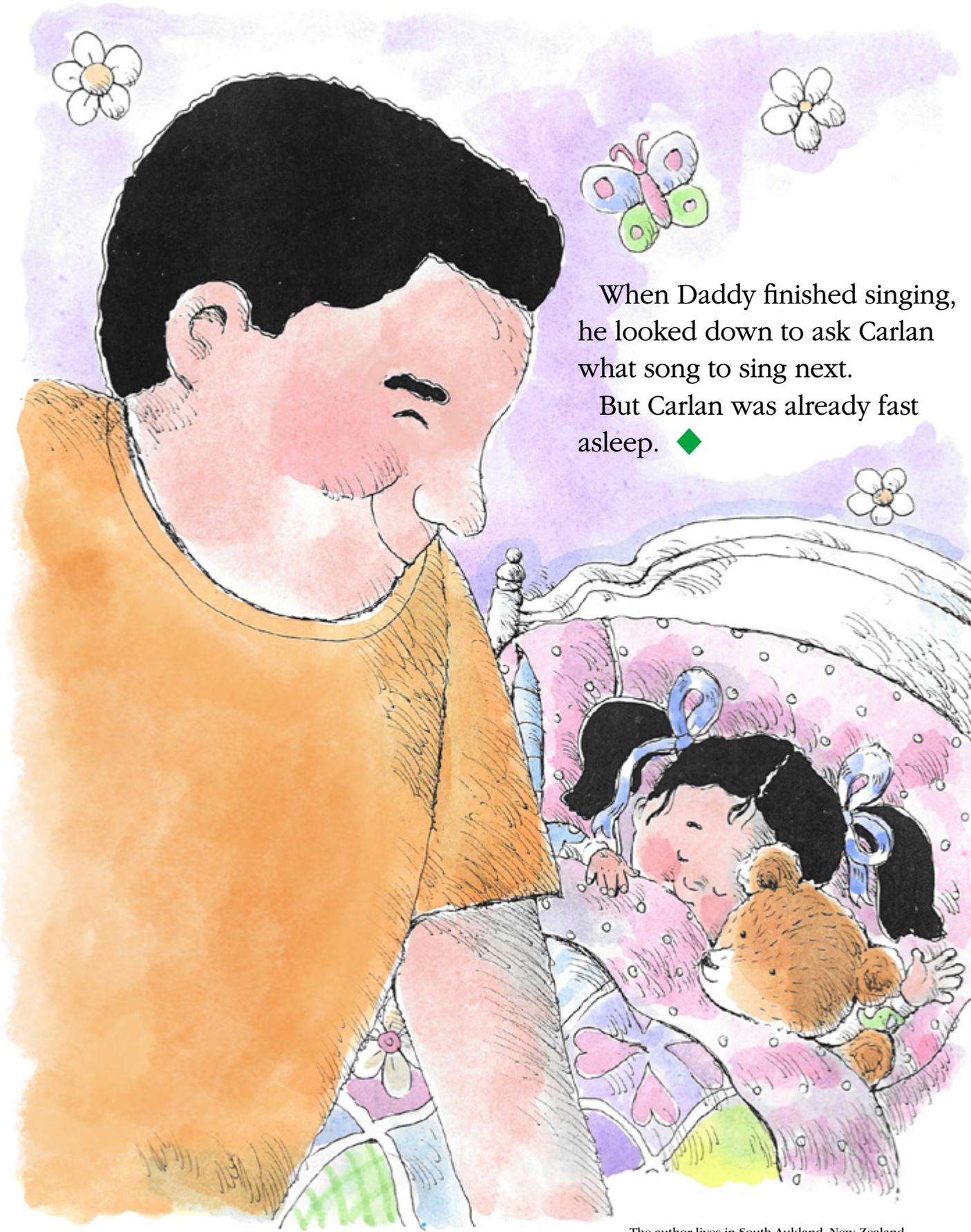
Daddy sat down on Carlan's
bed and started singing,

I love to see
the temple. I'm
going there
someday.

Carlan felt a little better. "Daddy, sing
child of God, please," she asked.

"I am a child of God, and He has
sent me here," Daddy sang.





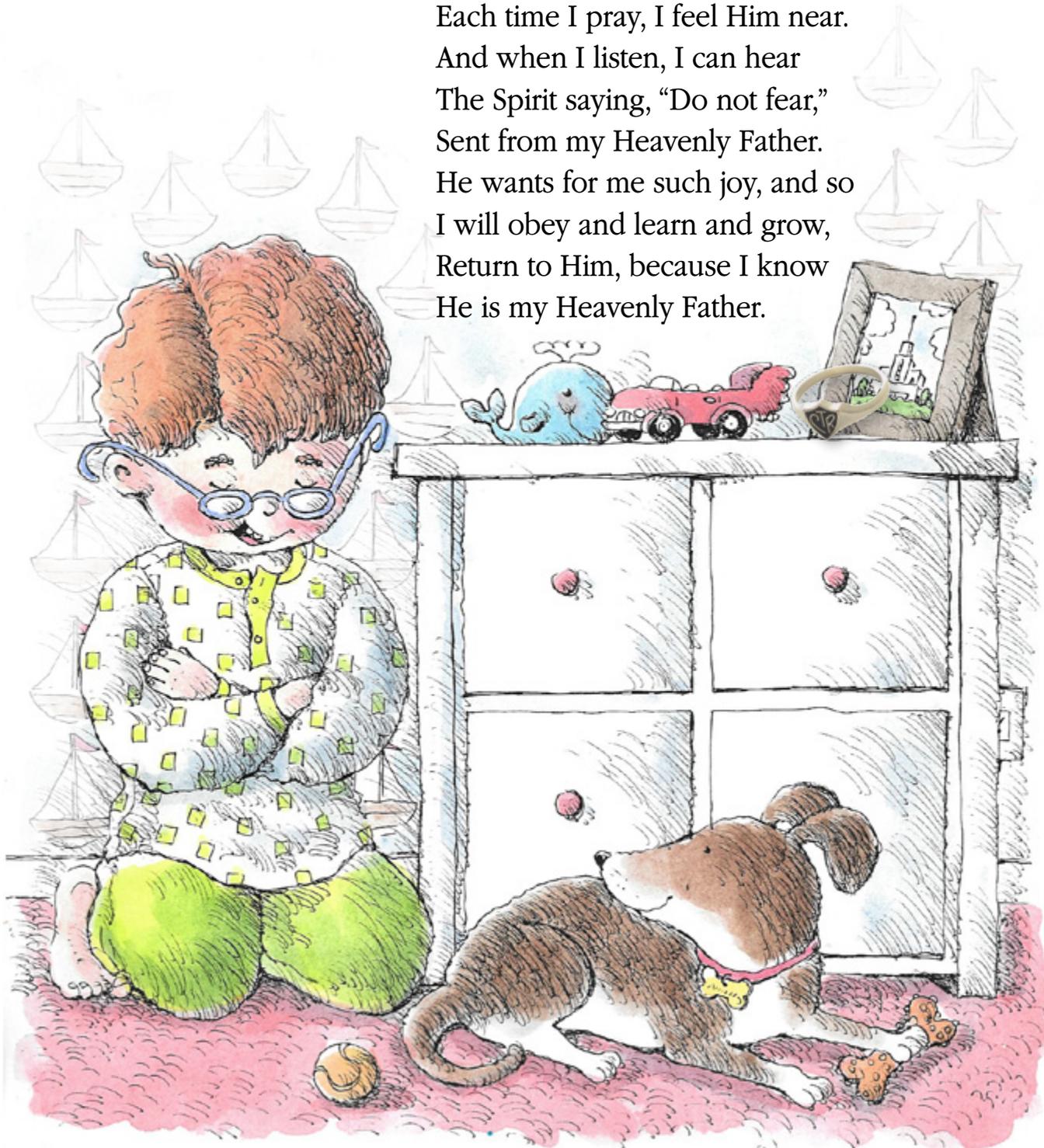
When Daddy finished singing, he looked down to ask Carlan what song to sing next. But Carlan was already fast asleep. ◆

The author lives in South Auckland, New Zealand.

By Linda Erickson Reece

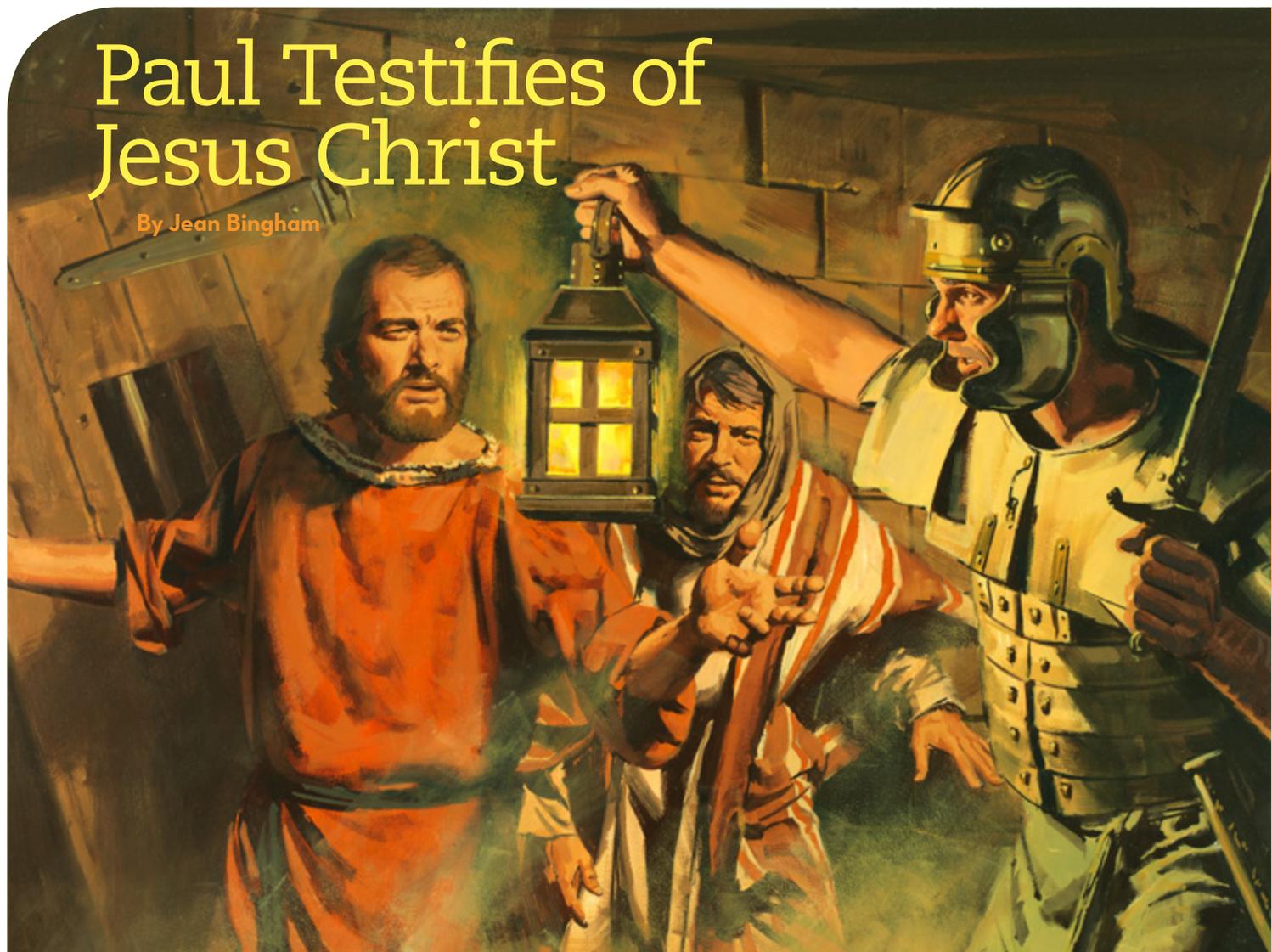
My Heavenly Father

There's someone close who hears me pray,
And listens to the things I say,
Who isn't very far away—
He is my Heavenly Father.
Each time I pray, I feel Him near.
And when I listen, I can hear
The Spirit saying, "Do not fear,"
Sent from my Heavenly Father.
He wants for me such joy, and so
I will obey and learn and grow,
Return to Him, because I know
He is my Heavenly Father.



Paul Testifies of Jesus Christ

By Jean Bingham



Have you ever had to stand for the truth? Paul was an Apostle after Jesus Christ lived on the earth. Paul traveled to many places to preach the gospel. He and his companion, Silas, had to stand for the truth when they were sharing the gospel. In the land of Macedonia, people were angry with them for preaching. They beat Paul and Silas, locked their feet in chains, and put them in prison. But Paul and Silas prayed and praised God.

Then at midnight, an earthquake shook the ground. All the doors of the prison opened. The ropes and chains that held Paul and Silas loosened and fell off! The

jailer knew he would be in trouble if the prisoners ran away, but Paul and Silas didn't try to escape. The jailer knew they were men of God. He listened to their testimony of Jesus Christ. Then he and his family were baptized. (See [Acts 16](#).)

We can also testify of Jesus Christ. Sometimes it is not easy, but we will be blessed when we share our testimony. President Thomas S. Monson said, “*You* be the one to make a stand for right, even if you stand alone. . . . Be a light for others to follow” (“[Examples of Righteousness](#),” *Ensign*, May 2008, 65). ♦



WORD PUZZLES

Add and subtract letters from the first word to make new words. Number 1 has been done for you. Write the new words in the spaces to find two ways we can testify of Jesus Christ. Check your answers on page 48.

1. landing - l + st - ing

2. word - w + f - d

3. truck - ck + th

I will s t a n d _____ .

1. well - w + b - ll

2. sign - s + l - n + ht

3. pillow - p + f - i + o

_____ a _____ to _____ .



SCRIPTURE TIP

When you have a question about something in the scriptures, you can look it up in the Bible Dictionary or Guide to the Scriptures. Try looking up “Paul,” “Pauline Epistles,” or “Romans” to learn more.



FAMILY TALK

Take turns acting out standing for truth if:

- Your classmates are cheating.
- You see someone being bullied.
- Someone says something untrue about the Church.
- Someone asks you to smoke or use drugs or drink alcohol, coffee, or tea.
- Your older sibling doesn't want to come to church anymore.
- Someone starts telling crude jokes.
- Your friend turns on a movie that makes you uncomfortable.

Song: “The Church of Jesus Christ”
(*Children's Songbook*, 77)

Scripture: Acts 16:19-34



LEARN MORE

Paul traveled to many places to teach about Jesus. After he left a place, he often sent letters to the people to teach them more about the gospel. Fourteen of those letters, called *epistles*, are in the New Testament, like those written to the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, and Ephesians.

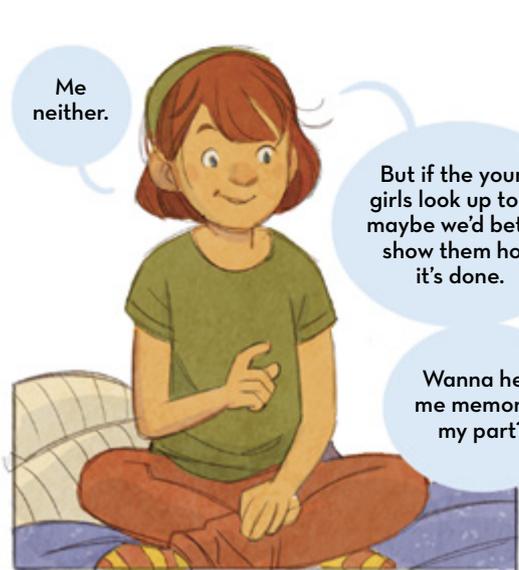
Try writing your own “epistle.” Think of someone you would like to share the gospel with. Write down your testimony and mail it to them.

I can write my testimony. I'll call it the “Epistle of Matt.”

You can mail it to Grandma!



MATT AND MANDY



Article of Faith 12



“We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and **magistrates**, in obeying, honoring, and **sustaining** the law.”
.....

Heavenly Father wants us to be good citizens. Being a good citizen means following the laws, or rules, of the places we live. There are many different types of governments and leaders (such as a **magistrate**, which is another word for a judge). Governments aren't perfect, but everyone can **sustain**, or strengthen and support, the government where they live.



Articles of Faith in Action

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My family has a rule that we can't have markers in our bedrooms. Once during playtime, my little sister wanted to use some markers. I wasn't sure what to do, so I said a prayer. I felt the Holy Ghost tell me I shouldn't use the markers. We didn't do it, and I know I made the right choice.

Maren H., age 6, California, USA

Memorization Tip

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In some countries, groups of **12** people form juries to make decisions about the law, so Article of Faith **12** is about following the law.

This Month's CHALLENGES

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Memorize Article of Faith 12.



Who are the leaders of your town or city? Who are the leaders of your country? Share what you learn in family home evening.



Count how many rules or laws you see in a day. How do they keep you safe?



I challenge myself to ...

Young Women STRONG!

By Jan Pinborough

Church Magazines
(Based on a true story)

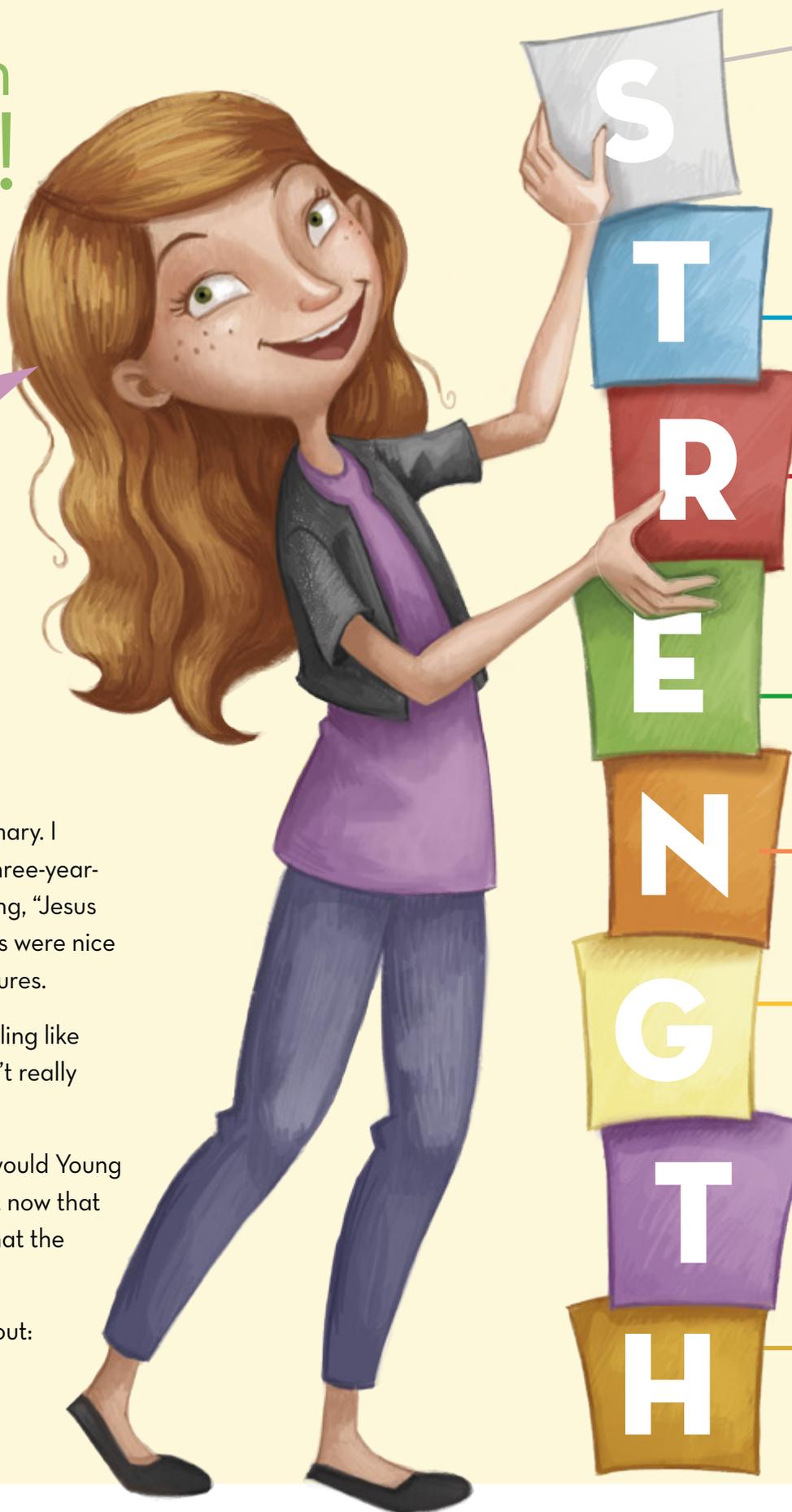
My name is Maya, and I just started Young Women.

Don't get me wrong. I really liked Primary. I mean, what's more fun than watching three-year-olds pop out of their seats when they sing, "Jesus wants me for a Sun-beam"? My teachers were nice too, and I learned a lot about the scriptures.

Then before I turned 12, I started feeling like I was ready for *more*. More what? I didn't really know. But I was excited to find out.

OK, I was a little nervous too. What would Young Women be like? Who would I sit by? But now that I've moved on, I think I've figured out what the *more* is.

I'm kind of a word nerd, so I'll spell it out:



S is for sisters and stand:

Usually I'm pretty shy. But at New Beginnings the older girls sang a song about friendship. Then they each invited a new Beehive to come up and sing with them. They treated us sort of like younger sisters. So now when a new girl joins our class, I try to forget my shyness because I know it's my turn to do the welcoming. After all, we're **sisters**!

Every Sunday we all **stand** up and say the **Young Women theme**. There's one part that says, "We will 'stand as witnesses of God at *all* times and in *all* things, and in *all* places.'" Sometimes when middle school is hard, I think about those three *alls*, and it helps me be brave.



T is for temple:

Going to the **temple** to do baptisms for my ancestors is the best! It feels peaceful and happy—sort of like you're all filled up with light. I want to go there for my endowment when I get older. It's one of my life goals.



R is for recommend and reading:

When you turn 12, CTR still stands for "choose the right," but it can also stand for "current temple **recommend**." When we follow the standards in *For the Strength of Youth*, we can stay strong and safe. And we can have a temple recommend!

Reading the Book of Mormon is one of our big goals in Personal Progress. I'm thinking about going on a mission when I'm older, and it's helping me prepare.



E is for eight:

There are **eight** Young Women values. They help us think about what kind of person we want to be. My favorite one is Divine Nature. That means I have Heavenly Parents and I can become like Them. That's an awesome thought!

N is for nature:

Before girls' camp I'd never hiked at midnight. Or watched a raccoon eat leftovers we forgot to put away. Being away from home and learning **nature** skills helped me feel more confident. I didn't even mind not having my cell phone.



G is for goals:

It's not easy keeping track of all the things I want to do. I want to be a writer. Or a doctor. Or an archeologist. Every year we have a special night when we display things we've done for our **Personal Progress goals**. Last year our theme was "Your Heroines." I decided to dress up like my mom. I don't think she knew she was one of my heroines.

T is for testimony:

Sometimes I can practically *feel* my **testimony** growing—like in the testimony meeting at girls' camp. My teacher always shares her testimony in class too. I want my testimony to be as strong as hers someday.

So that's what I've figured out. Young Women is giving me a lot more strength. And I can't wait for more of that!

H is for happy times:

We have sad times too, like when Elena's dad passed away and we all went to visit her. But it doesn't matter if we're raking leaves, studying scriptures, learning about careers, or making fleece blankets for the homeless shelter. Just being together makes it fun.



Priesthood

By Jill Hacking

Church Magazines
(Based on a true story)

Bobby looked around the Primary room. All of the kids looked so small! He couldn't wait to turn 12 and start going to Young Men.

Today we are going to talk about the priesthood," Sister Wilkey said. "The priesthood is Heavenly Father's power. When you receive the priesthood, you'll have access to that power."

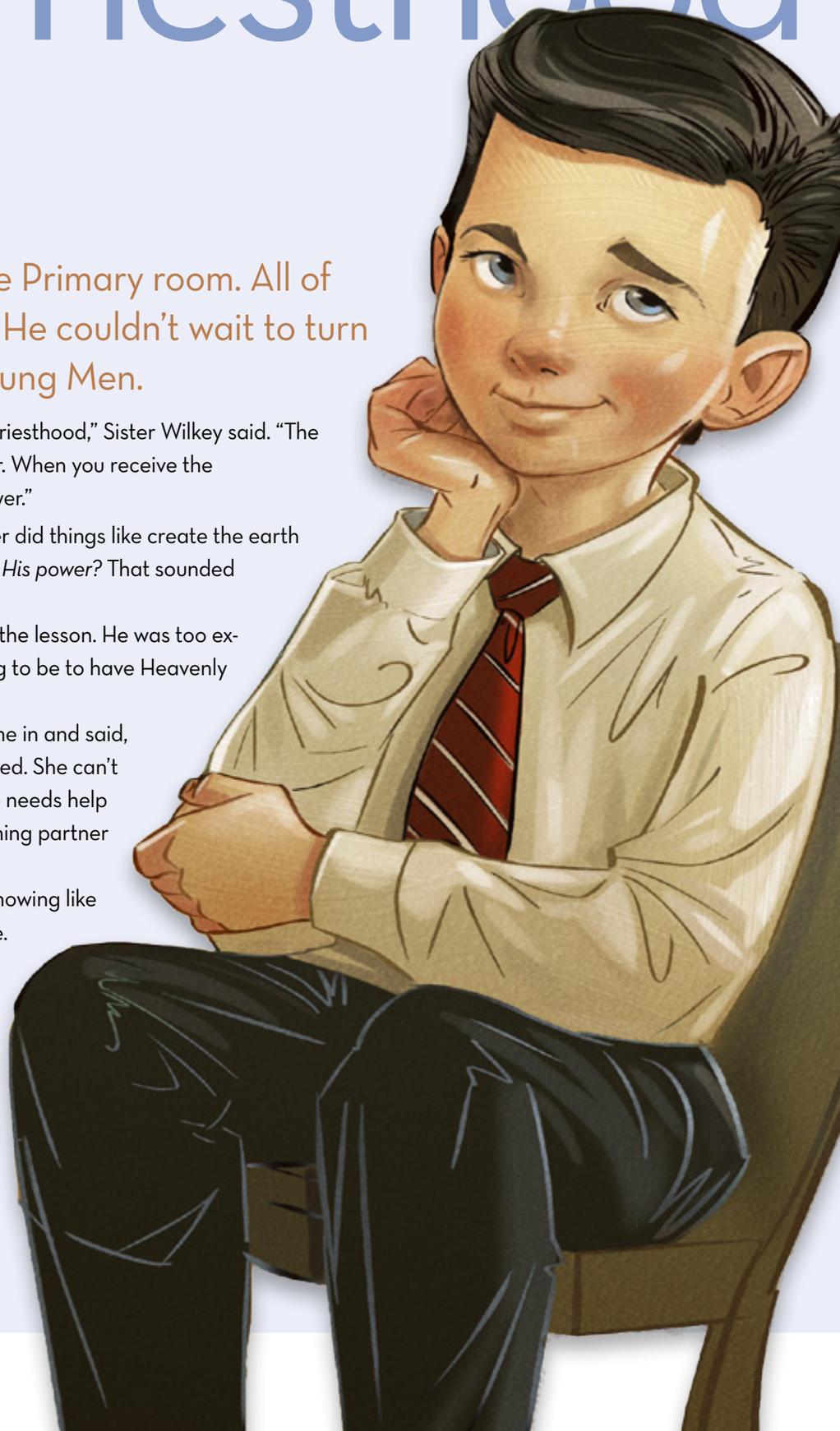
Whoa, Bobby thought. Heavenly Father did things like create the earth and perform miracles. *And He's giving me His power?* That sounded awesome.

Bobby didn't really listen to the rest of the lesson. He was too excited thinking about how cool it was going to be to have Heavenly Father's power!

One evening a few days later, Dad came in and said, "Bobby, I need your help. Sister Jarvis called. She can't get around well with her hurt leg, and she needs help with some chores tonight. My home-teaching partner can't come."

Bobby looked out the window. It was snowing like crazy, and he was watching a great movie. "Can I finish this first?" he asked, snuggling into the warm sofa.

"Well, the storm is only going to get worse."



POWER

“Fine. I’m coming,” Bobby said, slowly sliding out of the fuzzy blanket.

When they got to Sister Jarvis’s home, she thanked them for coming.

Rrooooff! her little dog barked.

“Peanut got all muddy when he went outside today. Could you please give him a bath?”

“Sure,” Bobby said. He picked up Peanut. “Hey, little guy.” Peanut licked Bobby’s hand happily.

While Bobby washed the dog in the bathtub, Dad made dinner for Sister Jarvis. Then they washed the dishes, filled Peanut’s food dish, and brought more firewood inside.

“Is there anything else we can do for you tonight?” Dad asked.

“No, this is lovely! Thank you for your help!” she said.

“It was our pleasure. Have a good night,” Dad said.

“Bye, Sister Jarvis,” Bobby said. He patted Peanut goodbye.

As they got in the car, Dad thanked Bobby for coming.

“It was fun. Sister Jarvis seemed really grateful,” Bobby said.

“You know, things like this are what the priesthood is really about,” Dad said. “Heavenly Father gives us His power so we can serve others. Sometimes this means giving a

blessing or passing the sacrament. Sometimes it means just visiting someone who needs help.”

“Oh, I hadn’t thought about it like that,” Bobby said. “But I’ll still get to do powerful stuff right?”

Dad smiled. “Serving people is powerful stuff, Bobby. It’s what Jesus Christ did when He was on the earth. Heavenly Father gives power to everyone who serves in His Church so that they can help others. That way everyone benefits from the priesthood.”

Bobby thought about that. Having the priesthood might be different from what he expected, but it still sounded important. *And Heavenly Father trusts me to do it*, he thought.

“I can do that,” Bobby said. Even though it was dark and cold, he felt peaceful and warm. ♦

BECOMING A DEACON

1. You’ll learn to serve others as you participate in your **priesthood quorum**.
2. **Duty to God** will help you build your testimony, learn and fulfill your priesthood duties, and follow standards from **For the Strength of Youth**.
3. **Scouting** will get more challenging and exciting. If there’s no Scouting program where you live, you can learn similar skills in **youth conferences**.

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Through Your Eyes



I took this picture because I love nature. This is a beautiful cardinal in an ice storm. I know my Father in Heaven loves me because he gave us animals.

Henry M., age 8, Ontario, Canada

The Last Laugh

They say it's the hardest hole in the course!



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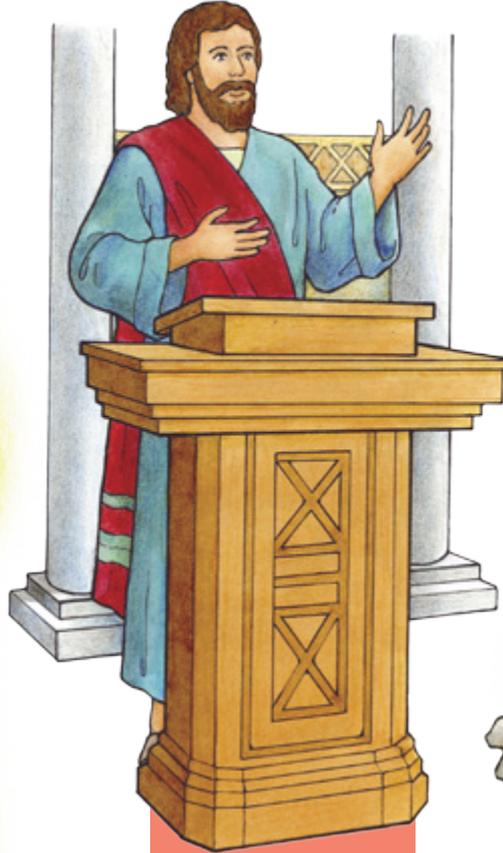
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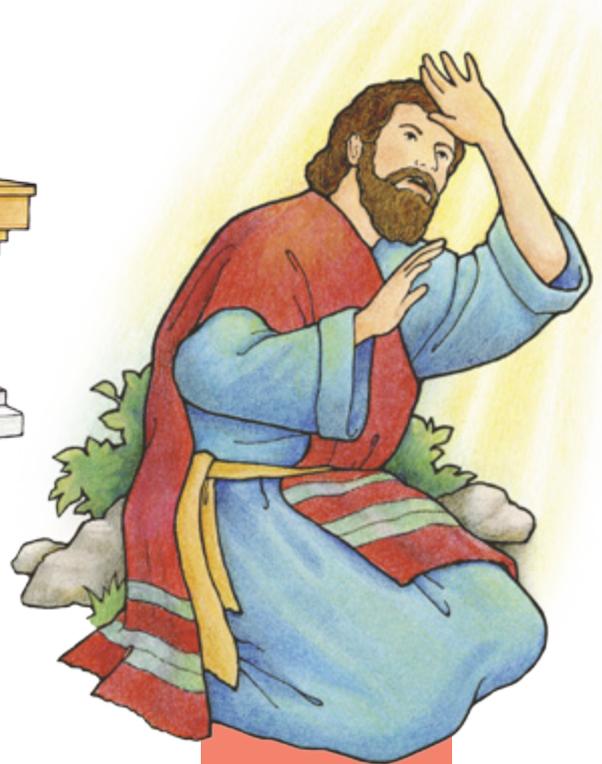
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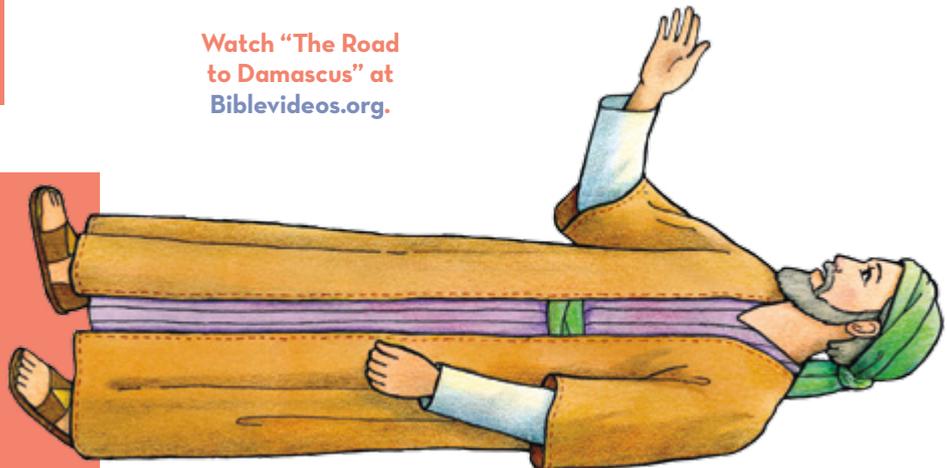
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Saul

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to Damascus" at
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Ananias

Dear Parents and Teachers,

Sometimes children grapple with big challenges, like sickness or disabilities. Three stories this month are about these situations. “Dear Gracie” (page 10) is about two girls with spina bifida. “The Stuttering Struggle” (page 12) is about a boy who prays for help with his Primary program. And “Sweeter Than Pie” (page 18) is about a girl who is sick during the holidays. As we serve those with special circumstances, we can set an example of compassion for the children in our lives.

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Family Home Evening Ideas

CONFERENCE IS FOR YOU: Read President Monson’s message (page 2). What can your family do to shine brighter? Then read about the three new Apostles (page 3) and add their cards to your Special Witness cards from September 2014. What did your family learn this conference?

SERVING OTHERS: Look at the helping hands from around the world on pages 24–27 and watch the video “We Are His Hands” at friend.lds.org. Talk about what service your family has done this year, and set goals to keep serving next year!

DON’T GIVE UP: Read Elder Holland’s tips for what to do when you feel sad (page 28). Have each family member share something that makes them happy. Then pick a happy activity to do together!

FEELING GOD’S LOVE: Talk with your family about what you are thankful for. Then do the activity “Picturing Tender Mercies” on page 9. Watch “I Am a Child of God” at friend.lds.org under “Sing-Along Videos” and talk about how you know that God loves you.

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