

Hello
from the
Sacred
Grove!



Hi, we're
Margo and
Paolo.



When Joseph Smith was 14 years old, he lived in a log house in New York, USA. He had five brothers and three sisters. He obeyed his parents and was friendly to others. He read the Bible with his family, but they didn't all go to the same church.

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Joseph was a hard worker. He helped cut down trees so his family could plant crops. He also helped his family collect sap from maple trees to make maple sugar.



**This month,
to celebrate the Restoration,
we're visiting the place
where the First Vision
happened 200 years ago!**



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Joseph wanted to find a church like the one in the Bible. One day he went to a grove of trees and prayed. Heavenly Father and Jesus appeared to him. They told him his sins were forgiven. They also said that he shouldn't join any of the churches. Soon Jesus's Church would be restored!



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Many people made fun of Joseph because of what he saw. They said he was making it all up. But Joseph kept telling the truth. He said, "I knew it, and I knew that God knew it, and I could not deny it" (Joseph Smith—History 1:25).

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Today, people can visit the area where Joseph prayed. It is beautiful and very peaceful.



**These children live where
Joseph Smith grew up!**



I know that the Sacred Grove is a special place because Joseph Smith prayed and saw Heavenly Father and Jesus there.

**Piper D., age 5,
New York, USA**



I'm grateful that we live close to Joseph Smith's home. I love going to the Grandin Building with the printing press. I really like to see where they bound the first copies of the Book of Mormon.

**Roscoe B., age 9,
New York, USA**

**Thanks
for visiting the
Sacred Grove with
us. See you next
time!**

