

Shine Your Light!

Thanks for sending in your stars! Keep them coming. Turn to page 39 to see how.

FRIENDS

BY MAI

### Find It!



y favorite part of the *Friend* is the hidden-picture activity. When I can't find one of the hidden shapes by myself, I ask my brother or dad for clues. I like it when they help me. **Amelia S., age 6, Qatar** 

# Let Your Light Shine



read the "Let Your Light Shine" article (Jan. 2018) and had a chance to let my light shine with my friend. I had a feeling that I should grab a bag of my favorite chips before school. After lunch my friend looked sad, and I asked him

what was wrong. He said he had forgotten his lunch. I remembered my chips, so I gave them to him. After school he came up to me and said, "That was the nicest thing anyone has ever done for me at school." **Durham M., age 11, Utah, USA** 

### Learning about Jesus



I love to read the *Friend*. It has helped me learn more about Jesus. I can't wait to get it every month!

Lilly U., age 6, Washington, USA

# DEAR FRIENDS,

We hope you got to see or hear some of general conference last month! And we hope our "Conference Is for Me!" section will help you remember what our prophet and other Church leaders taught us. This month you'll also find stories about different ways to help others. Write

Was there a story or activity this month that helped you? Tell us about it! Turn to page 39 to find out how. and tell us how you help people, like Jesus did.

We love you! The Friend

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#### A CONFERENCE MESSAGE FROM THE PROPHET



By President Russell M. Nelson

#### What is the correct name of the Church?

The correct name is The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

#### Why is it important to always use the correct name of the Church instead of nicknames like "Mormon" church?

People who hear the term Mormon may think we worship the prophet Mormon. We don't! The Savior said, "If [a church] be called in my name then it is my church" (3 Nephi 27:8).

# Who named the Church?

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The **CORRECT** Name

The Savior, Jesus Christ, did. He said, "For thus shall my church be called in the last days, even The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" (Doctrine and Covenants 115:4).



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What does it mean to take Jesus Christ's name upon us, like it says in the sacrament prayer?

It means to tell others—through our actions and our words that Jesus is the Christ!



#### "Jesus Christ directed us to call the Church by His name because it is His Church, filled with His power."

President Russell M. Nelson

#### The Church of Jesus Christ I Can AY.

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(Simplified)



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> Watch a sing-along video for this song at children.lds.org. Click on "Videos."

# conference News

#### • Starting in January, Primary will be one hour instead of two. It will have two parts: singing time and class time.

 In class, you'll study the same scripture stories that you learn about at home. A new book to help your family learn will come in December!

#### **Conference Quotes**

"Our Heavenly Father is near us and watches over us day and night. Think of it!"

President Dallin H. Oaks First Counselor in the First Presidency

## A Dozen New Temples!

President Nelson announced 12 new temples! Use the clues to fill in the names of the countries or states where they will be built.

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#### Across

- 5. This country has a temple in the city of Aba.
- 7. The first temple in this U.S. state was built in the city of Los Angeles.
- 8. The temple in this U.S. state will be near the oldest temple in the Church that is still being used.
- 11. People in this island country near Africa speak Portuguese.

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12. This is the second largest country in South America.

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Down

- 1. This U.S. territory is in the Caribbean.
- 2. The first person to reach the top of Mount Everest came from this country.
- 3. This country is made up of about 7,500 islands.
- 4. This country is next to Thailand, Vietnam, and Laos.
- 6. This is an island in between Hawaii and the Philippines.
- 9. Millions of monarch butterflies fly here each year from the United States and Canada.
- 10. The Amazon River flows through this country.

Answers: Across: 5-Nigeria, 7-California, USA; 8-Utah, USA; 11-Cape Verde, 12-Argentina; Down: 1-Puerto Rico, 2-New Zealand, 3-Philippines, 4-Cambodia, 6-Guam, 9-Mexico, 10-Brazil

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"The world is more hope-filled and joyful because of the inspired acts of kindness you perform."

> Sister Bonnie H. Cordon Young Women General President

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# CONFERENCE Notes

# The Savior Will Help Us



**President Eyring,** Second Counselor in the First Presidency, talked about what a good example his wife has been over the years. She was always quick to help others. Now she can't

remember things very well. But she still loves singing Primary songs. One of her favorites is "I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus." President Eyring taught that the Savior is helping his wife through her troubles, and He will carry us through our troubles too.

What I learned from this talk:

# Heavenly Father's Love



**Elder Stevenson** of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles told the true story of a loyal sheep dog. When some sheep got stuck in the mountains, the dog stayed with them, circling in the

snowy weather, protecting them from coyotes. The dog finally led the sheep back to the shepherd and the flock. Heavenly Father loves us and, like the sheep dog, will never leave us, even when life gets stormy. We should also love and protect others.

What I learned from this talk:

# Building a Happy Life



**Ider Bangerter** of the Seventy spoke about how small and simple things can make a big difference in our lives. His family goes camping each year. They hold a devotional and

ask their children and grandchildren to share a message about Jesus Christ. This year, the grandchildren wrote the topics of their messages on stones. Then they buried the stones. This reminded them that following Christ creates a foundation for a happy life.



# An Unselfish Teacher



**Sister Franco**, Second Counselor in the Primary General Presidency, talked about one of her favorite Primary teachers when she was growing up. Back then, Primary was held

on Tuesday afternoon. Every week, her teacher made the class a chocolate cake! Years later, Sister Franco found out that her teacher walked instead of riding the bus so that she could save enough money to make those cakes. She was unselfish and loved her class.

What I learned from this talk:

# SOM and tell CONFERENCE!



really liked that our prophet taught that the Lord wants us to call the Church by its correct name.

I am a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and am a disciple of Jesus Christ. Christian V., age 10, San Salvador, El Salvador





when the family sits together to watch conference. Faith M., age 9, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

t is a nice day



He helps me understand what our Heavenly Father wants me to do.

Fuki M., age 10, Shizuoka, Japan

Nephi P., age 11, Arizona, USA



Abigail L., age 7, California, USA, liked Sister Cordon's talk about ministering to others. "My favorite part was, 'You fed me and you gave me a drink and you took me in.' I want to serve."



Natalie P., age 8, California, USA



Josue Thomas G., age 6, and Alexandra C., age 13, Durango, Mexico, are cousins and best friends. Alexandra said she felt the Spirit when the prophet announced the new temples and changes. Thomas said he loved the stories the prophet and apostles shared. "I trust President Nelson," he said.



Jayden T., age 8, New Mexico, USA



felt the Spirit when I listened to Brother Brough's talk. I learned that I can do hard things and feel joy at the same time. I know

this is true because all things are possible with the Lord on your side.

Harrison S., age 12, Western Australia, Australia





Liberty O., age 9, Greater Accra, Ghana, wrote many notes about general conference. "God is our loving Father, and He loves each of us," she said. "He wants us to have joy."

#### Leila D., age 9, Auckland, New

Zealand, watched conference with her younger sister, Rose, and younger brothers Heemi and Nauvoo. "I learnt that we should never give up," Leila said. "We should keep our promises to God."

Lilly and Joseph B., ages 5 and 10, Minnesota, USA, flew to Utah and then went to Temple Square to watch conference. "We loved watching conference with our family," they said.



**Joshua and Samuel W., ages 5 and 3, Somerset, England,** enjoyed conducting during the songs.

Kate L., age 9, Alberta, Canada



# Building Blocks of **Testimony**



Bishop Dean M. Davies is the First Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric. In general conference, he taught what some of the building blocks of a testimony are. Use the four words on the right to fill in the blanks. Which of these truths do you already believe? How can you keep learning about each one?



The Book of Mormon is the of God.

#### Joseph Smith was a

and we have living prophets on the earth today.

#### **TESTIMONY OF THE PROPHET**

After President Nelson became the prophet, Bishop Davies listened to every general conference talk that President Nelson has given since becoming an Apostle! "This exercise has changed my life," Bishop Davies said. You can watch talks from President Nelson at gc.lds.org. Click on "speakers" and "Russell M. Nelson."



ILLUSTRATION BY BILLY

#### Nathan H., age 10, Arizona, USA

was at church, and I was listening to the talks. Someone said, "a service is service no matter how small."

And that gave me an idea. I called it "The Service Club." I took paper and a few markers and made invitation cards. Then I cut them out and gave them away.

Last Sunday was the first meeting, and we decided to do nice sidewalk chalk messages at the homes of people who needed encouragement. We did that for six families! I feel good that we did the service club. I'm glad we did service. The club's motto is "a service is service no matter how small." **By Wendy Ellison** 

(Based on a true story)

# *"Freely ye have received, freely give"* (*Matthew 10:8*).

Kate scooped creamy mashed potatoes onto her plate. She couldn't help but grin. She loved Thanksgiving, and there was a lot to be thankful for. Soon she'd get to eat Grandma's famous apple pie. Plus, her aunts, uncles, and cousins were all crowded around the table for dinner, and she loved being with her family!

But the best part of Thanksgiving was at the end of the day.

"Gather around!" Grandma said once dinner was over. She handed out an envolope to each family.

Kate opened it and saw money inside.

"Who remembers what we do with the money?" Grandpa asked.

Kate raised her hand. "We use it to help someone else for Christmas!"

"That's right," Grandma said. "I hope you find wonderful ways to help."

When they got home, Kate and her family talked about how they could use their money this year. They could buy a Christmas tree for a neighbor. Or help another family buy presents. Then Kate had an idea! Once when she had to stay in the hospital, someone had given her a warm, fuzzy blanket. Maybe her family could make blankets for hospital patients! Kate's sisters, Hailey and Rachel, loved her idea.

A few days later, Mom took the family shopping for supplies. They had fun picking out fabric together.

"I like this one," Hailey said. She held up some orange fleece with flowers.

"I do too," Mom said. "And we have enough money for two more."

#### What would Kate's family do with the money in the envelope?

Thanks and

Service is super!

Go to page 20 to read another story about service.

# Giving

Rachel pointed to some fabric with lions and tigers on it. "This would be *purrr*fect for *lion* around!"

Kate laughed. Her sister was so goofy. Then Kate picked up a pattern with bright colors and shapes. It reminded her of the blanket she had gotten in the hospital.

Mom and the girls spent the rest of the day at home, cutting and tying the soft fleece into blankets. It was so much fun!

> Just before Christmas, Kate's whole family brought the blankets to the children's hospital where Kate had stayed. As they walked in, Kate recognized the bright colored walls and the sounds of beeping machines. It was fun to see the kids smile when they got their blankets.

> > On Christmas Eve, Kate's family gathered at Grandpa and Grandma's house again. She was excited to hear what her cousins had done with their Thanksgiving money. After dinner, each family talked about their holiday service adventure. One family bought gifts to donate to a charity. Another family gave their money to help a neighbor. Kate's family told about the blankets.

> > > At the end of the night, Kate's heart felt as warm and fuzzy as fluffy fleece. Thanksgiving had been about thanks *and* giving, and that felt really good.

The author lives in Utah, USA.

Our uncle passed away a couple of years ago. On his birthday right before he died, he asked us to help the homeless instead of giving him a present. So now every year on his birthday, we do things for the homeless. This year we made kits to give them. We can show Jesus love by helping others.

Ben and Paisley C., ages 8 and 3, Utah, USA

# Family Night

Here's an idea for family home evening. What other ideas can you come up with?

#### **Comfort Critters**

Read "Thanks and Giving" on page 10. See page 35 of the January 2017 Friend to see how to make no-sew fleece blankets. Or make these soft animals for kids who need some cheering up! Here's what you need:

- socks cotton or other soft stuffing hot glue scissors felt marker
- 1. Fill a sock with stuffing. Fold over the open end and have an adult help glue it down with hot glue.
  - 2. Cut shapes out of the felt to make arms, legs, ears, a tummy, a tail, and whatever else you want! 3. Glue the pieces down and draw on a face.

Is there a topic you'd like to learn about with your family? Go to lessonhelps.lds.org to find stories, activities, and media.

#### **Mashed Potato Bites**

Make this cheesy snack with your family! Be sure to get an adult's help.

#### 1/4 cup bacon bits

- 2/3 cup cheddar cheese, plus extra for topping
- 1 egg
- 3 cups mashed potatoes

#### cooking spray

- 1. Mix the bacon bits, cheese, and egg into the mashed potatoes.
- 2. Spray a muffin tin with cooking spray. Scoop the potato mixture into each cup and press it into place. Sprinkle the top with cheese.
- 3. Bake at 375°F (190°C) for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown.

#### **More Ideas**

Read "Chalk Service" (page 9). Share a nice message with one of your neighbors!

Read "Count Your Blessings" (page FJ8). Everyone say one thing you're grateful for.

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# "Blooming" Service

Some kids in South Africa helped their Primary teacher, Sister Naidoo, plant her flowers this spring! They used colorful blocks to come up with three designs for planting red and yellow flowers. Which design has the *most red* flowers? Which has the *most yellow*? And which has the *same* number of red and yellow flowers? (Answers on page 39.) Use blocks to come up with your own designs!



#### SHINE YOUR LIGHT

# Sharing Friendship

## Hi! My name is Elenoa, and I'm from New Zealand.

My family and I shine our light by sharing the *Friend* with our friends!

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**A Friendly Idea** 

One day my sister Nevaeh asked our mom if she could share the *Friend* with her friends at school. Our mom said yes. After school Neveah told us her friends loved the magazine. Some even wanted a copy of their own!



#### A Magazine and a Treat

Now each month when my parents go to the temple, they buy extra copies of the *Friend* at the distribution center. Then we think of friends who haven't been coming to Primary or aren't members of the Church. We visit them with the *Friend* and a treat.



#### Cool!

My brother Andrew says his friend thinks the *Friend* is cool, and my friend Abigail loves the Family Night Fun pages, with all the activities and recipes. We all love the *Friend*!

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# Grow a Family Gratitude Tree

You know about a *family* tree, and maybe you've heard of a *gratitude* tree. This month, squish the two together and make a *family gratitude* tree! Put a paper tree trunk and branches on your wall. Then cut out lots of paper leaves. On each leaf, finish one of these sentences:

- I'm grateful for my family because . . .
- I'm grateful for family history because . . .
- I'm grateful for temples because . . .

You can also add leaves throughout the month about anything else you're grateful for!



Don't forget to cut out your badge and add it to the badge keeper from January! Print past pages, or extra copies of this page, at FriendFHQ.lds.org.



#### FAMILYSEARCH.ORG ORNAMENTS

Christmas is right around the corner. Print small pictures of ancestors from FamilySearch.org and make ornaments. Then, when you decorate for Christmas, talk about what you learned about these family members!

# Daniel Bravely Followed God

When Daniel was young, he was sent to live with a king. The king gave Daniel and his friends meat and wine. God told them not to eat it. Daniel asked for other food and water instead. He and his friends were healthier because they listened to God. When Daniel got older, other leaders in the kingdom were jealous of him. They tricked the king into making a law that said anyone who prayed to God would be thrown into a den of lions! Daniel prayed anyway. The jealous men took Daniel to the king, who put Daniel in the lion's den. God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths so Daniel would not be hurt. Daniel was so faithful that he later saw a vision of the Lord!





Melody D., age 10, Utah, USA

#### Print more cards at OTFriend2018.lds.org.

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	Daniel trusted God and stood up for what he believed.
	Watch chapters 40 and 43 of the Old Testa- ment stories at scripturestories.lds.org.
	Practice saying "No, thanks!" if someone asks you to eat, drink, or watch something bad.
	Pray every day for a week. Try to make it a habit.
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DANIEL	

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#### By Tobi Huggins and Charlotte Larcabal

(Based on a true story)

## *"When we're helping, we're happy"* (Children's Songbook, *198*).

Gavin looked out the window. Big white snowflakes were falling softly to the ground. He grinned as he thought about all the fun he could have skiing and building snowmen. Gavin loved winter in Canada.

"Gavin?" Mom said.

Gavin blinked and turned back to the living room. It was family home evening, and the lesson was on service. But it was hard to pay attention!

Mom smiled. "I know you're excited about the snow, but what are ways our family could help someone?"

Gavin looked out the window again. Snow was piling up on the driveways on his street. "Hey! What if we shoveled the Ramseys' driveway?" he asked.

"Yeah!" Gavin's big brother, Jensen, said. "They'd really like that."

"That's a great idea," Dad said. "The Ramseys are getting older, and shoveling snow is hard for them."

The next morning, Gavin's family shoveled the Ramseys' driveway. Gavin was glad they were doing it together. Even Gavin's little sisters, Chloé and Kenzie, helped. The path Kenzie shoveled looked like a giant snake had slithered through the snow.

After scraping together the last pile of snow, Gavin gave his brother a high five. "We make a great team!" Jensen said.

"Yeah!" said Gavin. "We're the Snow-Shovel Squad!" After the next two snowstorms, the Snow-Shovel Squad happily shoveled both their driveway and the Ramseys'. One time, Mrs. Ramsey tried to pay them,

but they politely said no.

"The Snow-Shovel Squad is a not-forprofit team," Gavin explained.

That made Mrs. Ramsey laugh. The snow kept coming. Shoveling *two* driveways got harder and harder. After a while, Mom and Dad had to remind the Snow-Shovel Squad how much they were needed. One morning Gavin woke up especially excited. They were going skiing today! He looked outside and grinned. The snow looked perfect. He ran to find his skis. Soon everyone was packing the van for their trip.

Just as they buckled their seatbelts, Mom turned to look at them. "What about the Ramseys' driveway?"

Gavin looked at Jensen. They had forgotten all about it.

"Can we do it later?" Jensen said. "We want to get to the mountain before it gets too busy!"

"OK," Mom said, and Dad started the van.

But then Gavin glanced out his window. He could see Mr. Ramsey trying to clear his driveway. It looked like he could hardly lift his shovel.

"Wait, Dad," Gavin said. "Mr. Ramsey needs the Snow-Shovel Squad right away!"

Everyone got out and grabbed their shovels.

"Sorry we're late!" Gavin called out.

Mr. Ramsey smiled. "Thank you so much," he said. "It would've taken me hours to shovel this driveway alone." With the help of the Snow-Shovel Squad, the Ramseys' driveway was snow-free in just a few minutes.

After that, nobody had to remind Gavin about the Ramseys' driveway. If it snowed, the Snow-Shovel Squad was out shoveling, sometimes even before breakfast. Sometimes it snowed so much they had to shovel two times in one day!

As the weeks went by, shoveling the driveways didn't seem so hard. In fact, Gavin thought that helping the Ramseys was one of the best parts of winter. Then one day, he woke up and saw that the sun was warm and bright. The snow was melting down the driveway. How could he help others now that it was spring? • The authors live in British Columbia, Canada, and Utah, USA



We helped shovel snow for our neighbor who was out of town.

Alyssa and Carter H., ages 3 and 7, Nebraska, USA

#### APOSTLES TESTIFY OF CHRIST





"I bear you my witness of the living reality of the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, and of the infinite power and reach of His Atonement."

By Elder D. Todd Christofferson

Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread," BYU devotional address, January 9, 2011. ILLUSTRATION BY SIMON DEWEY

# Find It!

esus fed thousands of people with just five loaves of bread and two fish! Jesus told them that they should seek spiritual food also. They should believe in Him and follow Him. He said, "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life" (John 6:47–48). Find the hidden objects below.





First Counselor

#### Primary General Presidency Primary General Presidency Loves eating popcorn and playing Served a Spanish-speaking mission in with her family. Was born in Argenting and met her Louisiana, USA. husband when they were in Primary. As a child, carried stacks of library Taught children at a science museum books home to read before school Loves art and has designed fabrics. during college. and on weekends. Likes getting together with family to Likes golfing, hiking, and doing Studied home and family sciences in eat homemade pasta. family history. college because she loves children. Sister Michelle D. Craig Sister Bonnie H. Cordon Sister Becky Craven Second Counselor First Counselor Young Women General President Young Women General Presidency Young Women General Presidency • In grade school, she raised chickens Served a mission in the Dominican • Lived in Germany, England, and seven and sold eggs. U.S. states when she was growing up. Studied education in college and Studied to be an elementary-school Studied interior design in college and served missions in Portugal and served a mission in North Carolina, Brazil USA, with her husband. Enjoys doing family history and Loves to scuba dive, ski, hike, and Likes snowshoeing, painting, and going to the temple. meet people around the world. playing games with her family. Sister Sharon Eubank Sister Jean B. Bingham Sister Reyna I. Aburto First Counselor Second Counselor Relief Society General President Relief Society General Presidency Relief Society General Presidency • By the time she was seven, she had Served a mission in Finland and Was born in Nicaragua and lived in four U.S. states! taught English in Japan. survived a big earthquake as a child. Loves to climb trees, watch birds, and Directs the Church's humanitarian Studied engineering in college collect interesting rocks. work, including giving wheelchairs to and owns a translation company Studied teaching in college and enjoys people who can't walk. with her husband. helping people learn. Likes history, homemade pie, and Was baptized when she was 26 crossword puzzles. years old.

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#### FUNSTUFF

A *hink pink* is a pair of rhyming words that match a definition. See if you can solve these. The first one's been done for you. Check your answers on page 39.

1. An orange vegetable carved into the shape of a bright-feathered bird.

CARROT PAR

- 2. What you find in a pot at the end of the rainbow, but then stick in the refrigerator.
- 6. When you stop what you're doing at a birthday party to eat the dessert.

 A stuffed animal (that loves to eat honey) that helps you remember to talk to Heavenly Father.



Hink Pink

THIN

7. When your family is out of town and looking for the build-ing for Sunday meetings.

- 4. A really big fish with lots of teeth who likes to play on the swings and slide down the slide.
- 5. Your father when he is really happy!

8. A super-fast airplane that takes your dog, cat, and goldfish where they need to go.

9. When you draw one of your favorite stories from the Book of Mormon.

# Book of Mormon Reading Club

#### JOIN IN BY READING THE BOOK OF MORMON!

You can read on your own, with your family, or with a friend. Then tell us about it! (See page 39 to find out how.)



One day I was doing my homework when I decided to put it away

and read the Book of Mormon. After I read 1 Nephi 3:21, I felt good inside, so I kept on reading.

Ethan F., age 9, Utah, USA



I let my light shine by giving my friend a Book of Mormon.

Ginger H., age 10, Hawaii, USA

# This month's scripture: Alma 37:37

"Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good."

# HOPE in Holland

#### **By Megan Armknecht** (Based on a true story)

Grace was a 15-year-old girl living in Holland during World War II. The war had gone on for a long time. The people in Holland were starving, and they hoped the war would soon be over.

The last year of World War II was the very worst for Holland. The Nazis took everything.

There was no coal to heat their house.

Grace couldn't go to school. She and her

family had to eat tulip bulbs to keep from starving. They tasted *horrible*! Worst of all, Dad was still a prisoner of war.

But people were hopeful. Some said the Nazis were losing the war. And in May of 1945, the Nazis finally surrendered. Holland was free again! People celebrated in the streets. Now Grace could go back to school. There were no soldiers to be afraid of.

Best of all, one day when Grace and her brothers were walking back from school, they saw that the flag of Holland was flying in front of their home. Could it mean . . .?

"Dad's home!" shouted Heber.

Grace and her brothers ran inside. Grace threw her arms around Dad and gave him a big hug. He hugged her back tightly. It was so wonderful to have him home.

Soon after that, packages of food, clothes, and medicine began arriving in Holland. The Church leaders in Salt Lake City sent a lot of supplies to help people after the war. Grace even got a new dress! She had worn the same dress for five years, so she was very happy to have a new one.

For the first time in years, Grace had enough to eat. The mission presidency and the government in Holland decided to start a potato project to grow more food. Church

members planted lots of potatoes in nearby fields. By fall they would have thousands of potatoes to eat.

"Look!" Grace told Dad, pointing to a sprouting potato plant. "We'll never go hungry again!"

Dad nodded but didn't smile. He said, "President Zappey told me that the Latter-day Saints in Germany are still starving, just like we were. They are not getting help from the government like we are." Dad put his arm around Grace's shoulders. "President Zappey has asked if we would give our potatoes to the German Saints."

"Give up our potatoes!" Grace cried. But the *Nazis* were from Germany!

"I know it's not easy," Dad said. "But the people from Germany are also children of God. He loves them too. I forgave the Nazis for making me a prisoner. The Lord can help us all forgive."

Grace looked up at Dad. He was the bravest person she knew, but she didn't know if she had the courage



to forgive like him. Then she remembered one of her teachers in school during the war. Her teacher had said that not all Germans were Nazis, and not all Nazi soldiers were bad. And now the girls and boys in Germany were starving, just like Grace had been.

Grace took a deep breath. "I understand," she said. "Let's give them our potatoes."

Dad hugged her and smiled. "You are such a brave girl. This is a hard thing to do. But we are disciples of Jesus Christ, and so are our German brothers and sisters."

Grace smiled. The angry feelings in her heart melted, and she felt calm and warm. She could

forgive the Germans. And Jesus could help her love them too.

The author lives in New Jersey, USA.

Latter-day Saints in Holland gave 140,000 pounds (70 tons) of potatoes and 180,000 pounds (90 tons) of fish to the German Latter-day Saints. Later, in 1953, the German Saints sent supplies to Church members in Holland after a huge flood.

Watch a video about the Dutch potato project at friend.lds.org during November.





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#### BRAIN TEASER

I have 88 keys, but I can't open any door. What am I?

See page 39



#### DEAR JOURNAL

DRAW

Draw a goat from the letter g!

Write down five good things that happened to you this week. How has Heavenly Father blessed you?

#### QUICK QUIZ

Finish the scripture: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as " (Hint: See Isaiah 1:18.)

a. white as snow b. pure as wool

c. clear as water

See page 39.

d. clean as linen

#### SECRET SERVICE

- Rake leaves, shovel snow, or plant flowers.
- Give away tickets or tokens at an arcade or carnival.
- Help someone with their homework.



I can prepare myself for the Aaronic Priesthood by acting like Jesus Christ, reading my scriptures, and praying.

#### Isaac D., age 11, Utah, USA

An At Choice

#### **By Juliann Tenney Doman** (Based on a true story)

"He that doeth good is of God" (3 John 1:11).

Prett was getting ready for bed when Dad knocked on his door.

"Is everything all right?" Dad asked. "You seemed a little sad at dinner."

Brett plopped down on his bed. "I guess I'm just nervous about all the tests I have at school this week. We didn't have this many in elementary school."

"Middle school is a change, isn't it?" Dad asked, sitting down by Brett. "I guess they want to challenge you more." Brett sighed and fell back on his pillow. "It's definitely a challenge."

> Dad smiled. "Just do your best. Mom and I are here for you. And Heavenly Father is *always* ready to help. Why don't we pray about it?"

After the prayer, Dad left and Brett crawled into bed. He felt peaceful. He knew Heavenly Father would help him do his best. A couple weeks later, Brett's little sister, Julie, came into the kitchen with the mail—including two envelopes. Report cards! Brett gulped.

"Here's yours," she said, holding it out to Brett. "Thanks." Brett took the envelope and stared at it. His heart beat a little faster. Slowly he opened the envelope. He unfolded the paper. Then his heart sank. His grades could have been worse. But they definitely could've been better. He had tried hard and done his best. But he still felt pretty lousy.

"I got all As!" Julie told Mom and Dad, waving her report card. "I'll be on the honor roll!"

Brett felt like crying. He knew *he* wouldn't be on the honor roll.

"Way to go!" Mom gave Julie a high five. Julie turned to Brett, hand up.

Brett tried to smile. "Good job, Julie. That's awesome," he said, giving her a high five.

"Thanks," said Julie. She grabbed her backpack and ran upstairs.

"How about you, Brett?" Dad asked. "How are your grades?"

Brett handed over the report card without looking up.

Dad was quiet for a second as he and Mom looked at it. "Not what you were hoping for, huh?" Dad said.

Brett shook his head.

"That's OK," Mom said, putting her

arm around his shoulders and giving him a squeeze. "We know how hard you worked. And there's always next time. Middle school is harder, but you'll get the hang of it."

"But Julie gets As every time!" Brett blurted out.

"Well, it's not a competition," Dad said. "Plus school grades aren't the most important grades in life."

"What do you mean?"

Dad smiled. "You said 'good job' to Julie and gave her a high five, even when you were feeling sad about your own grades. I think that was an A+ choice."

Brett smiled. He couldn't always control his grades. But

he *could* control how hard he tried. And how he treated his sister. He'd keep working on his grades. And he'd keep making good choices. He wanted to be an A+ kid! • The author lives in Colorado, USA.



"Blessings will come not so much because of your abilities but because of your choices." Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles "A Yearning for Home." Ensign. New. 2017. 23.

#### WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Everybody I know has lots of talents. How can I find something I'm good at? -Talentless in Toronto

#### Dear "Talentless,"

Did you know God gave *everyone* special gifts and talents? Including you! (See Doctrine and Covenants 46:11.) You're not talentless at all. Sometimes it takes a while to figure out what our talents are. That's OK. Just keep trying to use your gifts to help others. With Heavenly Father's help, you can even gain new talents. He made you a truly special person, and you do amazing things!

Never forget that,

The Friend

Here are just a few of the gifts Heavenly Father might have given you. Circle the ones you have already. Underline ones you might want to practice. What others can you think of?


#### FOOD & FUN

## 3-D Thankful Apple

**By Christina Crosland** 

1. Cut red, yellow, or green paper into strips 1/2 inch (or 1.25 cm) wide, cutting along the short side of the paper.

Glue the middle of the strips together, crisscrossing them so they make a star shape. Write something you are thankful for on each point of the star.

Turn the star over so the words are facing down. Then glue the ends together to form a ball.

3.

Add leaves and a stem. Now put your apples somewhere to remember what you're grateful for!

#### **Mini Candy Apples**

3 large apples

1 pound (454 g) chewy caramel candies

1/4 cup heavy cream

toppings (like crushed nuts, coconut, or pretzel crumbs)

toothpicks

- 1. With a small melon baller or spoon, scoop out round balls from the apples and pat dry. Insert a toothpick into each ball.
- 2. Put the caramels and cream in a pan and cook on low heat. Stir occasionally until smooth.
- 3. Dip each apple ball completely into the melted mixture. Then dip into ice water for 6 seconds.
- 4. Dip the apple ball into your topping of choice and pop it into your mouth!

# Sister )

By David Dickson Church Magazines

"I have a fam'ly here on earth. They are so good to me" (Children's Songbook, 188).

o fair!" Rachel yelled. "I don't // N want to watch your show!" She grabbed for the remote control.

But her big sister Brianna was faster. She held the remote above her head.

she said. "Now it's my turn to watch my show."

Rachel scowled and jumped off the couch. "You're being mean!"

"I am not!" Brianna said. "It's my turn!"

After more arguing, Rachel heard Dad's footsteps coming down the hall. Uh oh. Dad always had the same solution when it came to fighting over the TV.

"Time to turn it off," he said. He pushed the power button on the remote. The screen went black.

"But, Dad!" Brianna said. "I didn't get to watch my favorite show."

Before Dad could say anything, Rachel heard herself blurting out, "That's because it's boring!"

"No, it's not!" Brianna said.

Rachel put her hands on her hips. Her insides felt hot and bubbly, like a volcano. "It's the most boring-est show in the universe." She would rather watch weeds grow than watch Brianna's show. Her sister liked the weirdest things.

Dad stepped between them. "All right, cool it. Maybe

you two need some space from each other."

Brianna gave Rachel a mean look that made Rachel's stomach twist. Brianna hadn't ever looked at her like that before.

"Fine!" Brianna snapped. "I'll be in my room. Away from her."

Dad put a hand on Brianna's shoulder. "You know," he said, looking at both of them, "I wish you two would be nicer to each other. You could be best friends."

Brianna stomped to her room, and

Rachel heard her slam her bedroom door. The twisty feeling in her stomach got worse.

Rachel went outside to ride her scooter. Maybe it would help her forget the way Brianna had looked at her.

The sky was warm and sunny. But no matter how hard Rachel tried, she couldn't stop worrying about the argument with Brianna.

Her favorite show really is boring, she thought. It's boring-er than dirt. But . . . maybe I should have let her watch *it anyway.* She kept riding her scooter in circles. Then she noticed someone walk toward her. It was Brianna!

"Hey," Brianna said. She looked happy.

Rachel stopped her scooter. Why was Brianna smiling? "Um, hi," she said back.

"So, I thought we could use a sister date," Brianna said. "My treat. How does the Fun Center sound?"

That was Rachel's favorite place! "Really?" she answered. "That sounds awesome! Let's go!"

"I just sat through your cartoon,"



Count us in!

And it *was* awesome. The two of them skated around and around the rink. Brianna even brought money for the arcade games. They won tickets and traded them for goofy glasses with fake mustaches.

Rachel giggled while Brianna made funny faces with her mustache. Then she remembered the fight they had earlier.

"I'm sorry I didn't let you watch your TV show," Rachel

said. "I wasn't being very nice."

Brianna put her arm around her. "Neither was I. I'm sorry too. Besides, this is the kind of stuff I'd rather do with you anyway."

Rachel smiled her biggest smile. "Me too! Because we're best friends, right?"

Brianna gave her a big-sister hug. "Best friends," she agreed.  ${\ensuremath{\bullet}}$ 

We could go to the fun center together too.

### Learni<mark>ng by</mark> Light

#### **Star Spotting**

Elder Quentin L. Cook of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles taught what happens when we follow the light of Jesus Christ.\* Find out what he said by matching the stars with the letters below. Check your answer on page 39.





\*From "The Lord Is My Light," Ensign, May 2015, 62-66.

### Shine Your Light!



Jeremey, Niklas, Levi, and Betty S., and Marit, Oskar, and Frieda M., ages 12, 10, 6, 3, 7, 5, and 2, Saxony, Germany

Kyle F., age 6, Pangasinan, Philippines

Steffi N., age 9, West Midlands, England

#### **FUNSTUFF ANSWERS**

Page 15: C—most red; A—most yellow; B—the same

Page 26: 1—carrot parrot; 2—cold gold; 3—prayer bear; 4—park shark; 5—glad dad; 6—cake break; 7—church search; 8—pet jet; 9—scripture picture

Page 31: a piano; white as snow

Page 38: His, light, example, joy, happiness, peace; C and G



#### HIDDEN CTR RINGS

Did you find the rings? Look on pages FJ3, 37, and 20.

#### How to Write to the Friend

To send us a letter, drawing, poem, or star . . .

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### For Parents of Little Ones

f you're looking for exciting stories about bravery, heroism, and adventure to share with your children, start with the scriptures! Scripture stories can help children internalize gospel truths that will guide them long after you've closed the book.



Tell a scripture bedtime story. You could use illustrated stories from past issues of *Friend Junior*.

Have your child act out scripture stories as you narrate. Use basic costumes to add to the fun. You could also use toys, puppets, or scripture figures to tell the story. (To print scripture figures, go to **lessonhelps.lds.org** and click on the category "Scripture Figures.") Pick a special word when telling the story. Point to your child whenever that word comes up, and let your child say the word to help tell the story.

Have your child choose a picture from the Gospel Art Book (available at store.lds.org or at medialibrary.lds.org) and tell them that scripture story while they eat breakfast or lunch.

## What I Know

By Jordan Monson Wright

I may not know everything, but I can clearly see

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That Jesus Christ loves everyone, including you and me.

When I see people who need help, I know just what to do.

I serve them just like Jesus would . . . because I love them too!

## Thankful for Scriptures



FJ2 Friend

## Searching for Scriptures

Help James and his family find their scriptures so they can read together!



## Daniel and the Lions

By Kim Webb Reid

Daniel was the king's helper. The king liked Daniel because he was a good person. The other leaders were jealous! They made a plan to hurt Daniel.





They tricked the king into making a new law that whoever prayed to God would be thrown into a den of lions. They knew Daniel believed in God and would pray no matter what. When they saw Daniel praying, they told the king.



The king was sad he had been tricked. But the law could not be changed.



The king put Daniel into a den of lions. He covered the door with a heavy stone. What was going to happen to Daniel?



God sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions! In the morning, the king took Daniel out of the den. He was happy that Daniel was safe. He told all the kingdom that God had saved Daniel.



I can be like Daniel by praying and trusting Heavenly Father!

From Daniel 6



These children are acting out the story of Daniel and the lions. What scripture story do you want to act out?



Jacy stared at the night-light. It was too bright. She couldn't sleep. She pulled her blanket over her eyes. Now it was too dark! She couldn't sleep. Jacy started to cry. She would *never* fall asleep!

Just then her door opened softly. "Jacy?"

It was Daddy! He came and sat

Jacy grabbed her teddy bear. It had a little bell inside that made noise. Jacy shook the bear. *Ting, ting, ting* went the bell. That didn't help her sleep either.

She was so bored! There was no one to talk to! And it was too quiet and too dark.



by her on the bed. "What's the matter?" Daddy asked.

"It's too quiet! I can't sleep. My brain just keeps thinking of things!" Jacy wiped the tears off her cheeks.

Daddy rubbed her back. "Sometimes when I can't sleep, I

# Your Blessings

**By Lori Fuller** Church Magazines (Based on a true story)

sing my favorite song. And then I count my blessings." Daddy started singing. He sang, "Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings, see what God hath done."

Jacy hummed along. She liked this song too.

"What are some of your blessings?" Daddy asked.

"Um, my teddy bear," said Jacy. She waved the bear to make the bell jingle.

"That's a good blessing," said Daddy. "What else?"

"Daddy!" said Jacy. "Daddy is a

blessing." That made Daddy smile. "And Mommy," said Jacy. "And baby Darel. He's kind of a blessing." Daddy laughed. "How about your warm bed and your night-light?" Jacy nodded. She was starting to

Daddy pulled the blanket up to Jacy's chin. "You are a blessing too, Jacy. I love you." He gave her a kiss and closed the door behind him.

feel sleepy.

Jacy hummed the song again. "Count your blessings, count your blessings . . ."

And soon she was fast asleep.