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# the Friend

Following Jesus Together

Ready for the  
**TEMPLE**

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## Dear Friends.

Temples are houses of the Lord. They are holy places where we learn about Heavenly Father's plan and make covenants (promises) with Him. In the temple, we can be baptized for those who have died and be sealed to our families forever.

Even if you are too young to go inside the temple now, you can still look forward to going someday. Go to page 24 to learn more about going to the temple. What can you do now to prepare?

Love,  
The *Friend*



### WHERE I READ THE *FRIEND*

Rina M., age 9, reads  
the *Friend* in English  
in Dar Es Salaam,  
Tanzania!



### WE LOVE TO SEE THE TEMPLE

Maya and Luke S., ages 9 and 3, visited the Oakland California Temple.



### FOREVER FAMILY

I cut out the picture of the Barranquilla Colombia Temple and drew my family inside (Dec. 2019). I want my family to be together forever!

Lane S., age 10, Iowa, USA



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**Hard:** On a tree

**Harder:** A bishop can help

**Hardest:** Buckets of fun

Here is the CTR ring in French!



Front cover by Brandon Dorman

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**By President  
Henry B. Eyring**  
Second Counselor in  
the First Presidency

# Loving the Temple

The temple helps us learn to love heavenly places. This is especially true when children are young. Children can feel that the temple is sacred.

When he was a boy, President Ezra Taft Benson knew the temple was important. He watched his mother carefully iron her temple clothing. He watched his family as they left his home to attend the temple.

When he was the prophet, he went to the temple each week. He always did temple work for an ancestor.

You too can learn to love the temple now. Some of you have pictures of temples in your homes. Many of you can visit temple grounds. Some may even be able to attend open houses when temples are built.

Because of the temple, we have the hope that we can live with our families forever. ●

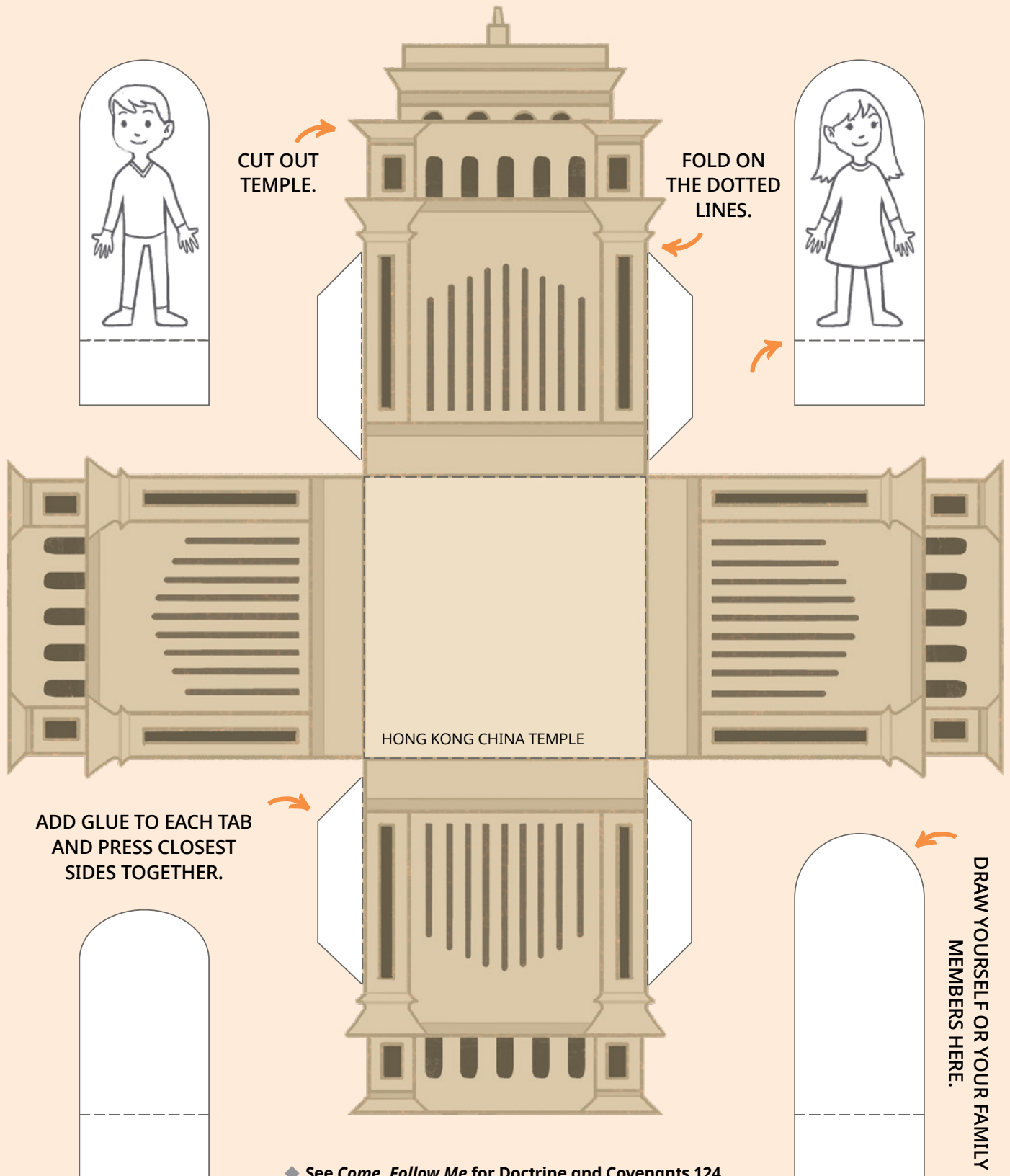
*Adapted from "A Home Where the Spirit of the Lord Dwells,"  
Ensign or Liahona, May 2019, 22–25.*





# Temple Cutout

Cut, fold, glue!



◆ See *Come, Follow Me* for Doctrine and Covenants 124.



# Peace

and Primary  
Songs





Max  
pictured the  
family he  
would have  
someday.

By Lucy Stevenson Ewell

Church Magazines

(Based on a true story)

*"I can often feel the Savior  
near when love is spoken here"*  
(Children's Songbook, 191).

Max rocked back and forth in his chair. His favorite part of Primary was about to start.

"Welcome to singing time," Sister Rose said. The piano started to play. Max sang along.

Max loved singing time. But his family wasn't really like the happy families he sang about in Primary. Things were hard at home.

That's why Max liked Primary so much. He always felt loved and safe when he was there. He felt peace in Primary.

"For our next song, I have a special challenge for you," said Sister Rose. "As we sing, I want you to think about what it will be like when you are grown up and have a family of your own."

The piano music started again. The notes were soft and peaceful. Max looked around the room. He could see pictures of Jesus and the temple hanging on the wall.

The other children began to sing. Max started singing too. *Mine is a home where every hour is blessed by the strength of priesthood power.*

Max closed his eyes and imagined being a dad.

He thought of praying with his future family. He imagined singing songs with them, playing games together, and having home evening.

As he sang the last words, Max had a big smile on his face. *I can often feel the Savior near when love is spoken here.*

Someday Max could have a family like that. Someday he could have a home where he felt peaceful like he did in Primary. Thinking about it made Max feel warm all over.

He raised his hand. "Sister Rose," Max said, "I think that song is kind of like a recipe. A recipe for a happy family."

"You're right," Sister Rose said. "No family is perfect. But when we try to be like Jesus, we can help our families. We can help make our homes peaceful places."

Max looked at the picture of the temple on the wall. He knew he could help his family now by being like Jesus. And even though it was far away, he was excited to have his own family. And it made him happy to know that he could be with them forever. ●

After his mission, Max got married in the temple. Now he always does his best to make his home a place where people can feel loved.

◆ See *Come, Follow Me* for Doctrine and Covenants 121–123.



# SCRIPTURE TIME FUN

These ideas go along with *Come, Follow Me*—  
for Individuals and Families each week.

## Listen and Lead

FOR DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 111–114



Sing “I Am a Child of God”  
(*Children’s Songbook*, 2–3).

**Jesus** said, “Be thou humble; and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand, and give thee answer to thy prayers” (Doctrine and Covenants 112:10). Heavenly Father wants to help us!


**Make** an obstacle course with objects outside or inside your home. Have one person wear a blindfold. Have another person take their hand and lead them carefully through the obstacle course. Take turns leading and following.





## The Church's Name

FOR DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 115–120

 Sing “The Church of Jesus Christ”  
(*Children’s Songbook*, 77).


**Jesus** said His Church would be called The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (see Doctrine and Covenants 115:4). You can read more about the name of the Church on page 42.

**Pretend** that one of you has never heard of the Church before. Take turns sharing what you believe and practice saying the full name of the Church.

## The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

## Growing Stronger

FOR DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 121–123

 Sing “I Feel My Savior’s Love”  
(*Children’s Songbook*, 74–75).


**Hard** times don’t last forever. Heavenly Father and Jesus can bless and help us (see Doctrine and Covenants 121:7–8).

**Take** turns lifting something heavy. Talk about how lifting that load is like going through a hard time. How can trials make us stronger and help us grow? Now lift the object with someone else’s help. Remind everyone that Jesus Christ helps us carry our load.



## Good Hearts

FOR DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 124

 Sing “Have I Done Any Good?”  
(*Hymns*, no. 223).

**Jesus** is happy when we try to do good (see Doctrine and Covenants 124:15–21).

**Cut** out paper hearts and draw yourself doing a good thing on each one. Each day this week, pick a heart and do what the drawing shows.



# Seeing Musa

By Sheila Kindred

(Based on a true story)

*"Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).*

"Mom, something happened at school today that's really bothering me." Angie dropped her backpack on the floor and flopped down on the couch.

Mom looked up from the book she was reading. "Oh? What happened?"

"Well, there's a new boy named Musa in my class."

"That's great!" Mom said. "Did you talk to him?"

"No, and I don't want to!" Angie said.

"He's mean."

"What did he do?"

Angie scowled. "I saw him walking to school with his sister. He made her walk behind him the whole way! Every time she tried to walk next to him, he'd hurry and get in front of her. It made me so mad."

Mom frowned. "That doesn't sound very nice."

*Maybe the new boy wasn't really mean after all.*







"He sounds like a very thoughtful brother," Mom said.

"He is!" Meghan said. "And when they got to school, he walked with her to the office so they could call home. And he stayed with her until her mom brought the sunglasses."

*Wow, Angie thought. I guess I didn't see what was really happening.*

Meghan sat down next to Angie on the couch. "Dalia's sunglasses are really cool! They're purple with jewels on them. Mom, can I invite her over this week? We could both wear our sunglasses and play dress-up!"

"Good idea," Mom said. "Why don't you invite Musa too? I'd like to meet both of them. What do you think, Angie?"

"I'd like to meet them too." Angie smiled. "I think Musa would be a great friend." ●

*The author lives in Iowa, USA.*

Maybe he could use a friend like you to show him how to treat others with love."

Just then, Angie's younger sister, Meghan, rushed in. "Mom, guess what? There's a new girl in my class! Her name is Dalia Kader. Isn't that a beautiful name?"

"I think her brother is in my class," Angie said.

"Really? You're so lucky."

Angie frowned. "Lucky? Why?"

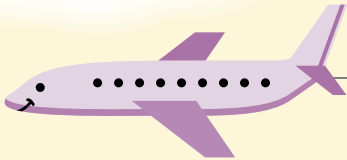
"Dalia told me all about him!"

"I bet she did," Angie muttered.

"She said she had to put some eye drops in this morning, and she was supposed to wear sunglasses to protect her eyes, but she forgot. So when they walked to school, Musa walked in front of her the whole way to shade her from the sun. Wasn't that so nice?"

Angie blinked in surprised. Had she misjudged Musa?





*The Apostles minister to people around the world and teach them about Jesus Christ.*



## Elder Renlund Visits the Caribbean

In February 2020, Elder Dale G. Renlund and his wife, Ruth, visited throughout the Caribbean Islands.



This girl sang during a meeting in Dominica.



Elder Renlund told members that doing family history is another way to feel the spirit of the temple.

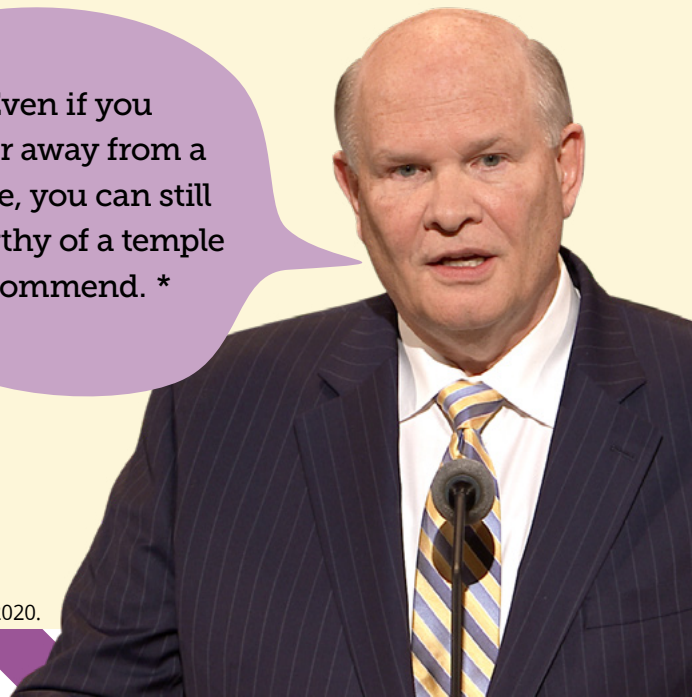


Elder Renlund asked two boys to join him as he spoke in a meeting.



This temple is in Haiti. The Dominican Republic also has a temple, and a new temple will be finished soon in Puerto Rico.

Even if you are far away from a temple, you can still be worthy of a temple recommend. \*





# Find It!

Jesus Christ created amazing animals that live underwater (see Genesis 1:20–21).

Can you find these things in the Caribbean Sea?





# MEET NATHAN

from the Republic  
of the Congo

*Meet Primary children helping  
others, like Jesus did.*



## All about Nathan

**LANGUAGE:**  
French

**AGE:** 10

**FROM:**  
Republic of  
the Congo

### GOALS AND DREAMS:

- 1) Always be on the school honor roll.
- 2) Play basketball.
- 3) Become a doctor.

**FAMILY:** Mom,  
Dad, and three  
younger siblings





## Nathan's Helping Hands

Nathan loves to read. His favorite books are the Book of Mormon, the New Testament, and books that help him learn French better. Nathan says it's important to read the scriptures "to learn what Jesus did for us and follow His example of kindness." He likes to help his younger siblings Stephy and Aaron learn to read too! He helps them with their homework and reads Book of Mormon stories with them. He feels happy to help.

Nathan also helps his siblings make their beds and get ready for school with their snacks and backpacks. He is a peacemaker at school and tries to follow Jesus's example of being kind to others. ●



Nathan with his siblings.

**Nathan followed Jesus by helping his siblings read. Turn the page to read a story about how Jesus taught people.**

### Nathan's Favorites

**PLACE:**  
The beach



**STORY ABOUT JESUS:**  
When Jesus healed the blind man



**PRIMARY SONG:**  
"Nephi's Courage"  
(Children's Songbook, 120-21)



**FOOD:**  
Chicken

**COLOR:**  
Orange



**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:**  
French

"Let us put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ into action!"

President Russell M. Nelson, "Opening the Heavens for Help," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2020, 73.



# Jesus Taught Others

When Jesus was a child, He “increased in wisdom” (Luke 2:52). That means He learned many things.

When Jesus was 12, His family went to Jerusalem. On their way back, Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus was not with them. They went back to Jerusalem to search for Him. They found Jesus teaching in the temple. The people were listening to Him and asking Him questions. They were amazed at what He knew. Jesus spent His life teaching others. ●

You can read the whole story in Luke 2:40-52.

## I CAN TEACH OTHERS

☐ What is something you can teach others?

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Say a prayer and make a plan to help.

\_\_\_\_\_



☐ Do your plan!

\_\_\_\_\_



**Jazmin C., age 9, Central Department, Paraguay**

I help my younger sister do her homework for preschool. I teach her to draw and write her name. When my family studies *Come, Follow Me* at night, I help my sister with the scriptures. I show her the pictures and explain them to her.

How are you trying to help others, like Jesus did? Write and tell us.







# ADVENTURES IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

with Margo and Paolo



*Bonjour!*  
We're in the Republic  
of the Congo!



This is the second-  
largest rainforest in  
the world. It has all  
kinds of plants and  
animals.



And the Congo River  
is the deepest river  
in the world!



Congo's closest temple is  
just across the river in  
Kinshasa, Democratic Republic  
of the Congo.



There are about 8,500  
members of the Church  
in Congo. The Church is  
growing here!



**Join the  
Helping Hands Team**

Nathan loves going to school.  
He follows Jesus by helping his  
younger siblings learn too.

**Challenge:** Getting an education  
is important! Make a list of all the  
things you have at home and in  
the community that can help you  
learn. How can you use each one  
to learn more?



By Jane McBride  
(Based on a true story)

# Prayers for Tessa

*"Who's on the Lord side? Who? Now is the time to show" (Hymns, no. 260).*

Tessa stared down at her shoes. It was time for gym class. Kids were picking teams to play kickball. She knew she would get picked last. She always did.

Soon no one else was left but Tessa. "I guess we're stuck with *her* again," the team captain whispered to his friend. Both of them snickered.

Tessa pretended she hadn't heard.

A few minutes into the game, a girl on the other team kicked the ball. It was coming right at Tessa!

*I'll show them I can play!* Tessa thought. She lunged forward to catch the ball. But it hit her arms and bounced to the ground.

"Can't you do anything right?" the team captain said.

Tessa spun around to face him. "Fine! You don't have to be stuck with me anymore!" She stomped over to the ball and kicked it hard.

Tessa's best friend, Shondra, ran after her. "Hey, it's all right," Shondra said. "Anybody can drop a ball."

"Yeah? Then how come nobody wants me on their team?" Tessa said.

"Maybe it's because you get so mad," Shondra said. She walked back to where the other kids were waiting.

Tessa sat on a bench in the corner of the playground. Her eyes stung with tears. She didn't want the school to call her parents again. They had already called before. The principal said Tessa had trouble getting along with other kids.

Tessa didn't know why she acted the way she did.

*"Nobody wants me on their team," Tessa said.*



She didn't *want* to cause trouble. She just felt so angry and sad sometimes, and she had a hard time keeping it in.

Tessa sighed. "I'll never fit in," she said to herself.

When school ended, Tessa hurried outside. Mom was there to pick her up. She listened as Tessa told about her day.

"They never choose me to be on their team," Tessa said. "I feel like no one is ever on my side."

"I'm sorry, sweetheart," Mom said. "Sometimes people are unkind. But Heavenly Father is always on your side. And so is your family." She gave Tessa a hug. "Let's go home now. I have a surprise for you."

When they got home, Grandma was there! Tessa always loved her visits.



"I want to know everything that's going on in your life," Grandma said. "How's school?"

Tessa looked down. "Not very good."

"Your mom said you were having a hard time," Grandma said. "You know that she and your dad are praying for you, right?"

"Yeah."

"And you know that Grandpa and I pray for you, right?"

Tessa nodded.

"Well, now you have a lot of other people praying for you too!"

"What do you mean?" Tessa asked.

"I put your name on the prayer roll in the temple," Grandma said. "That

way, lots of people are praying for you—even people who don't know you."

"So, it's kind of like they're on the same team as me?" Tessa said.

"Sure, you could look at it that way," Grandma said. "Heavenly Father is always cheering you on! And now, so are all those people who are praying for you."

"Thank you, Grandma!" Tessa gave Grandma a big hug.

The next time Tessa felt upset at school, she closed her eyes and took a deep breath. She remembered all of the people who were praying for her. That helped her feel a little better. Then she bowed her head to say a prayer of her own.

*Thank you, Heavenly Father, she prayed. Thank you for cheering me on. ●*

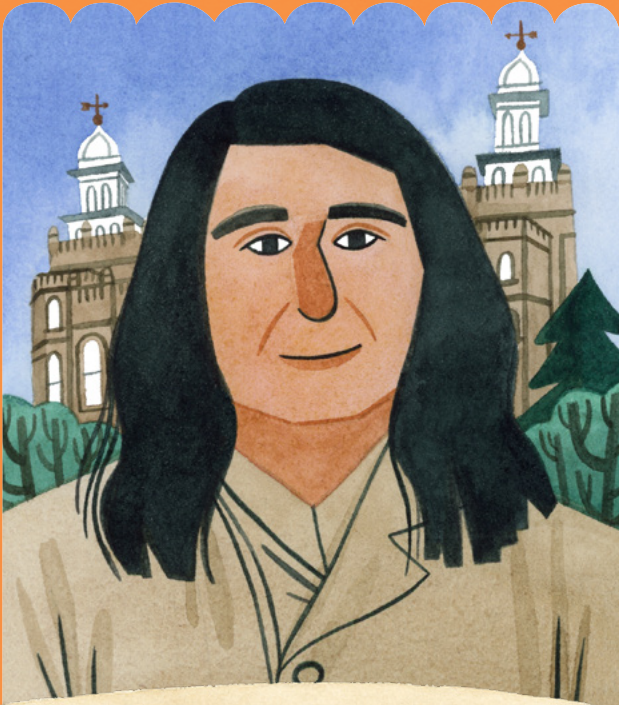
*The author lives in Colorado, USA.*



### WHAT IS THE PRAYER ROLL?

Jesus Christ taught us to pray for others. The temple prayer roll is a list of people who need extra help. They might be sick or be struggling with some other problem. Church members who go to the temple pray for those whose names are put on the prayer roll.

● See *Come, Follow Me* for Doctrine and Covenants 121–123.



SAGWITCH TIMBIMBOO

1822–1887

“I want to be at peace with all men.”

- He was a Shoshone chieftain in what is now northern Utah, USA.
- He and many of his people were baptized in 1873.
- He and his wife were some of the first American Indians to be sealed in the temple.
- He and his people helped build the Logan Utah Temple. They later did temple work for their people who had died.

As quoted in Scott R. Christensen, *Sagwitch: Shoshone Chieftain, Mormon Elder, 1822–1887* (1999), xvii.

“I esteem it a great privilege to ... help in the [spreading] of the gospel.”

- She lived in Norway. She was a widow, and she raised two sons.
- She learned the gospel from a shoemaker. When he repaired her shoes, he put a Church pamphlet in each one. She was baptized in the sea.
- She served a mission in Scandinavia. Her son John became an Apostle.

Anna C. Widtsoe letter, Salt Lake City, Utah, to Joseph F. Smith, June 6, 1903, Church History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.



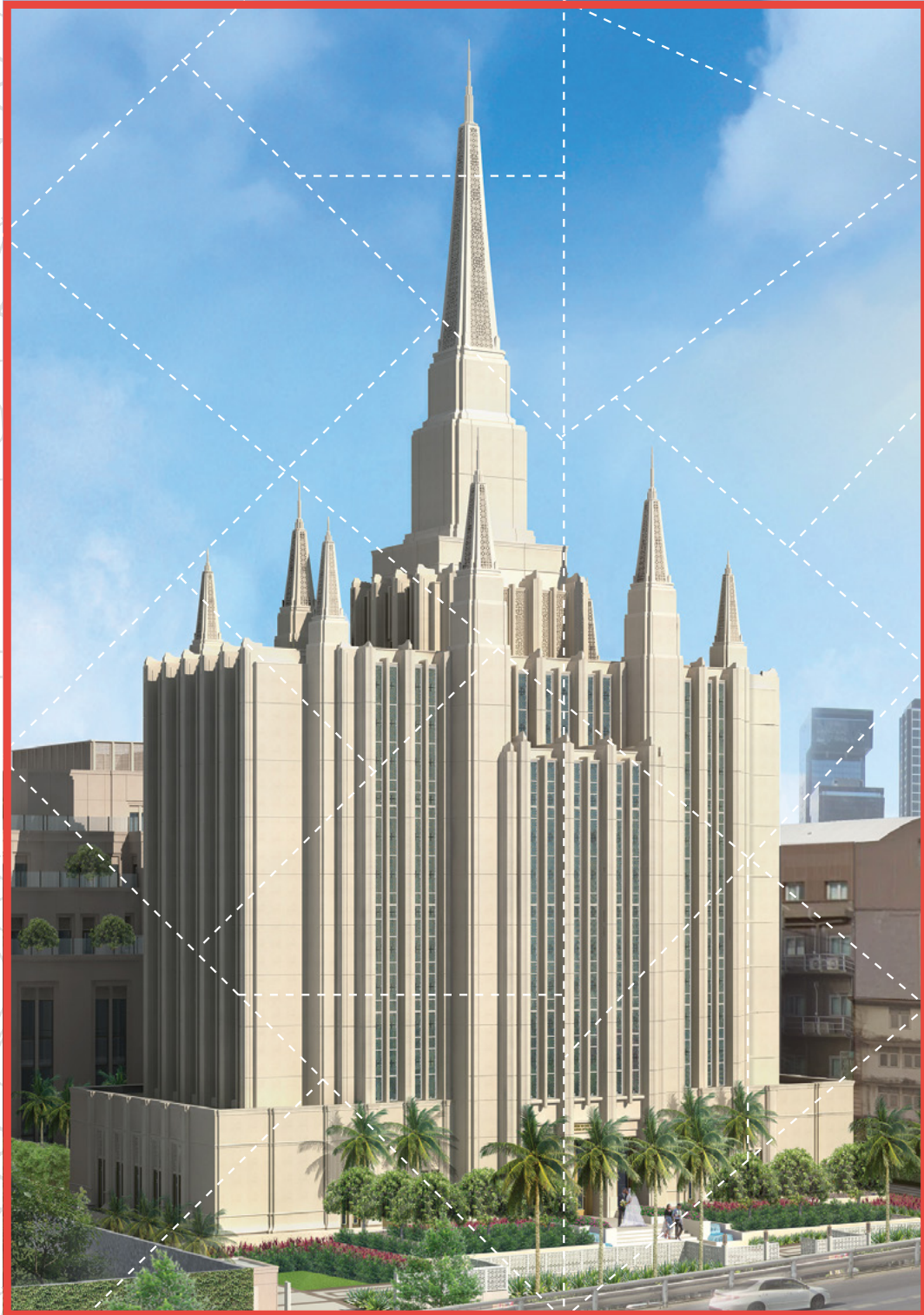
ANNA GAARDEN WIDTSOE

1849–1919



# Build a Temple

Cut along the dotted lines to make a puzzle of what the Bangkok Thailand Temple will look like.  
When it's finished, people in Thailand will have a temple in their own country!







By Haley Yancey  
(Based on a true story)

# THE TWO ENVELOPES

What are you going to spend your Chinese New Year money on?



I'm going to buy a new jump rope.



I'm going to buy candy.



I'm going to buy a new bag.



I'm going to save it.



What should I do with my money?







THE NEXT  
SUNDAY ...



*This story took place in Taiwan.  
Chinese New Year will be on February 1 next year!*





Look forward to the temple!  
Many blessings are waiting for you there.





# I Love to See the Temple

(Simplified)

Thoughtfully ♩ = 80-88

Words and music by Janice Kapp Perry

Chords: F, C<sup>7</sup>, F, B<sup>b</sup>

1. I love to see the tem - ple. I'm go - ing there some - day To  
 2. I love to see the tem - ple. I'll go in - side some - day. I'll

Chords: Gm, C<sup>7</sup>, F, C<sup>7</sup>, F

feel the Ho - ly Spir - it, To lis - ten and to pray. For the  
 cov-'nant with my Fa - ther; I'll prom - ise to o - bey. For the

Chords: B<sup>b</sup>, G<sup>7</sup>, C<sup>7</sup>

tem - ple is a house of God, A place of love and beau - ty. I'll pre -  
 tem - ple is a ho - ly place Where we are sealed to - geth - er. As a

Chords: F, B<sup>b</sup>, Am, B<sup>b</sup>, C<sup>7</sup>, F

pare my - self while I am young; This is my sa - cred du - ty.  
 child of God, I've learned this truth: A fam - 'ly is for - ev - er.

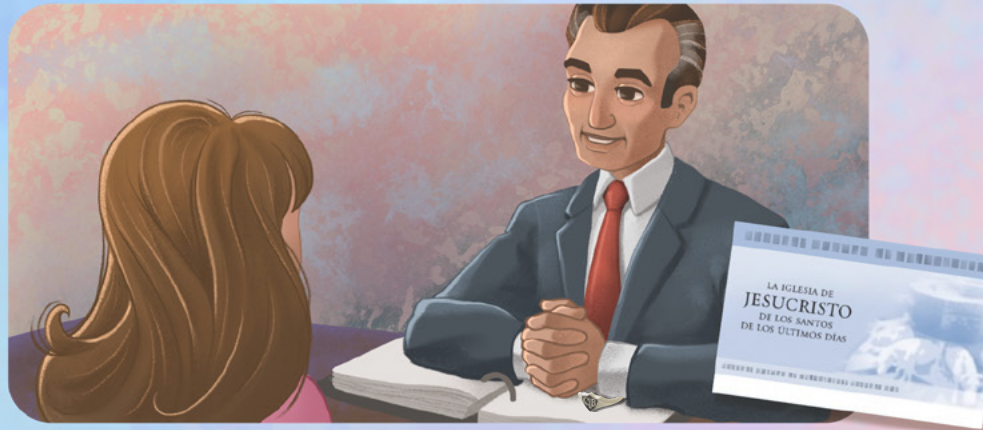
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# My First Temple Trip

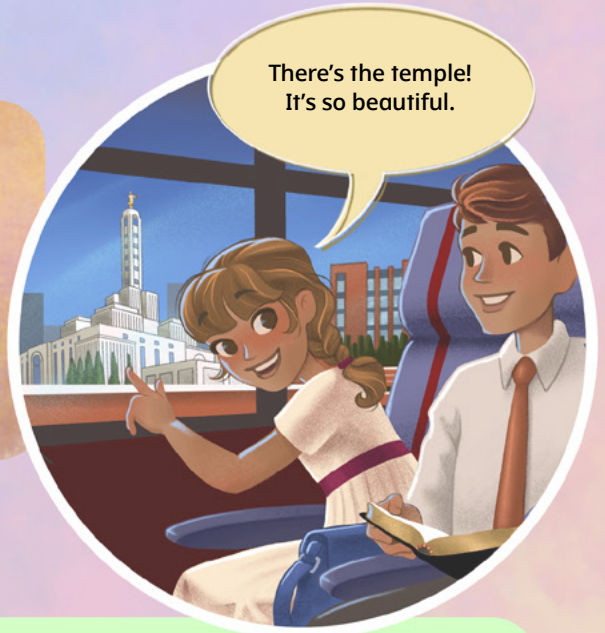
**Hola!** I'm Elena. It's my first time going to the temple.



A few weeks ago, I met with my bishop. He asked me some questions to help make sure I was ready to go to the temple. (You can read the questions on page 35!) Then he gave me my own temple recommend.



We're getting ready to go. I get dressed in my Sunday best. I also pack some things to fix my hair after it gets wet. And I make sure I have my recommend. Now we're off to catch the bus!



When I walk inside the temple, I feel peaceful. I show my recommend to the nice temple worker at the front desk. Another temple worker gives me a white jumpsuit. I go to the locker room to change.



Now I wait for my turn to be baptized. When it's my brother's turn, I stand by the font to be a witness. I make sure he goes all the way under the water.



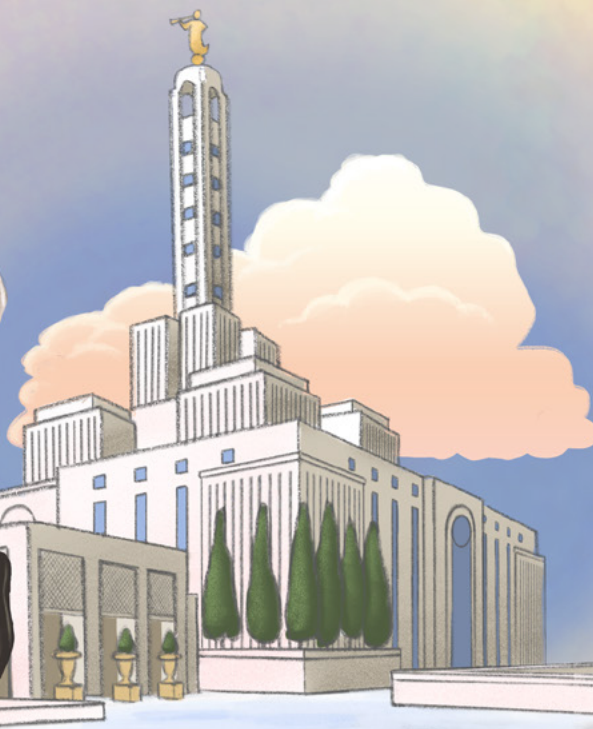


It's my turn now! The water is warm. I'm baptized for several people in a row.



When I get out, a temple worker hands me a towel. I rinse off in the dressing room and change back into my Sunday clothes. When I come out, a temple worker takes me to be confirmed for several people.

My time in the temple was really special! I'm happy I could help others by being baptized and confirmed for them. I can't wait to come back again soon.



◆ See *Come, Follow Me* for Doctrine and Covenants 124.



**By Sister  
Bonnie H. Cordon**  
Young Women  
General President

## A HOLY PLACE

**M**y office is in the shadow of the Salt Lake Temple. As I look out the window, I see the words on the temple that say, “Holiness to the Lord: The House of the Lord.”

Those words are on every temple. “Holiness to the Lord” reminds us that we need to be worthy to go inside.

Being worthy means trying to do what the Lord would like us to do. Even at your young age, you can prepare to enter the temple someday.

You can prepare in simple ways. You can learn about Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. You can pray. You can take the sacrament. You can keep the commandments. You can find names of ancestors who were never baptized so that someone can be baptized for them in the temple. You can try your best to be kind, to love those around you, to forgive, and to serve.

As you do these things, your heart becomes ready to enter the house of the Lord, a place of holiness. ●

*From an interview with Chad Strang.*

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◆ See *Come, Follow Me* for Doctrine and Covenants 124.



# Temple Cards

Cut out this page, glue it to heavy paper, and cut out the cards.



**Barranquilla Colombia Temple**

Dedicated December 9, 2018,  
by President Dallin H. Oaks



**Rome Italy Temple**

Dedicated March 10–12, 2019,  
by President Russell M. Nelson



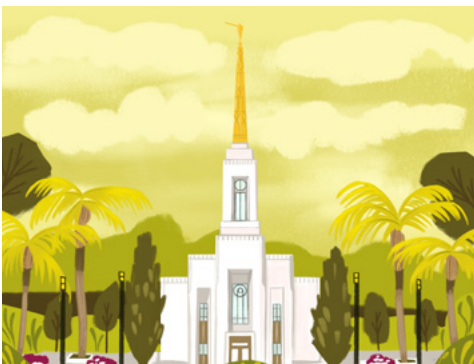
**Fortaleza Brazil Temple**

Dedicated June 2, 2019,  
by Elder Ulisses Soares



**Port-au-Prince Haiti Temple**

Dedicated September 1, 2019,  
by Elder David A. Bednar



**Lisbon Portugal Temple**

Dedicated September 15, 2019,  
by Elder Neil L. Andersen



**Arequipa Peru Temple**

Dedicated December 15, 2019,  
by Elder Ulisses Soares

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# SHOW and TELL



**"Christ Loves Us,"** Andrea V., age 8, Retalhuleu, Guatemala



**Emma C.,** age 7, Santiago, Chile



**I** was born in Guatemala, and for *Día de Muertos*, or Day of the Dead, people there make kites to remind them of their family members who have died. I made a kite with pictures of my ancestors and a picture of myself in the middle to remind me of their love.

**Sienna S.,** age 8, Utah, USA



**I** helped deliver wood to a family so they would have heat in their home.

**Sebastian B.,** age 10, Virginia, USA



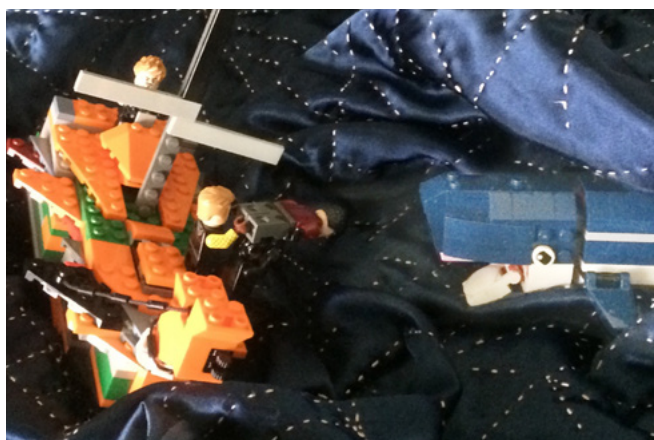
**W**hen President Nelson asked us to read the Book of Mormon, I decided to read it with my parents. I felt the Holy Ghost tell me the Book of Mormon is true. I have been reading my scriptures every day and have gained a stronger testimony.

**Savannah R.,** age 10, Texas, USA





**Bobby H., age 8, Alberta, Canada**



**"Jonah and the Whale," Ben M., age 10, Missouri, USA**



**"Give Thanks," Lincoln H., age 10, Idaho, USA**

**W**e helped at the food pantry by loading boxes of food.

It reminded us to be grateful for what we have. We felt happy we were able to serve with our ward.

**Emma K. and Charlotte F., ages 9 and 11, New Jersey, USA**



**Grace D., age 11, Greater Accra Region, Ghana**

**M**y family tree looks beautiful because it has names and pictures of my grandparents and cousins on it. I have indexed 1,156 names! I believe indexing is a way to bring families together.



**A** new boy moved to our school class in the middle of the year. I volunteered to help him feel welcome. He's one of my new friends!

**Connor E., age 7, Mazovia, Poland**



**W**hen I think about the temple, I have a good feeling. I look forward to turning 11 and serving in Heavenly Father's temple.

**Rafael D., age 10, Paraná, Brazil**

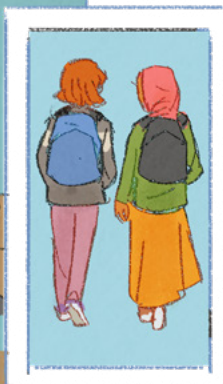
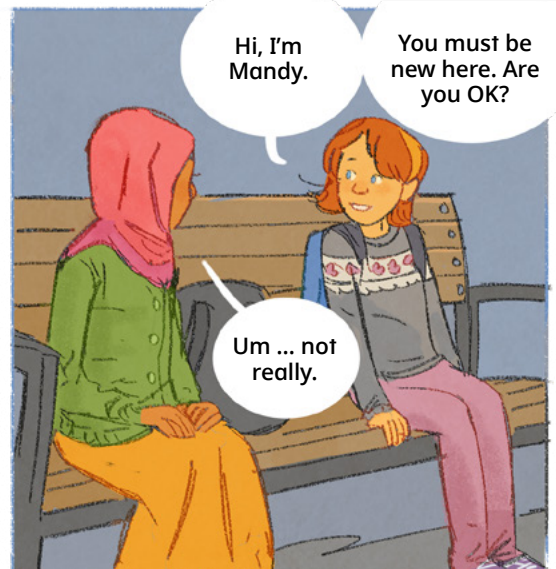


**Send in your own art and stories!**  
Go to the back cover to see how.





# MATT and MANDY



## Eleventh Article of Faith

"We claim the privilege of worshiping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may."



# For Older Kids



## Children and Youth Tip

When you set a goal, find a way to track your progress. You could write about what you're learning, check in with a friend or family member, or make a chart to keep track of what you accomplish.



## Future Missionary

My biggest dream is to be a missionary. One time when I was injured very badly, the missionaries came and gave me a blessing of healing. When I woke up and saw them, I felt more desire to serve and spread the gospel to the whole world! I love my Heavenly Father, and I know He cares for me and my family.

**Daniel L., age 13, Espírito Santo, Brazil**

## Secret Service

- Make a card for your Primary teacher.
- Call a family member you haven't seen in a while.
- Pray to know who needs your help this week.

# MARGARET CUMMINGS

FAITHFUL SAINT FROM AUSTRALIA

By Kristin Pedersen  
(Based on a true story)



Australia is the only country that is also a continent.



The Hamilton New Zealand Temple was dedicated in 1958.

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Today there are five temples in Australia.

Margaret tucked her children into bed. Her son, Jeffrey, opened one eye. "Mummy, when can we go to the temple?" Margaret kissed his forehead. "As soon as it's finished." She turned out the light.

Margaret was looking forward to the temple dedication too. She was excited to be sealed to her family. But the temple was far away in New Zealand. It would cost a lot of money to travel from their home in Australia. They had saved for months. They even sold their car. But they still needed 200 more pounds.

She knelt to pray. "Heavenly Father, please help us get the rest of the money we need."

Just then her husband, Don, walked in. "I saw my father today. He apologized for not visiting us, and he gave us this."

He handed her a piece of paper. It was a check for 100 pounds! Margaret could hardly believe it. Don's father hadn't talked to them in months. It was a miracle!

A few days later, Margaret's parents visited. "We've been saving some money," her father said. He pressed 100 pounds into Margaret's hand. "Have a good trip!"

Margaret smiled. They had enough money now!

There was one more problem. The trip would take six weeks. Don's boss said he couldn't be gone that long. After a lot of prayer, Margaret and Don decided Don would quit his job.

Finally it was time to go. Margaret and Don helped their children onto the train. They rode it for five whole days.

"Are we there yet?" Jeffrey asked Margaret.

"Not yet," she said. "Now we'll take the boat to New Zealand."

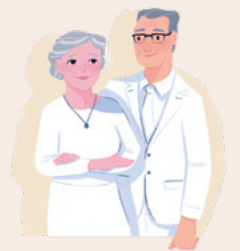
But there was more bad news. The boat had crashed. It wasn't taking passengers. Had they come this far for nothing?



Margaret was baptized after she got married.



Margaret lived in Perth, Australia, more than 5,300 km (3,300 miles) from Hamilton, New Zealand.



Margaret and her husband served as the matron and president of two different temples in Australia.





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## Had they come this far for nothing?

No! Margaret's prayers were answered again. Someone gave them plane tickets. Soon Margaret and her family were flying over the ocean. Next stop, New Zealand!

When Margaret finally stepped inside the temple, her heart was warm. She even got to shake the prophet's hand. "Heavenly Father will bless your family because you chose to come here," he said.

Later, Margaret and her family dressed in white. They knelt around an altar to be sealed. Margaret beamed. Now they could be together forever!

When they got home, Margaret and Don had only 5 pounds left. But Margaret remembered the prophet's promise. Heavenly Father would bless them.

And He did! The next week, Don came home with happy news. "I got a job! It's even better than the one I had before."

Margaret hugged him tight. She knew going to the temple would always be worth it. ●

*The author lives in Utah, USA.*



# Temple Countdown

You can receive your temple recommend in January of the year you turn 12! Follow these steps to find out how many years, months, and days you have until you can get yours.

Year I turn 12  
minus  
next year

Number of  
months until  
next year  
(don't count  
this month)

Number of  
days until the  
end of this  
month

**YEARS**

**MONTHS**

**DAYS**

**How I will prepare:** (See page 26 for ideas.)



# Getting a Temple Recommend



When you get your temple recommend, you will have an interview with your bishop or branch president. You can ask him anything you want. You can also have a parent come with you, if you'd like. Here are some of the things he will talk about with you.

## Temple Recommend Questions

- Do you have faith in Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost?
- Do you have a testimony of Jesus Christ's Atonement and in the Restoration of His Church?
- Do you sustain (support) your Church leaders (like the prophet, the apostles, and your bishop)?
- Do you strive (try hard) to keep your mind and body clean and pure?
- Do you follow the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ in how you treat others?
- Do you strive to keep the Sabbath holy?
- Do you strive to be honest?
- Do you pay a full 10-percent tithing?
- Do you understand and obey the Word of Wisdom?
- Are there any serious sins you need to repent of?
- Do you feel you are worthy to enter the Lord's house?



# READY FOR THE TEMPLE

**By Charlotte Larcabal**

Church Magazines

(Based on a true story)

*"See that ye do all things in worthiness" (Mormon 9:29).*

Ajan smiled big when he heard a knock on the door. *Madda* (Mom) had invited their ministering brother to help with a special home evening.

He opened the door. "*Wah gwaan*, Brother Williams!" ("What's up?")

"*Everything is irie!*" Brother Williams said. ("Everything is alright!") He handed Ajan a bag of mangos from his tree.

Brother Williams sat down on the couch. *Madda* asked Ajan's little sister, Dana, to say a prayer.

After she finished, Brother Williams said, "This year, Ajan will be turning 12. Does anyone know why this is a special year for him?"

Ajan's little brother, Tejaun, wiggled excitedly. "Because he can get the priesthood and pass the sacrament!"

"That's right!" Brother Williams said. "But there's another reason too."

He opened his wallet and pulled out a small piece of paper. "This is a temple recommend."

He handed it to Ajan.

"Cool!" Ajan ran his fingers over the gold temple on the card. "What do you do with it?"

"I show it to the person sitting at the front desk at the temple. It shows them that I'm worthy to go inside."

"I wanna see!" Dana grabbed it from Ajan and studied it closely.

"How do you think you'd feel if you had a recommend of your own?" Brother Williams asked.

"I'd feel special!" Ajan looked up from the card. "But I don't know if I can go to the temple. It costs a lot to buy a plane ticket to go there."

"I can't go to the temple very often either," Brother Williams said. "But my recommend reminds me to always be ready to go inside."

Ajan thought for a minute. "I want to be ready too," he said. "How can I get a recommend?"

"You meet with the bishop," Brother Williams said. "He will ask you some questions to see if you are ready."

"So it's like a test?" Ajan asked, a little nervously.

"It's more like a conversation," Brother Williams



◆ See *Come, Follow Me* for Doctrine and Covenants 124.



said. "The bishop is your friend, and he wants to help you be ready."

Ajan nodded. He liked the bishop.

"Would you like to see the questions?" Brother Williams handed Ajan a piece of paper with some questions on it. Dana and Tejaun huddled around him to see too.

"Number one," Ajan read. "'Do you have faith in and a testimony of God, the Eternal Father; His Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Ghost?'"

He brightened. That was easy. "Yes!"

He kept reading the questions, one by one. Mada and Brother Williams explained what a few things meant.

Then Ajan read another question: "'Do you understand and obey the Word of Wisdom?'" He frowned. "Once D'andre gave me some rum punch when I was at his house," he said. "But I don't ever want to drink it again. Does that mean I can't have a temple recommend?"

"Keeping the Word of Wisdom means not drinking alcohol, and rum punch has alcohol in it," Brother Williams said. "But you can always repent and be worthy to go to the temple."

"Because of Jesus!" said Tejaun.

"Exactly!" Brother Williams said. "Then your temple recommend can remind you to keep obeying the Word of Wisdom. And to always be ready to go to the temple."

Ajan grinned. He felt much better.

"Maybe I'll get to go to the temple sometime soon," Ajan said. "And when I do, I'll be ready!" ●

*This story took place in Jamaica.*

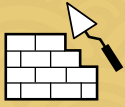


"How can I get a recommend?" Ajan asked.



# Tithing Puzzler

Here are some of the ways the Church uses tithing and donations:



building temples



building churches



feeding the hungry



printing scriptures



missionary work



education

Fill in the empty squares so that all six pictures are in each row (across), each column (up and down), and each purple rectangle.

	<b>Hint:</b> What picture belongs in this box?				



for little friends

**Sam is making a necklace for his mom.**

Can you figure out the pattern?

Which color should the next bead be?



Can you find these pictures on the next pages?



# Ana's Family Prayer

By Jennifer Maddy



It is time for Ana to go to bed.



It is also time for Papa to go to work.



Mama sings Ana a good-night song.



Papa gives Ana a drink.



Time for family prayer!



Ana feels peaceful after family prayer with Papa and Mama.

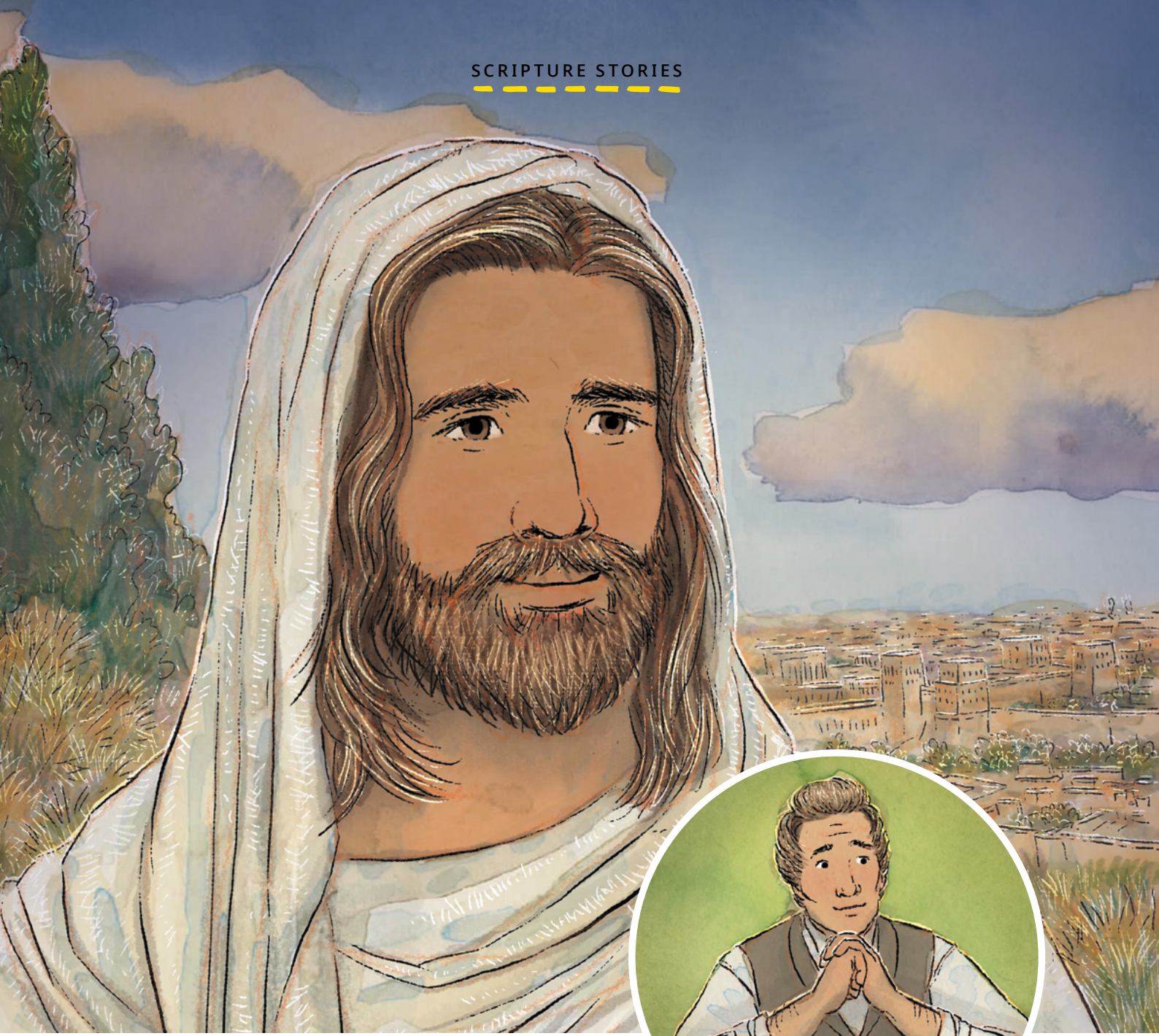


## Follow the Path

Ana's papa drives a bus in Fortaleza, Brazil. Can you follow his path through the city? Can you also see the Fortaleza Brazil Temple?







# Jesus Christ Named His Church

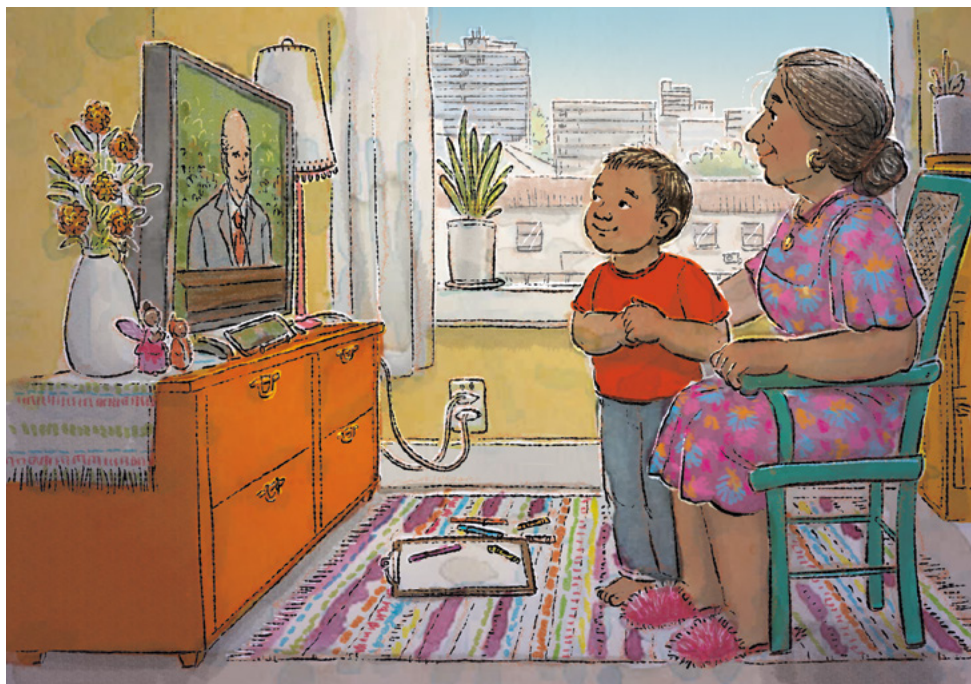
Jesus Christ told Joseph Smith what to name the Church. He said it would be called “The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.”





The words *Jesus Christ* are the most important part of the Church's name. Since it is Jesus Christ's Church, it is named after Him.

*Latter-day Saints* means the members of the Church today.



Prophets and apostles have taught that using the correct name of the Church is important. It helps others know we believe in Jesus Christ.





When others ask me what I believe, I can say, “I believe in Jesus Christ.  
I belong to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” ●

◆ See *Come, Follow Me* for Doctrine and Covenants 115–120.



# I Believe in Jesus Christ



What helps you learn  
about Jesus?

# A Temple Birthday

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

Lydia's birthday was coming.

"What do you want for your birthday, Lydia?" Mom asked.

Lydia thought for a few minutes. Did she want a new toy? Did she want a book to read? Then Lydia knew what she wanted the very most.

"I want to visit the temple," Lydia said. She wanted to be with her family. She wanted to go somewhere happy. And what place was happier than the temple?

On Lydia's birthday, Mom, Dad, Lydia, and her sisters got ready to drive to the temple. Lydia even got to invite her friend Grant.

It was a long drive. But that was OK. Lydia told jokes with Grant and her sister Lucy. She told a story to her little sisters, Eliza and Ellie.

And finally, Lydia could see the temple. They had made it!

"Look at the angel Moroni!" Lydia said. She pointed up at the temple.

As soon as she got out of the car, Lydia raced to the temple gates.

There were beautiful trees around the temple. The trees had bright orange and yellow leaves. The leaves on the ground crunched as Lydia and her family walked around the temple.

A big gust of wind blew through the trees. Lydia watched the leaves fly through the air. She ran to catch







a leaf before it hit the ground. It was beautiful! She put it in her pocket.

Dad read the sign on the temple. It said, "Holiness to the Lord: The House of the Lord."

"That means we can feel close to Jesus here," Mom said.

Lydia felt peaceful. This was a very happy place!

As they drove away, Lydia pulled out her leaf. When she got home she would put it in her special box. That way she could always remember this wonderful day! ●



# Hi, Friends!



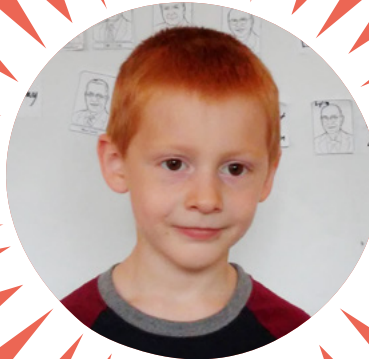
We are thankful to be brothers.  
**Alexander and Emilio C., ages 4 and 2,**  
**Puebla, Mexico**



I like to teach my sister, Franky,  
about numbers and letters.  
**Yuri A., age 5, Sharjah,**  
**United Arab Emirates**

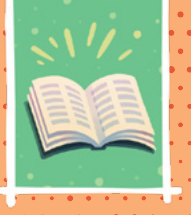


I like to give cards to people!  
**Abby E., age 4, Utah, USA**



I made a conference collage! Every  
time there was a new speaker,  
I put up a picture.  
**Cooper S., age 4, Washington, USA**





# SCRIPTURE TIME FUN for Little Ones

These ideas go along with *Come, Follow Me*—for *Individuals and Families* each week.

**For Doctrine and Covenants 111–114:** Take turns leading your family in a line while all holding hands. Help your little ones say, “Jesus Christ will lead me.”



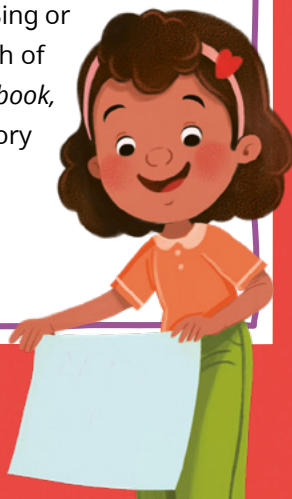
**For Doctrine and Covenants 121–123:**

Talk about what makes your little ones feel better when they’re sad, like singing a Primary song or saying a prayer. Help your little ones say, “I can feel peace.”



**For Doctrine and Covenants 115–120:**

Help your little ones say, “I belong to the Church of Jesus Christ.” Sing or listen to the song “The Church of Jesus Christ” (*Children’s Songbook*, 77) and read the scripture story on page 42.



**For Doctrine and Covenants 124:**

Show a picture of a temple near you and talk about why the temple is special. Help your little ones say, “I love the temple.”





# DEAR PARENTS,

It is never too early to teach your children about the temple. Even if there is no temple nearby, you can help them prepare to get a temple recommend. Read the story on page 36 together, and talk about how they can get ready to enter the temple. You can also use page 35 to talk about the temple interview. Remind them that they do not have to be perfect to be worthy.

On page 24, you can show them what it will be like to do baptisms in the temple. If you have been to the temple, tell them what it meant to you. Help them look forward to going there someday!

With love,  
The *Friend*



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